

2026 WOOD COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOW RULES

1. Each show will be judged by accredited OAGC judges according to the OAGC standards system.
2. The decision of the judges will be final.
3. Any exhibitor, over 16 years old, to compete for class premiums, must have a membership or exhibitor ticket. Exhibitors under 17 may enter under a parent's membership or purchase their own exhibitor's ticket. Exhibitors may purchase an entry pass for \$3.00
4. All classes are open to those who grow flowers and plants for pleasure only, not for the purpose of livelihood.
5. The exhibitor must grow all horticulture entries. **Correct variety name(s) should be on the entry tag.**
6. Plant material used in artistic designs must be listed on a separate 3" x 5" card displayed with the entry.
7. Plant material may be obtained from any source for use in arrangements.
8. No artificial plant material will be permitted.
9. Fresh plant material may not be artificially colored, painted, treated or dyed.
10. Fresh plant material must be predominating in all traditional designs.
11. Plant materials on the conservation list may not be used unless grown by the exhibitor, which must be stated on the card accompanying the design.
12. Foliage is permitted unless otherwise stated.
13. Dried plant material may be natural, colored or painted.
14. When the horticulture schedule calls for a definite number, a greater or lesser number disqualifies.
15. In Division A, the plant must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three (3) months.
16. Houseplants entered in the first show may be entered in the second show under a different class. .
17. A person may enter only one exhibit under each artistic class.
18. In the horticulture **section more than one entry will be permitted for each different named variety**. Variety name must be included on the entry tag. Premiums will not be paid for more than two exhibits per class.
19. No scenes or landscapes will be accepted.
20. Entries must not be moved or altered without assistance of the Placement Committee.
21. Exhibitors must replace plant material for all designs as needed to assure freshness of the design for the duration of the show. Do not change the design.
22. No advanced designers are permitted in classes 115 and 116. Designers who have won 1st place on more than two invitationals in the previous two years... Advanced designers include floral judges, recent John Moore Award recipients.
23. Exhibitors permitted the show area during judging.
24. Containers, bases, and accessories should be marked on the bottom, with the exhibitor's name, and info.
25. While the Flower Show Committee will afford the best possible care and protection to all exhibits, it distinctly disclaims any liability for losses or damage to exhibits or personal property of the exhibitors.
26. Any entry removed before the guidelines set forth above will forfeit all monetary premium(s) won by the exhibitor in both the first and second shows.
27. BEST OF SHOW AWARDS (rosettes) will be given in both the First and Second Shows for:
 - Rose specimen classes 1-26
 - Horticulture specimens 27-100
 - Horticultural plants 101 -111

- Adult artistic 112-121
- Junior horticulture 122-130
- Junior artistic 131-134

TO ENTER-Please see Page 2 of Fair Book for “Everything You Need To Know To Enter 2026 Fair”

Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries per category in all horticulture classes and 1 entry per category in all artistic classes. All exhibitors must have purchased a Wood County Fair membership or week pass at the time of registration, except children under 18 who may enter on parent’s membership or with a youth exhibitor pass.

WOOD COUNTY FAIR – OPEN CLASS ENTRY SHEETS and EXHIBITOR PASSES are available in advance at the Wood County Fair Office. The computer printed tags that have not been picked up will be available in the Fair Administration Office during set up before the shows. **No entry sheets will be accepted after two days before the shows.**

AWARDS

JOHN MOORE CREATIVE DESIGN AWARD will be given in both the First and Second Shows for an outstanding or unique creative design. It will not necessarily be chosen from the blue-ribbon winners. An acknowledgement card will be placed by the design and the winner’s name will be put on a plaque.

THE FRIEDA SANDER PERPETUAL MEMORIAL AWARD

The Frieda Sander Perpetual Memorial Award will be presented to the exhibitor having accumulated the most points in the artistic division from both shows along with a monetary award of \$25.00. The award may be held for not more than two (2) consecutive years, after which the winner will be eligible to receive the award again. A plaque with the past winners will be on display.

GARDEN CLUB AWARD

The Garden Club Award will be presented to the garden club whose members accumulated the greatest number of points from both shows along with a monetary award of \$25.00. Points will be awarded in both horticulture and artistic divisions: 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 1 point.

