

FLOWER

Dover Building

Raughley Street Entrance

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Entries can only be made online via the Delaware State Fair's website beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2016 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2016.

In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.

Please read your rules carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Department Superintendent or one of the Assistant Superintendents. In the case of a tie, the judges will consider which exhibitor interpreted the rules the best.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

Entries will be received on either Wednesday, July 20th between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Dover Building OR Sunday, July 24th between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Dover Building. Vehicle Access onto the property is permitted at Gate 2 until 12:00 Noon. To enjoy the Fair after dropping off your entries, please return your vehicle to general parking.

1. One entry per class.
2. All exhibitors must be non-professional. All entries must be the work of an exhibitor who does not use this as a means of income. You may not work in a florist shop (previously or currently) or teach a class involving flowers, horticulture or design.
3. All horticulture cut specimens must be grown by the exhibitor and displayed in water. All horticulture potted specimens must have been in the exhibitor's possession for 90 days prior to the start of the Fair (unless otherwise specified).
4. Accessories and objects added to a design, other than plant material, are permitted when stated in the specific class information and should be in proportion to the design.
5. Fresh plant material must not be artificially colored.
6. Classes having less than four (4) entries are not guaranteed to have a First (1st), Second (2nd), and Third (3rd) premium awarded. Due to lack of competition, judges reserve the right to only award select premiums.
7. Honorable mention can be awarded at the judges' discretion.

8. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.)
9. Any special instructions regarding the care and watering of the specimens should be noted or attached to the back of the entry tag.
10. All exhibit containers must allow for ample water supply.
11. Late entries will not be accepted.
12. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk. The Delaware State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and/or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained.
13. Failure to follow any of the rules will result in disqualification.
14. All entries must be removed between 8:00 AM and Noon on Sunday, July 31st.
15. Florist flowers not accepted unless otherwise noted.
16. All loose pieces must be secured

ARTISTIC DESIGN – FRESH

(Adult & Intermediate)

Ages 14 and up

Arrive Sunday, July 24th between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Dover Building.

A design is an arrangement judged for detail and color. Homegrown flowers ONLY.

Use accessories only where stated. No sprayed or tinted flowers allowed.

Awards - Each:

1st	2nd	3rd
\$11.00	\$6.50	\$4.50

Class

1. My Favorite Color: A fresh “monochromatic” arrangement to represent your favorite color. Can use shades of all of one color.
2. Garden Party: An arrangement of fresh flowers. Container of your choice.
3. Fair Theme: A Slice of Summer Fun: An arrangement using your favorite Fair event. (Accessories permitted must be attached)
4. Hot, Hot, Hot: A fresh arrangement of red, yellow and orange using one or more chili peppers and a terra cotta container.
5. Making Memories: An arrangement of fresh flowers inspired by your favorite Fair photo. Can use accessories. Not to exceed 24” in width or height.
6. Trend Setter: An arrangement of Designer’s choice of fresh flowers (accessories permitted). Florist flowers permitted in this entry only. Free style.
7. Celebration: A fresh arrangement using your favorite party theme. Not to exceed 20” height or width. (Accessories must be attached.)

8. Now Showing: An arrangement of Designer’s choice of FRESH FLOWERS showcasing your favorite movie. Florist flowers permitted in this entry ONLY, accessories permitted must be attached.
9. **Judge’s Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit in the ARTISTIC DESIGN: Adult & Intermediate Section.

ARTISTIC DESIGN-Fresh & Silk

(Junior Ages 5-13)

Arrive Sunday, July 24th between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Dover Building.

A design is an arrangement judged for detail and color. Homegrown flowers ONLY.

Use accessories only where stated. No sprayed or tinted flowers allowed.

