



# Special Rules Horticulture

1. Exhibits will be registered during the following hours: Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> - October 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm to 5:00pm
2. Judging will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> using the Modified Danish System.
3. Exhibits may be picked up on November 9<sup>th</sup> following the Fair between the hours of 9am and 5pm in the fair office. No entries may be picked up without a receipt (issued at time of entry). Any premiums awarded will be mailed to the recipients within a reasonable time frame by the fair. Any article not claimed by November 9th at 5 p.m. will become property of the Florida Gateway Fair Board.

**NO ENTRY FEES REQUIRED.** Open to all amateur gardeners of all ages.

**Entries:** There will be a maximum of three entries per person in each class. Entries in all divisions and classes must fit within the maximum surface area of 36" x 36". There is no height limitation up to approximately 10 feet. No obscene or illegal materials will be permitted in the designs or displays.

**Perishables:** The show committee reserves the right to remove and/or dispose of exhibit materials that deteriorate beyond show quality during the duration of the show.

Criteria for judging the entries are listed in the Rules of each Division.

## **Rules for Division 1: Harvested or Cut Plant Materials**

Plant materials must have been grown or collected by the exhibitor and displayed neatly, arranged, and presented in a container such as a basket, tray, plate, etc. Potentially perishable entries (fresh fruit, pumpkins, etc.) must include a waterproof tray or pot liner.

### **Classes for this division**

**Class 1:** Fruit (3)

**Class 2:** Vegetables (3)

**Class 3:** Nuts (3)

**Class 4:** Miscellaneous harvest materials, fresh, dried, cut, large specimens.

*Creative presentation and appearance of container will affect final scores.*

## **Rules for Division 2: Living Plants**

All plants must have been grown by exhibitor for at least three (3) months and be of exhibition quality. They must be cleaned groomed and free of disease. Creative presentation and appearance of container will affect final scores. All plant entries must include a waterproof tray or pot liner.

Living plants will be indoors for the duration of the show. While most plants should do fine for the short period of the show, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make provisions for watering special need plants as required while on exhibit.

*Each plant exhibit must be labeled with the common and botanical name (if known).*

### **Classes for this division**

**Class 1:** Foliage plants (including ferns, palms, house plants)

**Class 2:** Flowering plants

**Class 3:** herb plants (culinary or medicinal)

**Class 4:** Succulents

**Class 5:** Vegetable plants

**Class 6:** Fruiting plants

**Class 7:** Mixed collections (living arrangements, container gardens)

**Class 8:** Miscellaneous growing techniques (bonsai, terrariums, hydroponics)

### **Classes for this division:**

**Class 1:** Mostly fresh plant materials

**Class 2:** Mostly dry plant materials

**Class 3:** Mixed fresh and dry plant materials

## **JUDGING AND AWARDS**

Judging will take place on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, by an impartial panel of judges. All exhibits will be anonymous during the judging period.

Ribbons will be awarded in all classes and cash awards paid only to blue ribbon entries. Being the sole exhibit in a class does not guarantee a blue ribbon. Entries are judged on their own merit for initial ribbon placement. No premium will be awarded when exhibit is regarded as unworthy.

All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with the fair shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee within 60 days from the date of the check; time being of the essence. If the recipient/payee shall belong to the fair and the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to the fair.

A BEST OF CLASS award will be chosen from the blue-ribbon winners in each class, accompanied by a \$10.00 premium. From the BEST OF CLASS in each given division a BEST OF SHOW will be chosen, accompanied by a \$25.00 premium. From the BEST OF SHOW winners one (1) BEST OVERALL will be chosen, accompanied by a \$100.00 premium.