



Horticulture Competition

Rules & Regulations

Online Pre-registration is required

Exhibitors are expected to grow and care for their plant(s). The competition will showcase and recognize individual achievement in plant growth and care. Plants grown by people other than the exhibitor are strictly prohibited from entry into the Horticulture Competition.

REGISTRATION

All entry forms for The Central Florida Fair Horticulture Competition must be received by 5:00 pm on February 13, 2026. **Exhibitors are required to Pre-register online.** Should you need assistance please contact Megan Tolan. megan@centralfloridafair.com

ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Find the link on our website www.centralfloridafair.com - select **Competitive Exhibits** and choose what competition to enter.
2. Click the large banner that says, "Click Here to Register Online".
3. Go to Login (on the left) and choose Exhibitor as the type of account (you will have to create a new account even if you entered online last year). Choose the option "I am a new exhibitor". If you must make changes after you've registered select, "I have previously registered".
4. Follow the steps to complete your entries, print your receipt, and you're done!
5. Any items entered the Horticulture Competition may be photographed and used at the Central Florida Fair for advertising.

EXHIBITOR AGE DIVISIONS

Junior: 5-11 years old, Intermediate: 12-14 years old, Senior: 15-18 years old, Adult: 19 and up

EXHIBITOR CHECK IN

Entries will be accepted during the following dates and times:

Saturday, February 21, 2026 10:00 am – 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 1:00 pm – 4:00 PM

Entries must be picked up at the same location on: (Entries CANNOT be picked up early!)

Monday, March 9, 2026, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

A numbered tag with detachable stub is attached to each individual entry. This stub is your receipt and must be surrendered when you claim your exhibit. **BE SURE THAT YOU RECEIVE A STUB FOR EACH ARTICLE ENTERED.**

PLANT ELIGIBILITY

All plants must be purchased and paid for by the Exhibitor and be in his or her possession **90 days prior** to check in. The plants must be grown at home or personally cared for in a nursery. Each Exhibitor is eligible to enter more than one entry per section/class; given each entry is a different species, Variety or type. Plants entered on the official entry form must be the same plants Exhibitor checks in at the Central Florida Fair.

Plants will be graded and inspected at entry time. All plant material must be high quality, free from insects and diseases and of a marketable size. Containers shall be attractive and clean. Containers must be of the following acceptable sizes –

4" or 6" container (1 gallon)

8" or 10" container (3 gallon)

RESTRICTIONS

The Horticulture Judges reserve the right to reject exhibits of inferior quality and diseased plants. The following criteria will be the basis for accepting and rejecting entries.

- A) Freedom from insects, disease, nutritional stress and excessive cold injury.
- B) Sufficiently rooted in the container.
- C) Acceptable size for the container based on the competition entered.

Awards

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Division:

1st Place \$10 2nd Place \$8 3rd Place \$5

Adult Division:

1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$10

Please note that all prize money awarded in connection with the Horticulture Exhibits shall be cashed by the recipient within 90 days of that date of the check. If the recipient fails to negotiate said check, all monies due to recipient shall be considered a contribution to the Central Florida Fair by the recipient. Any disputes regarding premium awards must be reported to the Fair Office by March 31st, 2026. The Fair does not guarantee payment of additional premiums if notification is not received by that date. (No exceptions!)

Horticulture Competition

Division A: CONTAINERS & COLLECTIONS

Entered items may not be more than four (4) feet in any direction. Entered items must have an aesthetically pleasing design, variety of plants, and contrast of color.

Collections must be six different species of one genre, Container. **Terrariums** must have lids.

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
AHAJ-01	Dish Gardens-Junior
AHAI-01	Dish Gardens-Intermediate
AHAS-01	Dish Gardens- Senior
AHAA-01	Dish Gardens-Adult
AHAJ-02	Terrariums- Junior
AHAI-02	Terrariums- Intermediate
AHAS-02	Terrariums- Senior
AHAS-02	Terrariums- Adult
AHAJ-03	Collections-Junior
AHAI-03	Collections- Intermediate
AHAS-03	Collections- Senior
AHAA-03	Collections- Adult

Division B: FAIRY GARDENS

Entered items may not be more than four (4) feet in any direction. Entered items must be aesthetically pleasing, contain a variety of Textures, and a whimsical in one mock habitat to include a house, and 1-3 plants, with other optional items to enhance the design.

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
AHBJ-01	Fairy Garden-Junior
AHBI-01	Fairy Garden- Intermediate
AHBS-01	Fairy Garden-Senior
AHBA-01	Fairy Garden-Adult
AHBJ-02	Seasonal Theme Fairy Garden - Junior
AHBI-02	Seasonal Theme Fairy Garden- Intermediate
AHBS-02	Seasonal Theme Fairy Garden- Senior
AHBA-02	Seasonal Theme Fairy Garden- Adult

Division C: WOODY ORNAMENTALS

An entry in this division shall consist of 1-3 plants of the same species.

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
AHCJ-01	Woody Ornamental- Junior
AHCI-01	Woody Ornamental- Intermediate
AHCS-01	Woody Ornamental- Senior
AHCA-01	Woody Ornamental- Adult

Division D: VEGETABLES

An entry in this division shall consist of 1-3 plants.

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
AHDJ-01	Vegetables-Junior
AHDI-01	Vegetables-Intermediate
AHDS-01	Vegetables-Senior
AHDA-01	Vegetables-Adult

Division E: FOLIAGE PLANTS

An entry in this division shall consist of 1-3 plants.

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
AHEJ-01	Foliage Plant-Junior
AHEI-01	Foliage Plant- Intermediate
AHES-01	Foliage Plant- Senior
AHEA-01	Foliage Plant- Adult

Division F: CACTUS

An entry in this division shall consist of 1-3 plants of same species

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
AHFJ-01	Cactus-Junior
AHFI -01	Cactus-Intermediate
AHFS-01	Cactus- Senior
AHFA-01	Cactus-Adult

Youth Horticulture Competition

This year we have chosen to have a special contest **ONLY** for our Youth participants. Youth are encouraged to grow and enter their own Coreopsis plant! Plants must be in the Youth's possession for at least 90 days. All Horticulture contest rules apply to this division.

Division G

Any entry in this division shall consist of 1-3 plants.

<u>Class Code #</u>	<u>Description</u>
YHGJ-01	Coreopsis-Junior
YHGI-01	Coreopsis-Intermediate
YHGS-01	Coreopsis- Senior