
AGRICULTURE BUILDING
(DEPARTMENTS 17–27)
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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- **Please note: Changes have been made throughout Departments 17–27 (Agriculture Building). To avoid any confusion, please review all rules and regulations. NEW for 2025: Tuesday entry time 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- ☑ Pre-entry or advance registration is recommended. Fill out and submit the online form at ☞ www.carvercountyfair.com/exhibit or fill out the [PDF form](#) and drop off or mail to: ✉ 501 West 3rd Street, Waconia, MN 55387.
- We highly recommend anyone with 10 entries or more to pre-register. If you cannot pre-register online, fill out the [PDF form](#) and drop off or mail it to the Fair office.
- **Only one entry in a class will be permitted by an exhibitor.** In case of duplicate entries by the same exhibitor, neither exhibit will qualify for judging.
- Entries are required to be made in the owner's name only. However, entries may be brought for competition by another individual or group.
- All exhibits competing for premiums must be grown or created by the person exhibiting them.
- **The exhibits must be grown or completed in the current year with exceptions where noted behind the class name.**
- The same exhibit **may not** be entered for premiums more than 1 year; entries should be from the current year.
- Entries are required to be delivered and remain on exhibit as designated by individual departments.
- **Entries will be accepted on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- **No late or walk-in entries will be taken after 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. All PRE-REGISTERED entry tags have until 5:00 p.m. to pick up tags and take exhibits to the correct Department.**
- Entries will be taken in the Agriculture Building.
- During drop-off times, once you have your tag, please check in with the department workers with your exhibit. They will assist with tagging your item and putting it in the designated area. We ask this to lessen confusion in each of the departments and to avoid mistakes.
- A superintendent has the authority to reject an entry based on entry requirements.
- Exhibits may not be removed until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair. If you remove your exhibit prior to this time, you forfeit your entire premium check.
- Exhibits will not be eligible for awards unless they are of good quality. No articles borrowed for competition, nor those incorrectly named, are eligible.
- Entries will be judged and awarded a place based

on quality and merit. A judge may determine that an entry does not meet specific criteria and is not required to award a placing.

- Judges' decisions are final.
- Buildings are closed to the exhibitors and the general public during judging. An exhibitor is not allowed to discuss or influence a judge's decision. The entry will be disqualified if this occurs.
- Participation ribbons will be awarded to all youth/child classes, 65 years & over classes, and health care classes.
- The same photograph cannot be used in multiple divisions/classes.
- All photographs need to be framed and ready to hang including a label with name, address and phone number on the back.
- No solicitation of a sale of the entered item may occur.
- The department will make every effort to assure the safety of all articles after arrival and placement, but in **no event will the department be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.**
- **Please note: when picking up your exhibit, you must go through the Department staff to get your item(s). Do not go into any of the showcases on your own. This is to protect exhibits from accidental breakage and to correctly identify the items.**
- **Please note:** when picking up your exhibit, please have your claim ticket or photo ID with you to ensure the right exhibit goes to the correct exhibitor.
- **Exhibits not removed Sunday evening (8 to 9:30 p.m.) can be picked up Monday from 9 a.m. to noon. Any exhibits not removed by noon on Monday will be property of the Carver County Fair.**
- Premium checks will be available Sunday evening after 8:00 p.m. in the respective buildings/barns and will have a 30-day validation date. Please bring a photo ID or your claim ticket. If check is not picked up Sunday evening, it will be mailed to you.

DEPARTMENT 19: FLORICULTURE

Judging: Agriculture Building

Divisions A–F: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Divisions G–M: Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.

- **Attention Exhibitors: Please review all general guidelines for Departments 17–27 at the beginning of this document.**
- Extra greens or fillers should not be used except in arrangements.
- PLEASE NOTE: You need to have the exact number of plants, stems, blooms or designated item in each class to exhibit. Check behind the class name or on top by the division name to see how many you need.
- Exhibits should be in a clean, **clear (if possible)**, sturdy, suitable container no larger than 3" in diameter. If container is over 3" in diameter, it will not fit in the display cases. If you have a top-heavy exhibit, feel free to add weight to the bottom of the vase, e.g., colored glass beads or stones.

