

# Department 17 – Floral

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## See General Fair Rules and Regulations.

1. Competition is open to amateurs in all divisions. All exhibits must be grown by exhibitor, except in arrangement classes. Violation of rules will result in forfeit of premium. Youth exhibits should be grown or arranged by youth.
2. Competition is divided into two sections: Seniors, 18 years and older, Youth, 17 and under.
3. Flowers and plants entered for competition must be of more than ordinary standard and quality to be entitled to an award. Premiums will be offered on merit of excellence, not entry alone. Therefore, in any one class all premiums may not be awarded, if in the judge's opinion, the other entries do not merit placement. This may result in the omission of some placements such as first or second for awarding of only a third.
4. Entries for all classes will be accepted on **Sunday July 20, 2025 from 2-4 p.m. and Monday July 21, 2025 from 4-7 p.m.** Early registration is encouraged. The General Entries form can be found at the back of this book or on the web site at [www.southmountainfair.com](http://www.southmountainfair.com).
5. Exhibitor may show only one entry per class, unless it is a different species.
6. Potted plants should have been growing in containers for two (2) months. All pots should be clean, with no foil, plastic support or other embellishments. Exhibitor's name should be on underside of pots. Plant sprays are not permitted.
7. Plants or specimens with obvious disease or insect infestations will not be accepted. Plants that bloom for one day, such as daylily or hibiscus, should not be entered.
8. The common name for all entries must be provided. List botanical name or variety if known.
9. Cut flowers are judged on both flowers and foliage which should be above the water line. Entries must be displayed in containers provided.
10. Only fresh or dried plant material may be shown. No artificial flowers of any kind such as silk, plastic, fabric or etc., may be used.
11. While care will be taken to avoid damaging an exhibit, Fair officials are not responsible for any damage or breakage, as well as the return of exhibits.
12. If the South Mountain Fair Association believes any of the exhibits were shown in previous years, those entries may be refused.
13. The South Mountain Fair Association reserves the right to combine listed classes, depending on the number of entries.
14. **Exhibits will be released to exhibitors after the Fair on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. No prize money will be awarded for exhibits removed in violation of this rule. There are no exceptions. No ribbons will be mailed, any unclaimed ribbons will be reused next year. Any potted exhibits not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Fair office on the second Monday of August from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Any exhibits not taken at that time will be discarded.**
15. Best of Show will be awarded only where justified by outstanding quality.
16. Department 17 reserves the right to remove and destroy any perishable exhibits which become unworthy of display.
17. Adults should not enter horticulture as youth grown. When possible youth should be present at registration.
18. Only a single entry per cut specimen or species is permitted. More than one entry of the same cut specimen or species will be disqualified.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SHOWING

Pick flowers for exhibit either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Place them in a container of tepid water. Cut a few more than needed, in case of accidents. Cut stems long. The stem and foliage should be in pleasing proportion to the flower. Blooms should be without signs of disease or insect damage. Know the name of what you are showing!

The following factors are important in the judging process:

1. Proper plant names.
2. Bloom quality, freshness, and uniformity.
3. Insect or disease damage.
4. Overall appeal.
5. Compliance with class.
6. Balance & symmetry.
7. Consistency of size/color.
8. No foliage below water line.
9. Adequate foliage above water line.
10. Multiple blooms should be the same color.

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## General Rules:

1. This section includes all plants that would qualify as houseplants.
2. There should be only one species per pot except in collection classes.
3. Pots may not exceed 10” inside diameter OR 10 pounds in weight.
4. Since display space is limited, no hanging plants. Potted plants will be exhibited on risers.
5. Potted plants which have won blue ribbons in previous years are not eligible for another ribbon.
6. Due to space limitations, potted plant foliage cannot exceed 15” in width. No shrub or bushy entries. Violets must be a single crown.
7. Potted plants must be grown in exhibitor’s possession in the container a minimum of six (6) weeks.