JANE BURNS HORTICULTURE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Wood County Garden Clubs will present the Jane Burns Horticulture Award with \$ 25.00 to the exhibitor accumulating the MOST FIRST PLACE BLUE RIBBONS in Horticulture Division, Classes 1 through 112 from both shows.

JANE BURNS-JUNIOR HORTICULTURE AWARD

A \$20.00 check will be presented to the junior exhibitor with the most horticulture points from both shows.

THE FRIEDA SANDER JUNIOR AWARD

A \$20.00 check will be presented to the junior exhibitor having accumulated the most points in the Junior Artistic Division from both shows. Also, their name will be placed on a plaque that will be on display at the flower show during every fair. The award may be held for no more than two (2) years consecutively, after which the winner will be eligible to receive the award again.

**Points for both awards are scored as follows: 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 1 point

AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND PHOTOS: Winners will be notified of times based upon the schedule of The Sentinel Tribune.

DIVISION A - HORTICULTURE - FIRST AND SECOND SHOWS

Premiums: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

To be judged for horticulture quality. Removal of side buds and branches from individual blooms is required unless noted otherwise.

Foliage is not to be removed. Must be grown by the exhibitor and should be labeled as to the named variety.

ROSES

CLASS: Classes 1 through 14 to be staged in blue containers, furnished by committee. Height <22"

1. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora FRAGRANT ROSE (Fragrance counts for 50 of 100 points....1 bloom
2. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora- any white or white blend..... 1 bloom
3. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – any pink or pink blend.....1 bloom
4. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – any yellow or yellow blend..... 1 bloom
5. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – any red or red blend..... 1 bloom
6. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – apricot or apricot blend..... 1 bloom
7. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – any orange or orange blend..... 1 bloom
8. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – mauve or mauve blend..... 1 bloom
9. Hybrid tea or Grandiflora-any color not falling in the above classes..... 1 bloom
10. Hybrid tea or Grandiflora – Full blown, any variety..... 1 bloom
11. Hybrid tea or Grandiflora – Any variety.....1 spray
12. Floribunda – any variety..... 1 spray
13. Floribunda – any variety.....1 bloom
14. Knockout – any variety..... 1 bloom or spray
15. OsoEasy – Any variety.....1 bloom or spray
16. David Austin English Rose – any variety..... 1 bloom
17. Any other shrub rose not listed above–any variety..... .1 bloom or spray
18. Climbing rose – any variety..... 1 bloom or spray
19. Polyantha – any variety..... 1 spray
20. Miniature or Miniflora – any white or white blend.....1 bloom
21. Miniature or Miniflora – any pink or pink blend..... 1 bloom
22. Miniature or Miniflora –any yellow or yellow blend.....1 bloom
23. Miniature or Miniflora –any red or red blend..... 1 bloom
24. Miniature or Miniflora – apricot or apricot blend..... 1 bloom
25. Miniature or Miniflora – any orange or orange blend..... 1 bloom
26. Miniature or Miniflora– mauve or mauve blend.....1 bloom
27. Miniature or Miniflora – any other color.....1 bloom
28. Miniature or Miniflora – any other color.....1 spray
29. Marigold –White large variety > 2" bloom..... 1 bloom
30. Mexican Sunflower Tithonia.....1 bloom

