



FLOWERS & PLANTS

Department Chair: UCCE Master Gardeners El Dorado County



ARRANGEMENTS | DRIED | FRESH | SILK | ADOPT A SPOTS

RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)

- A. Sweepstakes will be awarded in accordance with State Rules IV-7.
- B. Judging will be done strictly according to the schedule. The American System of judging will be used.
- C. Every exhibit will be subject to departmental rules, but the Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur, and entries are made and accepted on this condition.
- D. The department chair will provide entry tags. Exhibitors must verify that the information on them is correct.
- E. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with the common name of the plant.
- F. Exhibit/entries are not to be touched or moved by the exhibitor after being placed by the department chair.
- G. Plant material and flowers should be well hardened and groomed.
- H. Plant material on State Conservation List may not be exhibited.
- I. Exhibits in the Flowers & Plants Department must have been grown by the exhibitor except for arrangement divisions.
- J. Exhibitors must provide drainage saucers for all potted plants.
- K. **Adult exhibitors must have owned potted plants at least 3 months prior to the beginning day of the Fair. (This rule does not apply to Youth exhibitors)**
- L. The fair will furnish containers for all entries in the cut flower division. No bottles, tin cans, or fruit jars are accepted.
- M. Entries must include the **EXACT** number of blooms, stems, etc. specified on entry form. **Removal of leaves is the exhibitor's choice.**
- N. No dressing, wiring, artificial flower, or fillers permitted. Wedging is permitted, provided by the exhibitor.
- O. In Cut Flower Division, a stem should contain just one flower, unless otherwise noted. The exceptions are Ageratum, Cosmos, Forget-Me-Nots, French Marigolds, Petunias, and some roses. The portion of the stem of these flowers may contain more than one bloom.
- P. Hybrid Tea Roses, Hybrid Perpetuals, and large Exhibition Dahlias to be shown debudded. Stems should be approximately 9 to 12 inches or in proportion to the flower.
- Q. **FRESH FOLIAGE** permitted in all arrangements unless otherwise noted.
- R. **FRESH FLOWERS OR PLANT MATERIAL** must be used in all arrangements except those specifically indicated otherwise. **NO ARTIFICIALLY COLORED** fresh plant material or **ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS** are permitted.
- S. In Fresh Arrangements, plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor. Foliage or accessories are permitted in all classes of the Arrangements Division unless otherwise noted. No artificial flowers or dried flowers are allowed.
- T. All plant materials used in garden exhibits must be growing unless otherwise specified.
- U. Succulents may be classified by foliage. **NO ARTIFICIAL** foliage may be used.
- V. No Dry Arrangement entry will be accepted if the exhibit has been exhibited and placed at any previous El Dorado County Fair.
- W. **DRIED MATERIALS** may be sparingly colored and treated.

NOTE: Award checks WILL NOT be mailed; checks not picked up with entries must be picked up at the fair office during regular fair office hours no later than October 1st of the current fair year.

GLOSSARY

- ANNUAL:** A plant that completes its outdoor cycle of growth in one year.
- BIENNIAL:** A plant that normally completes its outdoor cycle of growth in two years.
- PERENNIAL:** A plant that lives, blooms, and seeds for more than two years. Trees and shrubs are hardwood perennials.
- HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS:** A plant that lives longer than two years, but in colder climates dies back to the ground each winter.
- SPIKE:** A flower structure with flowers, stemless or very short-stemmed, on a common length stalk, i.e., Gladiolus.
- SPRAY:** Portion of a plant with a number of flowers on one stem, with at least two flowers open, i.e. Cosmos and Salpiglossis.
- STEM:** The main ascending part of a plant.
- STALK:** A stiff stem that may or may not branch one or more flowers and buds.
- BLOOM:** Individual flowers, one blossom on a stem, i.e., H.T. Roses, Carnations, all disbudded.
- SPECIMEN:** A single plant, fruit, vegetable, bloom or spike, spray, stalk or stem.
- NOVICE:** One who has not won a blue ribbon in any organized flower show. A novice may enter Novice, Amateur, and Open Classes.
- AMATEUR:** One who has won 10 or fewer blue ribbons in any organized flower show, and is not, or has not been, engaged in commercial enterprise. An amateur may enter Amateur and Open Classes.
- OPEN:** Open to all, including judges, amateur accredited judges, instructors, and professionals.
- Fantasy Garden:** A whimsical landscape that's filled with magic, mystery, and other fantastical elements.
Management reserves the right to remove all unsightly material from any exhibit.