- **⊘ No colored containers please.** We make every effort to make sure your exhibit is looking good, and clear bottles/containers enable us to monitor the water level.
- **⊘ No plastic bottles please.** Plastic bottles/containers tend to tip easily.
- All flowers must be home grown by exhibitor.
- Good size of bloom and uniformity of the variety in size is one of the points judges consider. In addition, good color and substance, form of bloom, good clean foliage and a strong stem with leaves left on are essential.
- Helpful hint: leave the stem as long as possible to reach the water in your vase for the duration of the Fair.
- **Please, no foliage below water line.**
- **Harden flowers:** cut in morning or evening, cut at an angle using sharp knife and place in warm water for 2 hours or overnight—flowers will last longer.
- Please note: Specify on exhibit label as to suggested watering during the fair.

Division A: House Plants

- Class 1: Aloe Vera
- Class 2: Bonsai
- Class 3: Cacti
- Class 4: Dieffenbachia
- Class 5: Dish Garden (3–5 different variety of plants)
- Class 6: Fern
- Class 7: Ivy, English
- Class 8: Ivy, Geranium
- Class 9: Jade
- Class 10: Orchid
- Class 11: Peace Lily
- Class 12: Pothos
- Class 13: Prayer
- Class 14: Shamrock
- Class 15: Snake Plant
- Class 16: Spider
- Class 17: Terrarium
- Class 18: Any other house plant not listed
- Class 19: 🏆 Champion House Plant
- Class 20: 🏆 Reserve Champion House Plant
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division B: Patio Potted Plants

- Class 1: Begonia, tuberous in bloom
- Class 2: Begonia, Rex
- Class 3: Coleus
- Class 4: Foliage plant colored leaves
- Class 5: Foliage plant green leaves
- Class 6: Geranium, single
- Class 7: Geranium, double
- Class 8: Geranium, scented
- Class 9: Hanging basket, assortment
- Class 10: Hanging basket, Fuchsia
- Class 11: Hanging basket, Wave Petunia
- Class 12: Fern, Asparagus
- Class 13: Fern, Boston
- Class 14: Hibiscus
- Class 15: Impatiens, single
- Class 16: Impatiens, double
- Class 17: Impatiens, New Guinea

- Class 18: Ivy
- Class 19: Marigolds
- Class 20: Succulents
- Class 21: Variety of 3 plants in planter
- Class 22: Variety of 6 plants in planter
- Class 23: Zinnias
- Class 24: Any other patio potted plant not listed
- Class 25: 🏆 Champion Patio Potted Plant
- Class 26: 🏆 Reserve Champion Patio Potted Plant
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division C: Annual Cut Flowers

- Please note color specified behind description.
- Where it is not stated "SAME" color, it is your choice to do all the same color or to do any color.

- Class 1: Ageratum, 3 stems
- Class 2: Aster, single 3 blooms of the same color
- Class 3: Aster, double 3 blooms of the same color
- Class 4: Bachelor Buttons, 5 blooms of the same color
- Class 5: Bells of Ireland, 1 stalk
- Class 6: Calendula, 3 blooms of the same color
- Class 7: Celosia, Crested 1 stalk
- Class 8: Celosia, Plumed 1 stalk
- Class 9: Cleome, 1 spike
- Class 10: Coleus, 1 stem of the flower, NOT the leaf
- Class 11: Cosmos, 5 blooms of the same color
- Class 12: Impatiens, 3 stems of the same color
- Class 13: Larkspur, 3 stems
- Class 14: Lisanthus, 3 stems
- Class 15: Marigold over 3", yellow, 2 blooms
- Class 16: Marigold over 3", orange, 2 blooms
- Class 17: Marigold Medium 2–3", yellow, 3 blooms
- Class 18: Marigold Medium 2–3", orange, 3 blooms
- Class 19: Marigold Small double under 2", yellow, 5 blooms
- Class 20: Marigold Small double under 2", orange, 5 blooms
- Class 21: Marigold Small single under 2", yellow, 5 blooms
- Class 22: Marigold Small single under 2", orange, 5 blooms
- Class 23: Nasturtiums, any color, 6 blooms
- Class 24: Nicotiana, 3 stems
- Class 25: Pansies, 5 blooms with foliage
- Class 26: Petunias, single 3 sprays
- Class 27: Petunias, double 3 sprays
- Class 28: Petunias, wave variety, 3 sprays
- Class 29: Salpiglossis, 5 stems
- Class 30: Salvia, 3 stems
- Class 31: Salvia, blue, 3 stems
- Class 32: Salvia, red, 3 stems
- Class 33: Salvia, white 3 stems
- Class 34: Scabiosa, 5 blooms
- Class 35: Snapdragons, tall 3 stems
- Class 36: Snapdragons, Dwarf 3 stems
- Class 37: Strawflowers, 5 blooms
- Class 38: Sunflowers, small (4" or smaller), 3 stems
- Class 39: Sunflowers, large (4½" or larger), 1 stem
- Class 40: Verbena, 3 stems
- Class 41: Vinca, 3 stems
- Class 42: Zinnia, large 3" and over, 2 blooms
- Class 43: Zinnia, small under 3", 3 blooms
- Class 44: Zinnia, Cactus, 3 blooms
- Class 45: Zinnia multi colored, 3 stems

