

FLOWERS

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Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Wednesday, July 16	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Entry drop-off (Classes 20-34 & 72-93)	Dover Building
Sunday, July 20	10:00 AM - NOON	Entry drop-off (Classes 1-19, 35-71, & 94-106)	Dover Building
Sunday, July 27	8:00 AM - NOON	Entries must be removed from the grounds	Dover Building

Arrival & Departure:

1. Entries will be received on **EITHER** Wednesday, July 16 between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM in the Dover Building **OR** Sunday, July 20 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON in the Dover Building. **Check the specific division you entered in to find your check in date and time.** Vehicle Access onto the property is permitted at Gate 2 until 12:00 NOON.
2. On Sunday, July 20, competitors who wish to deliver their entries to the Dover Building via car before 12:45 PM must do so by going to Exhibitor's Gate 2 (near the Quillen Arena) where they will be given a temporary permit that will allow them to drive to the Raughley Street entrance of the Dover Building. Your vehicle **MUST BE REMOVED** from the grounds and moved into the regular parking lot prior to 1:00 PM.
3. Judging will begin in the department on Wednesday, July 16 and Sunday, July 20 after entry drop-off.
4. All entries must be removed between 8:00 AM and 12:00 NOON on Sunday, July 27.

General Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Delaware State Fair's website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2025 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2025.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. The Dover Building will open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. (except when there is judging in the department). Exhibitors in this department are asked to read and observe the rules governing this department.
4. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.
5. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.

Department Rules & Regulations:

1. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not be responsible in any way for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.

2. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.)
3. Please read your rules carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Department Superintendent or one of the Assistant Superintendents. In the case of a tie, the judges will consider which exhibitor interpreted the rules the best.
4. All exhibitors must be non-professional. All entries must be the work of an exhibitor who does not use this as a means of income. You may not work in a florist shop (previously or currently) or teach a class involving flowers, horticulture or design.
5. All horticulture cut specimens must be grown by the exhibitor and displayed in water. All horticulture potted specimens must have been in the exhibitor's possession for 90 days prior to the start of the Fair (unless otherwise specified).
6. Accessories and objects added to a design, other than plant material, are permitted when stated in the specific class information and should be in proportion to the design.
7. Fresh plant material must not be artificially colored.
8. Classes having less than four (4) entries are not guaranteed to have a First (1st), Second (2nd), and Third (3rd) premium awarded. Due to lack of competition, judges reserve the right to only award select premiums.
9. Honorable mention can be awarded at the judges' discretion.
10. Any special instructions regarding the care and watering of the specimens should be noted or attached to the back of the entry tag.
11. All exhibit containers must allow for ample water supply.
12. Failure to follow any of the rules will result in disqualification.
13. Florist flowers are not accepted unless otherwise noted.
14. All loose pieces must be secured.

Artistic Design-Fresh

Adult: Ages 14 and up

Arrive Sunday, July 20 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON in the Dover Building

A design is an arrangement judged for detail and color. Homegrown flowers ONLY.

Use accessories only where stated. No sprayed or tinted flowers allowed.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$12.25	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
1	My Favorite Color: A fresh "monochromatic" arrangement to represent your favorite color. Can use shades of all of one color.	
2	Garden Party: An arrangement of fresh flowers. Container of your choice.	
3	Fair Theme: "Kick Up Some Fun": An arrangement using your favorite Fair event. (Accessories permitted must be attached)	
4	Hot, Hot, Hot: A fresh arrangement of red, yellow and orange using one or more chili peppers and a terra cotta container.	
5	My Memories: An arrangement of fresh flowers inspired by your favorite vacation photo. Can use accessories. Not to exceed 24" in width or height.	
6	Trend Setter: An arrangement of Designer's choice of fresh flowers (accessories permitted). Florist flowers permitted in this entry only. Free style.	

