

**HAMILTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY FAIR
FLOWER SHOW
STRICKER'S GROVE
HORTICULTURE SCHEDULE
JULY 8-JULY 11, 2026**

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Stricker's Grove Exhibit Hall
11490 Hamilton Cleves Road
Hamilton, OH 45013

**ENTRY TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
8:30am to 11:00am**

GENERAL RULES
**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE RULES
CAREFULLY**

1. ONLY NON-PROFESSIONAL FLOWER GROWERS MAY ENTER CLASSES IN THIS DEPARTMENT.
2. All exhibitors must purchase entry tags to exhibit. \$10 for up to 20 entry tags, includes one admission to the Fair. These may be purchased in advance from committee members and will be available on the day of entry.
3. An entry tag must be completely filled out and attached or placed with each design and attached to each specimen in horticulture. An exhibitor may enter one of each of the classes in Design and Botanical Arts and more than one per class in Horticulture if specimen is different species, color, variety, etc.
4. EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 8. Entries arriving after that time will not be judged and will be placed in

an Exhibition Only Section. Only judges and committee members allowed in exhibit area after 11:00 a.m. Decision of the judges is final. Awards will not be given unless merited.

6. All entries must remain and not be removed before **SATURDAY, JULY 11 AFTER 9PM.** Entries may also be picked up **SUNDAY, JULY 12 8AM-11AM.** Entry tag stubs must be presented for removal of exhibits on Saturday or Sunday. Premiums will be available at pick-up.

Invasive and noxious weeds may not be entered in Horticulture. A list is available at <http://www.oipc.info/>. Endangered species may be entered only if grown by the exhibitor and so stated on the horticulture entry tag or on a 3"x5" index card to be placed with the design. To see a list: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/plants-trees/rare-plants>

HORTICULTURE DIVISION I RULES

1. All potted plants and cut specimens must be grown by the exhibitor (a specimen is a single bloom, spike, stalk, stem, or spray of plant material) and should be correctly labeled as to name and variety.
2. The committee reserves the right to subdivide classes. Classification chairman decides placement of exhibit.
3. Cut specimens to be displayed in clear, non-colored glass bottles, furnished by the Exhibitor. Labeled bottles are not acceptable.
4. No diseased or bug infested entries will be accepted. No oiling or foreign substance allowed on foliage. No foliage permitted below the water line. (EXCEPT GLADS). Wedging material will be available.
5. Collections (Classes 31 - 34) must be in separate containers grouped by a mat, plate, ribbon etc. This is one entry on one tag. Plates will be available.
6. Exhibitor may enter more than one entry per class if each is a different variety, type, or color. Enter distinguishing characteristic (e.g., variety name) on entry tag. Classification Chairman determines placement when questionable.

CUT SPECIMENS

SECTION A: ANNUALS

ANNUALS GROWN FOR FLOWERS, must be in bloom
Length of stem in proportion to bloom size, with foliage if attached to bloom stem.

- Class 1. *Lantana*
- Class 2. *Petunia*
- Class 3. *Tagetes* (Marigold)
 - a. Dwarf French - SPRAY
 - b. Dwarf French - ONE STEM
 - c. Tall African - ONE STEM
- Class 4. *Zinnia*
- Class 5. Any other flowering annual

ANNUALS GROWN FOR FOLIAGE

- Class 6. *Plectranthus*, Coleus, one stem
- Class 7. Any other **ANNUAL** grown for its foliage

SECTION B: FLOWERING PERENNIALS

Length of stem in proportion to bloom size, with foliage if attached to bloom stem.

- Class 8. *Asclepias* (Milkweed)
- Class 9. *Echinacea* (Coneflower)
- Class 10. *Leucanthemum* (Shasta Daisy)
- Class 11. *Monarda* (Bee Balm)
- Class 12. *Rosa*
 - a. Grandiflora
 - b. Hybrid Tea
 - c. Miniature
 - d. Shrub (including Knockout)
- Class 13. Any other flowering perennial

SECTION C: PERENNIAL GROWN FOR FOLIAGE

- Class 14. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells)
- Class 15. *Hosta*
 - a. Miniature (up to and including 1" across)
 - b. Small (over 1" and up to and including 3" across)
 - c. Medium (over 3" and up to and including 6" across)
 - d. Large (over 6" and up to and including 8" across)
 - e. Extra Large (over 8" across)
- Class 16. *Pteridophyta* (ferns, fern allies)
 - a. Miniature
 - b. Standard
- Class 17. Any other perennial grown for foliage.