- Class 46: Zinnia Pompom, 3 stems
- Class 47: Any other annual cut flower not listed, 1 stem
- Class 48: 🏆 Champion Cut Flowers
- Class 49: 🏆 Reserve Champion Cut Flowers
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division D: Perennial Cut Flowers

- Please note color specified behind description.
- Where it is not stated "SAME" color, it is your choice to do all the same color or to do any color.

- Class 1: Archilla Yarrow, Other than Yellow 1 stem
- Class 2: Archilla Yarrow, Yellow, 1 stem
- Class 3: Aster, hardy 1 spray
- Class 4: Astilbe, 2 sprays of the flowers, NOT the leaves
- Class 5: Balloon Flower, blue/purple, 2 stems
- Class 6: Balloon Flower, white, 2 stems
- Class 7: Chrysanthemum, large, 2" or over, 1 spray
- Class 8: Chrysanthemum, small, under 2", 1 spray
- Class 9: Coneflower, pink/purple 1 stem
- Class 10: Coneflower, other 1 stem
- Class 11: Coneflower, white 1 stem
- Class 12: Coral bells, 3 stems of the flowers, NOT the leaves
- Class 13: Coreopsis, 3 stems
- Class 14: Delphinium, 3 stems
- Class 15: Dianthus, 3 stems
- Class 16: Eupatorium, 1 stem
- Class 17: Feverfew, 3 stems
- Class 18: Gaillardia, 3 stems
- Class 19: Hollyhock, 1 stock
- Class 20: Hosta, 1 stem of the flower, NOT the leaf
- Class 21: Hydrangea, paniculatas with triangle shaped blooms of white/pink/green (Pee Gee), 1 stem
- Class 22: Hydrangea, smooth leaf with big round heads of pink/white, 1 stem
- Class 23: Hydrangea, mop head pink/purple/blue, 1 stem
- Class 24: Hydrangea, any other color, 1 stem
- Class 25: Lupine, 1 spike
- Class 26: Monarda (Bee Balm), 1 stem
- Class 27: Phlox, pink/purple 1 truss
- Class 28: Phlox, red 1 truss
- Class 29: Phlox, white 1 truss
- Class 30: Phlox, any other 1 truss
- Class 31: Rudbeckia, 1 stem
- Class 32: Russian Sage, 1 stem
- Class 33: Sedum, 1 stem
- Class 34: Scabiosa, 3 stems
- Class 35: Shasta Daisy, 3 stems
- Class 36: German Statice, 1 stem
- Class 37: Viola, with foliage, 3 stems
- Class 38: Any other perennial cut flower not listed, 1 stem
- Class 39: 🏆 Champion Perennial Cut Flower
- Class 40: 🏆 Reserve Champion Perennial Cut Flower
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division E: Hosta Leaves

- 2 leaves per entry
- Class 1: Hosta, solid green (round shape) over 5"
- Class 2: Hosta, solid green (round shape) under 5"
- Class 3: Hosta, solid green pointed

- Class 4: Hosta, gold standard
- Class 5: Hosta, blue
- Class 6: Hosta, variegated cream/white
- Class 7: Hosta, variegated yellow
- Class 8: Hosta, not specified
- Class 9: 🏆 Champion Hosta Leaves
- Class 10: 🏆 Reserve Champion Hosta Leaves
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division F: Dahlias

Dahlias are to be shown disbudded on a stem with one or two sets of leaves.

