

HORTICULTURE AND CROPS (21-29)

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Kathy & Stan Torsen

Deadline for sending pre-entries is July 22, 2026

ENTRY DATE FOR DEPARTMENTS 21-29

MONDAY, July 27, 2026 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Bring all exhibits to the Horticulture Building You may drive up
to the building.

Release Date: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, Aug 2, 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS UNDER THIS SECTION

1. All entries must be home grown by the exhibitor except in arrangement division, where noted.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON IN ANY ONE LOT WILL BE ALLOWED.**
3. All exhibits must meet requirements of the premium list or they will be disqualified.
4. The superintendent has the right to dispose of any specimens showing signs of severe wilting, spoilage or damage.
5. No awards will be made where exhibits are below standards of showmanship and quality.
6. **Entries must NOT be removed before 4:00 p.m. on Sunday July 28. Any exhibits removed before specified time will result in forfeiture of premium.**
7. Containers are supplied for most specimens. The Fair Association will not be held responsible for loss of private vases, baskets, etc. If you bring a hosta specimen, bring it in your own plain container, in scale with the size of your hosta leaf.
8. A specimen cannot be entered in the lot "Any Other" if there is a class listed for that category. Specimens entered in "Any Other" lot need to be labeled to be judged.
9. Lots will be sub-divided if there are too many entries in that lot.
10. **All judging of Horticulture and Crops, Departments 21- 29, will be done on Tuesday, July 22.**
11. If an exhibit is improperly entered, the superintendent or Flower Show Chair reserves the right to correct.
12. **The usual ribbons will be awarded for professional arrangements, but no cash premiums will be paid.**
13. Concerning Department 27, Classes 110 and 120: These must have been grown by exhibitor, in same container, at least 3 months prior to the County Fair.
14. Please provide the name of the variety on entry tags, where applicable.

**PREMIUM CHECKS, RIBBONS AND PRIZES ARE TO BE
PICKED UP BY THE EXHIBITORS DURING RELEASE TIME
ON Sunday Aug 2, 2026 4:00 -6:00 PM**

DEPARTMENT 21 – FIELD CROPS

**Entries May Be Made On-Line or by Mail. Go to our
website www.olmstedcountyfair.com for Information and
Entry Forms.**

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00 AWARD: Best of

Show-Field Crops –Ribbon

All grains must be this year's or last year's crop, as designated.

Class 110 – CORN

10-Ear Sample-Old Corn—2023 Sample

Lot	Description
1	Hybrid Corn
2	Popcorn-Yellow
3	Popcorn-White
4	Ornamental Corn
5	Hybrid Corn
6	Miniature, Ornamental Corn

Class 120 – CROP

2022 or 2023 Sample

Lot	Description
1	Oats -Don
2	Oats-Hazel
3	Oats-Starter
4	Oats-Steel
5	Oats-Preston
6	Oats-Any Other (labeled)
7	Barley
8	Spring Wheat
9	Winter Wheat
10	Soy Beans-Hardin
11	Soybeans-Hodgson
12	Soybeans-Corsoy
13	Soybeans-BSR
14	Any other Soybeans (Labeled)
15	Shelled Corn
16	Shelled Popcorn
17	Clover (2 qt bag filled)
18	Brome (2 qt bag filled)
19	Alsike (2 qt bag filled)
20	Rye (2 qt bag filled)

Class 130 – SHEAF GRAIN

2022 or 2023 Crop

(Must be 3" at Center Band)

Lot	Description
1	Corn (3 Stalks) for silage
2	Corn (3 Stalks) for Shelled Corn
3	Oats
4	Barley
5	Spring Wheat
6	Winter Wheat
7	Popcorn
8	Sunflower
9.	Rye

Class 140 – HAY EXHIBIT

(Bring 8” Slice of Hay Bale Unless Indicated Otherwise.
Neatness in exhibit will be important in judging)

Lot	Description
1	Alfalfa Hay
2	Clover Hay
3	Legume Mixture Hay
4	Chopped Hay (Bring In One-Gallon Zip-Lock Bag)
5	Haylage (Bring In One-Gallon Zip-Lock Bag)

DEPARMENT 38 - VEGETABLES

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS: When possible, write the name of the variety on the entry tag. Where two entries are of equal quality, the one with the variety named will be given preference. ENTRIES SHOULD BE OF UNIFORM SIZE, COLOR, AND SHAPE AND FREE OF INSECTS, DISEASE AND MECHANICAL DAMAGE.

