

2025
Open Class
Horticulture - Flower Show
Premium Book



Porter County Fair
July 17 - July 26

OPEN CLASS GENERAL EXHIBITS RULES & REGULATIONS OF Flowers and Vegetable Show

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2. Department superintendents shall be appointed to supervise each particular department.
3. Department superintendents shall, when called upon by the judge or an exhibitor give an explanation of the rules governing an exhibit, and shall also decide all questions of disputes.
4. The department superintendent shall prevent anyone from interfering with the judges while judging an exhibit, and they are empowered to enforce rules governing the exhibits.
5. Superintendents shall refrain from expressing an opinion as to the merit or demerit of any exhibit when talking in the presence of a judge.
6. All exhibits must remain in place throughout the fair or as released by the superintendent.
7. A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibits will be required and when in doubt as to the application or intent of a rule, the department superintendent shall clarify the rule.
8. No distribution or posting of advertising shall be allowed.
9. The Porter County Fair will not act as a selling agent and no article can be shown with a "For Sale" sign in view.
10. The Fair Board is not responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit or display.
11. In the event of conflict between general and department rules, the latter shall govern.
12. There is to be no entry fee assessed in any department. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded for first three placings and honorable mention for projects deemed worthy by the judge. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits.

PREMIUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

1st Place	\$8.00 plus Sticker
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OPEN CLASS VEGETABLES

Superintendent - Darel Walker, 182 E. Buckskin Lane

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SEE GENERAL RULES ON PAGE 2

1. Open to all residents of Indiana over 18 years of age and not participating in 4-H.
2. Exhibitors cannot enter more than one item per section.
3. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor or his/her family.
4. Some vegetables will not keep in good condition during the entire fair. The superintendent reserves the right to discard any exhibits whenever they do not make a good appearance.
5. Fair Board will furnish trays for exhibits.
6. Exhibits due Thursday, July 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; to accommodate working gardeners, exhibits will be accepted Wednesday Evening July 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Judging Thursday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Entries should be brought to Expo East - East Door
8. Exhibits released Saturday, July 26th between 8 - 9 p.m.

**The Superintendent shall discard any exhibits
not picked up by 9 pm.**

TALLEST CORN CONTEST

Enter one stalk of corn grown from a recognized seed variety for grain purposes. **Stalk should be entered with root system intact - in a 5 gal. bucket.** Entries due Thursday, July 17, - 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Expo East, East Door.

1st. Tallest Stalk	\$100.00	5th. Tallest Stalk	\$20.00
2nd. Tallest Stalk	\$80.00	6th. Tallest Stalk	\$20.00
3rd. Tallest Stalk	\$60.00	7th. Tallest Stalk	\$20.00
4th. Tallest Stalk	\$40.00	8th. Tallest Stalk	\$10.00

SCORE CARD FOR VEGETABLE EXHIBITS

POINTS

CONDITION - Freedom from dirt, disease and blemishes, proper degree of edible maturity	25
QUALITY - Crispness, firmness, flavor, etc.	20
TRUENESS TO TYPE	20
UNIFORMITY - All specimens should be same size, shape & color	20
SIZE - Should conform to market demands	15

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE A "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD
AGAIN THIS YEAR**