- Class 1: Cactus Dahlia, 4" and under, 1 bloom
- Class 2: Cactus Dahlia 4-6", 1 bloom
- Class 3: Cactus Dahlia, over 6", 1 bloom
- Class 4: Dahlia, under 2", 3 blooms
- Class 5: Dahlia, 2-4", 1 bloom
- Class 6: Dahlia, 4-6", 1 bloom
- Class 7: Dahlia, 6-8", 1 bloom
- Class 8: Dahlia, 8-10", 1 bloom
- Class 9: Dahlia, over 10", 1 bloom
- Class 10: Pompoms, under 2", 3 blooms
- Class 11: Any other Dahlia not listed
- Class 12: 🏆 Champion Dahlia
- Class 13: 🏆 Reserve Champion Dahlia
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division G: Gladiolus

We suggest using a sturdy 3" or smaller diameter container with weight in bottom.

- Class 1: Bi-color
- Class 2: Blue
- Class 3: Brown
- Class 4: Cream or white
- Class 5: Green
- Class 6: Orange
- Class 7: Pink
- Class 8: Purple or Lavender
- Class 9: Red
- Class 10: Rose
- Class 11: Salmon/Coral
- Class 12: Smokey
- Class 13: Yellow
- Class 14: Any other not listed
- Class 15: 🏆 Champion Gladiolus
- Class 16: 🏆 Reserve Champion Gladiolus
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division H: Lilies, Bulbs, Corms, Tubers

- Class 1: Calla Lily, 1 stem
- Class 2: Cannas Lily, 1 stem
- Class 3: Day lily, melon/pink, 1 stem
- Class 4: Day lily, red shades, 1 stem
- Class 5: Day lily, yellow orange, 1 stem
- Class 6: Iris, 1 stem
- Class 7: Lily, down facing, 1 stem
- Class 8: Lily, out facing, 1 stem
- Class 9: Lily, up facing, 1 stem
- Class 10: Tiger Lily, 1 stem
- Class 11: Any other lily, bulb, corm, tuber not listed
- Class 12: 🏆 Champion Lily, Bulb, Corm, Tuber
- Class 13: 🏆 Reserve Champion Lily, Bulb, Corm, Tuber
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division I: Roses

All specimens should have proper number of blooms and stem with at least three, five, and/or seven leaflet leaves above water line and set straight in bottle.

- Class 1: Floribunda or ployantha, 1 stalk
- Class 2: Grandiflora, 1 bloom
- Class 3: Miniature, orange/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 4: Miniature, pink/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 5: Miniature, red/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 6: Miniature, white, 1 bloom
- Class 7: Miniature, yellow/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 8: Miniature, any other, 1 bloom
- Class 9: Shrub Rose, Rugosa, 1 stem
- Class 10: Tea Rose, apricot or peach, 1 bloom
- Class 11: Tea Rose, orange/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 12: Tea Rose, pink/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 13: Tea Rose, red/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 14: Tea Rose, white, 1 bloom
- Class 15: Tea Rose, yellow/blend, 1 bloom
- Class 16: Tea Rose, other, 1 bloom
- Class 17: Any other rose not listed above
- Class 18: 🏆 Champion Rose
- Class 19: 🏆 Reserve Champion Rose

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00

Division J: Artistic Arrangements

NO store purchased flowers; needs to be home grown.