Note: General Rules and Regulations listed under Horticulture and Crops apply.

Class 110 - POTATOES

(10 Specimens – Display Box Will Be Provided.)
(Rub the skins free of DIRT)

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

AWARD:

Best of Show – Potatoes - Ribbon

Lot No.

1	Cherokee	7	Pontiac
2	Early Ohio	8	Kennebec
3	Irish Cobbler	9	Any other Red Potato
4	Russet	10	Any other White Potato
5	Waseca	11	Any other Potato
6	Norland		

Class 120 – VEGETABLES – ROOT CROPS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Beets (5)	5	Parsnips (5)
2	Carrots (5)	6	Rutabagas (3)
3	Kohlrabi, Green (3)	7	Turnips (3)
4	Kohlrabi, Purple (3)		

Class 121 – VEGETABLES – GREEN AND SALAD CROPS

(Cut cabbage stems to one- quarter inch from base of entry of specimen.)

Lot No.

1	Cabbage (Green) – 1 Head	5	Brussel Sprouts – 6 Specimens
2	Cabbage (Red) – 1 Head	6	Cauliflower – 1 Head
3	Cabbage (Other) – 1 Head/Plan	7	Kale – 1 Plant
4	Chard – 1 Bunch	8	Broccoli – 1 Specimen

Class 122 – VEGETABLES – LEGUME CROPS

Lot No.

1	String Beans, Purple (6)
2	String Beans, Green (6)
3	String Beans, Yellow (6)
4	Peas, In Pod (6)
5	Peas, Edible Pod (6)

Class 123 – FRESHLY FRUITED VEGETABLES

(No Stems on the Tomatoes. Name variety where listed)

Lot No.

1	Cucumbers - Slicing (4)	20	Tomatoes - Red, Large (5)
2	Cucumbers - Pickling (4)	21	Tomatoes - Yellow, Large (5)
3	Cucumbers - Burpless (4)	22	Tomatoes - Green Variety, Large (5)
4	Egg Plant (1)	23	Tomatoes - Heirloom Red, Large (5)
5	Ground Cherries in Husk (12)	24	Tomatoes - Red, Medium (5)
6	Peppers - Green, Sweet (3)	25	Tomatoes - Yellow, Medium (5)
7	Peppers - Red, Sweet (3)	26	Tomatoes - Green Variety, Med (3)
8	Peppers - Yellow, Sweet (3)	27	Tomatoes - Heirloom Red, Med (3)
9	Peppers - Purple, Sweet (3)	28	Tomatoes - Red, Small (6)
10	Peppers - Red, Hot (6)	29	Tomatoes - Yellow, Small (6)
11	Peppers - Purple, Hot (6)	30	Tomatoes - Green Variety, Small (6)
12	Peppers - Green, Hot (6)	31	Tomatoes - Roma Paste (5)
13	Peppers - Yellow, Hot (6)	32	Tomatoes - Red Cherry- 1-1.5 or less (12)
14	Peppers - Any Other (3)	33	Tomatoes-Red Grape-1-1.5 or less (12)
15	Spaghetti Squash (1)	34	Tomatoes - Any Other (5) (Named)
16	Summer Squash - Zucchini (3)	35	Pumpkin (1)
17	Summer Squash - Yellow (3)	36	Muskmelon (1)
18	Summer Squash - Any Other (3)	37	Watermelon (1)
19	Winter Squash (1)		

Class 124- OTHER VEGETABLE CROPS

(4 Specimens)

(Do Not Peel Onion Exhibits)

(Tops cut to 1-inch length- rubbed clean)

Lot No.

1	Onions - Yellow	8	Sweet Corn In Husk - Any Other
2	Onions - White – Sweet Spanish	9	Okra
3	Onions - Red	10	Garlic
4	Onions – Green - Table	11	Gourds - Mixed
5	Leeks - Uniform Length - 8"	12	Celery - 1 Bunch
6	Sweet Corn In Husk - Yellow	13	Rhubarb – Uniform Length, cut leaf 1-inch fan, socket attached
7	Sweet Corn, In Husk, White	14	Any Other Edible Vegetables (Labeled) 4 Specimens

Class 125- MINIATURE VEGETABLES

This category is intended to display vegetables hybridized to be miniatures.

Varieties must be labeled.

Lot No.

