

## DEPARTMENT – I-20 – Plants and Flowers

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A 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled in a plant-type project or a member of the Carroll County 4-H Horticulture Club or enrolled in Horticulture studies in the Vocational Agriculture program.

Entries must be completed online at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com). Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

**Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.**

### RULES AND REGULATIONS – Plants and Flowers Department

1. Exhibitors must know prior to coming to enter their exhibit what kind of flowers they are entering in the Plants and Flowers Department. Please identify exhibit on the entry tag. Entries may be disqualified if not identified properly. Consider using permanent markers to identify exhibits.
2. Do not enter flowers in a valuable container. Homegrown blooms should be displayed in a clear, inexpensive container (glass or plastic). Size of bottle should be in proportion to the size of flower blooms (example: baby food jar for small marigolds; largest clear disposable non-refundable bottle for gladiolus). NO paper or foam cups. If a bucket is used, a liner must be within the bucket, so water does not leak.
3. All entry tags are to be placed in a provided plastic plant tag holder. Plant tag holders and water will be available the day of entries on a workstation.
4. Accents of dried or fresh plant material or artificial material may be used in arrangements, corsages, and bud vases regardless of the material required for the class, (Dried Baby's Breath may be used in fresh arrangements and accents such as birds, bows, etc., make a secondary subordinate contribution to the design, and must not be a major focal point of the design).
5. All houseplants are to be exhibited in soil. Containers should not be larger than 12" in diameter. No cans may be used as containers.
6. All exhibitors are responsible for disposal of their exhibits if a plant looks unhealthy or unappealing the superintendent has the authority to remove and will store the container and entry tag in a designated location to be picked up at fair entry pick up. Failure to pick up entries may result in premiums being withheld.
7. Plants must be kept watered by the exhibitor. If assistance required, please see superintendent.
8. Exhibitors may enter only **one** exhibit per class.
9. Exhibits in House Plants classes should be in pots and not with hangers. For example: Classes 35 for Philodendron; if a hanging pot is used – exhibit should be entered in class 41.
10. Houseplants, terrariums, and dish gardens should have been established in the pot or container at least one month.
11. Annuals are flowers that start as a seed and complete its life cycle in one year, no woody plant material. Plants entered that do not follow this guideline will be disqualified.
12. PLEASE CHECK PLANTS CAREFULLY. Any insect or diseased plants will be disqualified and be sent home.
13. Only one kind of plant in the pot – except for dish garden, terrarium, hanging baskets and outdoor display.
14. No foil should be used around the pot. Pot must be scrubbed and clean.

15. Project Record Sheets are HIGHLY encouraged. Project Records are an important aspect to complete any project area a 4-H member has participated in throughout the year. These records showcase what a 4-Her has accomplished in their projects. Bring your plant and flower project record sheet along with your exhibits to the Fair. Plant & Flower exhibits will be accepted without this record sheet. See Section 8 for NEW class. Records sheets will be judged based on completeness to date of entry.
16. Premiums – Class Champion - \$5; Blue Award - \$4.; Red Award - \$3.75; White Award - \$3.50

### Section 001- Home Grown Flowers

In the home-grown flower classes where there is more than one stem entered in the individual classes, all flower colors, whether the flower is one color or bicolor, should be identical to one another within that class and the flower be uniform in size. (Example: If you enter a bi-color marigold, all the marigolds within that class should also be bi-color.) Definition – disbudded – should be only one flower at the tip of the stem and all others along the stem should have been removed. All flowers should be labeled with variety name on the entry tag (see #1 above).

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Aster, 3 blooms-same variety & color
1002	2002	3002	Gladiolus, one spike – no side shoots – with two or more stem leaves attached.
1003	2003	3003	Marigold – Small flowering solid yellow color, under 1.5" (3 bloom same variety)
1004	2004	3004	Marigold – Orange color under 1.5" (3 blooms same variety)
1005	2005	3005	Marigold – small flowering multicolored, under 1.5" (3 blooms same variety)
1006	2006	3006	Petunia – (3 blooms same variety)
1007	2007	3007	Petunia – double—one variety–foliage attached– three stems–shown as grown naturally.
1008	2008	3008	Zinnia– one bloom-miniature variety 1 ½ " or less
1009	2009	3009	Zinnia –Cactus type – spiked petals (3 blooms same variety)
1010	2010	3010	Zinnia –Non-miniature y – over 1 ½" in diameter (1 bloom same variety)
1011	2011	3011	Dahlia – Small, under 2" (3 blooms, same variety)
1012	2012	3012	Dahlia – Medium 2" to 6" (3 blooms, same variety)
1013	2013	3013	Rose – any variety-1 stem.
1014	2014	3014	Perennial—one bloom, one variety & color may be several blooms (labeled and identified)
1015	2015	3015	Annual—one bloom -one variety & color– may be several blooms labeled and identified.
1017	2017	3017	Black Eye Susan—three blooms-same variety & color
1018	2018	3018	Coreopsis-3 blooms—same variety
1019	2019	3019	Hydrangea—single bloom
1020	2020	3020	Marigold— large flowering solid yellow color over 1.5" (1 bloom same variety)
1021	2021	3021	Marigold— large flowering solid orange color over 1.5" (1 bloom same variety)
1022	2022	3022	Marigold— large flowering solid multi color over 1.5" (1 bloom same variety)
1023	2023	3023	Any other flower-three blooms-same variety-labeled and identified.
1024	2024	3024	Cockscomb (celosia) plume type (1 spike)
1025	2025	3025	Cockscomb (celosia) crested type (1 spike)
1026	2026	3026	Sunflower (1 bloom)
1027	2027	3027	Snapdragon (3 blooms same variety and color)

## Section 002- Houseplants

Exhibit must be planted for a month or more. Container should not be larger than 12" in diameter – no cans permitted as container for plants. Flowerpots must be clean. All houseplants must be identified with variety name on entry tag.

