



Open Plants

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2019 Schedule

Deadline for Entries	Friday, Sept. 6, 2018
Deliver Plants	Wednesday, Sept. 25, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. ** Thursday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. – Noon
Judging	Thursday, Sept. 26, 1:30 p.m.
Pick up	Monday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1p.m. – 5 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 online and by emails to those who share an email address.

Enter on-line at 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. A competitor shall be permitted to make only one entry in each class, but may enter in as many individual classes as desired.
4. Each entry shall be composed of specimens of only one variety or strain except where indicated.
5. 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."
6. Only plants entered in the correct class will be judged. You are responsible for correctly identifying the class for each plant entered.
7. Plant and container must NOT weigh more than 40 lbs. Containers used as hanging baskets MUST have sturdy hangers.
8. Plants identified as diseased, infested or in broken containers will not be judged or displayed.
9. 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.
10. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits.

11. 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.
12. Prize-winning exhibits removed by the competitor prior to the official release time will forfeit monetary awards.
13. 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.

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

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

Judging Criteria

Cultural Perfection 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.

Grooming: 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.

Distinction 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.

Container 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 leggedness 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 plants
- 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
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- 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 (Carrier flower)
- 2020. Succulent not listed (no true cacti)
- 2021. Sedum

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

Division 5: Bromeliads

- 5001. Cyptanthus (Earthstar) any named variety
- 5002. Aechmea, (Urn Plant) any named variety
- 5003. Ananas (Pineapple plant)
- 5010. Bromeliad, any named variety not listed
- 5011. Bromelida, 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 (Nepthystis) – 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

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

- 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 and reinvent it as a planter (just make sure it isn't too heavy or fragile. The size limit is 2'x2'.
- 1103. Wheelbarrow or Wagon 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 or wagon, not buried containers or recently transplanted. Vegetables must be in bloom or actively producing. Wheelbarrow or wagon must be no larger volume than 4 cubic feet. Wheelbarrows or wagons can be either bought or handcrafted. Accessories under 14" tall are permitted. The State Fair of Virginia assumes no responsibility for the safe return of accessories.

Division 12: CUT FLOWERS

Judging Criteria for Cut Flowers: Stem and foliage, Flower-color, Form, Condition, Container-appropriate size, and Arrangement (not applicable to Cut Flower Specimen classes)

Cut Flower Specimen

1 stem in a 4" or higher clear glass vase. Homegrown flowers only. No florist flowers, no sprayed or tinted.

- 1201. Cana Lilies
- 1202. Celosia (cockscomb)
- 1203. Dahlias
- 1204. Echinacea: coneflower
- 1205. Gladiolas (1 stalk, not to exceed 24" tall. Use marbles or sand to weight vase)
- 1206. Zinnias

Cut Flower Design

Homegrown flowers only. No florist flowers, no sprayed or tinted. No other foliage permitted. Exhibitors choice of container. Height limit of 24". Weigh container if top heavy. No accessories unless otherwise specified.

1207. Grouping or arrangement of Zinnias

1208. Grouping or arrangement of Gladiolas

1209. Fair Theme "Celebrate Virginia" An arrangement celebrating Virginia (accessories permitted)