1	Beets (5)	5	Watermelon (1)
2	Carrots (5)	6	Summer Squash (3)
3	Cucumbers (6)	7	Cauliflower (1 Head)
4	Sweet Corn (4 Ears)	8	Cabbage (1 Head)

Class 130 – SPECIAL VEGETABLE CATEGORY

NOTE: This is open to any adult Home Gardener to exhibit produce from a home garden. The exhibit must contain at least eight kinds of vegetables, not just varieties of one kind of vegetable. Each exhibitor will be allowed a 24x24 inch space. Special trays or boxes will not be provided. General rules apply. For complete directions, refer to MSHS EXHIBITING/JUDGING RULE BOOK.

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Adult Vegetable Garden Collection
2	Collection of Miniature Vegetables

SCORECARD

Variety (with varieties labeled)	20
Quality and Attention to Nutrition	60
Beauty of Exhibit, Arrangements	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	100

Class 140 – LARGE VARIETY SPECIMENS

This category is intended to display vegetables hybridized to be large specimens.

Varieties Must Be Labeled and They Will Be Weighed.

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Cabbage (1 Head)	7	Tomato (1)
2	Cucumber (1)	8	Pepper (1)
3	Eggplant (1)	9	Rutabaga (1)
4	Kohlrabi (1)	10	Pumpkin (1)
5	Onion (1)	11	Any Other (1)
6	Potato (1)		

Class 150 – ETHNIC VEGETABLES

Vegetables grown and used in the cuisine of cultures other than American.

Write the name of the variety on the entry form/card and include a recipe.

Lot No.

1	Cabbage (1 Head)	9	Summer Squash (3)
2	Cucumber (3)	10	Winter Squash (1)
3	Beans (6)	11	Tomatoes, Large (3)
4	Peas (6)	12	Tomatoes, Medium (3)
5	Red Peppers (3)	13	Tomatoes, Small (3)
6	Yellow Peppers (3)	14	Melons (1)
7	Green Peppers (3)	15	Onions (4)
8	Purple Peppers (3)	16	Any Other Edible Vegetable (3)

DEPARTMENT 27 - FRUIT

Note: General Rules and Regulations listed under Horticulture and Crops apply.

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Class 110 – APPLES

(5 Apples of Uniform Size per Plate)

Lot No.

1	Mantet	10	McIntosh
2	Oriole	11	Granny Smith
3	Duchess	12	Fireside
4	Beacon	13	Red Delicious
5	Wealthy	14	Gala
6	Red Baron	15	Cortland
7	Honey Gold	16	Regent
8	Honey Crisp	17	Any Other Variety (Labeled)
9	Haralson	18	Collection – Not Less Than Five Varieties, On Plate, With Five Apples Per Plate

Class 120 – CRAB APPLES

(10 Apples per Plate)

Lot No.

1	Dolgo
2	Whitney
3	Chestnut
4	Any Other Variety (Labeled)

Class 130 - PLUMS

(5 Plums per Plate)

Lot No.

1	La Crescent	6	South Dakota
2	Superior	7	Pipestone
3	Underwood	8	Juanita
4	Toka	9	Any Other Variety (Labeled)
5	Mount Royal		

Class 140 - FRUITS

(Label with Variety Name)

Lot No.

1	Apricots – 5 Specimens	9	Grapes – Any Other – 3 Bunches
2	Blackberries – 12 Specimens	10	Gooseberries – 12 Specimens
3	Blueberries – ½ Cup	11	Gooseberries – 12 Specimens
4	Cherries – 12 Specimens	12	Raspberries – Black – 12 Spec.
5	Currants – 1 Cluster	13	Raspberries – Gold – 12 Spec.
6	Grapes – Blue – 3 Bunches	14	Raspberries – Red – 12 Spec
7	Grapes – Red – 3 Bunches	15	Strawberries – Everbearing - 12 Spec
8	Grapes – White – 3 Bunches		

DEPARTMENT 29 - HONEY

Note: General Rules and Regulations listed under Horticulture and Crops apply.

SCORING CRITERIA

Container- Appearance and Cleanliness	10
Color – Conformity to Schedule	15
Volume – Accuracy and Uniformity of Fill	10
Absence of Impurities, Including Froth	15
Moisture – Acceptable Moisture Content	20
Clarity – Absence of Crystals & Bubbles	20
Flavor – Absence of Off Aroma or Flavor	10
TOTAL	100

Class 110 – LIVE BEE DISPLAY

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Live Bee Display
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Class 120 – HONEY

PREMIUM:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Comb
2	Extracted – Pint (2013)
3	Extracted – Pint (2014)
4	Buckwheat – Pint
5	Amber – Pint
6	Bees Wax

Class 130 – HONEY AND MAPLE SYRUP

PREMIUM:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Sugar Maple (Hard Maple)
2	Red Maple (Soft Maple)
3	Silver Maple (Soft or Cutleaf Maple)
4	Box Elder (Manitoba Maple)

ENTRIES MAY BE MADE ONLINE OR BY MAIL.

