



# Open Plants

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## 2018 Schedule

<b>Deadline for Entries</b> .....	Friday, Sept. 7, 2018
<b>Deliver Plants</b> .....	Wednesday, Sept. 26, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. ** Thursday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m. – Noon
<b>Judging</b> .....	Thursday, Sept. 27, 1:30 p.m.
<b>Pick up</b> .....	Monday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, Noon – 6 p.m.

### **\*NO Sunday pick-up\***

\*\*Please note that we are not responsible for crops & vegetables that are delivered on Wednesday and have deteriorated past their prime by judging time on Thursday. Judges will be instructed to rate entries based on their condition at the time of judging and will not be told which items were delivered Wednesday & which were delivered on Thursday.

Please review all information in the Competition Guide before entering items in the competition. **Delivery instructions and maps will be provided on line and by emails to those who share an email address.**

**Enter on-line at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org). Please note that all entries are charged \$1.00 per entry. Mail-in entries may be sent to State Fair of Virginia, Horticulture, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047 and must be accompanied by a check to cover entry fees. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Payment must be received when products are registered. Tags will be picked up at delivery of products.**

### **Guidelines:**

1. All State Fair General Rules and Crops and Plants Department Rules apply. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.
2. An email will be sent to all exhibitors who provide an email address reminding them of instructions for delivery. Tags will be held until delivery of items.
3. Each entry shall be composed of specimens of only one variety or strain except where indicated. All vegetable and fruit specimens should be mature. All fruit and vegetables should be in their natural state. No waxing or altering the product in any way will be allowed. Do name the plant variety on the “description” part of the entry form.
4. All produce must be grown by an individual competitor (no groups or teams) during the current calendar year, unless otherwise specified.
5. A competitor shall be permitted to make only one entry in each class, but may enter in as many individual classes as desired.
6. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits.
7. No plants may be removed until release time and must be checked out with Superintendent. Tag stubs (claim checks) must be presented before entries are released.
8. Prize-winning exhibits removed by the competitor prior to the official release time will forfeit monetary awards.

9. It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up or dispose of entries. After the last scheduled pick-up time, all remaining products will be considered abandoned and the Fair will in no way be responsible for them.
10. Perishable products may be removed from display by the Superintendent after judging if the product reaches a state of decomposition.
11. Subject to space limitations, only first, second or third place winners may be displayed.
10. Competitors must be age 5 to 18 as of September 1. All State Fair General Rules and the Crops and Plants Department Rules apply. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.
11. Plants must be grown by the individual competitor and have been in their possession and established in its container for at least three months. Please include variety name, if known, under "description."
12. Only plants entered in the correct class will be judged. You are responsible for correctly identifying the class for each plant entered.
13. Containers used as hanging baskets MUST have sturdy hangers. Plant and container must NOT weight more than 40 lbs.
14. Plants identified as diseased, infested or in broken containers will not be judged or displayed.
15. Plants will be watered by State Fair staff during the Fair; otherwise, the State Fair assumes no responsibility for exhibited plants or plants not displayed.
16. If judge(s) deems it appropriate to separate a class listed as "any other..." into separate groupings for judging purposes, it will occur.

*All entries are subject to spraying with fire retardant, as required by the Fire Marshall.*

<b><u>\$50 Sweepstakes Award for the Winner of the Most Blue Ribbons</u></b>			
<b>in the Open Plants Competition!</b>			
<b>Awards</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Each Class</b>	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$3</b>

### Judging Criteria

<b>Cultural Perfection</b> .....	60
Plants should have vigorous, healthy appearance and form including foliage, flowers and/or fruit, which is characteristic of a well-grown plant. There should be no indication of pests or disease and have a good shade of color typical to the variety.	
<b>Grooming:</b> .....	20
The entry should be clean and well groomed. No dried flowers, pollen, dirt, careless labeling, spray residue, spots, etc. Be aware of over grooming. Too much trimming may be penalized. A good rule of thumb is "taking nothing away... adding nothing" other than general grooming.	
<b>Distinction</b> .....	10
when compared to other entries of its class the entry has one or more observable superior quality that sets it apart as a specimen.	
<b>Container</b> .....	10
There should be good balance between the sizes of plants and the container. The container should be full enough to prevent the appearance of legginess or overcrowding. Plants should be well established in their container.	
Total .....	100

**Note: Some common names are listed for reference. The class may not be limited to just those listed.**

**Division 1: Dish Gardens & Terrariums**

- 1001. Dish Garden, growers choice of plant
- 1002. Terrarium, miniature
- 1003. Terrarium, tropical
- 1004. Fairy Garden – Garden must be no larger than 18 inches x 18 inches.

**Division 2: Succulents & Cacti**

- 2001. Aeonium
- 2002. Agave (Century Plant)
- 2003. Aloe (barbadensis and other varieties)
- 2004. Astrophytum (Sand Dollar Cactus, Sea Urchin Cactus, Star Cactus)
- 2005. Cereus, or any genus ending in ~cereus & Epiphyllum Orchid Cactus
- 2006. Crassula, Jade Plant only
- 2007. Crassula, except Jade Plant
- 2008. Cactus (with spines; i.e. Echinopsis, Echinocactus, Lobivia, Notocactus, etc.)
- 2009. Euphorbia, Crown of Thorns only
- 2010. Euphorbia, except Crown of Thorns
- 2011. Gasteria and Haworthia (Ox Tongue, Cow Tongue)
- 2012. Gymnocalycium (Cactus, Spider Cactus)
- 2013. Kalanchoe
- 2014. Mesembryanthemum (Prickly Pear, Tulip Prickly Pear, Dessert Prickly Pear)
- 2015. Oputia
- 2016. Rebutia or Sulcorebutia
- 2017. Sanservia (Snake Plant)
- 2018. Schlumbergia or Sygocactus (Thanksgiving or Christmas)
- 2019. Stapelia (Carrion flower)
- 2020. Succulent not listed (no true cacti)

