

# 2018 FLOWER AND GARDEN EXPO

## ***Flowers Round the World***

### **ADULT AMATEUR HORTICULTURE (AAH) AND**

### **ADULT AMATEUR ARTISTIC (AAA) DIVISIONS**

#### **General Rules**

- AAA and AAH Classes are open to the public, adults 14 years of age as of 08/3/18.
- All forms are available at [www.newjerseystatefair.org](http://www.newjerseystatefair.org) or the fair office.
- All entries must be pre-registered with an entry fee no later than July 20.
- No plants listed on the USDA <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/main.shtml> invasive plant list should be used. **Points deducted if used.**
- Exhibitors must **check-in at REGISTRATION TABLE - Procedure will be posted day of Show.** Doors open at 8 AM. A Flower Show representative places all entries (AAH) Horticulture. Artistic (AAA) arrangements, the exhibitor can assist in placement.
- The Flower Show Committee is not responsible for any exhibits or ribbons left after the designated removal time. No ribbons will be held.

#### **ADULT AMATEUR HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AAH RULES**

- Entry fee for AAH \$5.00 for the first 15 entries (cut flowers and/or potted plants) and \$5.00 for each additional 15 entries, only one entry per class. **Exhibitors with 15 or more entries can receive their entry tags prior to the Show 8/3/18 by contacting Maureen Greiner at [thegreiners@msn.com](mailto:thegreiners@msn.com)**
- All entries **must be grown** by the exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least two months. Plants entered as “flowering plants” should be in flower at time of entry for optimal judging.
- **Classes 340, Master Gardener Class** accepted in the Conservatory Friday, **8/3 8-10 A.M.**
- **Classes 20–330**, cut flowers/potted plants, accepted in the *Conservatory* Tuesday, **8/7 8-10 A.M.** Gate 1 will be open for drop-off.
- Cut flowers **Classes 20-195** must be **removed by Thursday, August 9th** prior to 3:00. **Potted plants** will remain on display until **Sunday, August 12th**, close of fair.
- Clear vases and bubble wrap/plastic wrap will be provided by the Flower Show Committee.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, August 7th. Decisions of judges are final. Judging conforms with National Garden Club criteria; points taken away from any entry not in conformance with General and Division rules.

#### ***AAH Judging Criteria Rules***

- Flower sizes are: **small – less than 2”**; **medium – 2” – 3 ½”**; **large – over 3 ½”** except for **dahlias and sunflowers.**
- All lily pollen should be removed, keep anther
- No foliage should be below the water line of cut specimens except for gladiolus.
- Bubble wrap should not extend above the rim of the vase.
- Accessories permitted, only where indicated. Flowers may not be altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.
- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1st Place, red ribbon for 2nd Place, and yellow ribbon for 3rd Place. There will be no ties. Deciding points will be awarded for nomenclature (labeling) and/or uniqueness.
- Classes 20 – 330 Awards will be: 1st \$15, 2nd \$7.50, 3rd \$3.75
- Best in Show premium of \$50 will be awarded to one entry selected from the first-place entries in: Cut Flowers, classes 20-195 and Potted Plants, classes 200-330 (Flowering, Foliage, and Mixed).
- Class 340 Master Gardener Awards 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$12.50

## Cut Flower – Annuals Classes

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flower</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Display</b>	<b>Additional Clarification</b>
21	Zinnia	Small	Single stem	Less than 2"
23	Zinnia	Medium	Single stem	Between 2" and 3"
25	Zinnia	Large	Single stem	Over 3 1/2"
33	Marigold	Small	Single stem	Less than 2"
36	Marigold	Medium	Single stem	Between 2" and 3"
38	Marigold	Large	Single stem	Over 3 1/2"
41	Geranium		Single stem	Pelargonium
60	Annuals		Collection	3 different species
70	Sunflower	Large	Single stem	Yellow, less than 6"
71	Sunflower	Large	Single stem	Non-yellow, less than 6"
73	Sunflower	Giant	Single stem	Yellow, 6" and larger
74	Sunflower	Giant	Single stem	Non-yellow, 6" and larger
85	Snapdragon		Single stem	
90	Cleome		Single stem	
95	Cosmos		Single stem	
97	Celosia		Single stem	
99	Any annual or biennial other than above		Single stem	Rarity encouraged