Forms may be found on our website

www.olmstedcountyfair.com

DEPARTMENT 25 - FLOWERS

Note: General Rules and Regulations listed under Horticulture and Crops apply. Additional Rules and Guidelines for Specimens.

1. Where possible, long uniform stems are best.
2. Foliage, healthy and free of injury, should be left on. Remove foliage below the water line. No foliage needed for pansies/violas.
3. Blooms should be as uniform in size, shape and color as possible and true to type.
4. Be sure to have the correct number of blooms as listed – no more or no less. A bloom is an individual flower on a stem.
5. Bloom should be near or "at peak", never over-bloomed for best exhibit. Cut off dead blossoms and seed heads.
6. Know the variety name.
7. Do not remove Lily Stamens

Class 110 – CUT FLOWERS PREMIUMS: 1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ageratum – 5 Stems 2 Asters – 5 Blooms 3 Baby's Breath (Gypsophila) – 3 Stems 4 Bachelor Buttons – 5 Blooms 5 Bells of Ireland – 3 Stems 6 Buddelia – 1 Stem 7 Calendula – 3 Blooms 8 Calla Lilly – 3 Stems 9 Carnations – 5 Stems 10 Chrysanthemums – 3 Stems OR 1 Spray (Any Variety) 11 Cleome – 3 Blooms 12 Cockscomb – 3 Stems, Specify Variety 13 Coreopsis – 3 Stems 14 Cosmos – Yellow OR Orange – 5 Blooms 15 Cosmos – Pink – 5 Blooms 16 Cosmos – Purple – 5 Blooms 17 Cosmos – Any Other – 5 Blooms 18 Dahlia – Under 4" – 3 Blooms 19 Dahlia – 4" – 8" – 1 Bloom 20 Dahlia, Over 8" – 1 Bloom 21 Dahlia, Cactus – 3 Blooms 22 Daisy, Marguerite – 3 Blooms 23 Daisy, Painted – 3 Blooms 24 Daisy, Shasta – 3 Blooms (NO WILD) 25 Daisy, Any Other – 3 Blooms 26 Dianthus – 5 Stems 27 Delphinium – 1 Spike (renumber) 28 Echinacea (Coneflower) Pink, red – 3 Stems 29 Echinacea (Coneflower) Any Other – 3 Stems 30 Foxglove – 1 Spike 31 Gaillardia – 5 Blooms 32 Helianthus (Perennial Sunflower) – 3 Stems | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33 Hemerocallis (Day Lily) – 3 Stems in Mature Bud 34 Hibiscus – 1 Bloom (Mature Bud on Day of Fair Entry) 35 Hollyhock, Biennial – 1 Stalk 36 Hydrangea, White Variety – 1 Stalk 37 Hydrangea, Colored Variety – 1 Stalk 38 Liatrus – 3 uniform Stems 39 Lily, Asiatic Hybrids – 1 Stalk, leave stamens 40 Lily, Complex Hybrids, Including Orienpets – 1 Stem, leave stamens 41 Lily, Martagon Hybrids – 1 Stem, leave stamens 42 Lily, Oriental Hybrids – 1 Stem 43 Lily, Trumpet and Aurelian Hybrids – 1 Stem, leave stamens 44 Lisianthus – 1 Stem 45 Nasturtiums – 5 Blooms 46 Nicotiana – 5 Stems 47 Pansies – 5 Blooms 48 Petunia, Single – 3 Sprays 49 Petunia, Double – 3 Sprays 50 Phlox, Perennials – 3 Stems 51 Platycodon (Balloon Flower) – 1 Stem 52 Rudbeckia – 3 Stems 53 Salvia, Annual – 3 Spikes 54 Salvia, Perennial – 3 Spikes 55 Snapdragons, Short – 3 Spikes 56 Snapdragons, Tall – 3 Spikes 57 Statice, Annual – 3 Stems 58 Statice, Perennial – 3 Stems 59 Stokesia – 3 Stems 60 Strawflowers – 3 Stems 61 Medium Annual Sunflower – 5.5"-8.5" in diameter 62 Large Annual Sunflower – 8.5"-12" in diameter 63 Sweet Peas, Annual – 5 Stems 64 Sweet Peas, Perennial – 5 Stems 65 Verbena – 5 stems 66 Violas – 5 Stems 67 Zinnia, Small, Under 2" – 3 Blooms 68 Zinnia, Medium, 2" to 4" - 3 Bloom 69 Zinnia, Large, Over 4" – 3 Blooms 70 Any Other Annual (Labeled) – 3 Stem 71 Any Other Biennial (Labeled) – 3 Stems 72 Any Other Perennial (Labeled) – 3 Stems |
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Class 111 – CUT FLOWERS - GLADIOLUS

Lot No.