**Division 3: African Violet & other Gesneriads**

- 3001. Saintpaulia (African Violet) – single blooms
- 3002. Saintpaulia (African Violet) – double blooms
- 3006. Sinningia (Gloxinia) – in bloom
- 3007. Any variety of Gesneriad not listed

**Division 4: Begonias**

- 4001. Begonia semperflorens in bloom (common begonia)
- 4003. Begonia, angel wing variety
- 4004. Begonia, rex
- 4006. Begonia, not listed

**Division 5: Bromeliads**

- 5001. Cyrtanthus (Earthstar) any named variety
- 5002. Aechmea, (Urn Plant) any named variety
- 5003. Ananas (Pineapple plant)
- 5010. Bromeliad, any named variety not listed
- 5011. Bromeliad, collection in container, any varieties

**Division 6: Orchids**

- 6001. Orchid in bloom – cattylea, Epidentrum, Encyclia, Brassavola, Broughtonia, Laelia, Schomburgkia and Sophronitis
- 6002. Orchid in bloom – Paphiopedilum or Cypripedium
- 6003. Orchid in bloom – Vanda, Aerangis, Aerides, Angraecum, Arachnis, Asocetrum, Ascocenda, Rhynchostylisor Renanthera
- 6004. Orchid in bloom – Phaleonopsis or Dorites
- 6005. Orchid in bloom – Oncidiu, Brassia, Miltonia or Ondonto-glossom
- 6006. Orchid in bloom – Cymbidium
- 6007. Orchid in bloom – Dendrobium
- 6008. Orchid in bloom, any variety not listed

**Division 7: Ferns**

- 7001. Footed ferns (Bear’s Foot, Rabbit’s Foot, Squirrel’s Foot, etc.)
- 7002. Bird Nest Fern
- 7003. Madenhair Fern
- 7004. Boston Fern
- 7006. Fern, any named variety not listed
- 7007. Hanging baskets – True Fern (excluding Staghorn & Footed)
- 7008. Hanging baskets – Footed Ferns (Bear Foot Fern, Rabbit’s Foot, etc.)

**Division 8: Miscellaneous**

- 8001.Ficus (Weeping Fig)
- 8002.Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)
- 8003.Schefflera (Dwarf Umbrella Tree)
- 8004.Palm, true
- 8005.Dracaena (Ti, Cordyline, etc.) (Dragon Tree, Cabbage Palm, Good Luck Plant)
- 8006.Philodendron or Monstera (not including Pothos or Devil’s Ivy)
- 8007.Aroids (including Anthuriums, Alocasisas, etc not listed separately) (Flamingo Flower, Tailflower, Laceleaf)
- 8008.Calathea, Maranta, Ctenanthe (prayer plants)
- 8009.Aglaonema or Dieffenbachia (Chinese Evergreen, Pewter Plant)
- 8010.Pothos or Devil’s Ivy (hanging plant permitted)
- 8011.Pilea (Aluminum Plant, Friendship Plant, Artillery Fern, etc)
- 8012.Peperomia (Pepper Elder, Silver Brush, Slate Pencil Plant, Rat-ear Plant)
- 8013.Sultana (Impatiens) in bloom
- 8014.Coleus
- 8015.Ponytail Palm (Beaucarnea)
- 8016.Jerusalem Cherry (1 plant/pot)
- 8017.Ornamental Pepper (1 plant/pot)
- 8018.Asparagus Fern (not hanging)
- 8019.Carnivorous plant (not collected)
- 8020.Mounted plant (not listed separately)
- 8021.Flowering plant not listed (must be in flower)
- 8022.Foliage plant (not in flower)
- 8023.Syngonium (Nephthystis) – hanging plants permitted
- 8024.Any other potted plant not listed (single variety in container – ornamental, NOT herbs)

## **Division 9: Hanging Basket**

- 9001. Asparagus Fern
- 9002. Staghorn Fern
- 9003. Swedish Ivy (Platycerium)
- 9004. Spider or Airplane plant (Chlorophytum)
- 9005. Tahitian Bridal Veil
- 9006. Bolivian Jew
- 9007. Wandering Jew (not listed above)
- 9008. Gesneraids (Columneas, Lipstick Plant, Achimines, Episcia, etc)
- 9009. Flowering plant not listed (must be in bloom)
- 9010. Foliage plant not listed
- 9011. Container, mixed with more than one type of plant

## **Division 11: SPECIAL CONTAINERS**

- 1101. Footwear Planter – Kick up your heels and fill your old sneakers, boots, pumps, etc. with dirt and live plants to create a fun and functional planter!
- 1102. Junk Container – Use your imagination and use any piece of junk as a planter (just make sure it isn't too heavy – must be hand-carried in by participant; size limit of 3'x3'x3')
- 1103. Wheelbarrow Garden - Show us you can garden “on wheels”!  
Display your choice of no more than 12 and no fewer than 7 of your favorite vegetables, succulents, flowers or a mixture. Plants must be rooted and growing in the wheelbarrow, not buried containers or recently transplanted. Vegetables must be in bloom or actively producing. Wheelbarrow must be no larger than 4 cubic feet or 2' wide x 2' long x 1' deep. Wheelbarrows can be either bought or handcrafted. Accessories are permitted but may not be taller than 14". The State Fair of Virginia assumes no responsibility for the safe return of accessories. Depending on space wheelbarrows may be displayed outside during the fair. Space is limited.

Judging will be based upon quality, quantity, variety, and general appearance of the exhibit.  
Be creative!!!