

FLOWER SHOW 2025  
Jackson County Fairgrounds  
Pearson Memorial Building  
Friday, July 25, 2025 through Sunday July 27, 2025

**CHAIRPERSON:** Joyce Ostert

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**RULES OF THE SHOW:**

1. Any amateur within Jackson County Trading area is eligible to enter. ADULTS 16 years or older may enter Classes 1 – 77 and Fair Flower Division. JUNIORS ages 6 – 15 may enter Classes 78 – 83.
2. All entrants must pay admission to gain entrance to the grounds. There is NO entry fees for exhibits.
3. Entries are accepted after 9:00am and must be **COMPLETED** by 11:00am on Friday, July 25. Use the South doors of Pearson Memorial Center to enter exhibits.
4. Entry tags and tally sheets will be available at the Fair Board Office prior to the fair and at the entry tables on Friday, July 25. The exhibitor must complete these before presenting the exhibits to the classifiers. Exhibitors must include the following information on their tally sheet: **NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, CELL PHONE NUMBER, AND COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXHIBITS THEY ARE ENTERING.** If you have any questions, please contact the Chairperson. After the exhibits are entered, they are the exclusive charge of the committee until after the show!
5. Exhibitors may enter all classes but only ONE entry per sub-class such as 1a, 1b, 1c, etc.
6. All horticultural exhibits must be grown for at least 60 days by the exhibitor. All specimens should be named if possible. This adds to the educational value of the show. The committee reserves the right to sub-divide any horticultural class. There must be at least 3 entries for an additional class.
7. The **MAXIMUM SIZE** of container is 16 in x 16 in length and width **IN ALL CLASSES EXCEPT FOR THE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST CLASS!**
8. Exhibitors must furnish clear glass containers, suitable for specimens. **NO WRITING OR LABELS** on glass containers. **DO NOT** place anything in the bottom of vases (for example: marbles). Use sturdy, disposable paper plates with owner's initials on the bottom side of plate of all exhibits.
9. All exhibits in the Design Division must be the work of the exhibitor, but plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor. Containers should be marked with the owner's name at the bottom. Reasonable care will be given, but the show committee will not be responsible for theft or breakage.
10. **NO ARTIFICIAL, PAINTED OR DYED** flowers or foliage permitted in **DESIGN DIVISION.**

11. **NO** noxious weeds permitted. Refer to the list for the State of Iowa which is available at the Extension Office.
12. Standard Flower Show Rules according to the handbook of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc will be used as guide.
13. All persons, except Judges, Chairperson and appointed assistance will be excluded while judging is taking place.
14. The decision by the judges will be final. The judge has the final decision over the classifiers and the right to disqualify any exhibit in any class. In case of no competition in any class, the judge's decision as to the award will be final.
15. Release time for exhibits is Monday, July 28 from 7:00am to Noon. If you are awarded premium money, please pick it up at this time. Exhibits taken before Monday at 7:00am will forfeit premium money. The management is not responsible for exhibits left on the fairgrounds after release hours.

**NEWSPAPER PHOTOS:** All purple and lavender ribbon winners are requested to be present. Please check the poster of winners on the wall to see if you need to be present. Photos will be taken at 2:00am on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in the flower show area inside Pearson Memorial Center.

### **AWARDS AND PREMIUMS**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded
- Blue ribbons receive \$3
- Red ribbons receive \$1.50
- Yellow ribbons receive no prize money
- Purple rosette will receive an additional \$2
- Lavendar rosette will receive an additional \$1
- Exhibits not worthy of placing will not be given a ribbon
- An aware will be given for the Best and Second-Best Flower Exhibit (Class 1 – 29); Best and Second-Best Potted Plant (Class 30-48); and Best and Second-Best Vegetable (Class 49-64). Best and Second-Best awards will also be given in the Design Division, Junior Division and Fair Flower Division.

## **HORTICULTURAL DIVISION**

### **SECTION 1: BLUBS, CORMS AND TUBEROUS (Please name varieties if possible)**

#### **Class 1: Gladiola – One Spike**

- a. White or near white
- b. Yellow
- c. Pink
- d. Red
- e. Lavendar

- f. Purple
- g. Blotched
- h. Color not listed – One Spike

**Class 2:** Dahlias – With or without leaf disbudded

- a. Large – over 6 inches – 1 bloom
- b. Medium – 4 – 6 inches – 1 bloom
- c. Small – less than 4 inches – 1 bloom

**Class 3:** Hardy Garden Lily

- a. Tiger Lily – 1 stalk
- b. Oriental Lily – 1 stalk
- c. Orienpet – 1 stalk
- d. Any other Lily – 1 stalk

