



# Exhibitor Handbook



Floriculture &  
Horticulture  
Department

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Plants, Herbs & Florals

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<b><u>Entry Fees:</u></b>	\$1 per entry
<b><u>Premiums:</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$5, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$3, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$2
<b><u>Postmark deadline:</u></b>	Friday, September 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm
<b><u>Online deadline:</u></b>	Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:59 pm
<b><u>Late Entries:</u></b>	Will be taken during the Receiving of exhibits, Wednesday, September 29, October 6, October 13, and October 20 for \$2 per entry
<b><u>Receiving:</u></b>	Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted
<b><u>Location:</u></b>	Coliseum, North Hall, West side or location to be determined
<b><u>Release:</u></b>	Monday, November 1, 2021 from 3:00pm to 7:00 pm
<b><u>Contact:</u></b>	For questions regarding entering your projects in the fair, please contact <a href="mailto:entrieshelp@azstatefair.com">entrieshelp@azstatefair.com</a> or <a href="mailto:karen.searle@azstatefair.com">karen.searle@azstatefair.com</a> or by calling 602-257-7130.

### **Floriculture - Horticulture EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

In this department we have Youth: age 12 and under, Teen: age 13 – 18, Adult: age 19 +, Professional (Receives payment for Floral/Horticultural work) and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate the correct division on your entry form.** If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of the entry.

### **Special Rules and Regulations for Floriculture - Horticulture**

(See General Rules for further instruction)

1. When fruits, vegetables and/or plants become wilted, they will be discarded without prior notification.
2. Unlimited Entries are allowed for all classes unless specified. Premiums are limited to the top 2 per class per exhibitor.
3. All entries may not be displayed based on variety and space available. Coordinator will make final decision regarding placement.
4. The exhibitor must have grown or produced entries. Proof of ownership/production must be produced if requested by the Coordinator or Judge.
5. If more than three entries of the same variety are entered in "Any other" class, a new class may be created so that they can be judged in their own category.
6. It shall be at the sole discretion of the judges whether the entries are awarded First, Second, Third or Honorable Mention and corresponding premium money. At the discretion of the judges and Coordinator, classes may be combined where closely related, provided an insufficient number or entries in any one class do not provide adequate competition. No division or class may be reopened after the judging is finished.
7. All picked produce becomes property of State Fair once entered will be discarded without prior notification at close of the Fair.
8. All Horticulture entries will become property of the Fair and will not be returned to exhibitors, with the exception of potted plants and arrangement display material.
9. Only the judges' books will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons or tags are not accepted as proof of results.
10. Judging is closed to the public.
11. The decision of the judges shall in all cases be final.
12. Judging is based on conformance, design, distinction, artistic concept, and expression.

- Division 205 – A Scarecrow Scare -Youth**
- Division 206 – A Scarecrow Scare -Teen**
- Division 207 – A Scarecrow Scare -Adult**
- Division 208 – A Scarecrow Scare -Professional**
- Division 209 – A Scarecrow Scare -Person(s) with Disabilities**
- Division 210 – A Scarecrow Scare – Classroom / Youth Group**

Scarecrow must have been made between October 2020 to September 2021. Must be firmly attached to a stake. Height 4-5 feet (without stake); Width 2-4 feet

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
100	Non- Traditional: made of paper mache, plastic, tubing, etc.
101	Traditional: Farm or garden scarecrow made from straw

- Division 211 – Apiary -Youth**
- Division 212 – Apiary -Teen**
- Division 213 – Apiary -Adult**
- Division 214 – Apiary -Professional**
- Division 215 – Apiary -Person(s) with Disabilities**

All honey and pollen must be displayed in three industry standard glass or plastic 1 to 2 lb. jars. All honey and pollen must be marketable and free of foreign matter. Pollen pellets must be dried, not flattened, powdery or uniform in shape. Combs must be new combs wrapped in heavy cellophane or be in a single frame observation hive. No labels on jar, No pads on combs. All apiary exhibits must have been produced within the last twelve months.

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
100	3 section of comb honey – packed in undecorated cellophane
101	3 containers of cut comb honey – packed in any suitable leak-proof transparent container
102	Carved Beeswax
103	Molded Beeswax
104	Pollen – 3 jars
105	Candied honey – 1 lb. each
106	Creamed honey – 1 lb. each
107	Molded beeswax candles
108	Dipped beeswax candles
109	Liquid Honey
110	Others not listed. Example- lip balm, lotion- label required.

- Division 216 – Artistic Display-Youth**
- Division 217 – Artistic Display-Teen**
- Division 218 – Artistic Display-Adult**
- Division 219 – Artistic Display-Professional**
- Division 220 – Artistic Display-Person(s) with Disabilities**

An artful arrangement of each class. Can use a vase, basket or other container to arrange items. An example would be a galvanized trough turned vegetable garden.