Class #	Class Description	Awards
7	Celebration: A fresh arrangement using your favorite New Year's theme. Not to exceed 20" in height or width. (Accessories must be attached.)	
8	Now Showing: An arrangement of Designer's choice of FRESH FLOWERS showcasing your favorite movie. Florist flowers permitted in this entry ONLY, accessories permitted must be attached.	
Do not enter	Adult: Artistic Design-Fresh Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

Artistic Design-Fresh & Silk

Junior: Ages 5-13

Arrive Sunday, July 20 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON in the Dover Building.

A design is an arrangement judged for detail and color. Homegrown flowers ONLY.

Use accessories only where stated. No sprayed or tinted flowers allowed.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
9	Just for Fun - Age 8 & under: A creature dressed for the Fair made from vegetables or natural materials. NO FRUITS. Please place your creature (animal, insect, bird, etc) on a disposable base.	
10	Just for Fun - Age 9 to 13: A creature dressed for the Fair made from vegetables or natural materials. NO FRUITS. Please place your creature (animal, insect, bird, etc) on a disposable base.	
11	Movie Buddy: An arrangement of fresh flowers centered on a favorite movie character. Accessories permitted but must be attached.	
12	Bookworm: An arrangement of fresh flowers inspired by your favorite story.	
13	Fair Ride: A fresh arrangement inspired by your favorite ride at the Fair. Accessories permitted but must be attached.	
14	Lazy Days of Summer: A SILK wreath of silk daisies depicting a lazy summer day. Wreath not to exceed 18". Accessories permitted but must be attached.	
15	Saddle Up: A SILK arrangement in a cowboy boot – No accessories permitted. Not to exceed 24" in width or height.	
16	Down on the Farm: An arrangement of FRESH flowers centered on your favorite farm equipment. Accessories permitted but must be attached.	
17	Game Night: An arrangement of fresh flowers using your favorite game. No loose pieces!	
18	Candy Gram: A SILK wreath or arrangement using your favorite candy theme. Can be more than one type of candy. No loose pieces!	
19	The Great Outdoors: A permanent arrangement made of items you find on the Nature Trail. (Ex. Pine cones, nuts, bark, feathers, shells, etc. BE CREATIVE!)	
Do not enter	Junior: Artistic Design-Fresh & Silk Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

Artistic Design-Silks

Adult: Ages 14 and up

Arrive Wednesday, July 16 between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM to the Dover Building.

Please be sure your design is secured in or to its container and properly weighted.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$12.25	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
20	Grandmother's Attic: An arrangement of silk flowers in an antique item of your choice. Not to exceed 18" in height.	
21	Fruit, Fruit, Fruit: A silk arrangement using artificial fruit in a container of your choice. Not to exceed 24".	
22	It's a Bling Thing Topiary: An arrangement using something sparkly. Not to exceed 24" in height. Please be sure to weight the container so it's not top-heavy.	
23	In Memory: An arrangement of silk flowers using butterflies. Not to exceed 24".	
24	Hurricane Christmas: A Christmas arrangement using a hurricane lamp or globe. Please make sure globe is securely attached.	
25	Summer Breeze: An arrangement of silk flowers in a basket appropriate for a porch no higher than 30" and not to hang.	
26	For the Door: A silk design FOR THE DOOR using a fan, broom or hat ONLY. No wreaths. Any theme. Make to hang.	
27	Black and White: An arrangement of black and white ONLY using photos or film. Use your imagination. Not to exceed 15" in height.	
28	Pitcher Perfect: An arrangement of silk flowers in a pitcher. Pitcher itself not to exceed 8" in height.	
29	Thanksgiving Delight: A silk arrangement designed for the Thanksgiving table.	
30	How Does Your Garden Grow: A SILK arrangement in a Watering Can, not to exceed 20" in height. Please weight your watering can.	
31	Your Favorite Holiday: A silk wreath to depict your favorite holiday (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). Wreath not to exceed 24" in diameter and must have a hanger attached.	
32	Something to Celebrate a Table Top Tree: A seasonal tree of your choice to depict your favorite celebration. Not to exceed 24". Please weight the base. Be Creative!	
33	Saddle Up: A silk arrangement in a cowboy boot. No accessories permitted. Not to exceed 24" in width or height.	
34	Natural Nature: Made of dried and natural material from nature. Use your imagination i.e. Feather, stone, moss, pods etc.	
Do not enter	Adult: Artistic Design-Silk Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

Cut Flower Design

Adult: Ages 14 and up

Arrive Sunday, July 20 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON in the Dover Building

Emphasis on quality & placement of flowers. Accessories are NOT Permitted. No other foliage is permitted.