### Section 1 – Flowering House Plants

**Premiums:     \$3.00    2.00    1.00**

Class	Class	Class
1 African Violets, single	6 Begonia, double	11 Geranium, scented
2 African Violets, double	7 Wax Begonia rooted in bloom	12 Cactus, any variety, in bloom
3 African Violets, trailing	8 Geranium, bedding/common	13 Orchids, any type, in bloom
4 African Violets, miniature	9 Geranium, ivy	14 Other flowering house plant
5 Begonia, single or semi-double	10 Geranium, variegated	

### Section 2 - Foliage Plants, Potted

**Premiums:     \$3.00    2.00    1.00**

Class	Class	Class
1 Aloe Vera	8 Potted, Jade Plant	15 Any other foliage plant
2 Begonia, Large leaf, any variety	9 Potted Ivy, English	16 Dish Garden, over 6”
3 Begonia, Small leaf, any variety	10 Potted Ivy, Other	not to exceed 12”
4 Coleus, any leaf color	11 Potted Caladium	with collection of 3
5 Potted, Ferns, Boston	12 Cactus, any variety	or more plants
6 Potted, Ferns, Asparagus	13 Christmas Cactus	17 Succulents (not cactus)
7 Potted, Ferns, any variety	14 Spider Plant	

## General Rules:

1. Exhibits must consist of cut flowers grown by the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note that uniformity of height, color, and size is an important factor in evaluating entries.
2. **Cuttings should include sufficient attached foliage to permit evaluation. Flowers should be one color and variety. Foliage below the water line should be removed. Classes may be sub-divided at judge’s discretion.**
3. No Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) now considered invasive. No Russian Sage, Cleome, or Lantana, or any cut chives in bloom. Entries do not last.
4. A “stem” refers to the portion of a plant bearing the bloom(s). Entries specifying 1 stem may contain more than one bloom. Entries may also specify a specific number of blooms or stems. Be sure to carefully read the Section introductions. A spray is a group of blooms on a branched stem.

### Section 3 - Specimen Flowers, Senior

**Premiums     \$3.00    2.00    1.00**

Class	Class	Class
1 Ageratum, 3 stems	6 Butterfly Weed (Asclepias), 1 stem	11 Coreopsis, 3 blooms or stems
2 Amaranthus, 3 stems	7 Calendula, 3 blooms	12 Cosmos, White, 3 blooms
3 Asters, 3 blooms	8 Celosia, cockscomb, Crested, 1 stem	13 Cosmos, Lavender, 3 blooms
4 Bells of Ireland, 3 stems	9 Celosia, cockscomb, Plume, 3 stems	14 Cosmos, Bi-color, 3 blooms
5 Bachelor’s Buttons, 3 blooms	10 Celosia, Cockscomb, spike 1 stem	15 Cosmos, Other, 3 blooms

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### Section 3 - Specimen Flowers, Senior

**Premiums      \$3.00    2.00    1.00**

Dahlias, debudded, with 2 sets of leaves  
Dahlia entries limited to one entry per class,  
regardless of species

Class	Class
16 Dahlias, 1 bloom 8" or more	22 Daisy, 3 blooms
17 Dahlias, 1 bloom 6-8"	23 Dianthus, 3 blooms
18 Dahlias, 1 bloom 4-6"	24 Gaillardia, 3 blooms
19 Dahlias, Pompom 2", 3 blooms, same color	25 Gladiolus, Large, 1 spike
20 Dahlias, Novelty, bicolor, 3 blooms, same color	26 Gladiolus, Miniature, Bloom less than 2 1/2 inches, 1 spike
21 Dahlias, Collection of 5 varieties	27 Hostas, 1 flower and leaf
	28 Hydrangea, 1 floral stem

Lilies, no day lilies, no "surprise" lilies (Lycoris)

30 Lilies, Oriental, 1 scape	
31 Lilies, Asiatic, 1 scape	
32 Marigold, yellow, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single/double	37 Nasturtiums, 3 blooms, same color
33 Marigold, orange, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single/double	38 Pansy, 3 stems
34 Marigold, white, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single/double	39 Petunias, Single, 3 stems, same color
35 Marigold, dwarf, single, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color	40 Petunias, Double, 3 stems, same color
36 Marigold, dwarf, double, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color	

Roses, must have foliage and be named

41 Roses, Hybrid Tea, single bloom, must be named	44 Roses, Grandiflora, 1 stem, must be named
42 Roses, Floribunda, single bloom, must be named	45 Roses, Any other, 1 stem or spray, and must be named
43 Roses, Miniature, 1 spray, must be named	
46 Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susans) 3 blooms	50 Snapdragon, Single or standard, 3 stems
47 Salvia, 3 stems	51 Snapdragon, Double, 3 stems
48 Strawflower, 3 stems	52 Statice, 3 spikes, same color
49 Sedum, 1 floral stem	

