

Floral / Horticulture

2026 Clackamas County Fair
Public Competition

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If flowers and plants fill your heart with joy and make you do a happy dance, then get in on all the “**Pigs, Pies, and Patriotism**” by entering your cut flowers, potted plants, floral arrangements, and recycled garden art in our floral department competition. We welcome exhibitors of all ages and abilities; you may live outside of Clackamas County and enter the competition.

Entries dropped off at Floral Arcade on Monday, August 17th, 2026 from **11:00AM to 7:00PM.**

Exhibitors with more than 20 entries are requested to be on site and in the department a minimum of 1 hour before exhibit intake cutoff so that you can complete the intake process by 7:00 p.m. – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Only the superintendent along with their designated assistants and volunteers will be allowed in the exhibit area after 8:30PM the day of drop off – this is to allow time to stage exhibits for judging.

Exhibitor Entry Forms must be completed online. Entry deadline is **August 14th, 2026, at 12:00 midnight.** **Since entries have to be made in advance of the fair, please enter every class in which you think you will have an exhibit. We can easily delete items that are not completed or ready at time of entry.**

Our Floral Department Clerks will be on duty, and available to answer any questions you may have when you come onsite – they can assist with any class scratches or transfers. **Please contact the Floral Superintendent with any questions prior to August 14th, 2026.**

There is easy access through the Entertainment Gate on the east side of the fairgrounds located on Pine Street. You can drive through this gate into the Fairgrounds to unload your heavy or multiple items.

The other option for access would be through the Main Gate. **We are located behind the Carnival, in The Floral Arcade located in the old growth trees.** Since this is the day before the opening day of Fair, it is congested via the Main Gate using your vehicle, but foot traffic is no problem.

We have tables for your use for arranging, etc. We also have water access, and a limited number of clear vases.

Release Time: Entries may be picked up from 12:00PM to 5:00PM on Sunday, August 23rd, the day following the Fair. Please have your exhibitors claim check. Cash Premiums will be

given out at the Main Pavilion near the Fair Office. **All Premium Monies need to be claimed by August 31st.**

Premiums will be withheld and the privilege of showings at future fairs jeopardized by anyone attempting to remove entries prior to 12:00 PM Sunday, August 23rd, 2026.

Rules:

We ask all entrants to furnish their own clear vase or jar, for display of cut flowers. Make sure the container is in proper proportion to the flower you are showing, and that the container won't tip over. No plastic water bottles, please. We do have a limited number of available vases on site. Put your name on the bottom of vases you would like returned to you after the close of the Fair (address labels work great for this!). The Fair Board will not be responsible for exhibits or containers, but reasonable care will be exercised.

The Floral Department is closed during judging, and will not be open to the public until noon, Tuesday, the opening day of the Fair. Nationally accredited flower judges and green industry professionals (nursery/greenhouse/floral) will judge the exhibits in this department.

All Horticulture Specimens must be grown by the exhibitor – **in their possession and care for at least 60 days** prior to being shown at fair. Name the Horticulture Specimens, if at all possible. Preference given to named varieties when judging. All Horticulture Specimens must have their own foliage, except where noted. Judges may be impressed by grooming and staging of exhibits.

An exhibitor may show multiple entries in each class, but will only be awarded one ribbon/premium per class.

All divisions and classes are judged on the American System. Only one (1) 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be awarded per class.

In determining special awards for most points earned, the following applies: blue, 5 points, red, 3 points, white, 1 point. In the case of a tie, the winner with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.

No premium will be awarded just because there are no other entries in the class. If the article is not deemed worthy of a 1st place ribbon, it may be awarded a lesser premium.

In the case of Overall Division winners, King/Queen, etc., the winner must be a Clackamas County Resident, and an exhibitor cannot win the same award more than 2 consecutive years.

Submission of entry implies exhibitor's acceptance of the rules.

Plants and cut flowers must be free of pests and diseases.

English Ivy, Scotch Broom, and Butterfly Bush are prohibited from use in any exhibits.

