

**DIVISION 3 AND 3-A**

**FLOWER SHOWS**

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**Rules for both Adults and Junior Shows:**

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Only 1 entry per class.
3. Only exhibits which conform to schedule will be judged.
4. Placement of exhibits must be checked by a member of the Committee to ensure proper placement.
5. Entries will be judged according to Flower Show rules rather than to competitive judging standards. Judging begins immediately after entries are closed.
  - Commercial growers and florists are excluded from entry both in the Junior and Adult Shows.
  - Protective measures will be provided for all exhibits, but the Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc., its Officers or Agents, will not be responsible for damage, breakage or theft. **In the interest of safety, please use discretion on the size and weight of exhibit items. Please DO NOT use patio sized (weight) pots.**
6. No live fish or animals to be included in the entry.

**Special Award:**

**One Rosette for Most Outstanding Exhibit in this entire Division.**

**DIVISION 3**

**ADULT FLOWER SHOW**

**Adults 18 years and over**

**HORTICULTURE RULES:**

1. Flowers and plants must be grown by exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least three months.
2. Only 1 entry per class.
3. All entries should be in **CLEAR GLASS CONTAINERS** that are large enough to support exhibit without props (soda bottle, Mason jar).
4. Entries must have a true set of leaves--no additional branches, foliage, or props should be used.
5. Length of stems should be relative to the size of bloom.
6. Leaves under water and/or damaged leaves should be removed.
7. Cards provided by the Fair must be attached to each exhibit.
8. Label entry with **PROPER NAME** (common name and horticulture name).
9. Grooming: Clean containers; remove dead leaves and flowers; do not use flowers past prime; check for insects.
10. No insect infestation or entry will be removed from display area.

**SECTION AC - 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE**

**Class 85** - Use your imagination to capture the meaning of the county fair to you.  
The use of accessories is permitted along with potted and or cut flowers.

**SECTION A - GLADIOLUS (Please include a leaf)**

- Class 1** - Three spikes, same variety
- Class 2** - One spike, any variety or color
- Class 3** - Three spikes, miniature variety

**SECTION B - ZINNIAS (Please include a leaf)**

- Class 1** - Giant Hybrid, 5 blooms
- Class 2** - Cactus, 5 blooms
- Class 3** - Lilliput type, 5 blooms
- Class 4** - Any type not listed, 5 blooms

**SECTION C - PETUNIAS (Please include leaf)**

- Class 1 - Ruffled single, up to 7 blooms - one color
- Class 2 - Unruffled single, up to 7 blooms - one color
- Class 3 - Ruffled double, up to 7 blooms - one color

**SECTION D - MARIGOLDS**

- Class 1 - Small Orange - 10 blooms
- Class 2 - Small Yellow - 10 blooms
- Class 3 - Large Orange - 5 blooms
- Class 4 - Large Yellow - 5 blooms
- Class 5 - Any other type - small - 10 blooms
- Class 6 - Any other type - large - 5 blooms

**SECTION E - ROSES (Label Variety)**

- Class 1 - Grandiflora - 1 spray
- Class 2 - Floribunda - 1 spray or cluster
- Class 3 - Peace - 1 bloom; creamy tinge on edge
- Class 4 - Any other variety - 1 bloom
- Class 5 - Hybrid Tea - 3 blooms, one variety
- Class 6 - Miniatures

**SECTION F - ANNUALS (Label with name)**

- Class 1 - Asters - 3 blooms
- Class 2 - Celosia - 1 head or stalk
- Class 3 - Dahlias - Tuberous - 1 Bloom under 3"
- Class 4 - Dahlias - Tuberous - 1 Bloom over 3"
- Class 5 - Any other annual not listed - under 3" to 5" diameter.
- Class 6 - Any other annual not listed - over 5" diameter.
- Class 7 - Sunflowers

**SECTION G - PERENNIALS and BIENNIALS (Label with name)**

- Class 1 - Lilies - 3 blooms, naturally grown
  - a) Day lily
  - b) Asiatic
- Class 2 - Hibiscus - 3 blooms, naturally grown
- Class 3 - Phlox - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown
- Class 4 - Butterfly Bush - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown
- Class 5 - Echinacea - purple cone flower – 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown
- Class 6 - Rudbeckia - black eyed Susan – 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown
- Class 7 - Hydrangea - 1 bloom with stalk
- Class 8 - Any other perennial not listed - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown
- Class 9 - Biennials - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

**SECTION H - CONTAINER GROWN PLANT (Label with name)****RULES:**

1. ONE PLANT PER POT -- Except where noted
2. No Artificial Shine On Foliage
3. No Double Crown On Violets
4. Size Limited To 3 Feet In Any Direction
5. CLEAN CLAY POTS
6. Hanging Planters Acceptable