## Cut Flowers – Perennials/Shrubs Classes

<b>Class</b>	<b>Specimen</b>	<b>Display</b>	<b>Additional Clarification</b>
100	Perennials	Collection	3 different varieties
103	Perennials	Collection	Same variety 3 different colors
104	Native	Collection	3 Diff, Named, bonus if botanical
107	Bee balm	Single stem	Monarda
109	Daylilies	Single stem	Hemerocallis
110A	Hydrangea	Single stem	Paniculata (conical)
110B	Hydrangea	Single stem	Macrophylla (big leaf)
111	Other hydrangeas	Single stem	
112	Phlox	Single stem	Cultivated non-invasive
113	Cone flower	Single stem	Echinacea
114	Yarrow	Single stem	Achillea (cultivated non-invasive)
115	Black-eyed Susan	Single stem	Rudbeckia
130	Rose	Single stem	Tea
131	Rose	Single stem	Minature
132	Rose	Single stem	Any other

## **Cut Flowers – Bulbs/Tubers/Corms Classes**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flower</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Display</b>
151	Gladiolus	White or cream	Single stem
152	Gladiolus	Yellow or orange	Single stem
153	Gladiolus	Salmon or pink	Single stem
154	Gladiolus	Rose or red	Single stem
155	Gladiolus	Any other color	Single stem
160	Cannas	Any	Single stem
165	Calla	Any	Single stem
171	Dahlia	Any	Small, less than 6"
173	Dahlia	Any	Med, 6" to less than 8"
174	Dahlia	Any	Large, 8" to less than 10"
175	Dahlia	Any	Giant, 10" and larger
195	Any other	Any	Rarity encouraged

## **Potted – Flowering Plants Classes**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Specimen</b>	<b>Additional Clarification</b>
200	House plant	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
210	African Violet	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
230	Annuals	Hanging basket, 3 or more varieties with 12" diameter
240	Annuals	Window Box 3' x 12" - 3 or more varieties
250	Annuals	3 or more varieties, for display on a 12" x 12" pedestal planted in a creative container

## **Potted – Foliage Plants Classes**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Specimen</b>	<b>Additional Clarification</b>
260	House plant	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
280	Herbs	Labeled, 3 or more varieties 10" diameter container or less
285	Caladium	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
287	Coleus	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
295	Succulents	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
300	Perennial	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container

## **Potted – Mixed Foliage and/or Flowering Plants Classes**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Specimen</b>	<b>Additional Clarification</b>
310	Dish Garden	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
320	Outdoor container	Labeled, displayed on floor
330	Terrarium with lid	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container

## MASTER GARDENER CLASS RULES

### Class 340

### *It's a Small World After All*

#### ***A small hanging container featuring 3 or more varieties of succulents to be viewed from all sides.***

- Please review the AAH - *Adult Amateur Horticulture division* and General Show Rules. Complete schedule is available at [www.newjerseystatefair.org](http://www.newjerseystatefair.org)
- A sphere-shaped container or form up to 12" in diameter.
- Sphagnum moss or other medium is allowed for holding the plants onto the container.
- Provide a way for the container or form (entry) to be hung. There will be wire on the arbor, at eye level, on which to attach the container.
- Class 340 is open to all Rutgers Master Gardeners and Rutgers Master Gardener interns from any county.
- Entries will hang in the Arbor for the entire 10 days of the Show.
- Judging will be from all sides
- Entries in Class 340 for will be accepted in the Conservatory **Thursday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-7 pm** or **Friday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8-10 AM** and remain until 8/13.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Decision of judges is final.
- Judging conforms with National Garden Club criteria; points taken away from any entry not in conformance with General and Division rules.
- The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is clearly not in conformance with the rules.