Helpful Hints for Preparation of Exhibits

- Gather flowers early in the morning or late in the evening. Place stems immediately in cool water (the first 30 seconds are what counts). Set container in a cool, draft-free place. Use a sharp knife and cut stem on a slant. Crush wood stems for at least 2 inches. Let stand in deep water overnight. Roses may be cut and placed in water in the refrigerator and protected with paper.
- Remove foliage of flowers that would be below the waterline for cut flowers and arrangements. Stray petals can be removed without harming the quality of the flower – an example is removing guard petals on roses.
- Dahlias and Mums should be cut when fully open. Most other flowers, when buds are just beginning to open. A judge would rather see a flower coming into bloom than being past prime.
- Dahlias are hollow stemmed. Place cut Dahlia stems to a depth of 2-3” in 160-180* water, protecting the blooms and leaves from the heat and steam by a collar of paper. Let stand in water in a cool shaded area for 2 hours or more, then add more water.
- It is important that all exhibits be named correctly and in proper class – the superintendent and clerks can assist with changes at check in.
- Check your exhibits for insect damage, and remove any spent flowers and dead/declining leaves. Clean and groom your exhibit.
- Transport your entries carefully so they do not bend and break or get bruised. Anchor them in boxes or tubs with packing on hand.

Junior Division – Ages 16 and under

Division 200: Jr Cut Flowers & Floral – Ages 11 and under

Premiums: 1st = \$1.50; 2nd = \$1.00; 3rd = \$.50

Class Number

1. Dahlia, 1 stem, 1 bloom
2. Marigolds, 3 stems
3. Petunia, 3 stems
4. Zinnias, 3 stems
5. Rose, 1 stem or spray
6. Sunflower, 1 bloom on stem
7. Cosmos, 3 stems
8. Hydrangea, 1 stem
9. Gladiola, 1 stem
10. Any other cut flower not listed above

Division 200: Jr Floral Design – Ages 11 and under

Premiums: 1st = \$1.50; 2nd = \$1.00; 3rd = \$.50

Class Number

11. Drink It In - fresh floral bouquet in a mug
12. Sizzling Summer - fresh floral bouquet in your choice of container
13. Days Past - floral design using dried flowers/plant material
14. Wildflower Bouquet - arrangement of gathered flowers
15. “Pigs, Pies, and Patriotism” - arrangement using 2026 Clackamas Co Fair theme

Division 200: Jr Horticulture – Ages 11 and under

Premiums: 1st = \$1.50; 2nd = \$1.00; 3rd = \$.50

Class Number

16. Fairy Garden
17. Potted Cactus
18. Potted Succulent
19. Potted Foliage Plant
20. Potted Flowering Plant
21. Dish Garden/Plant Collection - 3 or more compatible plants in 1 container
22. Hanging Basket
23. Tallest Weed - cut off at soil level

Division 200: Jr Cut Flowers – Ages 12-16

Premiums: 1st = \$1.50; 2nd = \$1.00; 3rd = \$.50

Class Number

24. Dahlia, 1 stem, 1 bloom
25. Marigolds, 3 stems
26. Petunia, 3 stems
27. Zinnias, 3 stems
28. Rose, 1 stem or spray
29. Sunflower, 1 bloom on stem
30. Cosmos, 3 stems
31. Hydrangea, 1 stem
32. Gladiola, 1 stem
33. Any other cut flower not listed above

Division 200: Jr Floral Design – Ages 12-16

Premiums: 1st = \$1.50; 2nd = \$1.00; 3rd = \$.50

Class Number

34. Drink It In - fresh floral bouquet in a mug
35. Sizzling Summer - fresh floral bouquet in your choice of container
36. Days Past - floral design using dried flowers/plant material
37. Wildflower Bouquet - arrangement of gathered flowers
38. "Pigs, Pies, and Patriotism" - arrangement using 2026 Clackamas Co Fair theme

Division 200: Jr Horticulture – Ages 12-16

Premiums: 1st = \$1.50; 2nd = \$1.00; 3rd = \$.50

Class Number

39. Fairy Garden
40. Potted Cactus
41. Potted Succulent
42. Potted Foliage Plant
43. Potted Flowering Plant
44. Dish Garden/Plant Collection - 3 or more compatible plants in 1 container
45. Hanging Basket

Open Class Divisions – open to all ages

Open Class Cut Flowers

Premiums for Divisions 220: 1st = \$2.00; 2nd = \$1.50; 3rd = \$1.00
(Special Premiums for Division 220 – Square One Dahlia)

