

**DIVISION 48-51  
FLORICULTURE**

**\*Entries close Tuesday July 28, 2026.\***

**Entries must be in the fair office before 5:00 P.M. or made online before midnight.**  
**No late entries will be accepted.**

**Premiums Awarded by Mississippi Valley Fair**

Superintendent: Kathy Schaefer and Debbie Bruns. Joline Adams and Janette Tice.

The use of the following noxious weeds will be cause for disqualifications. IOWA WEED LAW, CHAPTER 317, CODE OF IOWA

PRIMARY NOXIOUS WEEDS		SECONDARY NOXIOUS WEEDS	
Quack grass	Leafy spurge	Butterprint annual	Smooth dock perennial
Perennial sow thistle	Perennial peppergrass	Cocklebur annual	Poison hemlock
Canada thistle	Russian knapweed	Wild mustard annual	Multiflora rose
Bull thistle	Buckthorn	Wild Carrot biennial	Wild Sunflower annual
European morning glory or Field bindweed	All other thistles belonging in the genera of Cirsium and Carduus.	Buckhorn perennial	Puncture vine annual
Horse nettle	Palmer amaranth	Sheep sorrel perennial	Teasel biennial
		Sour dock perennial	Shattercane annual

**RULES**

1. **IMPORTANT:** It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to read and abide by the General Rules and Regulations.
2. All entries must be made upon entry forms provided or online. If entering online entry tags may be printed by exhibitor. If not online, complete the entry form and return it with full payment of all fees. To receive your entry tags please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the entry.
3. All exhibits should be put in place by exhibitor only. Superintendent may move and exhibitor’s exhibit for spacing.
4. Exhibits must be placed as specified on the day of judging; however, no exhibit will be placed after judging has started.
5. Late exhibits can be displayed but not judged.
6. All Exhibits must stay in place full time, until official pick—up time.

**DIVISION 48  
FLORICULTURE- WALL DESIGNS**

- **Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class with a maximum of two entries per exhibitor.
- **Drop off:** Exhibits with entry tags attached must be brought to the Starlite Ballroom on Sunday August 2, 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
- **Judging:** Sunday August 2, 2:00 P.M.
- **Pick up:** Exhibits must be picked up with claim ticket on Monday August 10, from 7:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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**Premiums Paid:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$12.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$8.00. Best of Class 1 - 4 - Rosette

**SPECIAL RULES FOR WALL DESIGNS**

1. Wall Designs must be the exhibitor’s own design. Example: a grapevine or straw wreath may be purchased, but the exhibitor must create the design on the wreath.
2. You must bring your own picture hangers to hang the display. Use small picture hangers and nails or a wreath hanger.
3. The following materials may be used for Wall Designs: Artificial plant material. Silk and/or dried flowers only, wood, painting and/or tinted of dried allowed.
4. Judging Guidelines: Design 35, Use of color 15, Combination of Materials 15, Expression of Occasion 10, Originality 15, and Use of Space 10. Total 100

**WALL DESIGNS** (These classes have a Limit of 4 walls per class with 16 walls total-Exhibitor can only enter one per class.)

The design space is 40” high and 32” wide.

**Class No.**

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| 1. Easter Bonnett     | 3. Don’t Fear - Halloween is here |
| 2. Fall is in the Air | 4. Candy Cane Lane                |

**DIVISION 49  
FLORICULTURE- TUESDAY SHOW**

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**No late entries will be accepted.**

- **Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry. One entry per class.
- **Drop off:** Exhibits with entry tags attached must be brought to the Starlite Ballroom on Sunday August 2, 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- **Judging:** Sunday August 2, 2:00 P.M.
- **Pick up:** Exhibits must be picked up with claim ticket on Friday, August 7 from 7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M

**Premiums Awarded by Mississippi Valley Fair**

- **Premiums Paid:** Class 1-3: 1<sup>st</sup> \$12.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$8.00. Best of class 1-3 Rosette.  
Class 4-38 1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00. 4<sup>th</sup> \$2.00. Best of Class for each category Rosette.

