

# Youth Floriculture Guidelines

## Flowers/Arrangements/Indoor-Outdoor Container Gardens/Fairy Gardens

### **General Rules:**

1. Refer to General Youth Rules & Regulations and Department Rules & Regulations in the current fair book.
2. Flowers exhibited are to be grown by exhibitor unless otherwise stated in specific classes.
3. Members are encouraged to exhibit in throwaway containers if possible.
4. Specimen exhibit containers should not be taller than half the length of the stem of specimen exhibits.
5. Some foliage must be left on the specimens and collections.
6. Flowers may be of different colors in exhibits.
7. An exhibitor may have one entry in each class in sections A through F, *except section E*.
8. Dish gardens, houseplants, terrariums, etc. that have been made in connection with some other event will not be accepted.

### **Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:** (The judge may ask questions regarding your exhibit... be prepared.)

1. Learn the types of flowers you are using.
2. Learn the proper sizes of containers to use according to your arrangement size.
3. Learn how to finish the arrangement.
4. Experiment with flowers and foliage before the fair.
5. Learn more complicated arrangements as you advance to higher levels.

### **Specimen**

1. Unless otherwise specified, flowers in this section shall be the following sizes and number of flowers:
  - a. 1 flower over 3 ½ " in diameter; or
  - b. 3 flowers under 3 ½" in diameter
2. Make sure you check the current fair book for the latest class offerings and requirements.
  - a. Annual flowers
  - b. Perennial flowers
  - c. Rose, any size, one specimen in bloom with foliage attached
  - d. Dahlias
  - e. Gladiolus, any size, one spike with foliage
  - f. Any other tuber, bulb, or corm

### **Mixed Bouquets**

1. Mixed bouquet of annual and/or perennial flowers, three or more different flowers in one container.

### **Fresh Flower Arrangements**

1. Exhibitor must arrange live flowers (either grown or purchased flowers) at the time of judging. A table will be provided near the judge, exhibitor must bring all necessary items for the arrangement. It is expected that all flowers used will be live.
2. When arriving at the judging station, present all items to be used to the judge. The judge or clerk will direct you to the table where you will arrange your display. When you are finished, indicate to the clerk or judge and you can take your place in line to be judged.

### **Dried Flower Arrangements**

1. The arrangement made should be entirely of dried, natural materials. No fresh or artificial material should be used.

### **Artificial Flower Arrangements**

1. The arrangement made should be entirely of artificial materials.
2. Classes determined by age of exhibitor. Check current fair book for class selection.
3. If making a wreath: *base size may be no larger than 14 inches, measured from the outside edges with overall size not to exceed 24 inches.*

### **Indoor/Outdoor Container Gardens**

1. If the exhibit is a hanging plant, the plant hanger must be provided by exhibitor.
2. Purchased items need to be repurposed and not just exhibited (example: you cannot purchase a wind chime and bring it to the fair as your exhibit).
3. One entry per class is allowed in this section.
4. If your exhibit includes any live plants, you are required to care for them for the duration of the fair.
  - a. Wind chimes
  - b. Stepping stones
  - c. Houseplants
    - i. One foliage, flowering, indoor herb, corm, or tuber
  - d. Dish garden – using sand
  - e. Terrarium
  - f. Herbs
    - i. Potted, at least three (3) different varieties
  - g. Annual vegetable/floral, potted
  - h. Perennials
    - i. Potted, at least three (3) different varieties

### **Fairy Garden**

1. One entry per class is allowed in this section.
2. Exhibitor is required to care for any live plants for the duration of the fair.
3. Purchased items (example: elves, fairies, houses, signs, animals, bridges, etc.) are allowed.
4. Check the current fair book for any additional rules or requirements.
  - a. Fairy Garden with multiple live plants – *100% of the plants must be live.*
  - b. Fairy Garden with multiple artificial plants – *100% of the plants must be artificial.*