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Assorted

Class Number

1. Asters - 3 stems, 1 variety
2. Calendula - 3 stems, 1 variety
3. Chrysanthemum - 3 stems, 1 variety
4. Coreopsis, single - 3 stems, 1 variety
5. Coreopsis, double - 3 stems, 1 variety
6. Cosmos, single - 3 stems, 1 variety
7. Cosmos, double - 3 stems, 1 variety
8. Daisies - 1 stem
9. Delphinium - 1 stem
10. Echinacea/Coneflower, purple - 1 stem
11. Echinacea/Coneflower, white - 1 stem
12. Echinacea/Coneflower, any other color - 1 stem
13. Everlastings, fresh or dried - 3 stems (ex: Statice, Strawflower, Gompherena)
14. Everlastings bouquet
15. Marigold, African large - 1 stem
16. Marigold, French type single - 3 stems, 1 variety
17. Marigold, French type double - 3 stems, 1 variety
18. Marigold, specialty form - 1 stem
19. Marigold bouquet - same or mixed varieties
20. Penstemon, pink red or yellow - 1 stem
21. Penstemon, blue or purple - 1 stem
22. Petunia, single bloom, one color - 1 stem
23. Petunia, single bloom, bi-color - 1 stem
24. Petunia, double bloom, one color - 1 stem
25. Petunia, double bloom, bi-color - 1 stem
26. Snapdragon, 3 spikes, same variety and color
27. Snapdragon, 3 spikes, mixed variety
28. Sunflower - small (center 2" or less) yellow and light colors
29. Sunflower - small (center 2" or less) dark colors and bi-colors
30. Sunflower - medium (center 2-4") yellow and light colors
31. Sunflower - medium (center 2-4") dark colors and bi-colors
32. Sunflower - large (center over 4") yellow and light colors
33. Sunflower - large (center over 4") dark colors and bi-colors
34. Zinnia - white 1 stem
35. Zinnia - yellow 1 stem
36. Zinnia - orange 1 stem
37. Zinnia - red 1 stem
38. Zinnia - pink 1 stem

39. Zinnia - bicolor 1 stem
40. Zinnia cut collection - 3 stems, each a different variety

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Dahlia

Shown disbudded, with attached foliage showing, 1 stem (unless otherwise noted)

Class Number

41. Formal Decorative – over 8” yellow through orange
42. Formal Decorative – over 8” pink through red
43. Formal Decorative – over 8” white or shades of purple
44. Formal Decorative – 4-8” yellow through orange
45. Formal Decorative – 4-8” pink through red
46. Formal Decorative – 4-8” white or shades of purple
47. Formal Decorative – under 4” yellow through orange
48. Formal Decorative – under 4” pink through red
49. Formal Decorative – under 4” white or shades of purple
50. Informal Decorative – over 8” yellow through orange
51. Informal Decorative – over 8” pink through red
52. Informal Decorative – over 8” white or shades of purple
53. Informal Decorative – 4-8” yellow through orange
54. Informal Decorative – 4-8” pink through red
55. Informal Decorative – 4-8” white or shades of purple
56. Informal Decorative – under 4” yellow through orange
57. Informal Decorative – under 4” pink through red
58. Informal Decorative – under 4” white or shades of purple
59. Cactus – over 6” yellow through orange
60. Cactus – over 6” pink through red
61. Cactus – over 6” white or shades of purple
62. Cactus – under 6” yellow through orange
63. Cactus – under 6” pink through red
64. Cactus – under 6” white or shades of purple
65. Semi-Cactus – over 8” yellow through orange
66. Semi-Cactus – over 8” pink through red
67. Semi-Cactus – over 8” white or shades of purple
68. Semi-Cactus – 4-8” yellow through orange
69. Semi-Cactus – 4-8” pink through red
70. Semi-Cactus – 4-8” white or shades of purple
71. Semi-Cactus – Miniature, up to 4”
72. Ball – white, yellow, orange
73. Ball – red, purple, pink
74. Pompon - white, yellow, orange
75. Pompon – red, purple, pink
76. Water Lily – white, yellow, orange
77. Water Lily – red, purple, pink
78. Stellar – white, yellow, orange
79. Stellar – red, purple, pink
80. Anemone – white, yellow, orange
81. Anemone – red, purple, pink

- 82. Laciniated – white, yellow, orange
- 83. Laciniated – red, purple, pink
- 84. Collarette
- 85. Peony or Mignon Single
- 86. Any one variety, 3 blooms

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Dahlia Square One

This is a special division for beginning exhibitors, or those who have never placed in the Dahlia division. These classes will pay double premium cash, along with each 1st place class winner awarded \$20.

Class Number

- 87. Dahlia Square One – Formal Decorative
- 88. Dahlia Square One – Informal Decorative
- 89. Dahlia Square One – Cactus
- 90. Dahlia Square One – Any other variety
- 91. Dahlia Square One – Mixed Dahlia bouquet

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Gladiola

1 spike, 1/3 open, flowers spaced evenly on spike

Class Number

- 92. White or Cream
- 93. Yellow or Orange
- 94. Scarlet or Red
- 95. Pink or Salmon
- 96. Purple
- 97. Green
- 98. Bi-Color
- 99. Miniature, Novelty, others

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Hydrangea

Class Number

- 100. Paniculata – Pee Gee, Limelight, Quick Fire, etc.
- 101. Blue Mophead
- 102. Purple Mophead
- 103. Pink/Red Mophead
- 104. White Mophead
- 105. Lace Cap
- 106. Any other

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Lilies

1 stem, no blossoms missing, do not remove stamen

Class Number

- 107. Asiatic
- 108. Day Lily
- 109. Oriental
- 110. Tiger Lily
- 111. Double Flowered
- 112. Any other

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Roses

Note: a spray is a portion of a plant with a number of flowers on one stem.