Exhibitor's choice of container, it can use floral foam or vase. Please make sure design is not top heavy.

Homegrown flowers only. No florist flowers, no sprayed or tinted flowers.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
35	Grouping or Arrangement using Ageratum (Blue, white or pink: the 3 colors may be mixed).	
36	Grouping or Arrangement using Marigolds: Any size or colors	
37	Grouping or Arrangement of Snapdragons	
38	Grouping or Arrangement of Roses	
39	Grouping or Arrangement of Zinnias: Dwarf, giant or mixed	
40	Grouping or Arrangement of Herbs: Mixed varieties	
41	Grouping or Arrangement of Daisies: Any variety	
42	Grouping or Arrangement of Gladiolas: Any variety, height not to exceed 26". Please weight container (Sand, rocks, bricks, wet oasis, etc.).	
43	Grouping or Arrangement of Sunflowers: Small - any variety.	
44	Grouping or Arrangement of Strawflowers: Any variety - must be home grown, height not to exceed 24". Please weight container (Sand, rocks, bricks, wet oasis, etc.).	
45	Grouping or Arrangement of Petunias	
Do not enter	Adult: Cut Flower Design Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

Cut Flower Specimen

Adult: Ages 14 and up

1 Stem per class specimen.

Arrive Sunday, July 20 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON in the Dover Building

1 stem of one variety in a 4" or higher clear glass vase, unless otherwise specified.

Homegrown flowers only. No florist flowers, no sprayed or tinted flowers.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
46	Snapdragons	

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47	Hydrangea: 1 stem	
48	Dahlias	
49	Zinnias: Open Category	
50	Echinacea: Coneflower, any variety	
51	Marigold	
52	Basil: Any variety	
53	Petunia: Single, any color	
54	Petunia: Double, any color	
55	Lambs Ear: 1 leaf, min. of 3" leaf, any variety	
56	Salvia: Any variety	
57	Plumed Celosia	
58	Gladiolas: 1 stalk, not to exceed 24" tall. Use pebbles, marbles or sand to weight vase.	
59	Rose, Standard: 1 flower must be open	
60	Rose, Hybrid miniature: Flower must be open	
61	Rose, Knockout: Flower must be open	
62	Fern Frond: Any variety	
63	Sunflower: Small	
64	Ageratum: White, blue or pink	
65	Vinca: 1 stem, any color must be blooming	
66	Daisy: 1 blossom	
67	Coleus : Any variety	
68	Crested Celosia: 1 head, any color, large variety	
69	Crested Celosia: 1 head, any color, small variety	
70	Oriental Lilies: 1 stem any variety with at least 1 open bud	
71	Cala Lillies: Any color	
Do not enter	Adult: Cut Flower Specimen Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

Horticulture

Adult: Ages 14 and up

Arrive Wednesday, July 16 at 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Dover Building.

Plants & containers should be clean, with no dead leaves or flowers. Do not use oil or plant shine. No exhibit with disease or insect damage will be accepted. Please write plant name and specific care instructions on the back of your entry tag. NO entry to exceed 35 lbs.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$14.50	\$10.00	\$5.50

