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4H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



General Rules:

1. Deadline for entries is May 15 on suitable forms.
2. FFA members living in Lucas County may participate.
3. Judging follows Junior Fair guidelines.
4. Members need not be present for judging.
5. Each exhibit must have a completed exhibit card.
6. Engineering projects are to be made under the supervision of a Career Tech teacher.
7. Crop projects are to be part of the student's experience program.
 - Sr. Division** - 14-19 years of age as of January 1
 - Jr. Division** - 8-13 years of age as of January 1
 - Cloverbuds** - 5-7 years of age, may participate in any project based on participation only.

4-H Gardening

1. Check-in day of judging. Please check the date, day, and time listed under each specific project in the 4-H Vegetable and Flower Division you are entering. Division winners will be announced after each judging is completed.
2. Project books must be completed and accompany the project to be judged and displayed.
3. **Exhibits will be displayed through Sunday at 6:30 pm, or forfeiture of premiums may result.**
4. The judges' decisions are final. 4-H members arriving after their official judging time may not be considered for trophies and awards.
5. Self-Determined gardening projects should be entered in a class that most nearly fits the work completed. A special time for judging can also be arranged.
6. Judging schedule may be adjusted due to large enrollment or other reasons that make it necessary.
7. Projects may be disqualified if guidelines are not followed specifically under the different project listings. The contestant will be disqualified and not considered for top prize awards.
8. All exhibits must be worthy to receive top honor recognition.
9. Please call Kathy Wenz at 419-574-1986 if you need help to understand any contests.

FFA/4-H Open Class "Create Your Own" Competition:

Judging: Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Project check-in 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

- **Decorated Hat** - with hanger provided by the participant
- **Decorated Grapevine Wreath** - with hanger supplied by participant
- **Decorated Wreath** - with hanger provided by the participant
- **Silk Flower Arrangement**
- **Silk Flower Bud Vase**
- **Decorated Shovel** - Choose any shovel, from a hand trowel to a scoop shovel.
Shovels can be painted or decorated.

Awards awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division - Junior, Senior, Jr. Fair Parents, and 4-H/FFA Advisors.



4H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



Free Standing Scarecrow Contest:

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (projects should check in from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

- Jr. Division – 8-13 years of age as of January 1.
- Sr. Division – 14-19 years of age as of January 1.

General Rules:

1. Only one entry per individual exhibitor.
2. Entry must be freestanding.
3. Height of each entry must not exceed 6' nor be below 3'. Width must not exceed 6'. Entry must consist of a single scarecrow with no multiple characters.
4. Scarecrow must have a gardening theme and have something to do with gardening.
5. Please note: Scarecrows should be loveable, mischievous, and humorous; NOT frightening

Awards awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division - Junior and Senior

Sunflower Contest:

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Project check-in 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

General Rules:

1. Grow any variety, color, or size of sunflower you like.
2. This will be a fun contest, so let's see what you can do with a sunflower seed.
3. Bring the head only to the fair for judging, along with a glass container for water.
4. Let's see which one the judge likes best.

Awards awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division - Junior and Senior

FFA/4-H Tallest Corn Stalk Contest:

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Project check-in 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

General Rules:

1. You may get a corn stalk from a farmer's field (with permission) or grow your own. Growing your own allows you to nurture and fertilize any way you choose.
2. Stalk must have a root ball. The root ball must be in a 5-gallon or similar container that does not leak so the stalk can be watered.
3. Measurement will be taken from the top of the root ball to the tallest part of the stalk or tassel.

Awards awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division - Junior and Senior

Arrangement Contest On the Spot Flower Arranging Activity

Clinic: Thursday at 10:00 am Registration for the contest will be from 9:00am to 9:45 am

Contest: Thursday at 10:30 am

****NOTE THIS CONTEST IS Thursday**** - Exhibitor will arrange garden cut annual flowers. The 4-H Gardening Division will furnish flowers and containers. Exhibitors must bring scissors. The arrangement and the exhibitor will be critiqued and judged in the presence of a judge.

