

Department 15 – Open Flowers & House Plants

Superintendent

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Registration Deadline: June 10, 2025

All Open Division entries in Dept. 15 are to be brought in:

**Sunday from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM,
Tuesday from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM, or
Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.**

Exhibits must be tagged and shelved by Wednesday, 11:30 AM.

Judging: Wednesday 1:00 PM

Premiums Chart is located on page 8.

Rules/Guidelines:

1. All flowers for Divisions A-E must be grown by the exhibitor. Fair discourages the use of valuable containers and accessories.
2. No Invasive plants.
3. After judging, exhibitors will be expected to water and care for entries throughout the Fair to maintain an attractive display.
4. There will be no changes made on entry day.
5. Information on judging criteria and how to prepare exhibits is available from the UW-Extension Learning Store: <http://www.learningstore.uwex.edu/> .

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Division A – Potted Plants

Class No:

1. Begonia, tuberous rooted (in flower).
2. Begonia, small flowered, single bloom.
3. Begonia, small flower, double bloom.
4. Begonia Angel/Dragon Wing.
5. Cactus plant (ball, barrel, upright, mammillari).
6. Cactus (Christmas, Easter, or Thanksgiving).
7. Foliage house plant (not hanging) not listed, identify species.
8. Coleus, 1 plant any variety.
9. Geranium, Ivy leaf, any variety.
10. Specialty geranium, scented or fancy leaf, 1 plant.
11. Geranium, 1 plant any variety.
12. Orchid plant, in bloom.
13. Flowering house plant (in flower) (identify species).
14. Ferns, any variety (identify species).
15. Hanging foliage plant, same species.
16. Succulent plant.
17. Impatiens, any variety.
18. Hanging basket, outdoor flowering not listed above, 1 species only.
19. Fairy Garden, must use live plants.
20. Dish garden, 3 or more singular plants in container.
21. Cactus or succulent garden, at least 3 plants.
22. Terrarium.
23. Jade Plant.
24. Outdoor planter/container, 3 or more different species, modest size container and manageable.

Division Rules:

1. The plants must have been grown in pots long enough to become well established 3 months before exhibiting.
2. Pots must be a manageable size and weight (under 24 inches in size and under 25 lbs).
3. All plants must be clean and free of insects and disease. No plant polish allowed.
4. Score Card for Judging Potted Plants:

Size: 35 points

Vigor: 35 points

Shape: 30 points

Total: 100 points.

Division B – African Violets

Class No:

1. Single Bloom (single petal).
2. Double Bloom (double flowering).
3. Bi-Color Bloom (two color petal).
4. Variegated Foliage (variegated leaf).
5. Miniature violet.
6. Cascading or trailing specimen.

Division Rules:

Single Specimen in Bloom.

Division C – Bouquets

Class No:

1. Asiatic Lillies, 2 stems.
2. Asters, 5 blooms.
3. Bachelor Button (corn flower), 5 blooms.
4. Calendulas, 5 blooms.
5. Calla Lilies, 3 blooms.
6. Cosmos, 5 blooms.
7. Dahlias, 5 blooms.
8. Daisy (Shasta or Shasta type), 5 blooms.
9. Dianthus (Pinks), 5 stems.
10. Daylilies (Hemerocallis), 3 stems.
11. Delphinium (Perennial), 3 spikes.
12. Gladiolus (must be in a non-tip container), 3 spikes.
13. Hollyhocks, 2 spikes.
14. Larkspur, 5 stems.
15. Marigold, large (flower over 3”), 5 blooms.
16. Marigold, small (flower under 3”), 5 blooms.
17. Pansies, 5 blooms.
18. Petunia, multiflora (small flower), 5 stems.
19. Petunia (doubles), 5 stems.
20. Petunia, grandiflora (large flower, fringed or multicolored), 5 stems.
21. Phlox, 5 stems.
22. Roses, 5 stems.
23. Echinacea, 1 cultivar (coneflower), 5 blooms.
24. Rudbeckia (black/brown), Eyed Susan, 5 blooms.

25. Salvia, any color, 1 cultivar, 5 stems.
26. Snapdragons, 5 blooms.
27. Statice annual, 5 stems.
28. Sweet peas, 5 stems.
29. Sunflower (small decorative type), 2 stems.
30. Verbena, 5 stems.
31. Vinca, 5 stems.
32. Yarrow (Achillea), 3 stems.
33. Zinnias, large flowering (flower over 3”), 3 blooms.
34. Zinnias, small flowering, 5 blooms.
35. Any other Lillies not listed (oriental, tiger, etc.), name listed on card, 3 stems.
36. Any other annual not listed (1 cultivar), name listed on card, 5 stems.
37. Any other perennial not listed (1 cultivar), name listed on card, 5 stems.

Division Rules:

1. All bouquets to be viewed from all sides.
2. Each exhibit to consist of 5 stems with blooms/stems of one variety unless specified.
3. Flowers must be in a non-tip container, appropriate size.
4. No use of floral foam, frogs, pinholes, etc.
5. Use foliage of flower only.
6. Scorecard for Judging Bouquets:

Quality of Flowers	80 points
Arrangement of flowers	10 points
Suitability of container	<u>10 points</u>
Total	100 points.

