

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

General Chairs:

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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 DESIGNERS 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 are allowed in the exhibit area after 11:00 a.m.

5. 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>

**DIVISION RULES for
DESIGN and BOTANICAL ARTS**

1. Plant material may be obtained from any source. It does not have to be grown by the exhibitor. Fresh plant material may never be dyed or colored. Artificial (silk, plastic, etc.), is NEVER permitted. All designs may use fresh and/or dried plant material unless otherwise stated in the schedule as "all dried" or "all fresh".

2. One entry permitted in each design class. Entries must follow classes as listed in the schedule.

3. Fresh fruit and vegetables may be included in designs but must not be cut.

4. Contrived flowers of recognizable plant material are permitted.

5. Religious symbols used must be displayed in a respectable manner and in accordance with the policies of local religious organizations.

6. American flags and other national flags,

landscape, or scenes, and living members of the animal kingdom are not permitted.

7. The committee reserves the right to place exhibits for the best staging. Classification Chairman will check your entry for conformance before you leave.

8. The Committee cannot be responsible for damage to, or loss of, properties. Address label on underside of container is recommended.

9. TABLE DESIGNS: All items on tables must remain for the duration of the show. All components, including flatware, are used at your own risk.

All plant material used in the Design and Botanical Arts Divisions must be identified on a 3" by 5" card, provided by the exhibitor, and included with the entry tag. Does not have to be scientific plant name, common names are sufficient.

Scale of Points

1st place, blue ribbon – 90 pts or more

2nd place, red ribbon – 85 or above

3rd place, white ribbon – 80 or above

4th place, yellow ribbon – 75 or above

***PREMIUMS for DESIGNS, BOTANICAL ARTS,
and YOUTH DIVISIONS:***

Awarded for 1st to 4th Place, if Merited

Designs 1-6: \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

Designs 7-13 \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00

Botanical Arts: \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00

Youth 1-3: \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

***One Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded in
both the Design and Youth Divisions***

This show will be judged by Nationally Accredited
Flower Show Judges.

**PICK UP ON SATURDAY, JULY 11 AFTER 9PM
OR SUNDAY, JULY 12 8AM-11AM**

“The United States of America – The First 250 Years”

DESIGN DIVISION II

Design Classes 1-6 require reservations with Carol Johnson 513-521-6740.
Designer’s Choice of Plant Material.

Class 1. **“CAMPFIRE BREAKFAST”**
Breakfast for one. Requires appointments for one setting with decorative unit (centerpiece). To be placed on ¼ of a round 6 ft. table. No background. Reservations required.

Class 2. **“TEA CHINATOWN TEA HOUSE”**
Still Life Design. A traditional or creative non-abstract grouping of functional and realistic objects and plant material with a theme. Objects are more dominant and more important to the theme than plant material. Plant material may or may not represent a floral design. Space allotted 30” deep x 30” width. Reservations required.

Class 3. **“PICNIC AT CADES COVE”**
Functional Table for two. Card table supplied by committee is 32” square covered with a white tablecloth to the floor. Table may be covered. No background. Reservations required.

Class 4. **“THE COTTON GIN”** Designer’s choice of design type to be staged on black free standing pedestals 2’ x 2’ x 3’ high. May be viewed from all sides. Reservations required.

Class 5. **“THE ELECTRIC LIGHTBULB”**
Design staged behind a wooden frame, 10” high by 8” wide. Design size must not exceed frame. Reservations required.

Class 6 **“FIRST MICROCHIP”** Free standing in a mirrored alcove provided by committee, no larger than 10” high by 10” wide, reflected on all sides. Reservations required.

Classes 7-13 are Open Classes; no reservation is required. Fresh and/or dried material unless otherwise indicated. Will be staged on tables in front of a wall. Class 8-13 should be no wider than 20”.

Class 7. **“KENNEDY SPACE CENTER”**
Miniature design not exceeding 5” in all directions.

Class 8. **“PETRIFIED FOREST”** A design using all dried plant material.

Class 9. **“NATIONAL HERB GARDEN”** A design using some herbs.

Class 10. **“VICTORY GARDENS”** A design using some fruits and/or vegetables.

Class 11. **“MT. RUSHMORE”** A design using some roadside plant material.

Class 12 **“MUIR WOODS”** A design incorporating wood.

Class 13. **“HOOVER DAM”** A design showing water.

BOTANICAL ARTS DIVISION III

Classes 1-2 require reservations with Carol Johnson 513-521-6740.

Class 1. **“AMERICAN REVOLUTION”** A collage using plant and non-plant materials, no larger than 12” in any direction. Will be staged on wire racks, must include hook or loop for hanging. Reservations required.

Class 2. **“APPALACHIAN TRAIL”**
Decorated walking shoe. Designer’s choice

of plant materials. Staged on a black free standing pedestal. Reservations required.

YOUTH DIVISION IV

Youth Chair: Stephane Tumlin
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Rules: Entries in the Youth Division follow the same rules as stated for the Design and Botanical Arts Divisions.

Class 1. **“4H: HEAD, HEART, HEALTH”**
Animals made from fruits, vegetables, and other plant materials, not to exceed 12” in any direction.

- a. Cloverbuds (ages 5-8 years)
- b. Juniors (ages 9-13 years)
- c. Seniors (ages 14-18 years)

Class 2. **“CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS”** Theme Gardens. A theme garden is a planter that includes potted plants with accessories that interpret the theme. Planter size not to exceed 12” in diameter or width.

- a. Cloverbuds (ages 5-8 years)
- b. Juniors (ages 9-13 years)
- c. Seniors (ages 14-18 years)

Class 3. **“AAA AMERICAN AUTO ASSOCIATION”** Photography Exhibits. Photos should be no larger than 8” by 10”, matted, and ready to be hung with wire or hook attached. To be displayed on wire racks.

- a. Cloverbuds (ages 5-8 years)
- b. Juniors (ages 9-13 years)
- c. Seniors (ages 14-18 years)