There will be a 15-minute time limit. The contest will start at 10:30 am.

*A clinic (FREE) will be open to the public on arranging fresh flowers. Adults may have an opportunity to participate if enough materials are available.

*A donation of \$5.00 for participating in the contest is requested. The donation benefits the Jr. Fair Gardening Division.



4H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



Guidelines for Flower Judging:

- **Uniformity** - All specimens should be uniform in size, shape, and color. An exhibit with four average-sized specimens and an exceptional specimen will not score as high as five average specimens.
- **Freedom From Defects** - Specimens selected for exhibits should be free from insect injury, disease, growth cracks, yellowing, and wilting defects.
- **Maturity** - All flowers should be at the best stage for immediate display when exhibited. Under-mature or over-mature specimens are not desirable.
- **Size** – Average-sized specimens rank higher than extremely large or extremely small specimens.
- **True to Variety Name** - Each specimen should be true to the name and characteristics of the variety being displayed.
- **Cleanliness** - All specimens should be clean. Remove yellow or dead leaves and ensure all soil has been removed from stems and leaves.
- **Arrangement of Flowers** - Exhibitors can add to the attractiveness of their exhibit by arranging their flowers neatly in the containers being used.

Potted Planter:

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Arrival time: Junior and Senior Potted Planters may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

General Rules:

1. Planters must include 3 or more different specimens of plants in one container.
2. Plants must have been growing in a container for at least 2 months, showing strong root development and in bloom, except where noted.
3. Planters must have been cared for by 4-H/FFA participants.
4. Any suitable container may be used.
5. Common names of plants must be written on the back of the exhibitor tag.
6. Junior and Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Potted Planters are to be auctioned at the Livestock Sale on Friday with 10% of earnings to the Junior Fair Gardening Division.

Specimens may include but are not limited to:

- Petunia
- Begonia (fibrous)
- Geraniums
- Coleus (not in bloom)
- French Marigold
- Vine (may be more than one plant)
- Cacti and Other Succulents
- Salvia
- Any Other plant other than the above specimen



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Flowering Potted Plant

Foliage Potted Plant

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Junior and Senior Potted Plants may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

General Rules:

1. Each pot may have up to three plants of the same specimen and in bloom.
2. Each exhibitor may enter as many classes as he/she is eligible to compete in.
3. Only one entry per class.
4. Plants must have been growing in a container for at least two months, showing strong root development.
5. 4-H participants must have cared for plants.
6. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display.
7. The common name of the plant must be written on the back of the entry tag

Specimens may include but are not limited to:

- Class 1: One pot Petunias
- Class 2: One Pot Geraniums
- Class 3: One pot Coleus (not in bloom)
- Class 4: One pot African Violet (crown in bloom)
- Class 5: One pot French Marigold (Safari Series, Janie Series, Durango Series, Bonanza Series)
- Class 6: One pot Begonia (fibrous)
- Class 7: One pot Vine (may include more than one plant)
- Class 8: One pot Cacti or other succulent (one type of plant per pot)
- Class 9: Open Class: Any potted plant other than the above specimens

Awards: Rosettes or awards to be given to the individual in each division accumulating the most points. 1st place - 3 Points, 2nd Place - 2 Points, 3rd Place - 1 Point





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Flowering Hanging Basket **Foliage Hanging Basket**

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Junior and Senior Hanging Baskets may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

General Rules:

1. Baskets must have a suitable hanger for pipe rods. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display.
2. Plants should have been growing in containers for at least two months and show strong root development.
3. 4-H participants must have cared for plants.
4. Common plant name must be written on the back of the entry tag.
5. A Best of Class will be awarded, and a Grand Champion will be selected.
- 6 Junior and Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Potted Planters are to be auctioned at the Livestock Sale on Friday with 10% of earnings to the Junior Fair Gardening Division.