\*\*\*Artificial plant material is not permitted. No silk flowers or foliage may be used. Fresh material and dried and/or treated plant material are allowed. No painting or tinting or dyeing permitted on fresh flowers or foliage. Accessories permitted unless otherwise stated. Requires a design that must be fresh cut flowers and/or foliage, except when asking for dried materials. Whole fruit and vegetables are considered plant material and may be used in flower arrangements.

**TABLES** - These classes have a Limit of 4 tables per class with 12 tables total-Exhibitor can only enter one per class.)) Long tables measure 5'11" x 2'6". Small tables measure 30" x 24". Tables are provided by the Fair. No silverware. No real food.

**Class No.**

1. Cherry Jubilee - for 4.
2. Spring Bouquet -for 2.
3. Fourth of July - basket- Must bring your own basket, Floral arrangement, a place setting, table linen, and any items you would like to pertain to the theme. Basket placed on table.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS-** Arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor, but the flowers and foliage used need not be grown by them.

**ADVANCE CLASSES**

**Class No.**

4. Hello Yellow
5. Ruby Slipper
6. Happy St. Patrick's Day – using one place setting.
7. Rock-a-bye-baby
8. Starry Night
9. Mmm! Mmm! Good! - use a soup can in design
10. Gnome Garden – using one place setting.
11. April Showers

**Class No.**

12. Cozy Cabin
13. Cock-a-doodle-do - using one place setting

**MINIATURES CLASSES (size up to 7"x 7")**

**Class No.**

14. Cheers - using a shot glass
15. Charming Rose Buds

**POTTED PLANTS (Under 4' in height) (25 lbs. in weight)** potted plants grown by the exhibitor and cared for at least 3 months. Do not enter the same plant in both shows. All potted plants and cut flower classes must be grown by the exhibitor. Individual quality and condition of stem foliage and bloom along with naming and labeling will be considered in judging.

**Class No.**

16. Begonia
17. Houseplant -other than named in any other class on Tuesday or Friday show. (provide plant name on label)
18. Hanging plant-other than named in any other class on Tuesday or Friday show Exhibitor may bring crate or box to elevate plant on table (not to exceed 18" x 18") (provide plant name on label)
19. Blooming plant- other than named in any other class on Tuesday or Friday show. (provide plant name on label)
20. Cactus - 1 plant
21. Container Garden: 3 or more plants grown together for at least 6 weeks. The container will be wider than it is tall, no more than 16' wide
22. African Violet

**CUT FLOWERS- NAME VARIETY WHEN POSSIBLE**

Cut flowers should be exhibited in bottles provided when appropriate.

**Class No.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>23. Rose Hybrid single bloom – any color</li><li>24. Lily- one stalk-Lilium/Asiatic</li><li>25. Hemerocallis -one scape-day lily</li><li>26. Dahlia - one bloom</li><li>27. Marigold - large – single bloom 2" or larger</li><li>28. Marigold – small- single bloom under 2"</li><li>29. Hosta – 3 leaves-different varieties</li><li>30. Miniature Hosta - 3 Leaves - different varieties</li><li>31. Zinnia – large- three stems with blooms- 3" or larger</li><li>32. Petunia - single stem spray with multiple flowers</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>33. Geranium – 1 stem</li><li>34. Coleus - 1 stem</li><li>35. Canna- flower with leaf, same single stem.</li><li>36. Any other -<br/>Annual- not named in any other Class on Tuesday or Friday show. Must be a cut flower and name of the flower <u>MUST</u> be provided on the label.</li></ol> |
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**DIVISION 50**  
**FLORICULTURE-FRIDAY SHOW**

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**No late entries will be accepted.**

- **Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry. One entry per class.
- **Drop off:** Exhibits with entry tags attached must be brought to the Starlite Ballroom on Friday, August 7 from 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
- **Judging:** Friday August 7 11:00 A.M.
- **Pick up:** Exhibits must be picked up with claim ticket on Monday August 10 from 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

**Premiums Awarded by Mississippi Valley Fair**

- **Premiums Paid:** Class 1-3 1<sup>st</sup> \$12.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$8.00. Best of Class 1-3 Rosette.