Class Number

113. Polyantha, 1 spray
114. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, White, 1 bloom on 1 stem
115. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Yellow or Yellow blend, 1 bloom on one stem
116. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Orange or Orange blend, 1 bloom on one stem
117. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Pink or Pink blend, 1 bloom on one stem
118. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Red or Red blend, 1 bloom on one stem
119. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, any other (apricot, mauve, russet) 1 bloom on one stem
120. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, White sprays
121. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Yellow or Yellow blend, sprays
122. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Orange or Orange blend, sprays
123. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Pink or Pink blend, sprays
124. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Red or Red blend, sprays
125. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, any other, sprays
126. Floribunda, White, sprays
127. Floribunda, Yellow or Yellow blend, sprays
128. Floribunda, Orange or Orange blend, sprays
129. Floribunda, Pink or Pink blend, sprays
130. Floribunda, Red or Red blend, sprays
131. Floribunda, all one variety, Bouquet
132. Miniature, White, 1 bloom on one stem
133. Miniature, Yellow or Yellow blend, 1 bloom on one stem
134. Miniature, Orange or Orange blend, 1 bloom one stem
135. Miniature, Pink or Pink blend, 1 bloom one stem
136. Miniature, Red or Red blend, 1 bloom on one stem
137. Miniature Bouquet
138. Miniature, White, Yellow or Orange blends, spray
139. Miniature, Pink, Red, and blends, spray
140. Miniature, any other, spray
141. Climbers and Ramblers, 1 spray, naturally grown
142. Shrub Roses
143. David Austin Rose – variety must be named
144. Mixed Rose Bouquet, Exhibitor's Choice

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Any Other

Any other cut flower not listed above

Class Number

145. Any other annual cut flower
146. Any other perennial cut flower
147. Any other cut flower from bulb/tuber/rhizome
148. Any other shrub cut flower
149. Any other vine cut flower
150. Bouquet of any other cut flower not listed

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Bloom Cycle

One horticulture specimen in three different stages on bloom, showing color. The seed pod may be one stage. Arrange in clear glass container.

Class Number

- 151. Annual bloom cycle
- 152. Perennial bloom cycle
- 153. Tuber bloom cycle

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Small Bouquet

Placed in your own suitable container

Class Number

- 154. Short but Sweet – one variety of flowers with their own foliage
- 155. Among My Souvenirs – mixed small flowers with foliage

Division 220: Open Class Cut Flowers – Cut Foliage

Class Number

- 156. Hosta, single color, leaf under 4" wide – 1 leaf
- 157. Hosta, variegated, leaf under 4" wide – 1 leaf
- 158. Hosta, single color, leaf over 4" wide – 1 leaf
- 159. Hosta, variegated, leaf over 4" wide – 1 leaf
- 160. Heuchera, 3 leaves, all same variety
- 161. Heuchera, 3 leaves, each different variety
- 162. Holly, 1 stem
- 163. Grass, over 24" height – 1 stem
- 164. Grass, under 24" height – 1 stem
- 165. Conifer, 1 stem, less than 24" in length
- 166. Any other cut foliage

Open Class Horticulture

Premiums for Division 220: 1st = \$5.00; 2nd = \$4.00; 3rd = \$3.00

Plants must have been in the possession and care of the exhibitor at least 60 days before being shown at fair. Pots must be on a saucer or drip catcher. Remember to groom your plants. Please include any special watering instruction with your exhibitor tag.