ANNUALS

31. Ageratum - any color or variety..... 1 spray
32. Amaranthus – any variety.....1 stem

- 33. Calendula - any color or variety.....3 blooms
- 34. Celosia – crested..... 1 stem
- 35. Celosia – plumed.....1 stem
- 36. Cleome - (spider plant) - any color.....1 stem
- 37. Coleus – any variety..... 1 stem
- 38. Cosmos – semi double or double.....3 blooms
- 39. Cosmos- single.....3 blooms
- 40. Herb - must be named.....1 stem
- 41 Lisianthus..... 1 spray
- 42. Marigold – small **solid** color flowered – under 1 ½ inches.....1 spray
- 43. Marigold - small **bi-color** flowered – under 1 ½ inches.....1 spray
- 44. Marigold – large flowers yellow or orange over 2 inches.....1 bloom
- 45. Petunia – pastel color - single type bloom.....1 spray
- 46.. Petunia - white - single type bloom.....1 spray
- 47. Petunia – dark color - single type bloom.....1 spray
- 48. Petunia - any bicolor or blended - single type bloom.....1 spray
- 49. Petunia - double type bloom.....1 spray
- 50. Salvia - any color3 spikes
- 51. Snapdragon – any variety -one color..... .3 spikes
- 52. Sunflower - any variety, size over 8 inches diameter.....1 bloom
- 53. Sunflower – any variety, size under 8” 1 bloom
- 54. Zinnia – cactus flowered – 3 inches diameter or over.....1 bloom
- 55. Zinnia – dahlia flowered – 3 inches diameter or over.....1 bloom
- 56. Zinnia – small flowered – 1 color, under 2 inches diameter.....3 blooms
- 57. Any annual not listed1 bloom
- 58. Any annual not listed.....1 spray or spike

PERENNIALS

- 59. Amaryllidaceae (resurrection lily) 1 scape
- 60. Asclepias (butterfly weed) - any variety.....1 spray
- 61. Buddleia (butterfly bush) - any variety.....1 spike
- 62. Clematis - leaves permitted although not necessary.....1 bloom
- 63. Coreopsis - one variety.....3 blooms
- 64. Delphinium - laterals permitted.....1 spike
- 65. Echinacea (cone flower) - purple common.....1 bloom
- 66.. Echinacea – any other color.....1 bloom
- 67. Gaillardia - one variety.....3 blooms
- 68. Hemerocallis (day lily) light colors: cream, yellow, peach, salmon, pink.....1 scape
- 69. Hemerocallis (day lily) dark colors: orange, purple, red.....1 scape
- 70. Hemerocallis (day lily) bi-color or blended color..... 1 scape

Note for # 71-75 Hostas without a variety name cannot place first.

- 71. Hosta – Miniature/small: leaf size limit/width: under 3 inches1 leaf

- 72. Hosta – Medium: leaf size limit/width: 3 to 5 inches.....1 leaf
- 73. Hosta – Large: leaf size limit/width: 5 to 9 inches1 leaf
- 74. Hosta – Giant: leaf size width: over 9 inches.....1 leaf
- 75. Hydrangea - any variety.....1 bloom
- 76. Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisy/any variety)1 bloom
- 77. Ornamental Grass - any one variety, size limit 36 inches tall.....3 stems
- 78. Phlox any color.....1 spray
- 79. Rudbeckia – Variety must be named.....1 bloom
- 80. Yarrow.....1 bloom
- 81. Any perennial not listed.....1 round form bloom
- 82. Any perennial not listed.....1 spike or spray

GLADIOLUS

Each must be cut to a length < 20 inches from bottom floret down to prevent them from falling over. Side shoots must be removed although foliage should be left on. Markings permitted

Large and Medium Size (500, 400, and 300)

- 83. White.....1 spike
- 84. Yellow or cream.....1 spike
- 85. Orange or salmon.....1 spike
- 86. Pink1 spike
- 87. Red or scarlet.....1 spike
- 88. Purple, violet or lavender.....1 spike
- 89. Any color not in above classes.....1 spike

LILIUM, TUBERS AND BULBS

- 90. Pineapple lily.....1 spike
- 91. Tuberous or non-stop begonia flower (must include leaf) No wax begonias) ... 1 bloom
- 92. Liatris.....1 spike
- 93. Canna - any color, may have leaf although not necessary.....1 stem
- 94. Any other tender bulb or tuber not listed (elephant ear, calla, etc.) 1 bloom or 1 stem

DAHLIAS

Disbud early, should include the first set of 5 leaves attached to the stem. Laterals to be removed.

- 95. Dahlia – solid color (over 6 inches in diameter) 1 bloom
- 96. Dahlia – bi-color or blend (over 6 inches in diameter)1 bloom
- 97. Dahlia – solid color (4 to 6 inches in diameter).....1 bloom
- 98. Dahlia – bi-color or blend (4 inches to 6 inches diameter)1 bloom
- 99. Dahlia - miniature (over 2 inches/under 4 inches diameter)1 bloom
- 100. Dahlia – any other variety.....1 bloom

HOUSE and PATIO PLANTS - FIRST SHOW

Size limit: 12-inch diameter container unless otherwise stated

Premiums: 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

- 101a. Plant(s) in a unique container up to 12 inches. Plant(s) may be foliage, flowering or combination.
- 102a. Patio Container – Include flowering plants Pot limit 12”.
- 103 a. Begonia – grower’s choice. Variety name must be on the entry tag. One plant.