**Class 4:** Calla Lily – 1 Bloom without leaves

**Class 5:** Tuberous Begonia – 1 Bloom with or without leaves

**Class 6:** Canna – 1 stalk

**Class 7:** Surprise Lily – 1 stalk

**SECTION II: ROSES**

**Class 8:** Hybrid Tea – 1 Bloom, grown disbudde3d

- a. Pink
- b. Red
- c. Peach
- d. White
- e. Yellow
- f. Lavendar
- g. Bicolor
- h. Any other color
- i. Orange

**Class 9:** Floribunda – 1 spray, any color

**Class 10:** Miniature – 1 spray, any color

**Class 11:** Shrub Rose or English Rose – 1 spray, any color

**Class 12:** Any other rose, 1 spray, any color

**SECTION III: ANNUALS**

**Class 13:** Asters

- a. 3 stems, same color

- b. 3 stems, any color

**Class 14:** Bells of Ireland – one stem with leaves attached

**Class 15:** Coleus – Slips

- a. 3 different varieties
- b. 3 of the same variety

**Class 16:** Calendulas – 3 stems, any color

**Class 17:** Marigolds

- a. Large orange – 1 bloom – 2 to 3 inches
- b. Large yellow – 1 bloom – 2 to 3 inches
- c. White or near white – 1 bloom – 1½ to 3 inches
- d. Small yellow – 1 spray blooms up to 1½ inches
- e. Small orange – 1 spray blooms up to 1½ inches

**Class 18:** Cosmos – 1 spray, any color

**Class 19:** Pansies

- a. 5 stems, one color
- b. 5 stems, mixed color

**Class 20:** Petunias

- a. Double – one spray, any color
- b. Single – one spray, any color
- c. Miniature – any color

**Class 21:** Snapdragons

- a. 3 spikes, same color
- b. 3 spikes, any color

**Class 22:** Zinnias – 1 bloom

- a. Cactus type
- b. Dahlia type
- c. Miniature
- d. Any other Zinnia

**Class 23:** Celosia

- a. Plume, one stem, any color
- b. Crested, one stem, any color

**Class 24:** Other Annual NOT listed above

- a. Any other annual – 3 specimens or 3 sprays, any color

- b. 1 Large

## **SECTION IV: PERENNIALS**

**Class 25:** Daisies – 3 blooms, uniform in size

- a. Shasta
- b. Rudbeckia
- c. Black eyed Susan
- d. Any other

**Class 26:** Gaillardia – 3 blooms, uniform in size

**Class 27:** Hemerocallis (Daylily)

- a. Pink/Rose
- b. Yellow/Gold
- c. Purple/Lavendar
- d. Red/Rust
- e. Double any color
- f. Miniature, any color
- g. Orange/Peach
- h. White/Cream
- i. Spider, any color
- j. Near Black/Burgandy

**Class 28:** Coneflower – 3 blooms, same color, uniform in size

**Class 29:** Other Perennial NOT listed above

- a. 1 stem, named if possible
- b. Collection of 3 varieties
- c. Collection of 5 varieties

## **SECTION V: POTTED PLANTS**

(SAME VARIETY IN ALL POTTED PLANTS) (NO ACCESSORIES IN ALL POTTED PLANTS)

**Flowering Plants in Bloom – more than one plant, same variety permitted in pot.**

**Class 30:** African Violets – Single Crown

- a. Single bloom
- b. Double bloom
- c. Variegated leaf

**Flowering Plants in Bloom – more than one plant, same variety permitted in pot**

**Class 31:** Begonias

- a. Angel Wing

- b. Wax
- c. Any other, named if possible

**Class 32:** Impatiens

**Class 33:** Geranium

**Class 34:** Any other flowering plant in bloom

**FOLIAGE PLANTS – any plant grown for its foliage. More than one plant, same variety permitted in pot.**

**Class 35:** Coleus

**Class 36:** Baby Tears

**Class 37:** Any other Foliage Plant

## **FERNS**

**Class 38:** Boston Fern

**Class 39:** Any Other Fern

## **CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS**

**Class 40:** Any cactus – more than one plant

**Class 41:** Cactus Dish – one or more plants permitted per container

**Class 42:** Any Succulent – one or more plants permitted per container

## **VINING PLANTS**

**Class 43:** Ivy

**Class 44:** Wandering Jew

**Class 45:** Any Other Vining Plant

## **HANGING CONTAINERS**

**Class 46:** Hanging Containers – more than one plant or variety permitted per container

## **ANY OTHER**

**Class 47:** Any other Container

- a. One plant or variety per container
- b. Grasses

## **SECTION VI: SHRUBS**

**Class 48:** Shrubs

- a. Hydrangea – 1 bloom, any other color

- b. Any other shrub – 1 bloom or spray

**SECTION VII: VEGETABLES (Name variety, if possible, clean and groomed, uniform in size)**

**Class 49:** Cabbage (Do not remove all outer leaves)

- a. Green
- b. Red

**Class 50:** Carrots – 3 specimens (foliage cut 1 to 1½ inches)

**Class 51:** Tomatoes – (leaves short stems)

- a. Red – 3 specimens, large
- b. Red – 3 specimens, miniature or salad type
- c. Any other color, 3 specimens (no green)