Class #	Class Description	Awards
72	Foliage House Plant: One variety in container not to hang. Height limit 30"	
73	Flowering House Plant: One variety grown primarily for flowers, not to hang.	
74	Unusual Container with Foliage House Plant: One variety in container, not to hang.	
75	Pothos: Not to hang.	
76	Most Unusual House Plant: Not to hang.	
77	African Violet: Single plant, one crown per pot, must be in bloom. Not to hang.	
78	Fern: Any variety, not to hang. Springeri is not classified as a fern.	
79	Begonia: Other than tuberous. Not to hang.	
80	Cactus Garden: Four varieties, container not to exceed 10" in width or height. Not to hang.	
81	Succulent: Not to hang. Container not to exceed 10" in width or height, any variety; only one variety per pot.	
82	Window Box: 24" wide x 20" overall - mixed varieties.	
83	Blooming container garden: No higher than 24" in height – 14" in diameter, round or square. Must have watering tray. Not to hang.	
84	Hens & Chickens: In an unusual container. Not to hang. One variety per container.	
85	Bonsai: Not to hang.	
86	Herb Garden: Container not to exceed 14". Must be 3 or more varieties. Not to exceed 35 lbs.	
87	Foliage Hanging Baskets: Foliage only. One variety only	
88	Tuberous Begonia: Not to hang, any variety	
89	Caladium: Any variety, one plant per pot, not to hang.	
90	Orchid Plant: One plant in pot.	
91	Flowering Hanging Basket: One variety only.	
92	Fairy Garden Container: Four plant varieties. Must include Fairy accessories.	
93	Terrarium: Mixed variety of plants. MUST HAVE LID. Open containers will be disqualified.	
Do not enter	Adult: Horticulture Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

Horticulture

Junior: Ages 5 - 13

Arrive SUNDAY, July 20 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON in the Dover Building

Homegrown flowers only. Do not use oils or plant shine. No exhibits with disease or insect damage will be accepted. Please write plant name and specific care instructions on the back of your entry tag.

Classes 94 thru 101: 1 stem of one variety in a 4" or higher clear glass vase, unless otherwise specified.

Plant Classes 102 thru 106: Plant and containers should be clean, no dead leaves or flowers.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$9.50	\$7.25	\$5.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
94	Zinnias	
95	Salvia: Any variety	
96	Marigolds	
97	Lambs Ear: 1 leaf, any variety (3" min)	
98	Petunia: Open category	
99	Gladiolas: One stem, not to exceed 26"	
100	Snapdragons	
101	Sunflowers: Small	
102	Foliage House Plant: 1 variety, 1 plant, 1 pot. Name of plant must be on the back of tag. Not to hang. Pot not to exceed 10".	
103	Flowering House Plant: 1 variety, 1 plant, 1 pot. Name of plant must be on the back of tag. Not to hang. Pot not to exceed 10".	
104	Terrarium: mixed variety of plants. Not to exceed 15". Must have lid. Open containers will be disqualified in this class.	
105	Hanging Outdoor Blooming Potted Plant: Single variety per pot. Not to exceed 10" pot.	
106	Herb Garden: Must have 3 varieties. Container not to exceed 14" and not to exceed 35lbs.	
Do not enter	Junior: Horticulture	Rosette & \$20

Overall Awards

The Rosanna Messick Award

This award is in honor of Miss Rosanna Messick, an exhibitor and Assistant Superintendent for many years.

Awards: Rosette & \$20

Awarded to the Exhibitor who has won the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in:

Horticulture: Adult & Intermediate

Artistic Design Silk: Adult & Intermediate

The Green Thumb Award

Awards: Rosette & \$20

Awarded to the Exhibitor who has won the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in:

Artistic Design Fresh: Adult & Intermediate

Cut Flowers Specimen: Adults & Intermediate

Cut Flower Design: Adult & Intermediate

The Busy Bee Award

Awards: Rosette & \$20

Awarded to the Junior Exhibitor who has won the greatest number of ribbons in:

Horticulture: Junior

Artistic Design: Junior

The Connie Kemp Award

This award is in memory of Connie Kemp, an exhibitor and Assistant Superintendent for many years. Presented by the Connie Kemp family, this award is awarded to the exhibitor who has the best arrangement of Gladiolas.

Awards: Rosette & \$50

Superintendent's Award

Presented on Governor's Day to the exhibitor entering the most unusual or interesting exhibit in the opinion of the judges.

Awards: Rosette & \$55

Flower Contests

Please visit the CONTEST section on our website to enter and for additional information!

Flower Arranging

Think Pink! Breast Cancer Awareness

Hat Decorating