

DEPARTMENT – I-25 – On Site Vegetable, Flower, Herb, and Other Gardens

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Entries must be completed online at 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 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.

- A 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled in a flower, lawn, gardening, or horticulture project or a member **of the 4-H Horticulture Club or enrolled in the horticulture classes in vocational agriculture in order to enter** the On-Site Vegetable, Flower Herb, and Other Garden Department at the Fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – On Site Vegetable, Flower, Herb, and Other Gardens

1. Exhibitors need not be at home at time of judging. Judges would prefer the opportunity to discuss the garden with exhibitors.
2. Project record sheets are required and must be up to date as of date of judging. A supplemental page which includes the garden layout must be added to the project record sheet and be available at the time of the garden judging. Record sheets must include garden dimensions, crop names and varieties. Exhibits without record sheets will not be judged. A copy is required for judges.
 - Be sure to cite your references for planting and growing. Ex. – Family, Garden Center, Website, Book, etc.
3. All exhibits must comply with size requirements listed in class descriptions. Gardens that do not meet these requirements will not be judged.
4. All exhibitors must provide a color photo of his/her garden to the judge. This photo is to represent your garden in its prime if you feel that your garden has “peaked” before the time of judging.
5. Judging of all gardens will occur between July 12-22, 2026. Gardens will NOT be judged after July 22, 2026. Phone calls to set up judging will be made by the superintendent prior to July 8, 2026. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the superintendent, by July 9, 2026, to secure a judging date and time if they have not received judging information by July 9, 2026. If the exhibitor’s garden is not judged on the date or dates selected by the judges, it will not be judged.
6. There will be a junior, intermediate and senior division for exhibitors. A novice exhibitor is entering this department for the first time.
7. The size for novice gardens will be as follows:
50 square feet or over except herb, which is 10 square feet or over.
8. The size for returning exhibitors will be as follows:
Herb - 25 sq. feet or over
Flower - 100 sq. feet or over
Vegetable - 100 sq. feet or over
Combination - 100 sq. feet or over
“Other” - 100 sq. feet or over
9. A combination garden must include at least 2 of the following:
4 or more varieties of flowers
4 or more varieties of herbs
4 or more varieties of vegetables
10. “Other” garden is defined as a garden that does not fit in any other class.

11. A special growth award will be given for a returning gardener showing growth and expanding their knowledge from previous growing seasons.
12. Champion displays will be set up no later than Wed. August 5, 2026
13. Premiums – Class Champion - \$9.; Blue Award - \$6.; Red Award - \$5. White Award - \$4.

Section 001 – On Site Vegetable, Flower, Herb, and Other Gardens

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Novice Flower Garden
1002	2002	3002	Novice Herb Garden
1003	2003	3003	Novice Vegetable Garden
1004	2004	3004	Novice Combination Garden
1005	2005	3005	Novice "Other" Garden
1006	2006	3006	Flower Garden
1007	2007	3007	Herb Garden
1008	2008	3008	Vegetable Garden
1009	2009	3009	Combination Garden
1010	2010	3010	"Other" Garden
1011	2011	3011	Perennial Garden

Section 002 - On Site Vegetable, Flower, Herb, and Other Gardens Special Awards

- Class 1013 Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Gardener- rosette & rosette
- Class 2013 Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Gardener – rosette & rosette
- Class 3013 Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Gardener – rosette & rosette
- Class 4013 Champion & Reserve Champion Novice Gardener – rosette & rosette
- Class 4015 Champion & Reserve Champion Flower Garden – rosette & rosette
- Class 4017 Champion & Reserve Champion Herb Garden – rosette & rosette
- Class 4019 Champion & Reserve Champion Vegetable Garden – rosette & rosette
- Class 4021 Champion & Reserve Champion Combination Garden – rosette & rosette
- Class 4023 Champion & Reserve Champion "Other" Garden - rosette & rosette
- Class 4025 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion - Garden
- Class 4027 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion – Gardener
- Class 4029 Judges Choice Garden Display
- Class 4030 Gardener Growth Award