ADULT

Entry forms due by	Friday, June 6,	4:00 pm (or midnight online)	<i>At the fair office</i>
Drop Off Potted Plants	Tuesday, June 10,	2:00 – 7:00 pm	<i>*Flowers & Plants (Floriculture) Building</i>
	<i>Including Garden Steaks, Garden Art, & Birdhouses</i>		
Drop Off All Other Entries	Wednesday, June 11,	2:00 – 7:00 pm	<i>*Flowers & Plants (Floriculture) Building</i>
	<i>Including Flower Table Settings, Fruits & Vegetables, & the Potted Plants that accompany them.</i>		
Judged	Thursday, June 12,	9:00 am	
Pick Up Entries	Monday, June 16,	2:00 – 6:00 pm	<i>*Flowers & Plants (Floriculture) Building</i>
Pick Up Commercial Entries	Tuesday, June 17	2:00 – 6:00 pm	<i>*Flowers & Plants (Floriculture) Building</i>

All Flowers and plants left after pick up date will be thrown out.

ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 16 MAY BE DISCARDED. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP MUST BE PICKED UP IN FAIR OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1ST.

SWEEPSTAKES GIFT CARDS

Sponsored by El Dorado Nursery

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$15	\$10

Awards Sponsored by Baker Logging

Best of Show Dried Arrangements: Adult - \$50 Award

Best of Show Fresh Arrangements: Adult - \$75 Award

Best of Show Cut Flowers: Adult \$75 Award

Awards Sponsored by Veerkamp Engineering

Best Boot Fresh or Dried: Adult - \$75 Award

Best of Show Cacti/Succulent: Adult - \$50 Award

Best of Show Table Setting: Adult \$50 Award

Best of Division Roses: Adult \$25 Award

Awards Sponsored by Placerville Garden Club

Best of Show Potted Plants: Adult - \$50 Award

Awards Sponsored Anonymously

Best of Show Lavender: Adult - \$50 Award

People's Choice Florals Niches: Silk, Dried or Fresh: Adult - \$100 Award

Best of Division 180 Fresh Arrangements: Growers - \$100 Award

Best of Division 180 Fresh Arrangements: Florists - \$100 Award

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show and/or Prize Money.)

Thank you to all of our sponsors!

POTTED PLANTS

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON in each Potted Plant Division

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

Prize Money Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$2	\$1

Please state the size of the pot. Plants must be in pots **NO LARGER** than a 5-gallon pot.

DIVISION 170 – BEGONIAS

CLASS

1. Begonia, Tuberos, Fibrous
Camellia or Rose w/blooms
2. Begonia, Other, not listed above,
(specify)

DIVISION 171 – CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

CLASS

1. Barrel Cactus
2. Echeveria (including Blue, Curly
Leaf, etc.)
3. Holiday Cactus, any species
4. Aloe, any species
5. Crassula (including Jade Plant,
Watch Chain, etc.)
6. Sansevieria/Dracaena (including
Snake Plants, etc)
7. Aeonium (including Kiwi, Black
Rose, etc.)

8. Agave
9. Sempervivum (including Hens &
Chicks, House Leeks, etc.)
10. Euphorbia, any species
11. Haworthia (including Zebra
Plant, etc.)
12. Kalenchoe (including Flapjack,
Mother of Thousands, etc.)
13. Sedum, any species
14. Senecio (including String of
Pearls, String of Turtles, etc.)
15. Mammillaria (including
Pincushion, Powder Puff,
Thimble, etc.)
16. Opuntia (including Paddle,
Bunny Ear, Prickly Pear, etc.)
17. Cacti, Other, not listed above,
(specify)
18. Succulent, Other, not listed

above, (specify)