- 104a. Succulent – Any one variety
- 105a. Impatiens - grower’s choice. Variety name must be on the entry tag. One plant.
- 106a. Vine - any one variety - grower’s choice, must include a variety name on the entry tag. One plant.
- 107a. Coleus – any one variety, must include a variety name on the entry tag. One plant.
- 108a. Flowering plant - any one plant not listed above, not in a hanging basket
- 109a. Foliage plant - any one plant not listed above, not in a hanging basket
- 110a. Miniature Garden – minimum of three plants; accessories may be included in this small garden scene. Container less than 18”.
- 111a. Hanging Basket – Grower’s choice. More than one type of plant. The diameter limit is 16 inches.

DIVISION B-ARTISTIC FLORAL DESIGN - FIRST SHOW

America’s Canvas: 250 Years of Creating Community

Classes 112a. through 123a. open to any non-professional designer

Premiums: 1st \$7.00 2nd \$6.00 3rd \$5.00

Beginning Designers: (Designers who have not previously won 1st place ribbons)

112a. Painter Georgia O’Keeffe “Red Hills” Design using red flowers

113a. American Indian Art – Design in a basket

Traditional Designs

114a. Theater Art – Design incorporating a mask

115a. Ansel Adams, Photographer in black & white – Design with white flowers in a black container

Creative Designs

Premiums: 1st \$8.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$6.00

116a. Painter Salvador Dali – Creative Abstract design

117a. Sculpture Art – Creative tubular design

Miniature Designs Miniature designs not to exceed 5” in any dimension

Premiums: 1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00

118a. Art miniatures – Interpretive

119a. Photography – Design including a miniature frame

Small Designs over 5 “ and less than 12” in any dimension

Premiums: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

120a. Painter Andy Warhol – “Campbell Soup” Design in a Campbell soup can

121a. Floral Designs – An English Victorian design with dark, rich colored flowers in an ornate container

DIVISION C -- JUNIOR CLASS - FIRST SHOW

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS - FIRST SHOW

Horticulture entries must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor, age seventeen (17) or under.

Premiums: 1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00

122a. Petunia – any variety 1 bloom

123a. Marigold - small variety, under 2 inches..... 1 spray

124a. Marigold – large variety.....1 bloom

125a. Gladiolus.....1 spike

126a. Zinnia – any large variety.....1 bloom

127a. Sunflower – up to 10 inches in diameter.....1 bloom

- 128a. Any annual not listed.....1 bloom, spike or spray
129a. Foliage plant - any one variety.....container size limit 12 in.
130a. Flowering container – may have one or more plants.....container size limit 12 in.

JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGN - FIRST SHOW

Premiums: 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Juniors up to and including ten (10) years of age

- 131a. Art – Design including crayons
132a. Painting – Design including a paint brush or brushes

Juniors eleven (11) through (17) years of age

- 133a. Many Colors – Design including 3 or more colors
134a. Art Sculpture – Design including clay either as an accessory in the design or as a container

DIVISION D- FEATURED CLASSES

135 a. FOLDING NICHE

OpArt – Abstract kinetic design (May have OpArt background. Needs strong implied movement

Maximum of 6 niches

Premiums: \$25.00 each entry plus, 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes

Background furnished by exhibitor. Display niche is 41”H X 32”W X 26”D.

136a. WALL NICHE

de Vinci – Painter “Last Supper” Design in a Goblet

Maximum of 8 niches

Premiums: \$20.00 each entry plus, 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes

Black background furnished. Display niche is 31”H X 26”W X 16” D.

137a. TABLES

van Gogh – Painter – “Starry Night”

Formal Table. Setting for 6.

