

Colorado State Fair And Industrial Exposition

2024 Floriculture Competition and Entry Requirements

Entry Fees

- \$5.00 Per Potted Plant
- \$5.00 Per Herb
- \$5.00 Per Arrangement
- \$2.00 per flower for Cut Flowers

Age Groups

- Junior. 13 years of age and younger
- Youth. 14-18 years of age
- Open 19 years of age and older

Schedule

Location - Drop-off and pick-up (Receiving) will be in the Creative Arts Building.)

Event	Date and Time
Entry Form And Fee Deadline	Wednesday, July 17, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.
Online Only entry deadline	Monday, August 5, 2024, by midnight
Drop-Off (Receiving)	Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Judging	Closed to the public.
Judging Results	Judging results will be posted online on Monday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. Results will not be given before this time/date.
Pick Up (Release)	Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2024 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements and the General Entry/Fine Arts 2024 Competition & Entry Requirements.

1. One entry per class unless otherwise specified.
2. All entries in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitor or have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three months.
3. A saucer must accompany all potted plants.
4. Premiums are awarded based on the condition of the plant, not the size, and are awarded at the Judge's discretion.
5. All items in the Department are judged the same day they are received. Efforts will be made to water the entry.

Floriculture Divisions And Classes

Artistic Arrangements Division 0091

The exhibitor need not grow flowers for the arrangements. All accessories are used at the exhibitor's risk. Silk, dried, or fresh flowers may be used to create all flower arrangements.

Premiums

- 1st – \$15.00
- 2nd – \$10.00
- 3rd – \$5.00
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0001-0007

- 0001. *Colorado Natives* - Any arrangement using Colorado's natural plants in an appropriate container. No size limit.

- 0002. *Themed "The Colorful Colorado State Fair"* - Create an arrangement showcasing the theme "The Colorado State Fair". Your arrangement can include silk, dried, or fresh flowers. Any add-ons are welcome. Use any container. No size limit.
- 0003. *Colorado's Agriculture* - Any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery that reflects the importance of agriculture in our state using an appropriate container. No size limit.
- 0004. *Fairyland* - Use a piece of driftwood for your container. Driftwood should be no larger than 2' x 2'. Create a magical scene that mesmerizes, incorporating silk, dried, or fresh flowers, and any other "fairy" items.
- 0005. *Mason Jar* - Creatively arrange your flowers (real or artificial) in a mason jar (any size or color mason jar).
- 0006. *Carnival* - Create a carnival-inspired arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery. Use an appropriate container. No size limit.
- 0007. *Keep It Simple* - An arrangement not over 5 inches tall or 5 inches wide in a container of your choice, all dried and/or treated plant material; no plastic or silk plant material; no accessories.

Potted Plants Division 0092

Premiums

- 1st – \$15.00
- 2nd – \$10.00
- 3rd – \$5.00
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0051-0078

- 0051. Begonia, flowering (tuberous)
- 0052. Begonia, flowering (fibrous)
- 0053. Coleus
- 0054. Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)
- 0055. Sansevieria (any type)
- 0056. Ivy, any plant having Ivy as part of common name (name variety)

- 0057. African Violet
- 0058. Dracaena
- 0059. Philodendron (solid leaf)
- 0060. Christmas Cactus
- 0061. Pothos
- 0062. Spider
- 0063. Hoya
- 0064. Euphorbia
- 0065. Arrow Head
- 0066. Jade
- 0067. Cactus
- 0068. Succulent, plant, any other, label variety
- 0069. Flowering, plant, any other, label variety
- 0070. Foliage plant, any other, label variety
- 0071. Boston Fern
- 0072. Orchid

Gardens

Shall consist of at least two varieties of plants, cacti, vegetables, etc., in a single container and be portable.

Classes 0074-0078

- 0074. Cactus Garden
- 0075. Foliage Garden
- 0076. Fern Garden
- 0077. Ornamental Vegetable Garden
- 0078. Fairy Gardens

Herbs Division 0093

Herbs must be growing in a pot, and the pot must have a saucer. Only one herb plant to a pot.

Premiums

- 1st – \$15.00
- 2nd – \$10.00
- 3rd – \$5.00
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0101-0122

Culinary Herbs

- 0101. Thyme
- 0102. Rosemary
- 0103. Parsley
- 0104. Basil
- 0105. Oregano
- 0106. Chervil
- 0107. Dill
- 0108. Fennel
- 0109. Summer Savory
- 0110. Chives
- 0111. Marjoram
- 0112. Lemongrass
- 0113. Bay

Other Herbs

- 0120. Medicinal Herb (label variety)
- 0121. Fragrance/Scented Herb (label variety)
- 0122. Herb Garden (must consist of at least two herbs in a single container and be portable), label varieties

Cut Flowers Division 0110

Colorado State Fair Authority will provide a container. Cutting and conditioning flowers for show - specimens should be cut in late afternoon or early morning. Cut the stem several inches longer than required with a sharp knife on a slant for the greatest moisture intake. Place the water container in a cool, dark place free of drafts before bringing it to show.