19. Succulent Planter (3 or more)
20. Cacti Planter (3 or more)
21. Succulent and Cacti Planter (3
or more)

DIVISION 172 – AFRICAN VIOLETS

CLASS

1. Single Crown, any color, in
bloom
2. Multiple Crown, any color, in
bloom

DIVISION 173 – BONSAI

CLASS

1. Bonsai, Conifer
2. Bonsai, Broad Leaf

DIVISION 174 – MINIATURE POTTED ROSES

CLASS

1. Miniature Roses, any variety,
with blooms

DIVISION 175 – POTTED PLANTS

CLASS #

- 1. Coleus, any variety
- 2. Fern, any variety
- 3. Fuchsia, with blooms, specify if hanging
- 4. Geranium, any variety
- 5. Spider Plant
- 6. Creeping Charlie or Swedish Ivy
- 7. Philodendron
- 8. Wandering Jew

- 9. Pothos
- 10. Orchid, in bloom
- 11. In a Wheelbarrow, Big or Small
- 12. Potted in a unique container.
- 13. Carnivorous Plants
- 14. Bromeliads
- 15. Potted Plants, hanging, Other, not listed above, (specify)
- 16. Potted Plant, Other, not listed above, (specify)
- 17. Potted Tree, (specify)

- 18. Potted Shrub, (specify)
- 19. Potted Vine, (specify)
- 20. Nature's Container, not manmade, over 18 inches
- 21. Mini Garden, 8 inches or under
- 22. Water Garden
- 23. Fairy/Imagination Garden

DIVISION 176 – TERRARIUM

CLASS #

- 1. Terrarium, must be covered

DRIED ARRANGEMENTS ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

Awards Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$1

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON – Divisions 177 - 178

(Must be at least 3 entries in each Division to award Best of Show)

DIVISION 177 – DRIED ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS #

- 1. Fair Theme
- 2. Wall Hangings
- 3. Gift Baskets & Packages Using Dried Arrangements
- 4. Wine Country – Arranged in a wine glass
- 5. Cowboy Boot Arrangement
- 6. 5" in all dimensions (including vase)
- 7. 3" in all dimensions (including vase)
- 8. Other, (specify)

FLORAL NICHES: SILK, DRIED AND/OR FRESH

ADULT ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

TEEN & YOUTH: FREE TO ENTER

LIMIT: ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER PERSON

Awards Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$1

NICHES: 22 1/2" wide, 27" high, 18" deep are provided. LIMIT of 12 niches. Silk, dried, and/or fresh plant materials. Accessories are allowed in niche. Background cloth advised. Extra points for using Fair Theme and lights.

DIVISION 178 – FLORAL NICHES

CLASS #

- 1. Individual Entry
- 2. Group Entry

FRESH ARRANGEMENTS

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER PERSON

Prize Money Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$1

DIVISION 180 – Commercial/Professional

CLASS #

- 1. Growers – Grower's Choice
- 2. Florists – Designer's Choice

FRESH ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISION 181 – NOVICE

CLASS #

- 1. Home Grown Gardens (all components grown in own garden)
- 2. Go Green (include recycled material)
- 3. Cowboy Boot Arrangement
- 4. Fair Theme
- 5. Other, (specify)

DIVISION 182 - AMATEUR

CLASS #

- 1. Home Grown Gardens (all components grown in own

- garden)
- 2. Into the Woods (a woodsy forest theme)
- 3. Cowboy Boot Arrangement
- 4. Fair Theme
- 5. Other, (specify)

DIVISION 183 - OPEN

CLASS #

- 1. Home Grown Gardens (all components grown in own garden)
- 2. Ikebana Style (Traditional Japanese arrangement)
- 3. Cowboy Boot Arrangement
- 4. Fair Theme
- 5. Other, (specify)

LAVENDER

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

Prize Money Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$1

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON – LAVENDER

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

DIVISION 184 – LAVENDER

CLASS

1. Lavender
2. Lavender products.
3. Dried Lavender Arrangement

CUT FLOWERS

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

Prize Money Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$3	\$2	\$1

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON – Divisions 185 – 191

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

DIVISION 185 – FLOWERING SHRUBS (*other than roses*)