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| 1 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Pink | 8 | Gladiolus – 3 Spikes, 1 Variety – Size 100-200 |
| 2 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Yellow | 9 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Red |
| 3 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Cream or White | 10 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Orange |
| 4 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Green | 11 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Bi-Color |
| 5 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Purple | 12 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Lavende |
| 6 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Smoke | 13 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike Salmon |
| 7 | Gladiolus – 3 Spikes, 1 Variety – Size 300 or Larger | 14 | Gladiolus – 1 Spike AOC |

Class 112 – CUT FLOWERS - MARIGOLD

(Stems Appropriate Length)

Lot No.

- 1 Marigold, Large Yellow, Over 3” – 3 Blooms
- 2 Marigold, Large Orange, Over 3” – 3 Blooms
- 3 Marigold, Medium Bi-Color or Other, 2” to 3” – 3 Blooms
- 4 Marigold, Dwarf Yellow, Under 2” – 5 Bloom
- 5 Marigold, Dwarf Orange, Under 2” – 5 Blooms
- 6 Marigold, Dwarf Bi-Color or Other, Under 2” – 5 Blooms
- 7 Marigold, Any other – 3 Bloom

Class 113 – ROSE, HYBRID TEA

Lot No.

- 1 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Red – 1 Bloom
- 2 Rose, Hybrid Tea, White – 1 Bloom
- 3 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Pink – 1 Bloom
- 4 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Orange – 1 Bloom
- 5 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Yellow – 1 Bloom
- 6 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Bi-Color – 1 Bloom
- 7 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Any Other – 1 Bloom

Class 114 – ROSE, GRANDIFLORA

Lot No.

- 1 Rose, Grandiflora, Red – 1 Spray
- 2 Rose, Grandiflora, White – 1 Spray
- 3 Rose, Grandiflora, Pink – 1 Spray
- 4 Rose, Grandiflora, Orange – 1 Spray
- 5 Rose, Grandiflora, Yellow – 1 Spray
- 6 Rose, Grandiflora, Bi-Color – 1 Spray
- 7 Rose, Grandiflora, Any Other – 1 Spray

Class 115 – ROSE, FLORIBUNDA

Lot No.

- 1 Rose, Floribunda, Red – 1 Spray
- 2 Rose, Floribunda, White – 1 Spray
- 3 Rose, Floribunda, Pink – 1 Spray
- 4 Rose, Floribunda, Orange – 1 Spray
- 5 Rose, Floribunda, Yellow – 1 Spray
- 6 Rose, Floribunda, Bi-Color – 1 Spray
- 7 Rose, Floribunda, Any Other – 1 Spray

Class 116 – MINIATURE ROSES

Lot No.

- 1 Rose, Miniature, Red – 1 Spray
- 2 Rose, Miniature, White – 1 Spray
- 3 Rose, Miniature, Pink – 1 Spray
- 4 Rose, Miniature, Orange – 1 Spray
- 5 Rose, Miniature, Yellow – 1 Spray
- 6 Rose, Miniature, Bi-Color – 1 Spray
- 7 Rose, Miniature, Any Other – 1 Spray or Stem

Class 117 – SHRUB ROSES

Lot No.

- 1 Rose, Shrub, Red – 1 Spray
- 2 Rose, Shrub, White – 1 Spray
- 3 Rose, Shrub, Pink – 1 Spray
- 4 Rose, Shrub, Any Other – 1 Spray

DEPARTMENT 30 - HOSTAS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Class 110 – MINI AND DWARF HOSTAS

(Indicate Variety Name of Each Entry)

(Leave the "bloom" on your Hosta)

(Leaf Length 3" - 7" - 1 Leaf Same Variety)

Lot No.

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| 1 | Blue Leaf Color | 4 | Margin Variegated Leaf Color |
| 2 | Green Leaf Color | 5 | Medio Variegated Leaf Color |
| 3 | Yellow Leaf Color | 6 | Streaked or Splashed Variegated Leaf Color |

Class 120 – SMALL HOSTAS

(Leaf Length 3"-7" - 1 Leaf, Same Variety)

Lot No.