Specimens may include but are not limited to:

- Flowering Annuals (Including Coleus, Impatiens, Petunias, Fibrous Begonias, and Geraniums)
- Fern and Ivies, cascading or vining (Including Swedish Ivy and Pothos)
- Other foliage (not included in the above specimens)

Gardening Classes:

Judging: Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Arrival time: Project check-in Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

670 Canning and Freezing Explore water bath canning and freezing home preservation methods with this is an interesting and informative project. (Pressure canning is not included.) Learn how pH determines which canning methods to use, become familiar with canning equipment, learn when fruits and vegetables are in season, and preserve products using the freezing method. The last activity is an easy, step-by-step guide to water bath canning your own applesauce! Members must have access to a current, reliable home food preservation guidebook.

671 How Does Your Garden Grow? This beginning-level project is designed for youth with limited or no experience in flower gardening. Youth are required to complete five activities that guide decision-making and preparation of a flower garden, either in the ground or in containers. In the second year, youth should use a new project book to document decisions for a new and different garden.

691 – Vegetable Garden I - Exhibit one plate of vegetables – four (4) kinds of vegetables. Select two (2) specimens of each vegetable exhibited. Also, exhibit a poster, large enough for the public to see, on one of the following topics: Plant Life Cycles, Planning and Designing Your Vegetable Garden, Planning Your Vegetable Garden, or Composting. A written report about your poster may be included if you want to add it to your project.

692 – Vegetable Gardening II – Growing with the Seasons. Exhibit three (3) vegetables for each growing season: cool season, warm season, and cold tolerant season. Select two (2) specimens of each vegetable variety exhibited. Plates will be provided. Know the planning section of the project book (Steps 1-7) and be able to answer questions on each section. Become involved in at least one organized gardening activity within your 4-H club, bringing a poster and written report for judging signed by your 4-H adviser (Example: a speech or demo). Maintain a minimum garden space of 225 sq.



4H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



Guidelines for Vegetable Judging

- **Uniformity** – All specimens should be uniform in size, shape, and color. An exhibit that includes four average specimens and one exceptional specimen will not score as high as an exhibit for five average specimens.
- **Freedom from Defects** – Specimens selected for exhibits should be free from defects such as insect injury, disease injury, growth cracks, air cracks, greening, mechanical injury, and shriveling.
- **Maturity** – All vegetables should be at the best stage for immediate consumption when they are exhibited. Under-mature or over-mature specimens are not desirable, except when specified.
- **Size** – Average-sized specimens rank higher than then extremely large or extremely small specimens. In general, the size to exhibit should be determined by the size most acceptable to consumers unless the class is for large specimens.
- **Cleanliness** – All specimens should be clean. Use a soft cloth or a soft brush for this purpose. Vegetables should not be washed unless necessary to remove dirt.
- **True to Variety Name** – Each specimen selected should be true to the name and characteristics of the variety being displayed.
- **Arrangements on the Plate** – Exhibitors can add to the attractiveness of their exhibit by arranging the specimens neatly on the plate.

Individual Vegetable Exhibits:

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Project check-in Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

General Rules:

- Quantity to display for each vegetable is listed.
- Paper plates will be provided for all exhibits.
- Each exhibitor may enter as many classes as he/she is eligible to compete in.
- Only one entry per class.
- 4-H/FFA participants must have grown all items for competition.