## ADULT AMATEUR ARTISTIC DIVISION – AAA RULES

- Entry fee for AAA is \$5.00 for unlimited entries however, only one entry per class.
- Accessories permitted; flowers may not be altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.
- Entries will be accepted in the **Conservatory on Friday, August 10th**. Gate 1 will be open for entry and drop-off.
- Entries must be **removed Sunday, August 13th at close of fair**.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM Friday, August 11th. Decision of judges is final. Judging will generally be according to National Garden Club criteria. The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is clearly not in conformance with the rules.
- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, red ribbon for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and yellow ribbons for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Deciding points will be awarded for nomenclature and/or uniqueness.
- **Classes 8 –13** Awards will be" 1<sup>st</sup> \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$12.50
- A **Best in Show** premium of \$75 will be awarded to only one entry selected from all first place entries in Classes 8 –13.

## **AAA CLASSES:**

### **Class 8: *English Cottage Garden***

An arrangement of *home grown* flowers in *your choice of container* with a diameter no larger than 10 inches.

### **Class 9: *Luck of the Irish***

An arrangement of white and green flowers in a *Pot of Gold*. Container diameter no larger than 10 inches.

### **Class 10: *Parisian Flower Market***

An arrangement of flowers, in a *basket*, evoking a feeling of a fresh bouquet from a Paris market. 3 or more varieties basket diameter no larger than 10 inches

### **Class 11: *Tuscan Vineyard***

A *display in a pair of wine glasses* showing contrast between dark and light flowers. To be displayed on a base (of any material), no larger than 10 inches x 10 inches.

### **Class 12: *Zen Garden***

A *display evoking the calm of a Japanese Rock Garden with a water feature*. Display measurement at base no larger than 10 inches x 10 inches.

### **Class 13: *It's a Small, Small World***

A **miniature** arrangement in a *pedestal style* container, no taller than 10 inches in total, depicting the world as a globe featuring blue, green, and white flowers.

## Definitions

**Annual:** A plant that completes its entire life cycle from seed germination to seed production in one season in our zone.

**Appropriateness of all Components:** The plants used are environmentally suited and have similar cultural requirements.

**Artistic Concept:** Selection and organization of all components in the display. Appropriateness of components and their placement for design type if applicable.

**Bulb/Tuber/Corm:** A thickened bud with fleshy scales, usually growing below ground, as in onion, narcissus, tulip; or with narrow separate scales as in the lily.

**Color:** Bright, fresh, harmonious. Degree of clarity of foliage, flowers, and stems.

**Color Harmony:** A pleasing combination of colors.

**Collection:** A collection consists of three flowers, one blossom on each stem: (1) three flowers, one of each different variety or (2) three flowers of the same variety but three distinctly different colors.

**Condition:** Healthy, blemish free (e.g. damage due to insects, disease, physiological, mechanical problems); neither immature nor past prime.

**Conformity to Rules:** Complies with all rules (overall rules and rules for its class).

**Creativity:** An original concept in the selection and organization of all components. This can apply to the choice of materials or the manner of usage.

**Cultural Perfection:** The quality compared to the standard for a variety in terms of criteria such as color, form, substance & texture, size, etc.

**Design:** Design Principles (Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Scale, Rhythm (each awarded seven points) are applied to the Design Elements (Line, Form, Color, Texture, Pattern, Size, Space, Light).

**Distinction:** Superiority in all respects. Exceptionally fine design negates minor faults. Moderate to major faults negatively affect Distinction. Degree of distinction is evident in craftsmanship, use of mechanics, and condition of all components.

**Expression:** Interpretation of class title or theme through the component/s or design element/s.

**Floriferousness:** The abundance of flowers on an entire plant; a proportionate number of blooms for the size of the specimen.

**Foliage:** Amount according to type, proportional to stem, positioning on stem, if applicable.

**Form:** Balanced, appropriate to type; flowers & foliage balanced for flowering specimens. This applies to contour of individual parts or components as well as to the contour of whole plant or design.

**Grooming:** This applies to all preparations that the exhibitor can control such as stem length, clean cut, foliage removed below water level, cleanliness, insects and presentation. No salt residue on potted plants.