<u>Awards - Each:</u>	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$4.50

Class

10. Just for Fun - Age 8 & under: A creature dressed for the Fair made from vegetables or natural materials. NO FRUITS. Please place your creature (animal, insect, bird, etc) on a disposable base.
11. Just for Fun - Age 9 to 13: A creature dressed for the Fair made from vegetables or natural materials. NO FRUITS. Please place your creature (animal, insect, bird, etc) on a disposable base.
12. Movie Buddy: An arrangement of fresh flowers centered on a favorite movie character Accessories permitted but must be attached.
13. Bookworm: An arrangement of fresh flowers inspired by your favorite story.
14. Fair Ride: A fresh arrangement inspired by your favorite ride at the Fair. Accessories permitted but must be attached.
15. Lazy Days of Summer: A SILK wreath of silk daisies depicting a lazy summer day. Wreath not to exceed 18” accessories must be attached)
16. Saddle Up: A SILK arrangement in a cowboy boot – No accessories permitted. Not to exceed 24” in width or height.
17. Down on the Farm: An arrangement of FRESH flowers centered on your favorite farm animal. Accessories are permitted. Pieces must be attached.
18. Game Night: An arrangement of fresh flowers using your favorite game. No loose pieces!
19. Candy Gram: A SILK wreath or arrangement using your favorite candy theme. Can be more than one type of candy. No loose pieces!
20. The Great Outdoors: A permanent arrangement made of items you find on the Nature Trail. (Ex. Pine cones, nuts, bark, feathers, shells, etc. BE CREATIVE!)
21. **Judge’s Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit in the ARTISTIC DESIGN: Junior Section.

ARTISTIC DESIGN - SILKS

(Adult & Intermediate)

Ages 14 and up

Arrive Wednesday, July 20th between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM to the Dover Building.

Please be sure your design is secured in or to its container and properly weighted.

Awards - Each: 1st 2nd 3rd
\$11.00 \$6.50 \$4.50

Class

22. Grandmother's Attic: An arrangement of silk flowers in an antique item of your choice. Not to exceed 18" in height.
23. Fruit, Fruit, Fruit: A silk arrangement using artificial fruit in a container of your choice. Not to exceed 24".
24. It's a Bling Thing Topiary: An arrangement using something sparkly. Not to exceed 24" in height. Please be sure to weight the container so it's not top-heavy.
25. In Memory: An arrangement of silk flowers using butterflies. Not to exceed 24".
26. Hurricane Christmas: A Christmas arrangement using a hurricane lamp or globe. Please make sure globe is securely attached.
27. Summer Breeze: An arrangement of silk flowers in a basket appropriate for a porch no higher than 30" and not to hang.
28. For the Door: A silk design FOR THE DOOR using a fan, broom or hat ONLY. No wreaths. Any theme. Make to hang.
29. Black and White: An arrangement of black and white ONLY using photos or film. Use your imagination. Not to exceed 15" in height.
30. Pitcher Perfect: An arrangement of silk flowers in a pitcher. Pitcher itself not to exceed 8" in height.
31. Thanksgiving Delight: A silk arrangement designed for the Thanksgiving table.
32. How Does Your Garden Grow: A SILK arrangement in a Watering Can, not to exceed 20" in height. Please weight your watering can.
33. Your Favorite Holiday: A silk wreath to depict your favorite holiday (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). Wreath not to exceed 24" in diameter and must have a hanger attached.
34. Something to Celebrate a Table Top Tree: A seasonal tree of your choice to depict your favorite celebration. Not to exceed 24". Please weight the base. Be Creative!
35. Saddle Up: A silk arrangement in a cowboy boot. No accessories permitted. Not to exceed 24" in width or height.
36. **Judge's Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit in the ARTISTIC DESIGN – SILKS: Adult & Intermediate Section.

CUT FLOWER DESIGN

(Adult & Intermediate Ages 14 and up)

Arrive Sunday, July 24th between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Dover Building

Emphasis on quality & placement of flowers. Accessories are NOT Permitted. No other foliage is permitted. Exhibitor's choice of container can use floral foam or vase. Please make sure design is not top heavy. Homegrown flowers only.