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| 1 | Blue Leaf Color | 4 | Margin Variegated Leaf Color |
| 2 | Green Leaf Color | 5 | Medio Variegated Leaf Color |
| 3 | Yellow Leaf Color | 6 | Streaked or Splashed Variegated Leaf Color |

Class 130 – MEDIUM HOSTAS

(Leaf Length 7"-12" - 1 Leaf, Same Variety)

Lot No.

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|---|-------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Blue Leaf Color | 4 | Margin Variegated Leaf Color |
| 2 | Green Leaf Color | 5 | Medio Variegated Leaf Color |
| 3 | Yellow Leaf Color | 6 | Streaked or Splashed Variegated Leaf Color |

Class 140 – LARGE HOSTAS

(Leaf Length 12"- 15" - 1 Leaf)

Lot No.

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|---|-------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Blue Leaf Color | 4 | Margin Variegated Leaf Color |
| 2 | Green Leaf Color | 5 | Medio Variegated Leaf Color |
| 3 | Yellow Leaf Color | 6 | Streaked or Splashed Variegated Leaf Color |

Class 160 – ARTISTIC DESIGN

Lot No.

- 1 Primary emphasis of design will be Hosta leaves. Only one entry per person in this class.

Class 170 – OUTDOOR PLANTER USING HOSTA PLANTS

Lot No.

- 1 An artistic arrangement in a single container. Plants are selected for their interesting form, unusual foliage and/or attractive flowers. They must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for two months. Accessories are usually permitted.
- 2 Diameter of container over 12" to 24"

DEPARTMENT 31 – HOUSEPLANTS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Class 110 – POTTED HOUSE PLANT – AFRICAN VIOLET

(Single Specimen – Only One Plant per Pot)

Lot No.

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| 1 | Miniature | 4 | Single Variegated Leaf |
| 2 | Single | 5 | Double Variegated Leaf |
| 3 | Double | 6 | Miniature Variegated Leaf |

Class 120 – POTTED HOUSE PLANTS - OTHERS

Lot No.

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|----|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Aralia | 29 | Hoya |
| 2 | Begonia, Fibrous (Wax) | 30 | Impatiens, Single |
| 3 | Begonia, Tuberous | 31 | Impatiens, Double |
| 4 | Begonia, Any Other (Labeled) | 32 | Ivy, English |
| 5 | Bromeliad | 33 | Ivy, English Variegated |
| 6 | Cactus, Blooming | 34 | Ivy, Any Other |
| 7 | Cactus, Under 6" – Not in Bloom | 35 | Maranta (Prayer Plant) |
| 8 | Cactus, Over 6" – Not in Bloom | 36 | Nephthytis |
| 9 | Coleus | 37 | Orchid |
| 10 | Croton | 38 | Shamrock |
| 11 | Crown of Thorns | 39 | Peace Lilly |
| 12 | Cyclamen | 40 | Peperomia |
| 13 | Dieffenbachia | 41 | Philodendron |
| 14 | Dracaena | 42 | Pilea |
| 15 | Espiscia | 43 | Pothos |
| 16 | Fern, Asparagus | 44 | Rhoeo (Moses in the Cradle) |
| 17 | Fern, Boston | 45 | Sansevieria |
| 18 | Fern, Any Other (Labeled) | 46 | Schefflera |
| 19 | Ficus (Rubber Plant) | 47 | Succulent, Jade (Crassula) |
| 20 | Ficus (Fig) | 48 | Succulent, Schlumbergera |
| 21 | Fittonia (Christmas Cactus) | 49 | Succulent, Any Other (Labeled) |
| 22 | Flowering Tree Plants | 50 | Cacti and Succulents Together |

23	Geranium – Scented	51	Tradescantia – Wandering Jew
24	Geranium – Single	52	Flowering Plant – Any Other
25	Geranium – Colored Leaves	53	Foliage Plant – Any Other
26	Gloxinia	54	Bonsai
27	Gynura (Purple Passion Vine)	55	Indoor Fair Garden
28	Helxine (Baby Tears)		

Class 130 – OUTDOOR CONTAINER GARDENS
(Artistic Arrangement of 3 or More Plants in a Single Container)