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
100	Display of at least 3 different varieties of <b><u>VEGETABLES</u></b> grown by one exhibitor
101	Display of at least 3 different varieties of <b><u>FRUIT</u></b> grown by one exhibitor

**Division 290 – Bonsai – Youth**

**Division 291 – Bonsai - Teen**

**Division 292 – Bonsai - Adult**

**Division 293 – Bonsai - Professional**

**Division 294 – Bonsai - Person(s) with Disabilities**

Judging Criteria – Branches and Trunk Taper, Overall Plant Health and Pruning, Foliage Health, Root Structure, Container size and color, Silhouette, Well Proportioned – Balanced, Overall design and presentation.

Labeling – each entry should be identified by a waterproof label, which contains scientific and/or common name of tree and approximate age. Exhibitor's name to be put on the bottom of container.

**Class            Description**

100	Small – individual bonsai specimen of less than 12” height above container rim.
101	Medium – individual bonsai specimen between 12” and 24” height above container rim.
102	Large – individual bonsai specimen larger than 24” height above container rim.
103	Forest – planting of several or many trees of one species, typically an odd, in a bonsai pot.

**Division 221 – Compost -Youth**

**Division 222 – Compost -Teen**

**Division 223 – Compost -Adult**

**Division 224 – Compost -Professional**

**Division 225 – Compost -Person(s) with Disabilities**

Compost must be presented in 1-gallon jar (glass or plastic) made from your household and yard waste. Submit a photo of your compost with a brief description of your composting technique(s). Also list what kind of household and yard waste was used.

**Class            Description**

100	Traditional Compost
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**Division 226 – Container Garden-Youth**

**Division 227 – Container Garden-Teen**

**Division 228 – Container Garden-Adult**

**Division 229 – Container Garden-Professional**

**Division 230 – Container Garden-Person(s) with Disabilities**

Display of at least 3 different varieties of plants. Container choice and display of plants will be part of judging criteria. Show us your talent in displaying like-minded plants in a fun container.

**Class            Description**

100	Cactus Garden
101	Succulent Garden
102	Fairy Garden
103	Terrarium – Covered
104	Water bottle Container
105	Odd Container
106	Candy Themed Container Garden

All produce must be washed, not trimmed, and be market size for show.

**VEGETABLE, FRUIT & HERB SCORE:**

Condition and maturity .....	35%
Shape, color, texture, size according to variety ...	20%
Freshness .....	20%
Bug damage, weather imperfections, etc. ....	10%
Grooming .....	10%
Correct labeling.....	5%
Total .....	100%

**Division 231 – Fruit and Vegetable -Youth**

**Division 232 – Fruit and Vegetable -Teen**

**Division 233 – Fruit and Vegetable -Adult**

**Division 234 – Fruit and Vegetable -Professional**

**Division 235 – Fruit and Vegetable -Person(s) with Disabilities**

Quantity listed after each class.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Apples, 3	124	Melon, 1
101	Apricot, 3	125	Nectarines, 3
102	Artichokes, 3	126	Onions, 3
103	Avocados, 3	127	Oranges, 3
104	Bananas, 1 bunch	128	Peaches, 3
105	Beans, 8 pods	129	Pears, 3
106	Beets, 3	130	Peppers, 3 labeled
107	Berries, 8	131	Plums, 3
108	Brussel Sprouts, 8 attached to stem	132	Pomegranates, 3
109	Cabbage, 1 head	133	Potatoes, 3
110	Carrots, 3	134	Pumpkins, 1
111	Celery, 1 bunch	135	Radishes, 3
112	Chard, 3	136	Rhubarb, 3 stalks
113	Corn, 3 ears	137	Squash, 2 (not zucchini or pumpkin)
114	Cucumbers, 3	138	Tangerines, 3
115	Eggplant, 1	139	Tangelos, 3
116	Figs, 3	140	Tomatoes, Cherry, 5
117	Garlic, 3	141	Tomatoes, 3
118	Grapefruit, 2	142	Turnips, 3
119	Grapes, 1 bunch	143	Zucchini, 2
120	Kumquats, 5	144	Any Other Not Listed, 2
121	Lemons, 3	145	Lettuce, started from seed
122	Limes, 3	146	Variety, potted and labeled
123	Macadamia Nuts, 5		

- Division 236 – Herb Garden -Youth
- Division 237 – Herb Garden -Teen
- Division 238 – Herb Garden -Adult
- Division 239 – Herb Garden -Professional
- Division 240 – Herb Garden -Person(s) with Disab.

Must be labeled and description of use included. 3 plants or more must be used. Examples – Basil, Peppermint, Cilantro, Lavender, etc.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Medicinal
101	Culinary/Labeled
102	Relaxation
103	Products made from herbs.