Definitions

- Blooms - one individual flower with stem and foliage
- Stem - the principal axis of a plant
- Spike - a lengthened flower cluster (e.g., gladiolus)
- Spray - a main stem with side branches and several blooms

Premiums

- 1st - \$6.00
- 2nd - \$4.00
- 3rd - \$2.00
- Sweepstakes Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0150-0176

- 0150. Aster, 3 stems
- 0151. Cosmos, 3 blooms
- 0152. Celosia (plumed)
- 0153. Celosia (cockscomb)
- 0154. Chrysanthemum, 1 spray
- 0155. Daisy: Gloriosa (1 stem), Shasta (3 stems) - exhibitor may enter 1 of each variety in Class 0155, only
- 0156. False Dragonhead
- 0157. Irish Bells, 1 stem
- 0158. Helianthus, largest seed head
- 0159. Helianthus: Common Sunflower (in bloom, 1 stem) Other than Common (in bloom, 1 stem) - exhibitor may enter 1 of each variety in Class 0159, only

- 0160. Marigold (carnation), 1 flower
- 0161. Marigold (Chrysanthemum-flowered) 1 bloom
- 0162. Marigold (dwarf type), 3 blooms
- 0163. Nasturtiums, 3 blooms
- 0164. Rose (tea), 1 bloom
- 0165. Rose (floribunda), 1 spray
- 0166. Rose (grandiflora), 1 spray
- 0167. Petunias, single, 3 sprays
- 0168. Petunias, double, 3 sprays
- 0169. Phlox
- 0170. Gladiolus, 1 spike - exhibitor may enter up to 6 spikes, of different colors, in Class 0170 Gladiolus, only
- 0171. Snapdragon, 3 spikes
- 0172. Zinnia, dahlia type, 1 bloom
- 0173. Zinnia, button type, 3 blooms
- 0174. Zinnia, cactus type, 1 bloom
- 0175. Liatris
- 0176. Any other bloom not previously mentioned

Division and Class Special Awards

Junior, Youth & Open Sweepstakes - a rosette will be awarded in Junior, Youth & Open Cut Flowers to the exhibitor accumulating the most total points based on the following formula:

1st = 3 points 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point

In the event of a tie, the winner will be the exhibitor 1) with the least number of entries 2) with the most competition in classes.

Dahlia Show

More than one dahlia may be entered in a class as long as they are different varieties. Dahlias should be de-budded and show a pair of true leaves, not spur leaves.

Definitions

- Large Blooms - all Dahlias, which normally produce flowers that exceed 4 inches in diameter. Dahlias over 4 inches in diameter.
- Miniatures - all dahlias, which normally produce flowers that do not exceed 4 inches in diameter. Dahlias are smaller than 4 inches in diameter.

Types

- Formal Decorative Dahlias - ray floret flat, partially revolute, or partially involutes. Petals are uniform and regularly arranged, tending to recurve toward the stem.
- Informal Decorative Dahlias - ray floret twisted, curled, or wavy, imparting a petal that is not flat. Petals may be partially revolute with their arrangement irregular.
- Straight Cactus Dahlias - ray floret revolute for more than one-half their length; pointed, with a pronounced curvature of petals toward the center of the flower head.
- Semi-Cactus Dahlias - ray floret broad at the base, straight, incurved, or recurved with ray floret revolute for up to one-half of their length.
- Incurved Cactus - ray floret revolute for more than one-half their length; pointed, with a pronounced curvature of petals toward the center of the flower head.
- Laciniated - the split or laciniation should be in proportion to the ray floret length. There should be an overall twisting in the area of the split involute or revolute ray floret, to give an overall fringed effect.
- Ball - full double flowers, ball-shaped or slightly flattened at the face, the ray floret blunt, rounded or indented, involute for most of their length, full involute for about one-half their length, and normally displayed in a spiral arrangement.
- Miniature Ball - same as Ball Dahlias, differing in size.

