

O - 4-H FLOWERS - PLANTS

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions

Awards sponsored by: Cattail River Garden Club, D.I.G. Garden Club, Jane Hayes, Howard County 4-H All Stars, Howard County Council of Garden Clubs, The Joe and Joya Fields Family, The Leatherman Family, The Sustersich-Cihan Family, and The Parks Family

Ribbon: Grand Champion; Champion Jr, Int and Sr; Champion Jr, Int and Sr (Class 1 & 2 combined); Champion Jr, Int, Sr (Class 6 and 7 combined); Champion Jr, Int and Sr (Class 13); Champion Jr, Int and Sr (Specimen)

Premiums: 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00

Must be enrolled in Flower or Horticulture Project.

1. All flowers and dahlias **must be grown by 4-H'er**, except for Classes 10,11, and 12, where they may be purchased. Plants for pots and terrarium classes may be purchased individually, but must show evidence of establishment and cultivation by the 4-H'er.
2. All entries are to be ready for showing, i.e. in a clean container, fresh and free of insects and disease. Exhibits entered with insect infestation or disease will be disqualified and discarded or quarantined at the discretion of the department chairman and 4-H Staff to prevent contamination of other entries.
3. All exhibits must be securely inserted into their containers, and must be stable.
4. Entry tags must be securely tied with string, elastic string, or elastic bands to the bottle neck or container, and attached to a florist stick or craft stick and stuck firmly into the pot or arrangement.
Adhesive tape may NOT be used except on terrariums!
5. Potted plants, dish gardens, herb pots and terrariums must have been planted in the displayed container by the 4-H'er at least 3 months prior to entry. Exhibits may not weigh more than 20 pounds. Please note size limits in individual classes. Suitability of containers in these classes will be considered by judges.
6. No facilities are available for hanging containers.
7. Potted plants, dish gardens, and herb pots may be entered only once; **different entries must be prepared for each year.**
8. Exhibit specimens in classes 5 -27, except Class 23, must be entered in glass bottles (not jars) covered securely with aluminum foil so that they remain flat on the bottom. Bottles should be weighted if necessary so that the displayed specimen(s) do not make them top-heavy and unstable. The department has a supply of display vases for gladioli or giant dahlias. Exhibitors are responsible for transferring their specimens to these vases. All specimens must have stems at least 3" long.
9. Exhibits which are in violation of department rules may be downgraded or disqualified at the sole discretion of the judges.

CLASSES:

1. Arrangement - Not under 3" and not over 6"
2. Arrangement - Not Under 6"
3. Potted Plants (1 best specimen) - House Plant - Container not to exceed 10" diameter.
4. Potted Plants - Begonia - Container not to exceed 10" diameter.
5. Potted Plants - African Violet - Container not to exceed 8" diameter.
6. Dish Garden (at least 3 plants) - Foliage house plant - Container not to exceed 12" diameter.
7. Dish Garden (at least 3 plants) - Cacti and/or succulents - Container not to exceed 12" diameter.
8. Terrarium (with cover or lid) Maximum size (10 gallons)
9. Dried Arrangement (home dried)
10. Arrangement of Artificial Flowers (purchased)
11. Corsages (fresh, purchased flowers) - Individual flower
12. Corsages (fresh, purchased flowers) - Spray type
13. Live Christmas Decoration or Arrangement
14. Arrangement with the most unusual container
15. Specimens (in glass soft drink bottle) - Petunia (3 blooms)
16. Specimens (in glass soft drink bottle) - Marigold (3 blooms)
17. Specimens (in glass soft drink bottle) - Black-eye Susan (3 blooms)
18. Specimens (in stable container) - Gladiolus (1)
19. Specimens (in glass soft drink bottle) - Zinnia (1)
20. Specimens (in glass soft drink bottle) - Cockscomb (plume)
21. Specimens (in glass soft drink bottle) - Cockscomb (celosia)

22. Specimens (5 different annual/perennial combination in a glass non-soft drink bottle or stable glass container.
23. Specimen Potted Herb, specimens of 3 varieties planted in herb jar or pot. Maximum container diameter 9", not including side "ports".
24. Dahlia (in glass bottle) - Giant large or medium 6" or more in diameter, 1 bloom, must be debranched (in glass container)
25. Dahlia (in glass soft drink bottle) - Medium 2-6" in diameter, 3 blooms same variety and color, must be disbranched
26. Dahlia (in glass soft drink bottle) - Small 2" in diameter, 3 blooms same variety and color, must be debranched
27. Dahlia (in glass soft drink bottle) - Foliage (judged only when there is no bloom entered by exhibitor)
28. Specimen - Rose - 1 bloom (Must be labeled with type, i.e. hybrid tea, floribunda, miniature, English, etc.