- Division 241 – Strange and Unusual -Youth
  - Division 242 – Strange and Unusual -Teen
  - Division 243 – Strange and Unusual -Adult
  - Division 244 – Strange and Unusual -Professional
  - Div. 245–Strange and Unusual-Person(s)with Disab.
- Enter your most random looking plant. Largest, spikiest, oddest, we want to see what nature has created.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Fruit
101	Vegetable
102	Other, please specify

## **Special contest in conjunction with the Arizona Giant Pumpkin Growers Assoc.**

- Division 231 – Giant Vegetables -Youth
- Division 232 – Giant Vegetables -Teen
- Division 233 – Giant Vegetables - Adult
- Division 234 – Giant Vegetables - Professional
- Division 235 – Giant Vegetables - Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Heaviest Pumpkin
101	Heaviest Squash
102	Heaviest Field Pumpkin
103	Heaviest Watermelon
104	Heaviest Tomato
105	Long Gourd
106	Heaviest Chile Pepper
107	Longest Chile Pepper
108	Heaviest Rutabaga/Swede
109	Tallest Sunflower
110	Widest Sunflower Head
111	Heaviest Carrot
112	Longest Carrot
113	Heaviest Bell Pepper
114	Heaviest Turnip
115	Longest Turnip
116	Heaviest Zucchini
117	Heaviest Beet
118	Longest Beet
119	Heaviest Parsnip
120	Longest Parsnip
121	Heaviest Radish
122	Longest Radish

## Floral Show #1

**Division 246 – Weekly Flowers 1 – Novice**

**Division 247 – Weekly Flowers 1 – Amateur**

**Division 248 – Weekly Flowers 1 – Professional**

**Division 249 – Weekly Flowers 1 – Person(s) with Disabilities**

### **Class Description**

- 100 Bird of Paradise
- 101 Bougainvillea
- 102 Canna
- 103 Dahlia
- 104 Daisy
- 105 Geranium
- 106 Gazania
- 107 Gerbera
- 108 Lantana
- 109 Marigold
- 110 Oleander
- 111 Ruellia
- 112 Shasta Daisy
- 113 Snapdragon
- 114 Sunflower
- 115 Tacoma Stans – Yellow bells
- 116 Zinnia
- 117 Any Other Not listed

### **Rules**

1. Bring down your prettiest blooming flowers. By the Stem, Bouquet or potted. Roses included.

Coaching Tip: Spread your entries throughout the different weeks of fair.

\*Mother nature is a fickle creature so bring us your blooms when they are at their best.

## Floral Show Week 2

Drop off Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair till fair is completed; pick up will be Nov. 1, 2021.

### **Division 252 – Designer’s Choice – Novice**

### **Division 253 – Designer’s Choice – Amateur**

### **Division 254 – Designer’s Choice – Professional**

### **Div. 255 – Designer’s Choice–Person(s) with Disab.**

“Interpret the theme/subject with natural materials,

Living and/or dried”

#### **Class Description**

100	Arizona
101	Canvas 12 x 12 with dried material
102	Door Decoration (Fall/Halloween themed)
103	50 years in the making - Age of Aquarius 1968
104	Masquerade – mask made of dried materials
105	Design with Rocks
106	USA
107	Thanksgiving Table top
108	Corsage or wrist arrangement
109	Candy Themed

### **Division 260 – Weekly Flowers 2 – Novice**

### **Division 261 – Weekly Flowers 2 – Amateur**

### **Division 262 – Weekly Flowers 2 – Professional**

### **Division 263 – Weekly Flowers 2 – Person(s) with Disabilities**

#### **Class Description**

100	Bird of Paradise	109	Marigold
101	Bougainvillea	110	Oleander
102	Canna	111	Ruellia
103	Dahlia	112	Shasta Daisy
104	Daisy	113	Snapdragon
105	Geranium	114	Sunflower
106	Gazania	115	Tacoma Stans – Yellow bells
107	Gerbera	116	Zinnia
108	Lantana	117	Any Other Not listed

Rules

1. Bring down your prettiest blooming flowers. By the Stem, Bouquet or potted. Roses included.

### **Division 256 – Keeper’s Collection – Novice**

### **Division 257 – Keeper’s Collection – Amateur**

### **Div. 258 – Homecoming Team or school club**

Show your school spirit with nods to your current school or past school.

Express your club, company or school with natural materials.

#### **Class Description**

100	Animal Themed
101	School Themed
102	Halloween Themed

Rules:

1. Voted by public during fair displayed
2. 5-10 items



## Floral Show Week 3

Drop off Wednesday, October 13, 2021 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair till fair is completed; pick up will be November 1, 2021.