Maximum of 4 tables

Premiums: \$25.00 each entry plus, 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes

Table size is 36” by 72”; furnished by the Committee. Cloth drop should be from 12” to 18”.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

To remain throughout First Show and Second Show

Premiums: \$25.00 each

138. Educational Exhibit - Creative Designs: Tubular Design

SPECIAL CONTEST

139. Patriotic Floral Arrangement-Sponsored by Visit BG and Downtown Bowling Green

See Ad in Fair book for more information.

DIVISION A - HORTICULTURE - SECOND SHOW

Class numbers 1-100 remain the same as the First Show.

Premiums: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

To be judged for horticulture quality. Must be grown by the exhibitor and should be labeled as to the named variety

HOUSE and PATIO PLANTS - SECOND SHOW

Size limit: 12-inch diameter container unless otherwise stated

Premiums: 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

101b. Fern - any one variety

102b. Patio Container – Foliage plants only. Pot size limit 12 “.

103b. Caladium - any single variety

104b. Cacti Garden – minimum of 3 plants. Container up to 18 inches.

105b. Geranium – one plant, grower’s choice

106b. Exotic Tropical plant– plant name must be on the entry tag

107b. Herbs – minimum three plants; may be same or different varieties with names on the entry tag

108b. Grass – one plant – size limit 12 inches tall, must include variety name on entry tag

109b. Succulent Garden – minimum of 3 plants. Container up to 18 inches wide.

110b. Flowering Outdoor Patio Container - Grower’s choice. Container diameter **over 12 inches**.

111a.. Hanging Basket – **One kind** of plant. May have more than 1 plant. Container up to 16”

DIVISION B - ARTISTIC DESIGN – SECOND SHOW

Premiums: 1st \$7.00 2nd \$6.00 3rd \$5.00

Beginning Designers (designers who have not previously won a blue ribbon)

112b. Glass Art – Design in a glass container

113b. Rembrandt – “Storm on the Sea of Galilee” Design using dark colors

Traditional Designs:

114b. Music is Art – Interpretive

115b. Rubens – Painter “a Venetian Canal – Design showing water

Creative Designs:

Premiums: 1st \$10.00 2nd \$8.00 3rd \$6.00

116b. van Gogh – Painter “Sunflowers” Creative incorporating sunflowers

117b. Rubens – Painter “The Three Graces” Interpretive. Using three flowers.

Miniature Designs - not to exceed 5” in any dimension

Premiums: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

118b. Monet – Painter “Water Lily Pond” A foliage design

119b. Chihuly – Glass Artist – In a glass container

Small Designs – over 5” and less than 12” in any dimension

Premiums: 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

120b. Monet – Painter “Stacks of Wheat” – Design incorporating wheat

121b. Picasso – Painter Using bright colors.

DIVISION C - JUNIOR CLASS - SECOND SHOW

HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS – JUNIORS - SECOND SHOW

Horticulture entries must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor, age seventeen (17) or under.

Premiums: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Classes 122-130 are the same as First Show except b instead of a.

JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGN-SECOND SHOW

Premiums: 1st \$6.00 2nd \$5.00 3rd \$4.00

Juniors up to and including ten (10) years of age

131b. Art – A design with red flowers

132b. Art – A design with paint materials

Juniors eleven (11) through seventeen (17) years of age.

133b. Art – A design in a paint can

134b. Dance is art - Interpretive

D - FEATURED CLASSES - SECOND SHOW

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED • SUBMIT REGISTRATIONS TO THE FAIR OFFICE. There are maximums for each.

135b. FOLDING NICHEs

Picasso – Painter – Cubism – A Construction design

Maximum of 6 niches.

Premiums: \$25.00 each entry plus 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes

Background to be furnished by the exhibitor. Display niche is 41”H X 32” W X 26” D.

136b. WALL NICHEs

Picasso – Painter “Girl Before a Mirror” Reflective design.

Use reflective materials but not a mirror.

Maximum of 8 niches

Premiums: \$20.00 each entry plus 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes

Black background to be furnished by the Committee. Display niche is 31”H X 26” W X 16” D.

137b. TABLES

USA Celebrating 250 Years

Formal Table. Setting for 6.

Maximum of 4 tables

Premiums: \$25.00 each entry plus, 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes

Table size is 36” by 72”; furnished by the Committee. Cloth drop should be from 12” to 18”.