

Youth Competitions

Floral

Indoor and Outdoor Plants, Cut Flowers, Arrangements

Youth Divisions are Open to
Juniors (ages 6-12) & Young Adults (ages 13-18)

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Entry Deadlines

Arrangements –

May 26, Wednesday – Last Day to Enter. Enter Online at <http://ocgard.fairmanager.com>.

Cut Flowers / Indoor & Outdoor Plants –

See “Delivery Dates” below. Entry forms are filled out on day of delivery. Forms must be completed and submitted by 10am. No pre-registration or entry fees required!

Delivery and Pickup

Time - 7am to 10 am

Location - Centennial Farm.

THE OC FEC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER PICKUP DATES.

Indoor & Outdoor Plants - NEW THIS YEAR, TWO DELIVERY DATES!

Delivery Date:

July 15, Thursday August 3, Monday
August 3, Tuesday August 16, Tuesday

Pickup Date:

Cut Flowers / Arrangements -

Delivery Dates:

July 15, Thursday July 20, Tuesday
July 20, Tuesday July 27, Tuesday
July 27, Tuesday August 3, Tuesday
August 3, Tuesday August 10, Tuesday
August 10, Tuesday August 16, Monday

Pickup Dates:

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Floral – Cut Flowers & Plants Youth (ages 6-18)

To Enter:

1. Choose from among the divisions and classes listed.
2. Review the Floral Competition Guidelines (page 27), Youth and OC Fair Guidelines.
3. Limit - 1 entry per class. May enter in all delivery dates and all classes.
4. No pre-registration or entry fee required!
5. Bring us your entry. **Delivery/Pickup: 7-10 am at Centennial Farm.**
6. Fill out entry form at time of delivery ...and join us at the OC Fair!

CUT FLOWERS

- Container for display will be provided by the OC Fair.
- Cut flower must have foliage included if leaves are found on the first 12" of the stem.
- Competitors must know the variety of flower they are entering. Staff will not assist in class placement.
- Entries will be discarded before the next judging.

Junior and Young Adults (ages 6-18)

- Division 861 – Delivery: July 15**
Division 862 – Delivery: July 20
Division 863 – Delivery: July 27
Division 864 – Delivery: August 3
Division 865 – Delivery: August 10

Class – Division 861-865

- 01 Alstroemeria
- 02 Cosmos
- 03 Daisy
- 04 Iris
- 05 Sunflower
- 06 Zinnia
- 07 Any other not listed (specify variety)

OUTDOOR & INDOOR PLANTS

☞ **NEW THIS YEAR – 2 DELIVERY DATES!**

- Garden should show evidence that plants were grown in containers by being securely rooted in soil - exceptions are air plants and plants grown hydroponically.

Junior & Young Adult (ages 6-18)

Outdoor Plants

- Division 866 – Delivery: July 15**
Division 868 – Delivery: August 3

Indoor Plants

- Division 867 – Delivery: July 15**
Division 869 – Delivery: August 3

Class – Division 866-869

- 01 Non-Flowering Potted Plant
- 02 Flowering Potted Plant
- 03 Container Garden - Featuring 3 or more varieties of growing plants in a planter
- 04 Wacky Container Garden – Featuring 3 or more varieties of growing plants in a planter

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Floral Arrangements Young Adults (ages 13-18)

To Enter:

1. Choose from among the divisions and classes listed.
2. Review the Floral & Arrangements Competition Guidelines (Page 27), Youth and OC Fair Guidelines.
3. Limit - one entry per class. May enter in all delivery dates and all classes.
4. **Entry Deadline – May 26, Wednesday.** Enter online and pay entry fee at <http://ocgard.fairmanager.com>.
5. Bring us your entry. Delivery/Pickup: 7-10 am at Centennial Farm.
6. Join us at the OC Fair!

ARRANGEMENTS

- Entry fee: \$3 per entry.
- All entries must be complete upon delivery.
- No fresh fruit or vegetables.
- There must be a minimum of 3 arrangements in a class to qualify the class for judging. (If minimum is not met, entry fees for class will be refunded.)

Awards

Best of Show - \$30

Best of Class - \$20

Young Adult (ages 13-18)

Division 873 – Delivery: July 15

Division 874 – Delivery: July 20

Division 875 – Delivery: July 27

Division 876 – Delivery: August 3

Division 877 – Delivery: August 10

Class – Division 873-877

- 01 Exhibitor's Choice (specify theme)
- 02 Picnic in the Park
- 03 Summer Fun (using sunflowers)
- 04 Theme – Fair Fun

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Floral Guidelines

Entry

- **Entry Deadlines:**
 - ♦ **ARRANGEMENTS - May 26, Wednesday.**
 - ♦ **CUT FLOWERS / INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLANTS** – See delivery dates (first page).
- **How to Enter:**
 - ♦ **ARRANGEMENTS** – Enter online at <http://ocgard.fairmanager.com>.
 - ♦ **CUT FLOWERS / INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLANTS** – Complete entry form at time of delivery. No pre-registration accepted or required.

Need assistance with the online entry? We have scheduled the following Help Days.