No florist flowers, no sprayed or tinted flowers.

<u>Awards-Each:</u>	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$4.50

Class

37. Natural Nature- Made of dried and natural material from nature. Use your imagination i.e. Feather, stone, moss, pods etc.
38. Grouping or Arrangement using Ageratum (Blue, white or pink: the 3 colors may be mixed).
39. Grouping or Arrangement using Marigolds: Any size or colors
40. Grouping or Arrangement of Snapdragons
41. Grouping or Arrangement of Roses
42. Grouping or Arrangement of Zinnias: Dwarf, giant or mixed
43. Grouping or Arrangement of Herbs: Mixed varieties
44. Grouping or Arrangement of Daisies: Any variety
45. Grouping or Arrangement of Gladiolas: Any variety, height not to exceed 26". Please weight container (Sand, rocks, bricks, wet oasis, etc.).
46. Grouping or Arrangement of Sunflowers: Small - any variety.
47. Grouping or Arrangement of Strawflowers: Any variety - must be home grown, height not to exceed 24". Please weight container (Sand, rocks, bricks, wet oasis, etc.).
48. Grouping or Arrangement of Petunias
49. **Judge's Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibitor in the CUT FLOWER DESIGN: Adult & Intermediate Section.

CUT FLOWER SPECIMEN

(Adult & Intermediate Ages 14 and up)

1 Stem per class specimen.

Arrive Sunday, July 24th between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Dover Building.

1 stem of one variety in a 4" or higher clear glass vase, unless otherwise specified.

Homegrown flowers only. **PLEASE BE SURE TO READ COMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CLASSES YOU**

ARE INTERESTED IN ENTERING

No florist flowers, no sprayed or tinted flowers.

<u>Awards – Each:</u>	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$4.50

Class

50. Snapdragons
51. Hydrangea (1 stem)
52. Dahlias
53. Zinnias: Open Category
54. Echinacea: (Coneflower- any variety)
55. Marigold
56. Basil: Any variety
57. Petunia: Single, any color
58. Petunia: Double, any color
59. Lambs Ear: 1 leaf, min. of 3” leaf, any variety
60. Salvia: Any variety
61. Plumed Celosia
62. Gladiolas: 1 stalk, not to exceed 24” tall. Use pebbles, marbles or sand to weight vase.
63. Rose, Standard: 1 flower must be open
64. Rose, Hybrid miniature: Flower must be open
65. Rose, Knockout: Flower must be open
66. Fern Frond: Any variety
67. Sunflower: Small
68. Ageratum: White, blue or pink
69. Vinca: 1 stem, any color must be blooming
70. Hosta: One leaf, any variety 4” to 10” leaf
71. Coleus : Any variety
72. Crested Celosia: 1 head, any color, large variety
73. Crested Celosia: 1 head, any color, small variety
74. Oriental Lilies: 1 stem any variety with at least 1 open bud
75. Cala Lillies: Any color
76. **Judge’s Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibitor in the CUT FLOWER SPECIMEN: Adult & Intermediate Section.

HORTICULTURE

(Adult & Intermediate Ages 14 and up)

Arrive Wednesday, July 20th at 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Dover Building.

Plants & containers should be clean, with no dead leaves or flowers. Do not use oil or plant shine. No exhibit with disease or insect damage will be accepted. Please write your name and specific care instructions on the back of your entry tag. NO

entry to exceed 35 lbs. Put plant name on back of entry tag.