Class	Class
53 Sunflower, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds, yellow, 10" or less height	58 Violas, 3 blooms
54 Sunflower, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds, orange, 10" or less height	59 Zinnias, Giant, globular, size 4" or greater, 3 blooms, same color
55 Sunflower, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds, any other color, 10" or less height	60 Zinnias, cactus, pointed petals, 3 blooms, same color
56 Verbena, 1 stem	61 Zinnias, double/semi, less than 4", 6 blooms, same color
57 Vinca, 1 stem	62 Zinnias, Dwarf Ball, up to 2", 6 blooms, same color
	63 Zinnia, Single, 6 blooms, same color
	64 Zinnias, collection 5 variety, 1 stem each
	65 Coneflower (Echinacea) 3 blooms
	66 Coleus, 1 stem
	67 Any other flower, 1 stem

### Section 4 - Arboreal Plants, Senior

**Premiums      \$3.00    2.00    1.00**

Cut single stem, 12" minimum height, 24" maximum height, no overly bushy stems and no Nandina.

Class	Class	Class
1 Berried Branches	3 Needled Evergreens	5 Holly
2 Broadleaf Evergreens	4 Flowering branch	6 Any other

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**Section 5 – Herbs, Senior** **Premiums**    **\$3.00**    **2.00**    **1.00**

Cut, 1 single stem, no bushes, 12” minimum height

Class	Class	Class
1 Lavender	5 Rosemary	9 Dill
2 Basil	6 Mint	10 Hyssop
3 Sage (not Russian sage)	7 Oregano, minimum size 6 inches	11 Other
4 Tansy	8 Lemon Balm	

Potted herbs, container not to exceed 8” in diameter and must have been grown in exhibitor’s possession in the container a minimum of six (6) weeks.

Class	Class
12 Lavender, potted, 8” or under	20 Oregano, potted, 8” or under
13 Basil, potted, 8” or under	21 Other, potted, 8” or under
14 Sage, potted, 8” or under	22 Potted collection 3-5 herbs
15 Chives, potted, 8” or under	23 Arrangement of cut herbs not to exceed 12” in diameter
16 Garlic, potted, 8” or under	24 A living herb wreath not to exceed 18”, equipped for hanging
17 Parsley, potted, 8” or under	
18 Rosemary, potted, 8” or under	
19 Mint, potted, 8” or under	

**Section 6 - Planter Container, Senior** **Premiums:**    **\$4.00**    **3.00**    **2.00**

Single container featuring 3 or more plants chosen for similar cultural requirements. Container diameter minimum 8” not to exceed 18”. All plants should have been growing in container for at least two (2) months.

Class	Class
1 Cacti	4 Annuals
2 Succulents (other than cactus)	5 Perennials
3 Ferns	

**Section 7 - Sunflower seed heads, (no attached stems) Senior** **Premiums**    **\$3.00**    **2.00**    **1.00**

1 Sunflower-Yellow- 1 seed head	4 Sunflower-Variogated-1 seed head
2 Sunflower-White-1 seed head	5 <b>Sunflower-Largest head</b> <b>\$5.00</b>
3 Sunflower-Black-1 seed head	

**Section 8 - Fresh Plant Materials, Senior** **Premiums:**    **\$4.00**    **3.00**    **2.00**

**General Rules:**

All classes have size limitations. Please adhere to the dimensions. Space is limited and oversized entries will be disqualified. Accessories are permitted but plant material must be dominate.

**Hints for successful arrangements:**

1. Use foliage with different colors, shapes and textures for greater interest. Strip off all leaves that will be under water.
2. Do not scatter colors, keep them grouped. Do not use colors in equal amounts.
3. Do not put largest flowers at the top, even though they are the prettiest and have the longest stems. Keep buds and small blooms at the top and sides, the largest and brightest should be at the center of interest.
4. Fresh flowers and fresh materials should be in the very best condition.
5. Avoid having more than one focal point on the same side. Do not push your focal point in, or let it hide under taller material above it.

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## Section 8 - Fresh Plant Materials, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

### Class

- 1 Fresh arrangement using flowers **and** fruit or vegetables.
- 2 Fresh arrangement using all foliage not to exceed 15” in height or width.
- 3 Fresh arrangement in a teacup or coffee cup, not to exceed 10” in height.
- 4 Fresh miniature arrangement, not to exceed 5” in diameter, including container.
- 5 Fresh arrangement using multiple flower species of the same color, not to exceed 18” in width or depth.
- 6 Dried arrangement not to exceed 15” in height and width.
- 7 Fresh arrangement utilizing Adams County apples, not to exceed 18” in depth or width.