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1031	2031	3031	African Violet – plant in bloom – <u>single plant</u>
1032	2032	3032	African Violet – plant without bloom – <u>single plant</u>
1033	2033	3033	Houseplant – <u>foliage, any 1 variety not listed.</u>
1034	2034	3034	Houseplant – <u>cacti or succulent, 1 variety</u>
1035	2035	3035	Philodendron – vine type in pot without hanger – <u>single plant</u>
1038	2038	3038	Topiary – forming shapes by using wire – mesh stuffed with sphagnum moss and by training pot- grown plants over metal frames. Example: small- leaved ivy Hedera Mini-Green, Glacier or Needlepoint, Creeping Fig, Kangaroo vine, Grape ivy)
1039	2039	3039	Airplants - an air plant is a tropical American plant that grows on trees as an epiphyte, with long narrow leaves that absorb water and nutrients from the atmosphere. Entries should be displayed how they were grown i.e.. closed or open containers.
1040	2040	3040	Begonia, flowering type
1041	2041	3041	Begonia, foliage type
1042	2042	3042	Prayer Plant

## Section 003 - Hanging Baskets

Can have more than one plant but must be same variety – read class descriptions.

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1045	2045	3045	Hanging Basket – one variety – foliage only
1046	2046	3046	Hanging Basket – one variety – flowering only
1047	2047	3047	Hanging Basket – one variety – cactus or succulent
1048	2048	3048	Hanging Basket--Combination

## Section 004 - Outdoor Displays

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1051	2051	3051	Outdoor Display – hanging basket or window box – outdoor planter not to be larger than 18" in diameter or box not over 24" long – must have three or more different varieties in display. Example – petunia, geranium, vinca, ivy, impatiens, etc.

## Section 005- Terrariums

Terrariums, also called a glass garden, are usually transparent containers (or similar containers) in which plants are grown. Planted one month or more prior to exhibition – check plants -do not mix woodland, tropical, succulent or cactus.

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1061	2061	3061	Terrarium – with top – at least three different varieties of plants
1062	2062	3062	Terrarium – without top – at least three different varieties of plants

## Section 006 – Dish Garden

Should be planted for a month or more prior to exhibition.

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1071	2071	3071	House plants-no cacti/succulents– three or more different varieties of plants
1072	2072	3072	Desert – three or more different varieties of plants-includes cacti/succulents

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1073	2073	3073	Fairy Garden— small-less than 18' by 18' It is a miniature garden with at least three different varieties of plants and choice of structures. Gardens will be judged on plants and design.
1074	2074	3074	Recycled Gardens - It is a miniature garden with at least three different varieties of plants and a choice of structures. Gardens will be judged on plants, design and use of recycled materials.
1075	2075	3075	Fairy Garden large (greater than 18' by 18') Miniature Garden with at least six different varieties of plants and a choice of structures. Gardens will be judged on plants and design.

## **Section 007 – Arrangements & Corsages**

Refer to Rules and Regulations for Plants and Flowers

Arrangement and Corsage entries will not be returned to the exhibitor. Entries will be given to the 4H Fair representatives (Mr. & Ms. 4H and Fair Ambassadors) for use in parades and pictures.

- Definition – Dry Material – any material that has moisture removed.
- Definition – Treated Material – dried plant material that has been altered, i.e., glycerin zing, painted and/or bleaching.
- Definition – Corsage – ribbon and other accents are permitted.

### Classes:

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1081	2081	3081	Line Arrangement – fresh material only – over 8" in width
1082	2082	3082	Mass Arrangement – fresh material only – over 8" in width
1083	2083	3083	Miniature Arrangement – fresh material only – under 8" in width
1084	2084	3084	Christmas Greens Table Centerpiece – must be made with live Christmas greens – accent may be artificial, dried, silk, etc.
1085	2085	3085	Bud Vase Arrangement – all fresh materials
1086	2086	3086	Wreaths, swags, sprays or other door decorations – must be made with live Christmas greens •accent may be artificial, dried, silk, etc.
1087	2087	3087	Corsage – single flower – fresh material only
1088	2088	3088	Christmas Corsage—all fresh greens—may have an accent of artificial, dried, silk, etc.
1089	2089	3089	Nosegay—flowers grouped in mass—may have accent of artificial or dried materials.
1090	2090	3090	Corsage-multiple flower-fresh materials only

## **Section 008 – Plant & Flower Record Sheets**

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1099	2099	3099	Plants & Flowers Project Record Sheet

## **Section 009 – Plant & Flower Special Awards**

1091	Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- Junior – rosette		
1092	Reserve Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- Junior – rosette		
2091	Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- Intermediate – rosette		
2092	Reserve Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- Intermediate – rosette		
3091	Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- Senior – rosette		
3092	Reserve Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- Senior – rosette		
4091	Grand Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- rosette		
4092	Reserve Grand Champion Plant & Flower Exhibit- rosette		