**Class 52:** Potatoes (Without soil but should not be washed)

- a. White – 3 specimens
- b. Red – 3 specimens
- c. Any other color – 3 specimens

**Class 53:** Cucumbers, with stems ¼ to ½ inch

- a. Pickling – 3 specimens
- b. Slicing – 3 specimens

**Class 54:** Sweet Peppers, with stem

- a. Green – 3 specimens
- b. Red - 3 specimens
- c. Hot peppers – 3 specimens
- d. Any color or variety – 3 specimens

**Class 55:** Beets – 3 specimens (Foliage cut to approximately 1½ inch)

**Class 56:** Squash, named, one specimen

- a. Zucchini
- b. Acorn
- c. Any other

**Class 57:** Sweet Corn – 2 ears with 2 inch wide strip of husk and silk removed (wrap in clear film)

**Class 58:** Onions – 3 specimens (short stem) (root trimmed ¼ to ½ inch) (dry onions)

- a. Red
- b. White
- c. Yellow

**Class 59:** Beans – 6 specimens

- a. Green
- b. Yellow
- c. Any other

**Class 60:** Any other Vegetables, NOT listed above

- a. Large – 1 specimen
- b. Small – 3 specimens

**Class 61:** Bountiful Harvest – an artistic grouping of fruits and/or vegetables (5 or more specimens – container maximum size is 24 inches in length and width)

**Class 62:** Novelty Vegetable – Largest, strangest, longest, anything unusual! Exhibitors choice.

**SECTION VIII: HERBS**

**Class 63:** Herbs

- a. Fresh cut – 1 Variety – 3 Stems
- b. Fresh cut – 3 or more stems of different varieties
- c. Potted plant – 1 variety

**SECTION IX: HEIRLOOM**

**Class 64:** Vegetable

- a. Any vegetable, must name variety – 3 specimens
- b. Large, 1 specimen

**DESIGN DIVISION: THEME “MONTH BY MONTH”**

Some plant material must be used in all designs. One or more accessories permitted in any class (for example, a figurine, candle, etc). Plant materials must dominate in Section I and Section II.

**NO POTTED PLANTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE DESIGN DIVISION**

**SECTION I: FRESH AND/OR DRIED ARRANGEMENT**

**Class 65:** January – “Winter Wonderland”

**Class 66:** February – “Valentine Tea” – An arrangement in a cup and saucer

**Class 67:** March – “St Patrick’s Day” – An all green arrangement

**Class 68:** April – “April Fools Day” – A free spirited design. Use your imagination

**SECTION II: FRESH PLANT MATERIAL**

**Class 69:** May – “May Flowers” – A design using mixed colored flowers



**Class 70:** June – “Here Comes the Bride” – Predominately white design

**Class 71:** July – “Independence Day” – A Red, White and Blue design

**Class 72:** August – “Lazy Days of Summer” – A design using an expanse of water

### **SECTION III: ALL DRIED MATERIALS**

**Class 73:** September – “School Days” – An arrangement using school themes

**Class 74:** October – “Halloween” – An arrangement in a basket

**Class 75:** November – “Bountiful Harvest” – An arrangement using grains

**Class 76:** December – “Christmas Blessings” – An arrangement using a religious theme

### **SECTION IV: FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

**Class 77:** Using fresh flowers from your flower garden. Use 3 – 5 varieties from your flower garden. Flower arrangements should be in a clear vase.

### **FLOWER OF THE FAIR “COLEUS”**

**A: Potted Coleus** – Maximum size of container is 16”

- a. Potted – 1 Color
- b. Potted – Variety of Colors

**B: Coleus** – Slips

- a. 3 different varieties
- b. 3 or the same variety

**C: Design** – Using Coleus ONLY

**D: Hanging Container** - Maximum size of container is 16”

- a. Same variety in hanging container
- b. Different varieties in hanging containers

### **JUNIOR DIVISION: AGES 6 – 15**

**Class 78:** A bouquet of 3 or more flowers

**Class 79:** A comical character using fruits or vegetables

**Class 80:** “Flowers”

- a. Large flower – one stem or spray
- b. Small flower – one stem or spray

**Class 81:** “Vegetables” – name varieties

- a. Plate of 3 – all of one variety
- b. Plate of 3 – different varieties
- c. 1 Large Vegetable
- d. Novelty Vegetable – Largest, strangest, longest, anything unusual!

**Class 82:** Any design: Fresh and/or dried Flowers

**“DESIGN A PICTURE”**

**Class 83:** Design a picture using seeds or grains. Display on 8½ x 11 cardboard. Use only natural color. NO DYE OR PAINT!

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ENTRY TAG

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