VEGETABLES

Section No.	Vegetables	Quantity Required	Section No.	Vegetables	Quantity Required
701	Green Beans	20	728	Squash - Acorn	1
702	Wax Beans	20	729	Squash - Butternut	1
703	Red Beets	5	730	Squash - Patty Pan	1
704	Broccoli	3	731	Squash - Spaghetti	1
705	Brussell Sprouts	5	732	Squash - Zucchini	3
706	Green Cabbage	1	733	Squash - Yellow Summer	3
707	Red Cabbage	1	734	Tomatoes - Reg.	5
708	Carrots	5	735	Tomatoes - Roma Type	5
709	Cauliflower	1	736	Tomatoes - Cherry	12
710	Corn - Sweet (In husk any type)	5	737	Turnips	5
711	Cucumbers (slicers)	5	738	Largest Cabbage	1
712	Cucumbers (pickling)	5	739	Largest Tomato	1
713	Egg Plant	1	740	Largest Red Beet	1
714	Kale	3	741	Largest Squash	1
715	Kohlrabi	5	742	Freak Vegetable	1
716	Mushmelon	1	743	From Garden to Table Plate with five Vegetables Large. Size 1 small size 5 each	
717	Onions - Yellow	5	744	Tallest Sunflower Stalk should be entered with root system in tact, in 5 gal. bucket.	
718	Onions - White	5	745	Longest Diameter Head Heads must be entered with a stem at least 6" long	
719	Onions - (any other)	5	746	Head with Most Seeds Heads must be entered with a stem at least 6" long.	
720	Peas	10	747	Watermelon	1
721	Peppers (Hot)	5			
722	Peppers (green - Bell Type)	5			
723	Peppers (mild-any type)	5			
724	Potatoes - white	10			
725	Potatoes - red	10			
726	Pumpkin	1			
727	Rhubarb - Stalks	6			

OPEN CLASS VEGETABLE SHOW ENTRY FORM

Please bring entry form with exhibit on July 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or July 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to exhibit area which will be in the Expo East. - Enter through the east door.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please indicate section numbers below:

- | | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ | 11. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ | 12. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ | 13. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ | 14. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ | 15. _____ | 20. _____ |

2025
PORTER COUNTY FAIR
FLOWER SHOW
OPEN CLASS
SUPERINTENDENT
COLLEEN BLASKO – 219-508-5382

GENERAL RULES

1. General Public-Open Classes are for all amateur flower growers and designers 18 years and older. You are NOT AN AMATEUR if you earn \$1,000 or more in a horticulture related industry per year. Participants need not be residents of Porter County to enter. The exhibit area is located in EXPO EAST – SOUTH ENTRY DOOR.
2. Not all entries are brought in on the same day. Consult schedule for day and time.
3. Entry tags may be picked up at the fair office prior to the fair. This is highly recommended. Address labels may be used on entry tags. A full name is required, address is not.

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. Pick up entry tags at the Fair Office prior to the fair. Horticulture entry tags will be available on the day of placement; however, exhibitors should allow time to fill out these tags. Address labels may be used. A full name is required, address is not.
2. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to properly fill out entry tags. Variety/cultivar names are required in all classes. Cultivar means a cultivated variety of a plant. Entries with complete botanical names will be given more points.
3. Flower Show Superintendent and/or staff WILL NOT help with writing entry tag.
4. Entries will be placed by the Flower Show Staff based on the information on the entry tag.
5. All horticulture specimens must be fresh plant material GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR.
6. All entries shall be placed in a clear glass vase of water, not soil.
7. Cut specimens should not have any foliage below the water line.
8. Cut specimens can be wedged with clear plastic wrap, but it must not appear above the neck of the container.

9. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner, no sprays on leaves, wash with water only.
10. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as desired, but only ONE ENTRY PER CLASS or sub class.
11. Containers will be provided. Exhibitors may provide their own containers, but they must be clear glass, suitable in size for the specimen, and have an address label with exhibitor's name on the bottom of the container. Any container not properly marked will become the property of the Porter County Fair. We are not responsible for your container.
12. Exhibitors from the same family and/or using the same garden may exhibit in the same class but CANNOT ENTER SPECIMENS FROM THE SAME PLANT.
13. No ribbons will be awarded unless the entry is worthy, even if it is the only entry in the class.
14. Trees, shrubs, and perennials must be grown on your own property for at least ONE YEAR.
15. Annuals should be cultivated in your garden for at least 45 days, need not be grown from seed.
16. Judges may NOT enter competition on days when they judge.
17. Judges decisions are final. If you have questions, please direct them to the Superintendent of the Open Class Flower Show.

DESIGN RULES

1. Designs must be created by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must fill out their own entry tag and place the entry in the location designated by the superintendent.
2. An exhibitor may enter as many design classes as desired, but only ONE ENTRY PER CLASS is permitted.
3. No artificial plant material of any kind is permitted.
4. Fresh plant material cannot be dyed or otherwise treated by application of any substance. It may be clipped, stripped, bent or otherwise manipulated.
5. Accessories are permitted.
6. Religious symbols used must be displayed in a respectful manner and in accordance with local church policy. American Flags and other national flags must be displayed according to proper flag etiquette.