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Annual Flower Plants	6	Succulent Grown on a Rock
2	Colored Foliage Plants	7	One (1) Succulent Potted Plant
3	Desert Plants	8	Foliage with Flowering Plants
4	Green Foliage Plants	9	Outdoor Fairy Garden
5	Flowering Foliage Plants	10	Succulent Dish Garden - Assorted Varieties

Class 140 – HANGING BASKETS

(More Than One Plant Per Lot)

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Lipstick Vine	14	Piggyback
2	Fern	15	Pothos
3	Fuchsia	16	Spider Plant (Chlorophytum)
4	Geranium	17	Succulent or Cactus
5	Hoya	18	Tahitian Bridal Veil
6	Impatiens	19	Wandering Jew
7	Impatiens, New Guinea Hybrid	20	Fibrous Begonia
8	Ivy, Geranium	21	Tuberous Begonia
9	Ivy, English	22	Alpine Geranium
10	Ivy, Grape	23	Verbena
11	Ivy, Swedish	24	Colored Foliage
12	Petunia	25	Any Other
13	Philodendron		

Class 150 - HERBS

(More Than One Variety per Lot May be Entered in Each Lot, but MUST BE LABELED)

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Culinary - Potted & Growing	5	Aromatic – Potted & Growing
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2	Culinary, Fresh Cut- Bunched/In Water	6	Aromatic, Fresh Cut – Bunched/In Water
3	Medicinal – 3 Seeded Dill Stems	7	Strawberry Jar with Herbs
4	Medicinal, Fresh Cut – Bunched/In Water	8	Hanging Basket

Class 160 – LIVING WREATHS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Herb	3	Ivy
2	Foliage	4	Floral

Class 170 - TOPIARY

Lot No.

1	Herb	3	Ivy
2	Foliage	4	Floral

Class 180 - TERRARIUMS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Terrarium – All plants must require the same cultural conditions and the container needs to be covered.
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DEPARTMENT 24 – FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

General Rules:

1. Design must be sole work of exhibitor.
2. Flowers and greens in arrangements may be home grown and/or purchased for arrangements.
3. No dried or artificial flowers, fruit or foliage may be used in arrangement or as accessories except where specified. Painted materials may be used in dried arrangements only.
4. Bases, mats and accessories are allowed in or with all arrangements.
5. Open to an interested exhibitor
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to enter multiple lots in their Class to make the show a success; **but only one entry per lot.**
7. No natural birds' nests, stuffed birds, butterflies, other insects or animals are permitted in a flower show. No noxious weeds such as purple loosestrife, thistles, and nightshade, or endangered plant material such as wild Orchids or wild lilies may be used.
8. Due to time and space limitations, assisted staging may be necessary.
9. Entries shall not exceed 24 inches in width except where noted.
10. Definitions of exhibitors as follows:
 - a. Junior: Exhibitor who is 18 years of age or younger.
 - b. Novice: Exhibitor who has not been awarded a blue ribbon at a previous flower show.
 - c. Advanced: Exhibitor who is of Amateur status, plus who has previously received Champion or Reserved Champion design awards as Amateur or previous flower shows.
 - d. Professional: Anyone who is currently or has been employed in the business of creating floral design sold of profit.
11. Professional arrangements will be judged by MSHS standards, in addition to the following: More emphasis than usual must be placed on theme development. The arrangement should evoke an idea, emotion, mood or story consistent with the stated topic. The judged will also seek out the aesthetic value of an arrangement over another if it arouses more interest and gives more pleasure. Harmony, beauty, expression and distinction are key elements in judging the professional designs.

OPEN CLASS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS/SHOW PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Courtesy of Rochester Garden and Flower Club

Class 110 - Professional

Class 120 - Advanced

Class 130 - Amateur

Class 140 - Novice

(Enter a Class Number AND a Lot Number on Entry Form unless specified, arrangements are arranger's choice.)

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| 1 | Wake Up Spring | Round Bouquet: Flowers with 1-2 blooms the rest of stems need buds on stem |
| 2 | Summer Sunshine | Variety of 3 or more yellow blooms, in any type of arrangement. |
| 3 | Fall in Bloom | Vertical arrangement: Three Fall colors in Bloom |
| 4 | Holiday Happiness | Designers choice using Red, Green & White specimens. May use silver or gold accents |
| 5 | Designers Choice | |

DEPARTMENT 32 – JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

Class 110 – JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

(Anyone age 16 and under. State age on entry tag. Rules as stated in Dept. 28. Know the variety name. Specimens in each entry to be of UNIFORM SIZE)