SECTION D: BULBS, RHIZONES, TUBERS

BULBS, RHIZONES, TUBERS grown for Blooms (Classes 18-24)

Class 18. *Allium*

Class 19. *Dahlia* disbudded over 2" across

Class 20. *Dahlia* up to 2"

a. one stem disbudded

b. one spray

Class 21. *Gladiolus* one spike, laterals removed

Class 22. *Heimerocallis* (Daylily)

Class 23. *Lilium*

Class 24. Any other flowering stem grown from a bulb, rhizome, or tuber

BULBS, RHIZONES, TUBERS grown for Foliage

Class 25. *Caladium* one leaf

SECTION E: BRANCHES

Maximum length not to exceed 30" and minimum length 12".

Flowering Branches, must be in bloom

Class 26. *Hydrangea*

a. *H. arborescens* (white, Annabelle)

b. *H. quercifolia* (Oakleaf)

c. *H. macrophylla* (pink, blue, color)

d. Other (Panicle, tree, climbing)

Class 27. Any other flowering branch. i.e., *Spirea*

Branches grown for berries or foliage

Class 28. Berried branch, i.e., Holly

Class 29. Branch grown for foliage

Class 30. Needled evergreen

SECTION F: CUT SPECIMEN COLLECTIONS

A Collection is one stem each of five different named cut specimens in separate glass containers. (Rule #5)

Class 31. Flowering Annuals

Class 32. Flowering Perennials

Class 33. Perennials Grown for Foliage

a. *Heuchera*

b. *Hosta*

c. Any other perennial grown for foliage

Class 34. Herb Collection

a. Culinary

b. Medicinal

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

Sections G and H: One plant in a container **no larger than 8"** in diameter or width. Correct scientific name must be given: Binomial and cultivar, if applicable. Bonsai not accepted. Plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor for the last three months.

SECTION G: FLOWERING HOUSE PLANTS

Class 35. *Anthurium*

Class 36. Orchids

Class 37. *Saintpaulia* (African Violets)

Class 38. Any other flowering house plant

SECTION H: FOLIAGE HOUSE PLANTS

Class 39. *Begonia*

Class 40. Cactus

Class 41. Fern

Class 42. Succulent other than Cactus

Class 43. Any other house plant grown for foliage

SECTION I: COMBINATION PLANTINGS

Section I: Combination planters must have **3 or more different plants** grown together in the exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks, in a container no larger than 15" in diameter or width.

A 3" x 5" card must accompany each entry stating the scientific (binomial) names and diagram location of each plant. All accessories must be naturalistic, "*fairy*" or *themed gardens are not permitted in horticulture.*

Class 44. Dish Garden

– Miniature landscape in an open low-volume container.

Class 45. Terrarium

– Miniature landscape in a transparent container.

Class 46. Planter

– Grouping of plants in a container, not a landscape.

PREMIUMS for ADULT HORTICULTURE: Awarded for 1st to 3rd Place, if Merited

Classes 1-30: \$3.00 \$2.00 \$1.00

Classes 31-46: \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

SECTION J: JUNIOR EXHIBITORS 18 OR YOUNGER

CLOVERBUDS Ages 5-8 years

Class 47. Cut stems

Class 48. Potted plants - Maximum width of pot 10"

JUNIORS Ages 9-13 years

Class 49. Cut stems

Class 50. Potted plants - Maximum width of pot 10"

SENIORS Ages 14-18 years

Class 51. Cut stems

Class 52. Potted plants - Maximum width of pot 10"

PREMIUMS for YOUTH HORTICULTURE

Awarded for 1st to 3rd Place, if Merited
Classes 47 - 52: \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

One Best of Show will be awarded in both the Adult and Junior Horticulture Divisions

This show will be judged by Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges

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