7. Best of Section and Best of Show may or may not be awarded.
8. Design will be viewed from the front only.
9. Flowers may be grown by exhibitor or purchased.
10. All entries shall be placed in water, not soil.
11. We are not responsible for your container.
12. Vases, materials and undercloths will NOT be provided.

PREMIUMS FOR DESIGN AND HORTICULTURE

1ST PLACE.....	\$8.00 plus sticker
2nd PLACE.....	\$7.00 plus sticker
3rd PLACE.....	\$6.00 plus sticker
Honorable Mention.....	no premium

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

ENTRIES RECEIVED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 AM. PLEASE
ALLOW TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY TAGS. ENTRIES WILL
NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9 AM.

DIVISION 1 - DESIGN

Designs are displayed on white shelves, under cloth required.
Space allowed includes the under cloth. Cultivar names not required.

SECTION A - MINIATURE DESIGN

Class 1 A creative design.

Space allowed 6" L x 6" W x 6" H.

Class 2 A creative design using herbs.

Space allowed 8" L x 8" W x 8" H.

Class 3 A creative design using one kind of flower. (May use one or many of the exact same flower).

Space allowed 8" L x 8" W x 8" H.

Class 4 A design in a wicker basket.

Space allowed 8" L x 8" W x 8" H.

SECTION B - STANDARD DESIGN

Class 5 A creative design in a Campbell Soup can (leave the label on the can). Space allowed 12" L x 12" W x 12" H

Class 6 A creative design using flowers of one color.

Space allowed 12" L x 12" W x 12" H.

Class 7 A creative design using ONLY FOLIAGE of different shades and textures.

Class 8 An arrangement using an uncultivated plant.

Space allowed 14" L x 14" W x 14" H.

Class 9 A creative design using all fresh plant material.

Space allowed 12" L x 12" W x 12" H.

Class 10 A Hydrangea arrangement using all fresh plant material

Space allowed 16" L x 16" W x 16" H.

DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE

SECTION C – BULBS, TUBERS, AND RHIZOMES

Class 11 HOSTA (Liliaceae) Only the leaves are exhibited. One leaf.

A. GREEN (all shades) solid color

B. BLUE (all shades) solid color

C. YELLOW (all shades) solid color

D. WHITE MARGINED (center color distinct from margin color)

Green to blue center

E. YELLOW MARGINED (center color distinct from margin color)

Green to blue center

F. GREEN OR BLUE MARGINED

1. Yellow, white, or chartreuse center

2. Green or blue center (distinct from margin color)

G. STREAKED OR MOTTLED

H. HOSTA FLOWER ONLY (one stem)

I. COLLECTION – five different specimens, each in its own container, named and tagged

1. Mini - small leafed collection

2. Medium - large leafed collection

SECTION D – BULBS, TUBERS, AND RHIZOMES

(one stem)

Class 12 HEMEROCALLIS Daylily

A. Yellow

B. Orange

- C. Red
- D. White or cream
- E. Purple
- F. Bi color
- G. Other color not above
- H. Bouquet of three stems of the same daylily in a clear vase
- I. Bouquet of five different daylilies in a clear vase

Class 13 GLADIOLUS

Class 14 CROCOSMIA

Class 15 CANNA

Class 16 ALLIUM

Class 17 LILIACEAE Lily

- A. Oriental or Asiatic

- 1. Stargazer

- 2. Other

- B. Tiger

- C. Calla Lily

- D. Elephant Ears

Class 18 CALADIUM

Class 19 ANY OTHER WORTHY BULB, TUBER, OR RHIZOME
NOT ALREADY NAMED IN SECTION D

Class 20 SEED POD FROM A BULB, TUBER, OR RHIZOME

SECTION E – GRASSES, SEDGES, AND RUSHES

(Three detached stems)