CLASS

1. Hydrangea, 1 stem
2. Butterfly Bush
3. Camellia
4. Azalea
5. Other, not listed above, 1 stem, (specify)
14. Flowering Herbs, 5 stems, (specify)
15. Water lilies, 1 stem
16. Chrysanthemum, 1 stem
17. Ornamental peppers, 1 stem
18. Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan) 3 stems
19. Other, not listed above, 3 stems, (specify)

DIVISION 186 – ROSES

CLASS # *Please specify variety if known, with exception of classes 8 & 11*

1. Single petaled rose, any color, 1 stem, 1 bloom
2. Hybrid tea, any color 1 stem, 1 bloom
3. Hybrid tea, mixed colors, 3 stems, 3 blooms
4. Grandiflora, any color, 1 stem, 1 bloom or spray
5. Floribunda, any color, 1 stem, 1 spray
6. Floribunda, mixed colors, 3 stems, 3 sprays
7. Miniature, any color, 1 stem
8. Miniature, mixed colors, 3 stems, 3 sprays
9. Bi-color, any species, HT, Gr, Fl, 1 stem, 1 bloom or spray
10. Old-fashioned, 1 stem, 1 bloom or spray
11. Any Other, not listed above, 1 stem, 1 bloom or spray, (specify)
12. Bouquet, mixed colors or all alike, 12 stems, 12 blooms

DIVISION 187 – PERENNIAL

CLASS

1. Coreopsis, 3 stems
2. Daisy, 3 stems, (specify type)
3. Geranium, 1 stem
4. Daylily, 1 stem
5. Lilies, Asiatic, Aurelian, oriental/trumpet cross (O.T.) or Oriental, 1 stem
6. Phlox, 1 stem
7. Snapdragon, 1 stem
8. Delphinium, 1 stem
9. Coneflower, 3 stems
10. Bearded Iris, 1 stalk
11. Carnation, 1 bloom
12. Hollyhock, 1 stalk
13. Stock, 1 stem

DIVISION 188 – MARIGOLDS

CLASS

1. Large, 3 stems
2. French Dwarf, double, 1 stem

DIVISION 189 – PETUNIAS

CLASS

1. Double, any color, 3 stems
2. Single, any color, 3 stems
3. Single, giant ruffle or fringed, all colors, 3 stems
4. Single, bi-color, 3 stems
5. Other, not listed above, 3 stems, (specify)

DIVISION 190 – ZINNIA

CLASS

1. Giant or Cactus, mixed, 3 stems
2. Giant or Cactus, any color, 1 stem
3. Large variegated or bi-color, 1 stem
4. Pompon, not over 2", any color, 3 stems
5. Other, not listed above, (specify), 3 stems

DIVISION 191 – ANNUALS

CLASS

1. Bachelor Button, 5 stems
2. Sweet Pea, 3 stems
3. Cosmos, 5 stems
4. Dianthus, pinks, 5 stems
5. Pansy, one color, 3 stems
6. Pansy, mixed colors, 5 stems
7. Salvia, 3 stems
8. Aster, double, 3 stems
9. Sunflower, 1 stem
10. Dahlia, 1 stem
11. Other, not listed above, (specify), 3 stems

FLOWER TABLE SETTINGS - ADULT, TEEN & YOUTH

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ADULT ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

TEEN & YOUTH: FREE TO ENTER

LIMIT: ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER PERSON

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON – TABLE SETTINGS

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

Prize Money Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$4	\$1

Displayed on your covered board, 24"x 28". Service for one, including a napkin, dish(es), centerpiece, etc. NO FLATWARE.

DIVISION 457 – FUNCTIONAL TABLE SETTINGS SILK OR DRIED CLASS #

1. Fair Theme

DIVISION 458 – FUNCTIONAL TABLE SETTINGS FRESH FLOWERS CLASS #

1. Fresh Flowers at the Table

TEEN

FREE TO ENTER

Judged using the American System.

Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON

DIVISION 194 – 197

Awards Sponsored Anonymously

*Best of Show Dried Flower Arrangements:
Teen - \$25 Award*

Best of Show Potted Plants: Teen - \$25 Award

Best of Show Cut Flowers: Teen - \$25 Award

*Best of Show Fresh Flower Arrangements:
Teen - \$25 Award*

DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISION 194 – AGES 14 through 18 years

CLASS #

1. Any theme, specify

FRESH FLOWERS ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISION 196 – AGES 14 through 18 years

CLASS #

1. Any theme

POTTED PLANTS

DIVISION 195 – AGES 14 through 18 years

CLASS #

1. Potted Plants
2. Blooming Plants
3. Dish Garden
4. Fantasy/Imagination Garden

CUT FLOWERS

DIVISION 197 – AGES 14 – 18 years

CLASS #

1. Annual, (specify) large – 1 stem/ small – 3 stems
2. Perennial, (specify) large – 1 stem/ small – 3 stems
3. Flowering Shrub, (specify) 1 stem
4. Rose, (specify) 1 stem

YOUTH

FREE TO ENTER

Judged using the Danish System.

Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.

Awards Sponsored Anonymously

Best of Show Dried Flower Arrangements: Youth - \$25 Award

Best of Show Potted Plants: Youth - \$25 Award

Best of Show Cut Flowers: Youth - \$25 Award

Best of Show Fresh Flowers Arrangement: Youth - \$25 Award

DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISION 198 – AGES 6 through 10 years

CLASS #

1. Any Theme, Specify

DIVISION 199 – AGES 11 through 13 years

CLASS #

1. Any Theme, Specify

POTTED PLANTS

DIVISION 200 - AGES 5 and under

DIVISION 201 – AGES 6 through 10 years

DIVISION 202 – AGES 11 through 13 years

CLASS #

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| 1. Potted Plants | 3. Dish Garden |
| 2. Blooming Plants | 4. Fantasy/Imagination Garden |

FRESH FLOWERS ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISION 204 – AGES 6 through 10 years
 DIVISION 205 – AGES 11 through 13 years
 CLASS #
 1. Any Theme

CUT FLOWERS

DIVISION 206 – AGES 6 – 10 years
 DIVISION 207 – AGES 11 – 13 years
 CLASS #
 1. Annual, (specify) large – 1 stem/ small – 3 stems
 2. Perennial, (specify) large – 1 stem/ small – 3 stems
 3. Flowering Shrub, (specify) 1 stem
 4. Rose, (specify) 1 stem

PHOTO OF YOUR GARDEN – ADULT, TEEN & YOUTH

ADULT ENTRY FEE \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS
 TEEN & YOUTH FREE TO ENTER

DIVISION 193 – Photo must be of a garden not a singular flower or plant.
 Class #
 1. Professional
 2. Non-Professional
 3. Novice



ADOPT-A-SPOT GARDENS

Department Head: Board of Directors

Entry forms due by	Friday, June 6,	4:00 pm (or midnight online)	At the fair office
Entries completed	Monday, June 9,	8:00 pm	
Judged	Tuesday, June 10,	9:00 am	Closed to public.

ADULT ENTRY FEE: \$10 PER ENTRY PER CLASS
 YOUTH ENTRY FEE: \$5 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

AMERICAN JUDGING.

Prize Money Offered per Class

“Adopt-A-Spot” must be permanently planted and tended.

Outdoor Garden entries must include *Garden Name* and *Garden Number* on the entry form.

Awards sponsored by the El Dorado County Fair Board

DIVISION 192 – ADOPT A SPOT

CLASS # 1. Adult Open (Garden Plots larger than 100 square feet)

PRIZE MONEY:

Best Overall Garden		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$50	\$35	\$25
Best Use of Fair Theme		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$50	\$35	\$25
Best Year-Round Garden		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$50	\$35	\$25

CLASS # 2. Adult Open (Garden Plots smaller than 100 square feet)

PRIZE MONEY:

Best Overall Garden		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$50	\$35	\$25
Best Use of Fair Theme		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$50	\$35	\$25
Best Year-Round Garden		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$50	\$35	\$25

CLASS #3: Youth

PRIZE MONEY:

Best Overall Garden		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$25	\$15	\$10
Best Use of Fair Theme		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$25	\$15	\$10
Best Year-Round Garden		
1 st	2 nd	3 RD
\$25	\$15	\$10

Gardens will be inspected quarterly. Points will be given for gardens being well cared for, plants tended, dead headed, bug free and healthy, appealing, and creative. \$50 will be awarded in February 2025 for the best maintained Garden throughout the year.