May 17-20 (Monday–Thursday), 1pm to 7pm

May 24-25 (Monday–Tuesday), 1pm to 7pm

Parking: Enter at Gate 4 off Arlington Drive and go left inside the parking lot.

Location: New OC Fair Administration Building - Community Relations.

- **Who May Enter:** Youth (ages 6-18) Floral Divisions are open to all California residents. Youth Competitions are divided into two age categories: Juniors, ages 6 to 12 and Young Adults, ages 13 to 18. Youth must turn 6 by July 16, 2010 and cannot turn 19 on or before July 16, 2010. 4-H members who are age 19 may choose to enter as either a 4-H Young Adult or Adult - they may not enter both. This rule applies for all OC Fair Competitions.
- **Entry Fees:** Entry fees are paid online by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express).
 - ♦ **CUT FLOWERS / INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLANTS** – No entry fee required.
 - ♦ **YOUTH FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS** - \$3 per entry.
- **Entry Limit:** Maximum of 1 entry per class. Exhibitor may enter in all delivery dates and all classes.
- **Free Fair Admission:** Exhibitors 6 years and older entering in the Floral and/or Farm & Garden competition will receive one 2010 OC Fair admission ticket per competition date. Exhibitor must be present to receive ticket.

Rules

- **PLEASE READ ALL REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY AND NOTE DELIVERY DATES AND JUDGING DATES. NO REMINDER CARDS WILL BE SENT.**
- **Read Competition Guidelines:** Changes are made each year. Review the Floral Competition Guidelines, Youth and OC Fair Guidelines (end of Youth Competition Guide).
- When deciding to enter a plant or group of plants for competition, one should consider the following:
 - ▲ Is the plant in good health?
 - ▲ Is the plant properly groomed?
 - ▲ Is the plant correctly labeled?
 - ▲ Is the plant in a clean pot?
- The OC Fair reserves the right to refuse any exhibit that has a serious disease or insect problem.

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Floral Guidelines (cont.)

Rules (cont.)

- Exhibits in the Floral Competition must have been grown by the exhibitor for six months within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor.
- Entry forms **must** be labeled with the correct variety of the plant(s) exhibited. Staff will not assist in labeling plants.
- All plant material will be watered by OC Fair staff unless otherwise specified. Exhibitors with plants that are very sensitive to watering should try to maintain their own exhibit by entering the OC Fair 2 hours prior to opening each day for care and maintenance. No maintenance of OC Fair exhibits during public hours.
- The OC Fair is NOT responsible for lost, damaged, or dead items. Small items should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great or sentimental value should not be used.

Arrangements

- **Entry Deadline – May 26, Wednesday.** Enter online and pay entry fee at <http://ocgard.fairmanager.com>.
- Floral Arrangement competitors have a maximum of 5 minutes to set up their arrangement. No photos may be taken during setup time. Staff maintains the right to ask competitor to leave the setup area at anytime.
- Entry not to exceed 2' x 2' x 4' (length x width x height). Oversized designs will be disqualified.
- Floral arrangements may use commercially grown materials.
- Use of artificial flowers and foliage is prohibited in fresh arrangements.
- Accessories are permitted, but emphasis should be on the creative use of natural floral and plant materials to symbolically represent specific themes, rather than on the excessive use of props to create scenes.
- Judging Criteria: Design distinction and flowers used; creativity; technical skill; and appropriateness to theme.

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Judging and Awards

- **Judging:** Judging is not open to the public. Judges decisions are final. Judges have the authority to disqualify or transfer to the correct class any exhibit that does not meet the requirements of the division and class in which it is entered.
- **Points:** Are awarded as follows... 1st/ Blue – 5 points; 2nd/ Red – 3 points; 3rd/ White – 1 point.
- **Ribbons:** Ribbons must be picked up on entry pickup day. See the competition entry delivery/pickup dates and times on page one of the Competition Guide. Ribbons cannot be picked up early. Ribbons will not be mailed.
- **Award Checks:** Will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within 30 days after the close of the OC Fair.
- **Judging Results:** Results can be viewed online around the third week of Fair at <http://ocfair.com/results>. Please do not call for competition results.
- **Young Adults (13-18) and Junior (6-12) Divisions:** Placed using the Danish Judging System where each entry is scored on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries. Entries are judged Blue (superior), Red (very good) or White (average) Award. There may be more than one Blue, Red or White Award per class. All Blue Award Ribbons will compete, using the American Judging System, for Best of Show, Sweepstakes Awards and Premiums (where applicable).
 - ♦ **Best of Show Winners: Rosette Ribbon** will be awarded.
 - ♦ **Sweepstakes:** Sweepstakes Awards are given for the following divisions: Arrangements, Indoor & Outdoor Plants and Cut Flowers. Sweepstakes is tallied based on the American system of judging. Sweepstakes in Arrangements and Cut Flowers will be tallied based on all five judging days' accumulated points; Indoor & Outdoor Plants Sweepstakes will be tallied based on the two judging days accumulated points. Each Sweepstakes winner will receive a Rosette Ribbon.
 - ♦ **Premiums:** Young Adult Floral Arrangement Best of Show - \$30, Best of Class - \$20.