Division D – Perfection of Bloom

Class No:

1. Gladiolus, white, yellow, orange, 1 spike.
2. Gladiolus, pink, red, scarlet, 1 spike.
3. Gladiolus, blue, purple, or any other color, 1 spike.
4. Dahlia, large decorative over 8", 1 bloom.
5. Dahlia, medium 3"-7", 1 bloom.
6. Dahlia, small under 3", 1 bloom.
7. Petunia, single, rose, pink shade, red, scarlet or burgundy shade (1 cultivar), 3 blooms.
8. Petunia, single, white or yellow shade (1 cultivar), 3 blooms.
9. Petunia, single, blue, purple or lavender shade (1 cultivar), 3 blooms.
10. Petunia, single, bicolor (1 cultivar), 3 blooms.
11. Petunias, double (1 cultivar), 3 blooms.
12. Bells of Ireland, 1 spike with top foliage.
13. Snapdragons, large, 3 blooms.
14. Snapdragons, miniature, 3 blooms.
15. Large flowering zinnia, 3" or larger, 3 blooms.
16. Small flowering zinnia, 3 blooms.
17. Rose, 1 bloom, grown as one blossom.
18. Rose, 1 stem, grown as multiple blossoms.
19. Large Marigolds, 3" or larger, 3 blooms.
20. Small Marigolds, under 3", 4 blooms.
21. Celosia cocks comb variety, 1 spike.
22. Celosia plums variety, 1 spike.
23. Lillies: Trumpet, Asiatic, 1 stem.
24. Ornamental dwarf sunflower, 1 stem.
25. Hydrangea, white, 1 stem.
26. Hydrangea, other color, 1 stem.
27. Calla Lily, 1 bloom.
28. Hemerocallis (daylily), 1 stem.
29. Oriental or Tiger Lilies, 2 stems (identify species).
30. Any other annual, 1 stem (identify species).
31. Any other perennial, 1 stem (identify species).

Division Rules:

Flowers with their own foliage.

Division E – Floral Arrangements

Class No:

1. Arrangement of flowers using an old kitchen utensil as a container.
2. “All for One” color arrangement, flowers/container same one color.
3. “Mug Feast” arrangement of flowers in mug.
4. “Candlelight” arrangement of flowers with candle(s).
5. “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” arrangement suitable for breakfast tray – modest size.
6. “A Tisket, A Tasket” arrangement of fresh flowers in a basket.
7. “Pitcher Fun” arrangement in any pitcher using fresh foliage, and flowers.
8. “Holiday Arrangement” theme identified.
9. “Wild Thing” arrangement of wildflowers.
10. Arrangement for dining table centerpiece.
11. Floating arrangement – flower designed floating in shallow water.
12. “Tigerella” arrangement – must use tiger lilies in the arrangement.
13. Corsage or Boutonniere – fresh or artificial.

Division Rules:

1. All plant/flower material must be fresh cut and grown by exhibitor unless listed.
2. No artificial or florist material may be used, except as noted.
3. Floral oasis, wire, etc. recommended. No bouquets.

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Division F – Artistic Arrangement

Class No:

1. “Look Ma, No Flowers” arrangement of fresh material but no flowers.
2. “Rhythm of the Pines” arrangement incorporating evergreens.
3. “A Little Cheer” arrangement in shot glass.
4. “Autumn Surprise” arrangement for fall using grains, corn, pods, dried flowers or leaves, etc.
5. “You Can” arrangement using unusual container such as crock, jug, can, or other items.
6. “Sports Theme” arrangement small to medium size.
7. “Wedding or Anniversary Theme” arrangement small to medium size.
8. Natural Wreathes, dried material only, accent ribbon allowed.
9. Wreath, artificial material only, accent ribbon allowed.
10. “Hang-Up” door swag or spray decorated using dried or artificial (not Christmas theme).
11. “Santa’s Helper” Christmas table arrangement.
12. “Hard Pressed for Time” arrangement of pressed flowers and/or plant material.
13. “All Silk” arrangement using silk flowers, any room, not wall.
14. “Potpourri” 50% of plant material grown or collected and dried by exhibitor, identified on a 3x5 card and in a Ziploc bag.
15. “A Gourd’s Life” decorated gourd.
16. “Wall Flower” any silk flower arrangement for the wall.
17. Christmas wreath natural evergreens (artificial accents permitted).
18. Christmas Door Swag or wall arrangement, all artificial.
19. Arrangement using fresh fruit/vegetables/flowers.
20. Any other creative plant/floral craft.

Division Rules:

1. Not necessarily floral - floral material allowed.
2. Score Card for Judging Arrangements:

Suitability of container	30 points
Pleasing arrangement	35 points
Condition of material	<u>35 points</u>
Total	100 points.

Premiums Chart:

Department	Division	Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
015	A-B	ALL CLASSES	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25
015	C	ALL CLASSES	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.00	\$1.50
015	D	ALL CLASSES	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.00
015	E-F	ALL CLASSES	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50

A	Potted Plants
B	African Violets
C	Bouquets
D	Perfection of Bloom
E	Floral
F	Artistic Arrangement