Awards - Each: 1st 2nd 3rd
\$13.00 \$9.00 \$5.00

Class

77. Foliage House Plant: One variety in container not to hang. Height limit 30"
78. Flowering House Plant: One variety grown primarily for flowers, not to hang.
79. Unusual Container with Foliage House Plant: One variety in container, not to hang.
80. Pothos: Not to hang.
81. Most Unusual House Plant: Not to hang.
82. African Violet: Single plant, one crown per pot, must be in bloom. Not to hang.
83. Fern: Any variety, not to hang. Springeri is not classified as a fern.
84. Begonia: Other than tuberous. Not to hang.
85. Cactus Garden: Four varieties, container no larger than 10". Not to hang.
86. Succulent: Not to hang. Container not to exceed 10", any variety; only one variety per pot.
87. Window Box: 24" wide x 20" overall - mixed varieties.
88. Blooming container garden: No higher than 24" height – 14" diameter, round or square. Must have watering tray.
Not to hang.
89. Hens & Chickens: In an unusual container. Not to hang.
90. Bonsai: Not to hang.
91. Herb Garden: Container not to exceed 14". Must be 3 or more varieties. Not to exceed 35 lbs.
92. Foliage Hanging Baskets: Foliage only. One variety only
93. Tuberous Begonia: Not to hang, any variety
94. Caladium: Any variety, one plant per pot, not to hang.
95. Orchid Plant: One plant in pot.
96. Flowering Hanging Basket: One variety only.
97. Fairy Garden Container: Four plant varieties. Must include Fairy accessories.
98. Terrarium: Mixed variety of plants. MUST HAVE LID. Open containers will be disqualified.
99. **Judge's Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit in the HORTICULTURE: Adult and Intermediate Section.

HORTICULTURE

(Junior Ages 5 - 13)

Arrive SUNDAY, JULY 24th between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the DOVER Building.

Please place name and age on the back of the entry tag. Homegrown flowers only.

Do not use oils or plant shine. No exhibits with disease or insect damage will be accepted.

Please include specific care instructions on the back of your entry tag.

Classes 100 thru 107: 3 stems of one variety in a 4" or higher clear glass vase.

Plant Classes 108 thru 112: Plant and containers should be clean, no dead leaves or flowers.

<u>Awards - Each:</u>	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$4.50

Class

100. Zinnias
101. Salvia: Any variety
102. Marigolds
103. Lambs Ear: 1 leaf, any variety (3" min)
104. Petunia: Open category
105. Gladiolas: One stem, not to exceed 26"
106. Snapdragons
107. Sunflowers: Small
108. Foliage House Plant: 1 variety, 1 plant, 1 pot. Name of plant must be on the back of tag. Not to hang. Pot not to exceed 10".
109. Flowering House Plant: 1 variety, 1 plant, 1 pot. Name of plant must be on the back of tag. Not to hang. Pot not to exceed 10".
110. Terrarium: mixed variety of plants. Not to exceed 15". Must have lid. Open containers will be disqualified in this class.
111. Hanging Outdoor Blooming Potted Plant: Single variety per pot. Not to exceed 10" pot.
112. Herb Garden: Must have 3 varieties. Container not to exceed 14" and not to exceed 35lbs.
113. **Judge's Award:** A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit in the HORTICULTURE: Junior Section.



SPECIAL AWARDS:

THE ROSANNA MESSICK AWARD

114. A Rosette and \$15.00 will be awarded to the Exhibitor winning the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in:
Horticulture and Artistic Design.

This award is in honor of Miss Rosanna Messick, an exhibitor and Assistant Superintendent for many years.

THE GREEN THUMB AWARD

115. A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the Exhibitor winning the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in:
- Artistic Design Fresh: Adult & Intermediate
 - Cut Flowers Specimen: Adults & Intermediate
 - Cut Flower Design: Adult & Intermediate

THE BUSY BEE AWARD

116. A Rosette & \$15.00 will be awarded to the Junior Exhibitor who has won the greatest number of ribbons
in the Artistic Design and Horticulture sections.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD

117. A Rosette & \$50.00 will be awarded on Governor's Day to the exhibitor entering
the most unusual or interesting exhibit in the opinion of the judges.

FLOWER DEPARTMENT CONTESTS

Please visit the CONTEST section on our website to enter and for additional information!

- Flower Arranging
- Think Pink! Breast Cancer Awareness
- Hat Decorating