Class 21 Ornamental Grasses (Poaceae)

- A. Small (Under 18" blade length on plant)

- B. Medium (18" to 36" blade length on plant)

- C. Large (Over 36" blade length on plant)

- D. Grass with bloom (3 stems with 3 plumes)

Class 22 Sedge Family

- A. Cyperus

- B. Carex

SECTION F – ROSES

(open bloom, one stem, with foliage attached)

Class 23 HYBRID TEAS, GRANDIFLORAS & THEIR CLIMBING DERIVATIVES

Class 24 FLORIBUNDA AND THEIR CLIMBING DERIVATIVES

Class 25 MINIATURE

Class 26 FRAGRANT (only the smell is judged)

Class 27 SHRUB ROSES

OTHER

Class 28 CATCH ALL - enter anything that doesn't qualify for a class today. Not eligible for a top award. One stem with flower.

ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED BETWEEN 6PM AND 7 PM ON
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025.

Superintendent reserves the right to remove all entries NOT CLAIMED during the designated release times.

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

ENTRIES RECEIVED BETWEEN 7AM AND 9 A.M.
PLEASE ALLOW TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY TAGS
ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9 AM

DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE

SECTION G – SHRUBS & TREES

(one stem with foliage attached)

Class 29 BUDDLEIA Butterfly bush (with bloom)

Class 30 HIBISCUS (with bloom)

A. H. moscheutos

B. H. syriacus (Rose of Sharon)

Class 31 HYDRANGEA (with bloom)

A. Arborescens

B. Macrophylla

1. Blue

2. Pink

C. Paniculata

D. Quercifolia

E. Bouquet of only three different hydrangea stems in a clear vase

Class 32 CONIFERS (no longer than 20")

Class 33 BROADLEAF EVERGREENS

Class 34 DECIDUOUS SHRUB

A. With fruit

B. Without fruit

Class 35 DECIDUOUS TREE

A. With fruit

B. Without fruit

Class 36 NATIVE TREE

Class 37 NATIVE SHRUB

Class 38 TREE OR SHRUB SEED POD

SECTION H -HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

(one stem with foliage attached and bloom/blooms)

Class 40 ACHILLEA Yarrow

Class 41 ALCEA Hollyhock

Class 42 ASCLEPSIA Butterfly Weed

Class 43 CAMPANULA Bellflower

Class 44 COREOPSIS

A. Single Stem

B. Spray (multiple branches and 3 or more blooms)

Class 45 DIANTHUS

Class 46 ECHINACEA Coneflower

A. White

B. Orange

C. Red

D. Yellow

E. Purple

F. Other

Class 47 FERN

A. Painted

B. Broadleaf

C. Other

Class 48 GAILLARDIA Blanket Flower

Class 49 HELIOPSIS

Class 50 HEUCHERA Coral bells (leaf and flower, flower does not have to be attached to the leaf)

A. Green

B. Purple

C. Other

Class 51 HEUCHERELLA (leaf and flower, flower does not have to be attached to the leaf)

Class 52 KNIPHOFIA

Class 53 LEUCANTHEMUM

Class 54 LOBELIA

Class 55 NEPETA

Class 56 PEROVSKIA

Class 57 PHLOX

Class 58 LIATRIS

A. Pink

B. White

C. Purple

D. Other

Class 59 PLATYCODON Balloon Flower (one stem)

Class 60 RUDBECKIA

Class 61 SALVIA

Class 62 SEDUM

A. With flower

B. Without flower

Class 63 STOKESIA

Class 64 TIARELLA (No bloom required)

Class 65 VERONICA

Class 66 VINES (not longer than 20") can have a support in the water

A. Flowering

B. With no flower

C. Fruiting Vine

Class 67 GROUNDCOVERS

Class 68 PERENNIAL SEED POD

Class 69 ANY OTHER WORTHY PERENNIAL NOT ALREADY
NAMED IN SECTION

Class 70 BOUQUET OF FIVE OR MORE DIFFERENT CULTIVARS
FROM SECTION H IN A CLEAR VASE WITH NAMES.