Class 4-36 1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00 4<sup>th</sup> \$2.00. Best of Class for each category Rosette.

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**TABLES** -These classes have a Limit 4 tables per class with 12 tables total-Exhibitor can only enter one per class.) Long tables measure 5'11" x 2'6". Small tables measure 30" x 24". Tables are provided by the Fair. No silverware. No real food.

**Class No.**

1. Pumpkin Palooza - for 4
2. Penguin fun- for 2
3. Summer at the Beach -basket. - You must bring your own basket, Floral arrangement, place setting, table linen, and any items you would like to pertain to the theme. Basket placed on table.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**-Arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor, but the flowers and foliage used need not be grown by them.

4. Snowflake Sparkle - one place setting
5. Mystic Dahlia
6. Farmer's Breakfast – one place setting
7. Wooden Accents
8. Garden Lush
9. Brassy is Classy
10. Safari – one place setting
11. Bird's Eye View
12. Vintage Beauty
13. Love at First Sight

**MINIATURES (Size up to 7"x 7")**

**Class No.**

14. Tea Time
15. Basket full of Flowers

**POTTED PLANTS**- (Under 4' in height & under 25 lbs.) potted plants grown by the exhibitor and cared for at least 3 months. Do not enter the same plant in both shows. All potted plants and cut flower classes must be grown by the exhibitor. Individual quality and condition of stem foliage and bloom along with naming and labeling will be considered in judging.

**Class No.**

16. Spider plant
17. Ivy
18. Philodendron or Pothos
19. Fern, any variety
20. Alocasias- elephant ear
21. Succulent – Other than named on Tuesday or Friday shows (plant name must be on label)
22. Fairy Garden containing 3 or more plants – Container must be no larger than 12" x 12" x 12" (wide and tall)

**CUT FLOWERS** - NAME VARIETY WHEN POSSIBLE

Cut flowers should be exhibited in bottles provided when appropriate.

**Class No.**

23. Snapdragons - 3 stems
24. Zinnia small -Single bloom 2" or under
25. Zinnia Collection- 3 types or varieties of any size
26. Phlox - any color - 1 stem
27. Miniature Roses - 1 stem –any color
28. Miniature Rose –3 stem- same variety-any color
29. Hibiscus – 1stem
30. Single Gladiolus Spike
31. Hosta Leaves - three leaves same variety
32. Miniature Hosta – 3 leaves- same variety
33. Petunia Collection - three different varieties
34. Floribunda Rose, 1 spray.
35. Sunflower- single bloom
36. Hydrangea
37. Any other-

Perennial- other than named on Tuesday or Friday shows, must be cut flower, name of the flower **MUST** be on the label.

**DIVISION 51**  
**FLORICULTURE-JUNIORS**  
16 and under

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**Tuesday Show**

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- **Judging Tuesday Show:** Sunday August 2, 2:00 P.M.
- **Pick up Tuesday Show:** Exhibits must be picked up with claim ticket on Friday, August 7 from 7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M

**Friday Show**

- **Drop off Friday Show:** Exhibits with entry tags attached must be brought to the Starlite Ballroom on Friday, August 7 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
- **Judging Friday Show:** Friday August 7 at 11:00 A.M.
- **Pick up Friday Show:** Exhibits must be picked up with claim ticket on Monday August 10 from 7:00 A.M. -1:00 P.M.

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Best of Class 1 - 2 Rosette.  
Best of Class 3 - 4 Rosette.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

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**FLORICULTURE- TUESDAY SHOW**

**Class No.**

1. Day at the Farm
2. Zoo Animal - Entry using vegetables – toothpicks may be used for assembly. Exhibit on cardboard.

**FLORICULTURE-FRIDAY SHOW**

**Class No.**

3. Lego Mania
4. Cars - Entry using vegetables – toothpicks may be used for assembly. Exhibit on cardboard