

Jackson County Master Gardeners

2023 Fair Flower

‘Herbs’



New this year – The Doris Currier People’s Choice Award. The public will be invited to vote for their favorite Basket of Blooms entry in honor of our late friend, Doris Currier.

BASKET OF BLOOMS 2023

Entry: Monday, July 24, 2023

9:00am – 11:00am

Jackson County Fairgrounds

The Basket of Blooms contest is being organized and offered by the Jackson County Master Gardeners. Prize money of \$150 is compliments of the Jackson County Fair Association. Entry for the Basket of Blooms contest will be at **the east overhead door to Pearson Hall.** PLEASE USE THE EAST GATE ENTRANCE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS FROM HIGHWAY 62. This will allow for less traffic congestion at the west entrance. Watch for signs.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. The contest is open to any 4-H club, FFA chapter, civic club, church group, family (a great grandparent/grandchild project) or other organization as well as any individual, including garden club members and Master Gardeners. **NO COMMERCIAL ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
2. Flowers, plants, grasses, herbs must all be real but may be grown or purchased. All entries must be light-weight enough to be moved easily by one person. Large containers may be lightened by using Styrofoam in the bottom before adding soil and plants.
3. Additional accessories such as flags, plant sticks, figurines, etc. are acceptable.

4. Entries may not be removed until 7:00 am on Monday, July 31, 2023.
5. Entries may be used by the Master Gardeners organization for their entry in the fair parade and will be on display during the fair in Pearson Memorial Hall.
6. Judges will be selected by Master Gardeners.
7. Judges will be considering best use of texture, color, originality, creativity and condition of materials.
8. Please name plant varieties on the entry tag if possible. This adds to the educational aspect of the entry for the fairgoers.
9. Prize money will be awarded in each class if merited. An overall winner and reserve winner will be selected at the judges' discretion.
10. The 6 classes are as follows:
 - A. Any Container featuring the 2023 Fair flower – Herbs.
 1. Any kind of container may be used.
 2. One or more varieties of Herb(s) can be used. Many plants are classified as herbs, and any may be used in this contest.
 3. ONLY herbs may be used in this class. The actual number of plants depends on size of container and desire of the exhibitor.
 - B. Unique container
 1. Use your imagination for a container that is unusual for growing plants - suggestions are old purses, shells, shoes, tea kettle, etc.
 2. Plants used are the choice of the exhibitor. (See rule 2 above.)
 - C. Vintage – “Old –fashioned” flowers or old container (or both)
 1. Plants suggested are ones we found in our grandmother’s garden, such as nasturtiums, petunias, begonias, herbs, geraniums, mini-roses..
 2. Old or antique container, such as old wooden box, white enameled dish pan, etc.
 3. Be creative! Mix and match old containers and plants. (See rule 2 above)
 - D. Best foliage
 1. Any kind of container may be used
 2. Plants grown for their beautiful foliage should be used, such as coleus, caladium, mini-hostas.
 3. May use one variety or mixture of different varieties of plants.
 - E. Succulent Garden
 1. Any container featuring one or more succulents.
 2. Only succulents must be grown in the garden.
 3. Size should not exceed 24x24 inches.
 4. Examples of succulents are hen & chicks, aloe, small sedum, small cacti, jade, etc.
 - G. Junior class
 1. 12 years of age and under.
 2. Rules 1 through 9 apply.
 3. Entries can be from any of the classes listed above (A-F).
11. There is no limit to the number of entries an exhibitor can enter in any of the classes.
12. All reasonable caution is used to protect entries, but neither Jackson County Master Gardeners nor the Jackson County Fair board can be held responsible for theft or damages.
13. Questions about the contest may be directed to the Jackson County Extension Office at 563-652-4923