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

1	Zinnias – 3 Blooms	27	Hot pepper Variety – 3 spec.
2	Marigolds – 3 Stems of Blooms	28	Pumpkin – 1 Spec
3	Gladiolus – 1 Spike	29	Tomato Red – 3 spec.
4	Petunia – 3 Stems in Bud & Bloom	30	Eggplant – 1 Spec
5	Snapdragon – 3 Stems in Bud & Bloom	31	Green (Foliage Only) Plant
6	Daisies – 3 Stems Specimens	32	Flowering Indoor Plant
7	Lilies – 1 Stem	33	One Variety Outdoor Plant
8	Roses – 1 Hybrid Tea Bloom	34	Cacti – Dish Garden
9	Roses – 1- Floribunda Stem Spray	35	Outdoor Dish Fairy Garden
10	Asiatic Lilies – 3 Specimens	36	Outdoor – 3 Variety - Planter
11	Flowers, Any other	37	Outdoor – Succulent – Planter
12	Cherry Tomatoes – 3 – Ripe	38	Hosta – 1 Leaf Mini – 1 Color – to 3"
13	Beets – 3 Specimens	39	Hosta – 1 Leaf Variegated –to 3"
14	Carrots – 3 Specimens	40	Hosta – 1 Blue Leaf Color – 4" - 6"
15	Onions – 3 Specimens	41	Hosta – 1 Green Leaf Color – 4"- 6"
16	EDIBLE Pea Pods – 6 Pods	42	Hosta – 1 Margin Variegated – 4"- 6"
17	Green String Beans – 6 Specimens	43	Hosta – 1 Medio Variegated – 4"- 6"
18	Yellow String Beans–6 Specimens	44	Hosta – 1 Blue Leaf Color – 8" – 12"
19	Potatoes, Red – 6 Specimens	45	Hosta – 1 Green Leaf Color – 8"-12"
20	Potatoes, White – 6 Specimens	46	Hosta — 1 Margin Variegated - 8 "-12"
21	Cucumbers – 3 Specimens	47	Hosta – 1 Medio Variegated -8" – 12"
22	Zucchini – Summer Squash	48	Hosta – 1 Variegated Leaf – 12" - 16"
23	Zucchini– Winter Squash	49	Herbs–Variety in Outdoor Container

24	Kohlrabi – 3 spec.	50	Herbs – 3 Stems in Water – 1 Variety
25	Leeks – 3 spec		
26	Green Pepper – 3 spec		

Class 115- TEENAGE GARDEN COLLECTION

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Lot No.

- 1 Vegetable Garden Collection – Size 24"x24" with 8 kinds of vegetables. General Horticulture Rules and Regulations apply as in Department 22, Class 130.
- 2 Annual Flower Collection – Refer to MSHS Exhibiting and Judging Book.
- 3 Perennial Flower Collection–Refer to MSHS Exhibiting and Judging Book

Class 120 – JUNIOR HORTICULTURE – ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

PREMIUMS:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

AWARD:

**Minnesota State Horticulture Society Award for
Outstanding Junior Horticulture Exhibitor – BEST OF
SHOW**

Lot No.

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| 1 | <u>Mother's Day:</u> | Pink and white arrangement in basket. |
| 2 | <u>Sweet Sixteen:</u> | Round multi-color florals design. |
| 3 | <u>Dream Big:</u> | Vertical 8" - 12" height arrangement any design of flowers |

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:

**Carol Meyer Youth Achievement Award.
Sponsored by the Rochester Garden and Flower Club.**

Pre-Entry Form - 2026 Olmsted County Fair

Deadline for Pre-Entries: July 22, , 2026

Use for Horticulture & Crops, Creative Arts, Culinary & Food Preservation, Hobbies, and Wine

(NOTE: Do not use this form for Livestock, Photography, Fine Arts, Talent Show or FFA Entries)

*Please completely fill in your name and mailing address. This form is for mail-in entries and it can be filled out on your computer. If you need more space, complete this page again to continue until you have everything listed; number each page and print before exiting as information you have entered will not be saved. Send one copy to us and keep one copy for yourself. Entries are to be mailed to **Olmsted County Fair, Open Class Entries, 1403 Third Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904**. Each individual exhibitor must complete a separate form; also a separate form is needed for each department. Check your Department rules for limits on how many lots you can enter.*

Entries can also be made online using the Blue Ribbon link on <http://www.olmstedcountyfair.com/open-class/>

Exhibitor Name _____ (Premium check will be issued in this name)
Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____
E-mail _____

Dept. #	Class #	Lot/Sublot	Description of Exhibit

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____