

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.
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 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 - Tuberos - 1 Bloom under 3"

Class 4 - Dahlias - Tuberos - 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

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| Teens: | 13 to17 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 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

DIVISION 3-S FLOWER EXHIBITS FOR SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS

For Exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as adults.