- Pompon Dahlia - fully double flowers similar to Ball Dahlias but more globular and smaller in size; the ray floret involute for the whole of their length and fully involute for more than half their length.
- Water lily - bloom should be fully double and symmetrical, the side view should be flat to saucer-shaped in arrangement, and the layer of floret should be openly faced to give a delicate appearance. The center should be closed and dome-shaped, breaking gradually four to seven rows of fully developed outer florets. Outer floret should be broad and slightly cupped. Bloom position preferred 45 degrees.
- Peony - open-centered Dahlia with two or more rows of ray floret surrounding the disc flowers. Ray florets adjacent to the disc flowers may be smaller, twisted, and/or curled.
- Anemone - Dahlias with one or more rows of ray floret surrounding a center of elongated tubular disc floret. The disc floret should be fully developed and present adorned, pincushion appearance.
- Collarette - open-centered Dahlia with a single row of uniform, evenly-spaced, compound ray floret in a flat plain surrounding the disc flowers. The petaloids surrounding the disc are less than one-half the length of the ray floret.
- Single - open centered Dahlias with a single row of uniform evenly spaced ray floret in a flat plain surrounding the disc flowers.
- Mignon Single - same as Single Dahlia except with a diameter of up to two inches.
- Orchid - open centered Dahlias with a single row of uniform, evenly-spaced, ray floret in a flat plain surrounding the disc flowers. The ray florets are involute for two-thirds or more of their length and fully involute for at least one-third of their length.
- Novelty - Dahlias with characteristics differing from the present classifications. The two kinds of Novelties, one with open centers and the other with closed centers should be judged against all kinds.

Open Cut Dahlias Large Blooms Division 0111

Premiums

- 1st - \$6.00
- 2nd - \$4.00
- 3rd - \$2.00

- Sweepstakes Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0250-0329

Formal Decorative

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0250. White
- 0251. Yellow
- 0252. Orange
- 0253. Red
- 0254. Lavender
- 0255. Purple
- 0256. Pink
- 0257. Blended
- 0258. Bi-Color
- 0259. Variegated

Informal Decorative

The Exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0260. White
- 0261. Yellow
- 0262. Orange
- 0263. Red
- 0264. Lavender
- 0265. Purple
- 0266. Pink
- 0267. Blended
- 0268. Bi-Color
- 0269. Variegated

Straight Cactus

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0270. White
- 0271. Yellow
- 0272. Orange
- 0273. Red
- 0274. Lavender
- 0275. Purple
- 0276. Pink
- 0277. Blended
- 0278. Bi-Color
- 0279. Variegated

Semi-Cactus

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0280. White
- 0281. Yellow
- 0282. Orange
- 0283. Red
- 0284. Lavender
- 0285. Purple
- 0286. Pink
- 0287. Blended
- 0288. Bi-Color
- 0289. Variegated

Incurved

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0290. White
- 0291. Yellow

- 0292. Orange
- 0293. Red
- 0294. Lavender
- 0295. Purple
- 0296. Pink
- 0297. Blended
- 0298. Bi-Color
- 0299. Variegated

Lacinated

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0300. White
- 0301. Yellow
- 0302. Orange
- 0303. Red
- 0304. Lavender
- 0305. Purple
- 0306. Pink
- 0307. Blended
- 0308. Bi-Color
- 0309. Variegated

Ball

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom

- 0310. White
- 0311. Yellow
- 0312. Orange
- 0313. Red
- 0314. Lavender
- 0315. Purple

- 0316. Pink
- 0317. Blended
- 0318. Bi-Color
- 0319. Variegated

Miscellaneous (Miscellaneous includes—Waterlily, Peony, Anemone, Collarette, Single, Mignon, Orchid, Novelty)

The exhibit shall consist of 1 bloom,

- 0320. White
- 0321. Yellow
- 0322. Orange
- 0323. Red
- 0324. Lavender
- 0325. Purple
- 0326. Pink
- 0327. Blended
- 0328. Bi-Color
- 0329. Variegated

Open Cut Dahlias Miniature Blooms Division 0112

Premiums

- 1st - \$6.00
- 2nd - \$4.00
- 3rd - \$2.00
- Sweepstakes Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0340-0349

- 0340. White
- 0341. Yellow

- 0342. Orange
- 0343. Red
- 0344. Lavender
- 0345. Purple
- 0346. Pink
- 0347. Blended
- 0348. Bi-Color
- 0349. Variegated

Open Cut Dahlias Pompom Division 0113

Premiums

- 1st - \$6.00
- 2nd - \$4.00
- 3rd - \$2.00
- Sweepstakes Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0350-0359

- 0350. White
- 0351. Yellow
- 0352. Orange
- 0353. Red
- 0354. Lavender
- 0355. Purple
- 0356. Pink
- 0357. Blended
- 0358. Bi-Color
- 0359. Variegated

Open Dahlia Arrangements Division 0114

Premiums

- 1st – \$15.00
- 2nd – \$10.00
- 3rd – \$5.00
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

Classes 0365-0367

- 0365. “The Colorful Colorado State Fair”— Small design 18 inches or less in all directions using miniature dahlia blooms to reflect the “The Colorful Colorado State Fair”
- 0366. Mountain Majesty - An arrangement (any size) depicting the majestic Colorado mountains
- 0367. Colorado Sunset - A horizontal arrangement incorporating the colors of a Colorado sunset