One stem with flower.

OTHER

Class 71 CATCH ALL - Enter anything that doesn't qualify for a class today. Not eligible for a top award. One stem.

ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED BETWEEN 6PM AND 7PM ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025.

Superintendent reserves the right to remove all entries NOT
CLAIMED during the designated release time.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED BETWEEN 7 AM & 9 AM
PLEASE ALLOW TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY TAGS
ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9 AM

DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE

SECTION I – HERBS

(three separate stems, deflowered)

Please provide cultivar name if possible.

Class 72 BASIL

Class 73 CHIVES

Class 74 CILANTRO

Class 75 DILL (With or without flower)

Class 76 FENNEL

Class 77 LAVENDER

A. With flowers

B. Without flowers

Class 78 LEMON BALM

Class 79 LEMON VERBENA

Class 80 PARSLEY

A. Curly

B. Flat

Class 81 MINT

Class 82 OREGANO

Class 83 ROSEMARY

Class 84 TARRAGON

Class 85 THYME

Class 86 SAGE

Class 87 FLOWERING HERB (flower to be judged, not herb, one stem)

Class 88 ANY OTHER WORTHY HERB NOT ALREADY NAMED
IN SECTION I (3 stems)

Class 89 BOUQUET OF FIVE DIFFERENT HERBS IN A CLEAR
VASE WITH NAMES (one stem each)

SECTION J – ANNUALS

(one stem with foliage attached and bloom/blooms, unless otherwise
noted)

Class 90 AGERATUM houstonianum

Class 91 ANNUAL GRASS

Class 92 ANTIRRHINUM Snapdragon

Class 93 BEGONIA

Class 94 CALIBRACHOA

Class 95 CELOSIA

Class 96 CENTAUREA Dusty Miller no bloom

Class 97 CLEOME Spider Flower

Class 98 COLEUS

Class 99 COSMOS

Class 100 DAHLIA

Class 101 DIGITALIS Foxglove

Class 102 EUPHORBIA

Class 103 IMPATIENS

A. Solid color

B. Bi color

C. Hawkeri (new guinea, sun)

D. Double

Class 104 HELIANTHUS Sunflower

A. Yellow

B. Other color

Class 105 LANTANA

Class 106 MARIGOLD

A. Solid color

B. Bi color

Class 107 NICOTIANA Flowering tobacco

Class 108 PELARGONIUM Geranium leaf does not have to be attached

Class 109 PETUNIAS

A. Solid Color

B. Bicolor

C. Double

D. Spray (multiple branches on one stem and three or more blooms)

Class 110 SALVIA

A. Red

B. Blue

Class 111 VINCA

Class 112 ZINNIA

A. Solid color

B. Bi color

Class 113 ANNUAL VINE (no longer than 20")

A. Flowering (with flower)

B. Non flowering

Class 114 ANNUAL SEED POD/HEAD (seed only)

Class 115 ANY OTHER WORTHY ANNUAL NOT ALREADY NAMED IN SECTION J

Class 116 BOUQUET OF FIVE DIFFERENT ANNUALS IN SECTION J IN A CLEAR VASE WITH NAMES

Class 117 CATCH ALL- Enter anything that doesn't qualify for a class today. Not eligible for a top award. One stem.

ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 9 PM ON
SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

Superintendent reserves the right to remove all entries NOT CLAIMED during the designated release time.

SCHEDULE: Classes are exhibited on different days. This is being done because of space restrictions and to allow for fresh and new exhibits for the duration of the fair.

JUDGING
SCALE OF POINTS FOR HORTICULTURE

CULTURAL PERFECTION	50 POINTS
CONDITION AND GROOMING	20 POINTS
DISTINCTION (COLOR, SIZE, SUBSTANCE).....	10 POINTS
COMPLETELY FILLED OUT ENTRY TAG	20 POINTS

SCALE OF POINTS FOR DESIGN

CONFORMANCE	20 POINTS
DESIGN	40 POINTS
ARTISTIC CONCEPT	20 POINTS
EXPRESSION	10 POINTS
DISTINCTION.....	10 POINTS