

DEPARTMENT 5 2026 FLOWER & HORTICULTURE SHOWS

First Show: Mon. July 27 & Tues. July 28
Horticulture and Artistic

Second Show: Wed. July 29 & Thurs. July 30
Tabletop Floral Design

Third Show: Fri. July 31 & Sat. August 1
Horticulture and Artistic

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE - Eric Nelson 513-553-4710

ASSISTED BY - Carla Nelson, Jim Crumbacher

There will be two general flower and horticulture shows. The first show will begin Monday morning and end Tuesday evening. The second show will begin Friday morning and end Saturday evening.

The Tabletop Design show will begin Wednesday morning and end Thursday evening. All shows are open to all persons interested in growing and showing flowers and plants as amateur exhibitors.

Exhibits entered in one of the two shows may NOT be entered in the other show. New specimens and designs must be used for the other show. Judges will hold an accredited degree in the field of Botany and or Horticulture. The Judges for the Tabletop show will be accomplished in floral design.

Rules

1. Entries will be received from 7:30 am to 10:00 am on the first day of each show (Mon., Wed. or Fri.). Entries arriving late will not be judged. Each adult exhibitor must have a week ticket or membership ticket to enter specimens. Group exhibitors for the Tabletop Show must have at least 1 week pass or membership per group entry. 1 additional set up pass will be granted per group to help set up tabletop. These will be provided before day of show by committee chairperson Eric Nelson 513-553-4710. Please plan accordingly.
NOTE: Youth entries do not need a season ticket to enter competition unless they wish to compete for money. Those wanting to compete for money premiums will need to purchase an adult week's ticket.
2. Entries must not be removed before 9:00 pm on the last day of show on Tuesday and Thursday. Saturday entries must not be removed before 7:00 pm. If any entries are removed early, the exhibitor will forfeit any premiums earned.
3. All specimens must be grown by the exhibitor, and must be shown in clear bottles or jars which are furnished by the exhibitor, labels removed (No plastic bottles.) House plant and container gardens must be clean and not over 16" in diameter or 14" linear inches and must have been in the exhibitors care for at least 3 months. All plants must be pest and disease free.
4. All specimens must be correctly labeled as to species and class. Flower Show committee will assist with this procedure if needed.
5. Show committee and Fair Board will NOT be responsible for injury Or loss of property.
6. Show area will be roped off during judging. Only persons permitted in the Area will be judges and clerks. Judges decisions are final.
Tabletop show area will remain roped off to public during show. However this will still allow adequate viewing of all entries.
**SPECIAL NOTE:* All items on tables must remain for the duration of the show. ALL COMPONENTS ARE USED AT YOUR OWN RISK.
7. Show committee and/or judges reserve the right to combine and/or subdivide classes as needed.
8. The number of entries are not limited, BUT each entry must be a different variety.
9. All entries are for exhibit only - NO SALES. THERE IS A LIMIT OF TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS.
10. Cut specimens (roses and horticulture sections) shall have one bloom unless otherwise stated and foliage included but not dominate it - except foliage classes where it is the entry.

11. Flower arrangement MUST predominate and cannot exceed 20 inches diameter or length/width. Accessories are permitted. Judging will be based on several points with the arrangement and relationship to the theme being the main focus.
12. Plant materials used must be **LOCALLY GROWN**. Plant materials used may be interpreted as fresh/and or dried flowers, foliage, branches, vines, fruits, roots, nuts, vegetables, berries, grain and grasses.
13. No Artificial plants or flower material such as silk or plastic will be permitted in any class.
14. Coloring of any fresh or dried material is prohibited.
15. Contrived flowers of recognizable plant material are permitted.
16. Tabletops (Wednesday show) will need table covers per assigned table size. Tables will be apx 30" tall. Drop should be a minimum of 12". American flags may not be used as underlay for tabletops. There will be no open flames allowed.
17. Exhibitors unable to pick up premiums Saturday evening in the Floral Hall or Sunday at the Fair Office are encouraged to provide a self addressed stamped envelope for Fair premiums and ribbons to be mailed to winners. Items not removed at the end of show will become property of Clermont County Agricultural Society.

PREMIUM DISTRIBUTION

Ribbons, premiums and auction proceeds will be available for pick up Saturday from 7 pm - 8 pm in the Senior Fairboard office and Sunday from 10 am - 1 pm.
Items not picked up by 1 pm Sunday (\$10 and over) will be mailed the following week.