**Harmony:** A consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts.

**Invasive** A plant that is both non-native and able to establish on many sites, grow quickly, and spread to the point of disrupting plant communities or ecosystems.

**Native:** A plant that occurs naturally in our region without direct or indirect human intervention.

**Perennial:** A plant which lives for three or more years and after reaching maturity typically produces flowers and seeds each year. Perennials are classified as herbaceous if the top dies to the ground each winter, and as woody if the top persists as in shrubs and trees.

**Plant Identification:** A legible identification of genus, species, and cultivar, as appropriate

**Rarity:** Significant difference from other entries in its uniqueness and singularity.

**Size:** Ideal for type, average or slightly above.

**Stem:** May consist of multiple flowers

**Substance:** Tissue structure, firmness or thickness.

**Texture:** The quality of the surface structure, such as rough, smooth, dull, or shiny.

**Textural Contrast:** A pleasing combination of different textures.

**Tricolor:** Three distinct colors; no tints or shades.

**Unity:** The placement of elements to create a unified whole.

**THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW**

**2018 FLOWER AND GARDEN EXPO**  
**ADULT AMATEUR ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Total AAH Entries \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 AAH Fee per 15 Entries \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total AAA Entries \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 AAA Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form with payment to:

New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show  
PO Box 600  
Augusta, NJ 07822

General questions can be directed to the fair office @ (973) 948-5500  
Flower Show Question to Maureen Greiner  
call (973) 222-6399 or email [thegreiners@msn.com](mailto:thegreiners@msn.com)

I have read and agree to the rules and regulations as set forth by the Flower Show Committee. I furthermore agree to leave my exhibit(s) on display in accordance with the rules. I understand that premiums will be mailed to me within ten days of judging. Ribbons must be picked up by exhibitors.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ACCOMPANYING PAGES  
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**ADULT AMATEUR HORTICULTURE DIVISION - AAH**

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	109	Daylilies	Single stem	Hemerocallis
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	114	Yarrow	Single stem	Achillea
	115	Black-eyed Susan	Single stem	Rudbeckia
	130	Rose	Single stem	Tea
	131	Rose	Single stem	Miniature
	132	Rose	Single stem	Any other
	<b>Total Perennials and or Shrubs Entries</b>			



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	173	Dahlia	Any	Medium, 6" to less than 8"
	174	Dahlia	Any	Large, 8" to less than 10"
	175	Dahlia	Any	Giant, 10" and larger
	182	Lily/lillium	Other	Single stem
	195	Any other	Any	Rarity encouraged

#### **Total Bulbs/Tubers/Corms Entries**

### Potted – Flowering Plants

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#### **Total Flowering Plants Entries**

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#### **Total Foliage Plants Entries**

### Potted – Mixed Foliage and/or Flowering Plants

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	310	Dish Garden	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
	320	Outdoor Container	Labeled, a floor display
	330	Terrarium with lid	Labeled, 10" diameter or less container
	340	Master Gardener	Hanging Sphere 12' diameter or less

#### **Total Mixed Plants Entries**

## **ADULT AMATEUR ARTISTIC DIVISION - AAA**

<b>Check Entry</b>	<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Additional Clarification</b>
	8	English Cottage Garden	An arrangement of home grown flowers in your choice of container 10" diameter or less
	9	Luck of the Irish	An arrangement of white and green flowers in a Pot of Gold. Container 10" diameter or less
	10	Parisian Flower Market	An arrangement, in a basket, of flowers with the look of a fresh bouquet from a Paris market. 3 or more varieties. Basket 10" diameter or less
	11	Tuscan Vineyard	A display in a pair of wine glasses showing contrast between dark and light flowers. Display measurement a base no larger than 10" x 10" to be placed on a shelf.
	12	Zen Garden	A display evoking the calm of a Japanese Rock Garden with a water feature. Display measurement at base no larger than 10" x 10" to be placed on a shelf.
	13	It's a Small, Small World	A miniature arrangement in an Urn style container, no taller than 10 inches in total, depicting the world as a globe featuring blue, green, and white flowers.
	<b>Total AAA Entries</b>		