Awards: Rosettes or awards to be given to the individual in each division accumulating the most points. 1st place - 3 Points, 2nd Place - 2 Points, 3rd Place - 1 Point

Classes:

1. Red Tomatoes (without calyx) – 3
2. Yellow Tomatoes (without calyx) – 3
3. Salad Tomatoes – 10 (pear, cherry, or pasta with calyx)
4. Green Bush Beans (semi-mature) – 10 pods
5. Yellow Wax Beans (semi-mature) – 10 pods
6. Lima Beans (semi-mature) – 10 pods
7. Sweet Corn – 3 ears (husk and silk removed from one side; top to boom)
8. Yellow Onions – 3 (outer scale and 2" stem remaining)
9. White Onions – 3 (outer scale and 2" stem remaining)
10. Red Onions – 3 (outer scale and 2" stem remaining)
11. Table Beets – 3 (smooth, tap root remaining)
12. Carrot (cut tops) – 3
13. Cucumbers (any variety) – 3
14. Sweet Peppers (bell type) – 3
15. Banana Peppers – 5
16. White Potatoes – 3



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- 17. Red Potatoes – 3
- 18. Cabbage -1 (2 sets of outer leaves remaining; any variety)
- 19. Watermelon (any variety) – 1
- 20. Muskmelon – 2
- 21. Pumpkin (any variety) – 1
- 22. Squash Summer (Bush, scallop, white or yellow) – 2
- 23. Squash Summer (yellow) – 2
- 24. Squash Summer (Zucchini) – 2
- 25. Squash Summer (Crook Neck) – 2
- 26. Squash Summer (Straight Neck) – 2
- 27. Squash Winter (Acorn) – 1
- 28. Squash Winter (Butternut) – 1
- 29. Eggplant (any variety) – 1

4-H Mini-Garden

Judging: Monday at Noon.

Arrival time: Projects may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Monday morning between 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon.

General Rules:

- All awards are based on exhibit and knowledge of youth.
- All entries must remain until 6:30 pm on Sunday.
- Awards will go to the top 3 in each age division.
- Cloverbuds will discuss their projects with the judge and receive participation awards

Marigold - Exhibit one marigold plant grown in one gallon or smaller-sized container. A container larger than a one-gallon exhibit may not be eligible for top awards.

MCB - Cloverbud

M1 – 8 and 9 years old

M2 – 10 and 11 years old

M3 – 12 and 13 years old

M4 – 14-19 years old

Tomato

- No caged tomato plants are allowed.
- Plants must show evidence of suckering and be staked.
- Exhibit one tomato plant grown in a 3-to-5-gallon container. If a container is smaller than 3 gallons or larger than 5 gallons exhibit may not be eligible for top awards.

TCB - Cloverbud

T1 – 8 and 9 years old

T2 – 10 and 11 years old

T3 – 12 and 13 years old

T4 – 14-19 years old



FFA and 4-H Horticultural Floriculture Exhibits

Judging: Monday at 4:00 pm

Arrival time: Exhibits must be in place by Noon on Monday and remain through Sunday.

General Rules:

1. Each exhibitor must be an FFA member or in an educational Program.
2. Exhibitors may enter each or all categories, but only once per category. Exception: Classes FG-8 A and B unlimited entries; may enter more than once as long as the entry is a different variety, cultivar, or species.
3. Exhibitors must grow or design their exhibit. a. Summer Student Category (Jr. in Horticultural Summer Program): grown plant in one month. b. All other students: grow their own exhibit for three months and grow in containers for at least one month.
4. Exhibitors must submit Junior Fair Entry Form listing all classes and categories she/she is planning to enter. Must supply and construct their own exhibit. Instructors provide entry forms.
5. Each school or FFA chapter must provide a structure for their students to display hanging baskets.
6. Awards: FFA and 4-H Premiums A - \$8.00 B - \$6.00 C - \$4.00

Classes:

FG-1 Potted Plants – 6" pot

- A. Geranium
- B. Coleus
- C. Impatiens
- D. Succulent, Cactus
- E. Foliage Plant
- F. Other

FG-2 Cut Flowers – Display single flower in a bud vase.