## Section 9 - Fairy Gardens, Senior and youth

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

(Fairy Garden - Miniature landscape in a low-sided open container. Miniature accessories such as stones or figurines enhance plantings. No artificial plants allowed.)

### Class

- 1 Fairy Garden, Senior, maximum size 12”x18” or 18” in diameter. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6” maximum.
- 2 Fairy Garden, Youth, ages 10 and under years of age, maximum size 12”x18” or 18” in diameter. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6” maximum.
- 3 Fairy Garden, Youth, 11-17 years of age, maximum size 12”x18” or 18” in diameter, Any plant or accessory height limited to 6” maximum.



## Section 10 - Terrariums, Senior and youth

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Terrarium - Miniature landscape using naturalistic accessories (rocks, sticks, stones, etc) in a transparent container such as a fish bowl. Cover is optional. (No artificial plants, figurines or toy-like accessories. See Fairy Gardens, Section 9.) Plants should be of compatible growing conditions.

### Class

- 1 Terrarium, Senior, maximum size 14”. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6” maximum.
- 2 Terrarium, Youth, under 10 yrs of age, maximum size 14”. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6” maximum.
- 3 Terrarium, Youth, 10-17 years of age, maximum size 14”. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6” maximum.

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## YOUTH

### General Rules:

1. There are 2 sections, youth ages 10 and under, youth ages 11 through 17.
2. **The age must be clearly displayed on the entry tag or the entry will be disqualified.**
3. It is expected that the youth will create and enter their own exhibits, with little or no parental help.
4. All of the following classes are open to both age groups.
5. There will be Best of Show awards in this division, if there is sufficient merit.
6. Adults should not enter horticulture as youth grown. When possible youth should be present at registration.

**Section 11 – Specimen Flowers, youth, 10 and under                      Premiums:        \$3.00    2.00    1.00**  
**Section 12 – Specimen Flowers, youth 11-17 years**

### Class

- 1 Marigold, yellow, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single or double.
- 2 Marigold, orange, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single or double.
- 3 Marigold, white, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single or double.
- 4 Marigold, Dwarf, single, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color.
- 5 Marigold, Dwarf, double, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color.
  
- 6 Sunflowers, yellow, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds
- 7 Sunflowers, orange, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds
- 8 Sunflowers, any other color, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds
  
- 9 Zinnias, Giant, gobular, 4” or larger, 3 blooms, same color.
- 10 Zinnias, Cactus pointed petals, 3 blooms or stems, same color.
- 11 Zinnias, Double/semi, less than 4”, 6 blooms, same color.
- 12 Zinnias, Dwarf ball, 2” size or less, 6 blooms or stems, same color.
- 13 Zinnias, Single, 4” size or less, 6 blooms or stems, same color.
- 14 Zinnias, Collection of 5 different varieties, 1 stem of each, do not need to be same color.
- 15 Other specimen flower, limit 2.

**Section 13 - Best of Show Awards    Premiums:        \$5.00**

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| <b>1     Best Flowering Houseplant, Senior</b>        | <b>9     Best Fairy Garden, Youth under 10 years of age</b>    |
| <b>2     Best Foliage Plant, Potted, Senior</b>       | <b>10    Best Fairy Garden, Youth 10-17 years of age</b>       |
| <b>3     Best Specimen Flower, Senior</b>             | <b>11    Best Terrarium, Senior</b>                            |
| <b>4     Best Arboreal Plant, Senior</b>              | <b>12    Best Terrarium, Youth under 10 years of age</b>       |
| <b>5     Best Herb, Senior</b>                        | <b>13    Best Terrarium, Youth 10-17 years of age</b>          |
| <b>6     Best Planter Container, Senior</b>           | <b>14    Best Specimen Flower, Youth under 10 years of age</b> |
| <b>7     Best Fresh Materials Arrangement, Senior</b> | <b>15    Best Specimen Flower, Youth 10-17 years of age</b>    |
| <b>8     Best Fairy Garden, Senior</b>                |  |

**Class 16        Thomas Piper Award presented to the    \$10.00**  
**Best of the Best in all Sections, Adult or Youth.**

