

***** Section R – 2026 Floral Culture *****

Chairperson: Judy Kelly

Co-Chair: Carrie Kelly

Judging: Friday morning of the Fair

Rules:

- a) Entry fee is 10% of prize money.
- b) All entries must be received between 6-9 pm the Thursday prior to the Fair opening and be picked up Monday morning between 9-11 am.
- c) All exhibits are open to amateur gardeners only.
- d) All plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for a minimum of two months to qualify as having been grown by the exhibitor.
- e) Do not use containers of value – the Fair Board cannot be responsible for lost, stolen or broken containers.
- f) The use of Loosestrife or other invasive plant species is prohibited.
- g) Accessories may be used in Classes that state so in the description.
- h) All rules of the Fair shall apply.

Hints for Exhibitors:

- a) All exhibits should be attractively arranged.
- b) Use sturdy containers for tall flowers (e.g., phlox).
- c) No pot should exceed 12” unless otherwise stated.
- d) Flowers to be shown with foliage wherever possible as points are given for foliage on the flower exhibited.
- e) Make sure to measure the diameter or height of the exhibit where specified (e.g., blooms under 2”, blooms equal to or larger than 2”).
- f) The exhibit should contain the exact number of stems/blooms/flowers/leaves specified.
- g) Grooming makes for a more attractive exhibit. Remove wilted leaves and petals, chewed leaves or debris, pollen etc.
- h) Do not leave seed heads on the exhibit.
- i) For taller stems and larger containers, cedar may be used to hold the stems in place, but the cedar must not show above the container level.
- j) The use of stones, pebbles, cedar etc. to weigh down/keep upright a tall exhibit etc. is allowed, but the items must not show above the container level.
- k) Use clear containers for exhibits where possible to allow the judge to see the stems of the exhibit.
- l) Try to exhibit blooms of the same size wherever possible.
- m) A bloom is an individual flower, one per stem.
- n) A stem is a plant structure carrying one or more flowers and/or buds. If a bud is not open and not showing any colour, it does not count as a bloom and it is a good idea to remove it.
- o) A spray is a portion of a plant with numerous flower.

Read carefully the requirements for each class, including bloom sizes, container sizes etc.

Class....Description

- 1) Hydrangea – 3 stems, any variety.
- 2) Phlox – 3 stems, shades of pink.
- 3) Hosta Leaves – 3 different varieties, 1 stem of each variety.
- 4) Coral Bells – 3 stems (leaves), any variety.
- 5) Cosmos – 3 stems, any variety.
- 6) Purple Coneflower (Echinacea) – 3 stems.
- 7) Marigold – 3 stems, blooms to measure under 2”.
- 8) Marigold – 3 stems, blooms to measure 2” or more.
- 9) Pansies – 3 stems.
- 10) Petunia – 3 stems, Wave™ variety, any colour.
- 11) Petunia – 3 stems, any other variety, any colour.
- 12) Phlox – 3 stems, pink shades.
- 13) Sweet Peas – 3 stems, any perennial variety, with foliage, any colour.
- 14) Coneflower (Echinacea) – 3 stems, any variety (hybrids allowed), any colour other than purple.
- 15) Rudbeckia (e.g., Brown Eyed Susans, others) – 3 stems, any variety, any colour.
- 16) Rose – one single rose, any variety, any colour.
- 17) Snapdragons – 3 spikes, any variety, any colour.
- 18) Zinnia – 3 stems, blooms to measure under 2”.
- 19) Zinnia – 3 stems, blooms to measure 2” or more.
- 20) Perennial – 2 stems, any specimen not mentioned in classes 1-31, must be labelled.
- 21) Annual – 2 stems, any specimen not mentioned in classes 1-31, must be labelled.
- 22) Bachelor Buttons – 3 stems, any variety.
- 23) Dahlia – 3 stems
- 24) Patio Planter – containing at least 2 varieties, as grown in a pot, not to exceed 18”.
- 25) A house plant, as grown in a pot, named.
- 26) Geranium – single plant in bloom, as grown in a pot, not to exceed 18”.
- 27) Fern – as grown in a pot, not to exceed 18”.
- 28) Orchid – any variety, as grown in a pot.
- 29) African Violet – single crown, in bloom, as grown in a pot.
- 30) Succulent or Cactus – any variety, as grown in a pot.
- 31) An herb – any variety, as grown in a pot, labelled.

Prize Money – Classes 1-31:

1st - \$10.00, 2nd \$8.00, 3rd - \$6.00 donated by Carrie Kelly

Highest Points – Classes 1-31:

1st - \$30.00, 2nd \$25.00 donated by Rebecca Stilwell-Foster

Specials

- 32) **Celebrate The Fair!** – An arrangement of white and orange flowers, any varieties, annual and perennial, cultivated or wild. Accessories allowed.

- 33) **Grandma Core** – An old fashioned table-top arrangement suitable for Sunday dinner with Grandma.
- 34) **All The Vibes!** – An arrangement of vibrant colours suitable for a special occasion or “just because”.
- 35) **The GOAT!** – Your best specimen, the one you feel is the Greatest Of All Time (in your garden!).
- 36) **Take The Ditch** – An arrangement of wild flowers in a suitable container that is recycled/vintage or antique.
- 37) **Quick & Easy** – A hanging basket of petunias, in bloom, any variety, any colour, not to exceed 18”.
- 38) **Floral arrangement** *in an antique container celebrating the 160th Lombardy Fair.*

Prize Money – Classes 32-37:

1st - \$15.00, 2nd \$12.00, 3rd - \$10.00 donated by Carrie Kelly & Sharon Stilwell

Prize Money – Classes 38:

1st - \$20.00, 2nd \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00 Sponsored by the Smiths Falls Horticultural Society.