- A. Snapdragon
- B. Gladiolus
- C. Marigold (tall cut flower type)
- D. Zinnia (tall cut flower type)
- E. Other

FG-3 Terrariums – Tropical or Desert

- A. Circular Bowl
- B. Brandy Sniper
- C. 5 Gallon Jug
- D. Sand Art

FG-4 Dish Garden

- A. Tropical
- B. Desert



FG-5 Dried or Artificial Arrangement

- A. Horizontal
- B. Vertical
- C. Circular Mound/Hogarth
- D. Scalene
- E. Symmetrical Triangle
- F. Wall plaques – all dry material must hang (max. size 12" x 18")

FG-6 Fresh Flower Arrangements

- A. Horizontal
- B. Vertical
- C. Circular Mound/Hogarth
- D. Scalene
- E. Symmetrical Triangle

FG-7 Corsages

- A. Artificial Design
- B. Fresh Flower Design

FG-8 Hanging Basket – Standard basket (no macrame, etc.) max size 12"

- A. Foliage
 - 1. Swedish Ivy
 - 2. Ivy
 - 3. Any other
- B. Blooming

Classes:

LD1 - Design and Garden Competition: A landscape design (drawing) of a garden feature (such as part of a patio, pond, a wall, etc.) to cover an area 10 feet wide by 8 feet deep.

General Rules:

1. A list of plants must be included, giving information on the number and size of plants. Plan cost optional.
2. Use appropriate landscape plan symbols for the types of plants and materials used.
3. Use plants suitable for Ohio climate unless otherwise indicated.
4. All plants must be labeled with their botanical or common names.
5. Design will be judged on legibility, neatness, suitability, material composition, etc.

LD2 – Residential Property Design: A landscape design for a residential property at least 60" by 120".

General Rules:

1. All plants must be drawn to scale 1/8" equals 1' or 1/32" equals 1'.
2. Plants must include a top view; a side view (elevation) is optional.
3. Use appropriate landscape plan symbols for types of plants, materials used, and buildings.
4. A list of plants used (botanical or common names) must be included, giving information on the number of plants, size, root description (ball and burlap, bare root or potted), and estimation of the plant cost.
5. Use plants suitable for Ohio climate unless otherwise indicated.
6. Design will be judged on legibility, neatness, suitability, materials, composition, etc.....



FFA Lawn/Garden Woodworking Projects

Construct any woodworking project that is associated with lawn/landscaping/gardening.

Class 1 - Small project - costing less than \$10.00 to make.

Class 2 - Medium project - costing \$10.01 - \$50.00 to make.

Class 3 - Large project - costing \$50.01 - \$100.00 to make.

Class 4 - X Large project - costing over \$100.01 to make.

FFA Outdoor Lighting Project Construct a mounted outdoor lighting display. The project must include light fixtures, a transformer, and wiring. All proper connections must be shown.

FFA Irrigation Project Construct a mini irrigation system. The system must include valves, irrigation heads, manifolds, and piping. Proper connections must be shown.

FFA Landscape Model Construct Any scaled model of a landscape-related project. This can include but is not limited to a deck, building, golf course hole(s), etc.

FFA Arc Welding Project This project must consist of three arc welds. There must be a butt weld, a lap weld, and a tee weld. All three must be on separate 3" long pieces of steel and be attached to one single piece of wood for display.

FFA Wire Welding Project This project must consist of three wire welds. There must be a butt weld, a lap weld, and a tee weld. All three must be on separate 3" long pieces of steel and be attached to one single piece of wood for display.

FFA Tap Block Project Judging This tap block will be a 1/2" thick bar of aluminum that is 6" long and 2" wide with a 1/4", 5/16", 3/8", 7/16" and a 1/2" coarse and fine threaded holes tapped and labeled.

FFA Alternative Energy Self-Determined Project Any FFA member can exhibit one or more projects relating to and/or exploring the alternative energy industry. These projects can include but are not limited to solar, wind, and biomass energy. These projects could be reports with display boards, demonstration boards, photo boards, working models, or any combination thereof.

FFA Small Animal Self Determination Project Any FFA member can exhibit one or more projects related to small animal care. These projects can be reports with display boards, demonstration boards, or photo boards showing care of the life cycle or any other information relating to small animals.