Division 220: Open Class Horticulture – Potted Plants

Class Number

- 167. Cactus
- 168. Cactus Dish Garden – may include other compatible plants
- 169. Succulent - Echeveria 1 variety
- 170. Succulent - Sedum or Sempervivum (stonecrop or hen and chicks) 1 variety
- 171. Succulent - any other not listed 1 variety
- 172. Succulent Garden - 3 or more varieties
- 173. Coleus
- 174. Trailing Fuchsia

- 175. Upright Fuchsia
- 176. Zonal Geranium
- 177. Scented Geranium
- 178. Martha Washington/Regal/Fancy Geranium
- 179. Foliage Begonia – Angel Wing, Rex, etc.
- 180. Begonia - Any Other
- 181. Mixed variety planter – sun loving
- 182. Mixed variety planter – full to part shade
- 183. Herb Garden Planter – mixed varieties
- 184. African Violet
- 185. Gesneriads (relatives of African Violets including: Episcia, Gloxinia, Streptocarpella, Streptocarpus, etc)
- 186. Ferns
- 187. Bonsai – informal upright
- 188. Bonsai – formal upright
- 189. Bonsai – any other
- 190. Impatiens
- 191. Potted tree or shrub
- 192. Ficus (fig or rubber tree)
- 193. Hoya (rope plant)
- 194. Philodendron
- 195. Sanseveria (mother in laws tongue)
- 196. Upright Tropical Houseplant - any other not listed
- 197. Trailing Tropical Houseplant - any other not listed
- 198. Any other blooming plant, name the variety
- 199. Any other foliage plant, name the variety
- 200. Fairy Garden – you can be creative with your theme, it doesn't have to have fairies.
- 201. Terrarium
- 202. Kokedama – moss ball

Division 220: Open Class Horticulture – Hanging Baskets

Must have been in hands of exhibitor at least 3 months. All must be hanging.

Class Number

- 203. Begonia Basket
- 204. Calibrachoa or Petunia Basket
- 205. Fuchsia Basket
- 206. Geranium Basket
- 207. Any other single variety hanging basket
- 208. Mixed variety hanging basket for sun
- 209. Mixed variety hanging basket for shade

Division 220: Open Class Horticulture – Recycled Container & Garden Art

Class Number

- 210. Heart of Glass - Recycled or upcycled garden accessory with glass components
- 211. Lift Me Up - Repurposed planter project, under 30" dimensions for container - empty or planted

212. Taking Root - Small recycled container garden with accessories, under 18" dimension for exhibit
213. Fashion's Afoot - Old footwear used as a container, must be planted

Open Class Floral Designs

Premiums for Division 220: 1st = \$5.00; 2nd = \$4.00; 3rd = \$3.00

Floral Arrangement Notes:

Material used in these divisions must be field grown.

Arrangements must be made by the exhibitor.

1. We provide a minimum of security; please do not put keepsakes in your display. Clackamas County Fair is not responsible for lost items.
2. While arranging your display, water it well. Arrangements will not be watered until after judging on Tuesday. Containers should be large enough to provide water for at least two days.
3. Arrangements should be well anchored in case of wind. Accessories permitted, not to exceed 36" in length.

Division 220: Open Class Floral Design – Novice

For those beginners who have never won a blue ribbon in arrangements.

Class Number

214. "Pigs, Pies, and Patriotism" - fair theme using fresh flowers, arranger's choice of design
215. 99 Red Balloons - fresh floral design featuring the color red
216. Beautiful Day - fresh flowers arranged in a mug
217. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star - miniature design, not to exceed 8" in any dimension
218. Get The Party Started - Mass design, using fresh material of your choice

Division 220: Open Class Floral Design – All

Open to all exhibitors, including novice.

Class Number

219. "Pigs, Pies, and Patriotism" - fair theme using fresh flowers, arranger's choice of design
220. She's a Rainbow - Dramatic Mass Design, incorporate as many colors as possible
221. Friends in Low Places - miniature design, no larger than 8" in any dimension
222. Kiss From a Rose - Featuring roses, arranger's choice of design
223. Paint it Black - Dramatic design featuring the color black, plant material may be colored/treated
224. My Heart Will Go On - Recycled planter/vase project using upcycled items. Design and container will both be judged
225. Candle In The Wind - Centerpiece arrangement featuring your choice of candle, votive, or lantern
226. Thriller - Vertical floral design
227. You're So Vain - Creative design featuring a single bloom, may include foliage and accessories
228. Oops...I Did It Again - Complimentary pair of floral designs, each may not exceed 18" in any dimension

Special Awards

Mary Lee Schuebel 'Sprit of the Fair' Award – will be awarded to an exhibitor for their excellence and exhibition of County Fair Fun. All classes will be considered in selection of this award. This special Memorial Cash Award of **\$25** will be presented in honor and celebration of a precious Fair Floral Department Volunteer and friend.

Additional special awards and sponsorships may be listed later.

Floral Department – Activities and Demonstrations

Check back later to learn about demonstrations put on by floral and nursery industry professionals.

Adopt A Plant – thanks to the generosity of local nurseries and suppliers, we will be offering free plants for youth to plant up and take home.

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