**Division 264 – Potted Plants – Novice**

**Division 265 – Potted Plants – Amateur**

**Division 266 – Potted Plants – Professional**

**Division 267 – Potted Plants – Person(s) with Disabilities**

### **Class Description**

- 100 Cacti – individually potted and labeled
- 101 Succulent – individually potted and labeled
- 102 Trailing Plant – individually potted and labeled
- 103 Tropical- individually potted and labeled
- 103 Potted Vegetable – individually potted and labeled
- 104 Potted Fruit – individually potted and labeled

**Division 268 – Pride of the Garden – Novice**

**Division 269 – Pride of the Garden – Amateur**

**Division 270 – Pride of the Garden– Professional**

**Div. 271–Pride of the Garden–Person(s) w/ Disab.**

### **Class Description**

- 100 Backyard Bouquet (min. 3 varieties)
- 101 Flowering Branch
- 102 Fruiting Branch

Rules

1. 12” or 24” in length
2. Must be labeled.
3. Must include evidence of the tree

**Division 272 – Weekly Flowers 3 – Novice**

**Division 273 – Weekly Flowers 3 – Amateur**

**Division 274 – Weekly Flowers 3 – Professional**

**Division 275 – Weekly Flowers 3 – Person(s) with Disabilities**

### **Class Description**

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|-----|------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 100 | Bird of Paradise | 109 | Marigold                    |
| 101 | Bougainvillea    | 110 | Oleander                    |
| 102 | Canna            | 111 | Ruellia                     |
| 103 | Dahlia           | 112 | Shasta Daisy                |
| 104 | Daisy            | 113 | Snapdragon                  |
| 105 | Geranium         | 114 | Sunflower                   |
| 106 | Gazania          | 115 | Tacoma Stans – Yellow bells |
| 107 | Gerbera          | 116 | Zinnia                      |
| 108 | Lantana          | 117 | Any Other Not listed        |

Rules

1. Bring down your prettiest blooming flowers. By the Stem, Bouquet or potted. Roses included.

## Floral Show Week 4

Drop off Wednesday, October 20, 2021 8 am to 11 am, pick up will be November 1, 2021.

### **Division 276 – Roses – Novice**

### **Division 277 – Roses – Amateur**

### **Division 278 – Roses – Professional**

### **Division 279 – Roses – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Must be grown by exhibitor and labeled.

#### **Class Description**

- 100 Rose Display arrangement (min. 3)
- 101 Grandiflora Roses One Bloom
- 102 Floribunda Roses One Spray
- 103 Floribunda Roses One Bloom
- 104 Hybrid Tea One Bloom
- 105 Miniature Roses & Miniature Flora Roses Single Bloom
- 106 Miniature Roses & Miniature Flora Roses One Spray
- 107 Other than listed.

### **Division 280 – Sprouted Vegetables – Youth (12 and under)**

### **Division 281 – Sprouted Fruit – Youth (12 and under)**

“Did you get your avocado pit to sprout? Or did your potato sprout a stem? Show us your green thumb.

### **Division 282 – Blind Arrangement**

Rules

1. Event Details: Sunday, October 27, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the Ag Center Main Showring.
2. All Supplies will be provided for this timed event
3. Thanksgiving Theme
4. Limited to first 10 entries

2 winners will be selected. 1 by judged committee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Audience. Awards TBA

### **Division 283 – Weekly Flowers 4 – Novice**

### **Division 284 – Weekly Flowers 4 – Amateur**

### **Division 285 – Weekly Flowers 4 – Professional**

### **Division 286 – Weekly Flowers 4 – Person(s) with Disabilities**

#### **Class Description**

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|-----|------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 100 | Bird of Paradise | 109 | Marigold                    |
| 101 | Bougainvillea    | 110 | Oleander                    |
| 102 | Canna            | 111 | Ruellia                     |
| 103 | Dahlia           | 112 | Shasta Daisy                |
| 104 | Daisy            | 113 | Snapdragon                  |
| 105 | Geranium         | 114 | Sunflower                   |
| 106 | Gazania          | 115 | Tacoma Stans – Yellow bells |
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Rules

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## Floral Show Week 4 Cont.

### **Division 287- Community Garden**

### **Division 288- School Garden**

Poster display of your community or school garden where a collective of people garden together towards a common goal.

Rules

1. Standard poster size
2. May include 1 planter to display with poster.
3. Must Include but is not limited to - pictures, mission statement/goal and location

### **Division 200 – A Pumpkin Pageant-Youth**

### **Division 201 – A Pumpkin Pageant-Teen**

### **Division 202 – A Pumpkin Pageant -Adult**

### **Division 203 – A Pumpkin Pageant –Professional**

### **Division 204 – A Pumpkin Pageant -Person(s) with Disabilities**

Must be grown between October 2020-September 2021

### **Class Description**

100	Best Decorated Pumpkin/ Jack -O- Lantern
101	Most Creative Use of Pumpkin