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DEPARTMENT 15
CONTAINER GARDENS

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Creative Arts Division.				
Entry Form Due	August 17	Online: https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/		
Entry Fee per Item	\$5			
Entry Limit	One (1) entry per exhibitor			
Classes	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
Premiums	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
Receiving	Tuesday, September 8: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
Judging	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 9 – Saturday, September 12		
Release	Monday, October 5, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 6, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center	
After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.				
For additional information, contact Creative Arts at Creativearts@TheBigE.com or call 413-205-5015.				

Container gardens - the thriller, filler, spiller and beyond....

Containers may be designed with anything you would like, herbs, vegetables, flowers, houseplants, etc.

Division 1501 Container Gardening

Division 1502 2020 Creative Arts Theme: "20". Please include card describing how entry relates to the theme.



Container Garden Guidelines

1. Maximum plant and planter size:
 - a. 30 inches in diameter
 - b. Height of the overall plant material and container may not exceed 4 feet tall.
 - c. 25 pounds or less (Plant and container weight total).
2. No wall mounted entries or hanging baskets.
3. Plants must have been in exhibitor's possession and growing together at least six weeks.
4. Arrangement and plant selection must be the work of the exhibitor.
5. All entries must include a water dish or saucer so that when the plants are watered, it does not run onto the floor.
6. Plants should be firmly rooted in container. Exceptions: air plants and plants grown hydroponically.
7. Plants should be clean and contain no dead foliage or stems.
8. Plants should have no insects or insect damage or disease.

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9. All plants should be labeled or tagged with either the botanical or common name that will remain with the container for judging and display. You may write the names on a 4x6 inch card or label each plant in the container.
10. No endangered or invasive species allowed.
11. Small items and decorations should be securely fastened to their containers. Items of great or sentimental value should not be used.
12. All plants will be displayed indoors from September 3 through pick up day (October 5 or 6). Plants that will be adversely affected by these conditions should not be entered.
13. Plants will be watered as deemed appropriate by our staff. Exhibitors with plants that are very sensitive to watering should provide written instructions on a 3x5 to 4x6 size card.
14. Permissible signage for entries is limited to plant identification. We will attach Entry Tags with the exhibitor name.
15. Professional gardeners are deemed to be those persons who raise flowers for sale either wholesale or retail primarily as gainful occupation or grow or have grown for them flowers to be used in any manner whatsoever in the pursuit of a gainful occupation or who are engaged in the occupation of growing flowers as an agent or employee for a person, firm or corporation. Persons making casual sales of home-grown plants or flowers are excepted from this category.
16. The Fair is not responsible for lost, damaged or dead items.
17. Entries must be picked up during the designated pickup time (see Department chart) or entries become the property of the Fair and may be discarded.

Judging

Overall Plant Use
Attractiveness
Plant Selection
Overall Design
Creativity