- Class 1 - Cactus
- Class 2 - Succulents
- Class 3 - Topiary (training & trimming plants into ornamental shape)
- Class 4 - Flowering Plant - Poinsettia (must be in bloom)
- Class 5 - Flowering Plant - Orchid
- Class 6 - Flowering Plant - Any other
- Class 7 - Foliage Plant
- Class 8 - Foliage Plant - Flowering
- Class 9 - Fern
- Class 10 - African Violets - Single Blooms

**Class 11** - African Violets - Double Blooms

**Class 12** - Hanging Baskets

**SECTION I - FLOWERING ANNUALS-POTTED (Label with name)**

**Class 1** - Impatiens

**Class 2** - Coleus

a) standard

b) other variety

**Class 3** - Geraniums

**Class 4** - Begonia

**Class 5** - Any other

**SECTION J - BONSAI**

**SECTION K - POTTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**Accessories allowed.**

**Class 1** - Terrarium - more than one plant

**Class 2** - Dish Garden - more than one plant

**SECTION L - ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS (Label With Name)**

**RULES:**

1. No artificial or dyed flowers, fruits or foliage permitted unless specified
2. Accessories permitted in all classes
3. Grooming and conditioning. Clean containers; remove dead leaves and flowers; do not use flowers past prime. Impatiens are impractical for arrangements.
4. NO FRESHLY CUT MELONS SHALL BE USED IN ANY ARRANGEMENT DUE TO THEIR RAPID DETERIORATION.

**Class 1** - In Honor of your Police, Fire and Rescue Depts.

**Class 2** - Wildflower and Herb arrangement

**Class 3** - Rainbow - arrangement using many colors

**Class 4** - Toys - arrangement with children in mind

**Class 5** - Garden - arrangement using fresh fruit and/or vegetables

**Class 6** - Greens - arrangement using greens and/or foliage

**Class 7** - Patio - arrangement for the out-of-doors

**Class 8** - Dried - arrangement using dried materials

**Class 9** - Celebrate - arrangement for any holiday or celebration, accessories allowed

**Class 10a** - Miniature Arrangement 5" and under

**Class 10b** - Miniature Arrangement over 5" up to 7" tall

**Class 11** - Imagination - open category. May use accessories.

**Class 12** - Patriotic - use of red, white and blue flowers in arrangement

**Class 13** - Go Green - arrangement using recycled materials as accessories and container

**DIVISION 3-A**  
**FLOWER SHOW FOR JUNIORS**

**Teens:** 13 to 17 years old ) Please write  
**Children:** 7 to 12 years old ) age group  
**Pee Wee:** 6 years old & under ) on Entry Form

**RULES:**

1. Horticulture containers must be clean.
2. Horticulture must be grown by exhibitor and must be in care of exhibitor for three months.
3. No artificial shine on house plants.
4. Design: plant material need not be grown by exhibitor.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes in Section E.
6. Cards provided by the Fair must be attached to each exhibit.
7. Entries must give age of exhibitor.
8. Only exhibits that conform to the schedule will be judged.

## **HORTICULTURE .**

### **SECTION AC - 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE**

- Class 85** - Use your imagination to capture the meaning of the county fair to you.  
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### **SECTION A - CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS**

- Class 1** - Best specimen, flowering plant in bloom  
**Class 2** - Best specimen, non-flowering foliage plant  
**Class 3** - Best specimen, cactus or succulent  
**Class 4** - Display a plant you've grown from a fruit pit or plant top. Example: citrus tree, pineapple, carrot, avocado, etc.

### **SECTION B - MARIGOLDS**

- Class 1** - Best large flowered - over 3", 1 bloom  
**Class 2** - Best small flowered, 3 blooms

### **SECTION C - ZINNIAS**

- Class 1** - Best large dahlia flowered - over 3", 1 bloom.  
**Class 2** - Best any other zinnia - over 3", 1 bloom, under 3", 3 blooms

### **SECTION D - FLOWER PATCH**

- Class 1** - Best any other annual - over 3", 1 bloom  
**Class 2** - Best any other annual - under 3", 3 blooms  
**Class 3** - Best any perennial over 3", 1 bloom and/or under 3", 3 blooms  
**Class 4** - Sunflower Show-offs - heads only

## **DESIGN**

### **SECTION E - GARDEN DELIGHTS**

- Class 1** - An arrangement of flowers and herbs  
**Class 2** - Miniature arrangement - not to exceed 5" overall  
**Class 3** - An arrangement in a toy not to exceed 12" overall  
**Class 4** - Create a Pet - Pick your favorite vegetable and give it a name, a face, a form, include a card with the name  
**Class 5** - Holiday Arrangement  
**Class 6** - Any other artistic arrangement