- Class 1: Arrangement in any antique vase
- Class 2: Arrangement using a theme
- Class 3: Baskets of Beauties (in a basket)
- Class 4: Centerpiece of Gladiolus
- Class 5: Centerpiece of Roses
- Class 6: Centerpiece of Zinnias
- Class 7: Collection of Gourds
- Class 8: Corsage, fresh flowers
- Class 9: Corsage, silk/dried flowers
- Class 10: Dried flower arrangement in a container
- Class 11: Dried flower bouquet
- Class 12: Fairy garden: Amateur
(maximum size: 3' long x 2' wide x 3' high)
- Class 13: First Thanksgiving: in a Horn of Plenty
- Class 14: It's a Boy or Girl, blue or pink arrangement
- Class 15: Miniature bouquet, not over 4" high or wide
- Class 16: Old Glory: red, white and blue
- Class 17: Peace on Earth, using white flowers
- Class 18: Pioneer Farmers, using grains, etc.
- Class 19: September Glory: Marigold in Copper
- Class 20: Summer Hearties: using Zinnias
- Class 21: Sweet Hearts Forever: using roses
- Class 22: Vivid Flower Mart: your choice
- Class 23: Wedding bouquet
- Class 24: Woodland Art: use wood, cones, nuts, evergreens, etc.
- Class 25: Wreath: using dried flowers
- Class 26: Any other arrangement not listed
- Class 27: 🏆 Champion Artistic Arrangement
- Class 28: 🏆 Reserve Champion Artistic Arrangement

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$4.00; 3rd: \$3.00

Division K: Youth Flowers

(Ages 10 years & under)

Must be **prepared for exhibition by the child.**

- Class 1: Arrangement for dining table
- Class 2: Arrangement for any holiday

- Class 3: Arrangement of flowers in cup and saucer
 - Class 4: Arrangement of flowers in a toy
 - Class 5: Arrangement of flowers with vegetables
 - Class 6: Bouquet of wild flowers
 - Class 7: Dish Garden, 3-5 different variety of plants
 - Class 8: Fairy Garden (maximum size: 3' long x 2' wide x 3' high)
 - Class 9: Miniature bouquet, no smaller than 3" high 3" wide and no larger than 5" high 5" wide
 - Class 10: Patriot bouquet: red, white, blue
 - Class 11: Propagated plant, propagated by child
 - Class 12: Woodland Art: use wood, cones, nuts, evergreens, etc.
 - Class 13: Any other not listed
 - Class 14: 🏆 Champion Children's Flowers
 - Class 15: 🏆 Reserve Champion Children's Flowers
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00
4th: \$1.00; 5th: \$1.00; 6th: \$1.00

Division L: Youth Flowers

(Ages 11 years. to 17 years)

Must be **prepared for exhibition by the child.**

- Class 1: Arrangement for dining table
 - Class 2: Arrangement for any holiday
 - Class 3: Arrangement of flowers in cup and saucer
 - Class 4: Arrangement of flowers in a toy
 - Class 5: Arrangement of flowers with vegetables
 - Class 6: Bouquet of wild flowers
 - Class 7: Dish Garden, 3-5 different variety of plants
 - Class 8: Fairy Garden (maximum size: 3' long x 2' wide x 3' high)
 - Class 9: Miniature bouquet 4" high 4" wide
 - Class 10: Patriot bouquet: red, white, blue
 - Class 11: Propagated plant, propagated by child
 - Class 12: Woodland Art: use wood, cones, nuts, evergreens, etc.
 - Class 13: Any other not listed
 - Class 14: 🏆 Champion Children's Flowers
 - Class 15: 🏆 Reserve Champion Children's Flowers
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00
4th: \$1.00; 5th: \$1.00; 6th: \$1.00

Division M: Dried Flowers

- Class 1: Annual Statice, 3 stems
 - Class 2: Any Annual Blooming Flower, 3 stems
 - Class 3: Any Perennial Blooming Flower, 3 stems
 - Class 4: Baby's Breath, 3 stems
 - Class 5: Bells of Ireland, 3 stems
 - Class 6: Chinese Lanterns, 3 stems
 - Class 7: German Statice, 3 stems
 - Class 8: Globe Thistle, 3 stems
 - Class 9: Grasses, 3 stems
 - Class 10: Rose, 3 stems
 - Class 11: Sea Lavender, 3 stems
 - Class 12: Strawflower, 3 stems
 - Class 13: 🏆 Champion Dried Flowers
 - Class 14: 🏆 Reserve Champion Dried Flowers
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00