HORTICULTURAL SECTION (cut flowers or foliage)

Monday and Friday Shows

Premiums: First - \$4.00 Second - \$3.00 Third - \$2.00
Best of Show Rosette and \$13.00 bonus premium

***BEST HANGING BASKETS ON MONDAY AND FRIDAY SHOW
WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL PREMIUM OF \$25.00 AWARDED BY
GRANT'S FARM & GREENHOUSES.***

- CLASS 1. FLORIBUNDA ROSES (One bloom disbudded)
- CLASS 2. GRANDIFLORA ROSES (including climbing) one or more blooms
- CLASS 3. SHRUB ROSES (One stem or spray)
- CLASS 4. MINIATURE ROSES (One spray or one bloom)
- CLASS 5. GLADIOLAS (Any color spike with laterals removed)
- CLASS 6. MARIGOLDS
 - a. American
 - b. French Dwarf (spray)
- CLASS 7. ZINNIAS
 - a. 1-2 inches
 - b. 3-4 inches
 - c. 5-6 inches
- CLASS 8. CELOSIA
 - a. Spike
 - b. Comb
- CLASS 9. SNAPDRAGONS (one spike)
- CLASS 10. AMARYLIS
- CLASS 11. LILY
 - a. Oriental
 - b. Day Lily
- CLASS 12. SUNFLOWERS
 - a. Single
 - b. Cluster
- CLASS 13. HOSTA
 - a. Mini
 - b. Small
 - c. Large
 - d. X-Large
- CLASS 14. HIBISCUS (single bloom disbudded)
 - a. Garden
 - b. Rose of Sharon
- CLASS 15. HYDRANGEA
 - a. Mophead
 - b. Lacecap
 - c. Panicle
 - d. Oak Leaf
 - e. All other not listed
- CLASS 16. ANY ANNUAL NOT LISTED
 - a. Flower single bloom
 - b. Flower cluster (spray)
 - c. Flower spike form
 - d. Foliage

CLASS 17. ANY PERENNIAL NOT LISTED

- a. Flower single bloom
- b. Flower cluster (spray)
- c. Flower spike form
- d. Foliage

CLASS 18. ANY BIENNIAL NOT LISTED

CLASS 19. BROADLEAF EVERGREEN (one stem not over 24")

CLASS 20. SHORT NEELED EVERGREEN (one stem not over 24")

- a. Short needle evergreen
- b. Scale needle evergreen

CLASS 21. LONG NEELED EVERGREEN (one stem not over 24")

CLASS 22. FLOWERING SHRUBS (flowering stem not over 24")

CLASS 23. DAHLIAS

- a. Giant
- b. Large 8-10" diameter
- c. Medium 6-8" diameter
- d. Small 4-6" diameter
- e. Ball over 3 1/2" diameter
- f. Mini up to 2-3" diameter

**NOTE: Container must be large enough to keep specimen upright.*

POTTED PLANTS

CLASS 24. BEGONIAS (any in bloom)

CLASS 25. AFRICAN VIOLETS (any color or variety)

CLASS 26. ANY BLOOMING PLANT NOT LISTED

CLASS 27. ANY PLANT GROWN FOR FOLIAGE ONLY

CLASS 28. CACTI and SUCCULENTS

- a. Cacti
- b. Succulents
- c. Mixed

CLASS 29. HANGING BASKETS

- a. Flowering
- b. Foliage
- c. Mixed Combination

CLASS 30. MIXED CONTAINERS

- a. Flowering only
- b. Foliage only
- c. Mixed Combination

Note size restrictions in rule section

CLASS 31. JUNIORS AND 4-H MEMBERS

Premiums-Ribbons only

- A. under 10 years of age (as of day of show)
- B. youth 10-14 years of age (as of day of show)

ARTISTIC SECTION

Monday and Friday Shows Premiums: First - \$5.00
Second - \$5.00 Third - \$4.00 Best of show- Rosette and \$13.00 bonus premium

2026 Flower Show Artistic Theme

"United States of America 250th Anniversary"

CLASS

- #32 Liberty Bell: (max of 6" by 6" by 8")
- #33 Washington Monument: Vertical Design (length and width limited - height is not)
- #34 Statue of Liberty: Mostly greens
- #35 The Great Seal of the United States:
Mostly Gold/bronze/yellow
- #36 White House: Mostly Whites
- #37 Crossing of the Delaware: Design must incorporate water
- #38 Declaration of Independence:
Open to designer's interpretation
- #39 250 Anniversary: Multi-Color
- #40 Paul Revere's Ride: Horizontal Design
- #41 Colonial Elements - Miniature Garden

CLASS 42. YOUTH FLOWER ARRANGING

Premiums: Ribbons only.

- a. Age Under 10
US Flags
- b. Ages 10-14
Bald Eagle

**TABLETOP FLORAL DESIGN SHOW
PREMIUMS FOR TABLETOP DESIGN SHOW**

\$20.00 FIRST PLACE - Plus Blue Ribbons will be awarded up to four participates per group.

\$15.00 SECOND PLACE- Plus Red Ribbons will be awarded up to four participates per group.

\$12.00 THIRD PLACE- Plus White Ribbons will be awarded up to four participates per group.

BEST OF SHOW wins a \$13.00 bonus premium.

Tabletop Arrangements will be judged based on Design, Interpretation of Theme, Originality, & Content

**2026 Tabletop Floral Design Show Themes
"United States of America 250th Anniversary"**

Class

- # 50 Mt. Rushmore: Table for Four
- # 51 Commemoration of Founding Ideas (Freedom, Individual Rights & Democracy): Table for Three
- # 52 Battles of Lexington & Concord: Table for Two
- # 53 John Paul Jones: Table for One

YOU JUDGE THE TABLETOP DESIGNS:

"The Peoples Choice Award," Chosen by Fair Patrons



15 c. HYDRANGEA: Panicle