Fair Book
2014
Non-Livestock
The Hancock County Fair Board takes this opportunity to invite everyone in the county to "YOUR FAIR". The success of the District Fair is made possible through your continued support and interest in our youth—the leaders of tomorrow. We welcome everyone who is interested in our 4-H and FFA members as well as the many commercial exhibitors. The Fair Board hopes town and rural people will attend the fair to see what our young people have been learning with their clothing, home furnishings, foods, livestock and other project areas throughout the year. In addition, the many commercial exhibitors welcome you to visit their displays during the District Fair.

Randy Hiscocks, Fair Board President

Hancock County Fair
Family Consumer Science And Science, Mechanics and Arts
Judging: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
Superintendent: Curt Stadtlander
Clerk: Sharaon Falk

4-H Garden & Crops Judging on Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
Check in 11:00 - 12:30 a.m.
Superintendents: Theresa Snyder, Carol Barker, Anna Lou Wille

General Rules

1. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.

2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.

3. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.

4. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
   * Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size.
   * Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
   * Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.

5. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit.

6. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.)

7. The 4-H'ers goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white Hancock County Fair exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H project page at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects

8. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
   * What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal?)
   * What steps did you take to learn or do this?
   * What were the most important things you learned?

9. All judges' decisions are final.

**Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.

10. **ONE entry must be exhibited at a local achievement show for all 4th-6th grade members. (Exception: Challenge exhibits, Livestock and Horticulture.)

11. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor is limited to a total of 14 SMA and FCS exhibits with a maximum of 4 exhibits in each class. Gardening, Fashion Revue, $15 Challenge, Clothing Selection and Challenge Class entries are not included in the 14.

12. All exhibits must be properly labeled with exhibitor's name, age, club and years enrolled in the project and are not to be removed before 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

13. Super Blue ribbons will be given to exhibits entered by 4th grade members that the judge(s) feels are outstanding exhibits.

14. State Fair exhibits will receive purple ribbons with the alternates receiving lavender. Outstanding FFA exhibits may also be recognized.

15. The Hancock County Ag Society (Fair Board) and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach will use diligence to insure the safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement, but will not be responsible for damages or loss by fire, theft, etc.

16. All premiums on individual entries will be paid to the members after judging is completed for both SMA and FCS exhibits. Club entry premiums will be prorated to the 4-H clubs & the County Council.

17. Cloverbuds (3rd graders) may enter a total of two non-livestock entries.

18. **Fair Entry forms must be returned to the Extension Office by July 1st.

**Premium Money**

Premium money will be awarded as listed: Blue $3.00 White $2.00
Red $2.50

FCS and SMA exhibits $3.00
Gardening exhibits 2.00
Communications 9.00

Family Consumer Science and SMA premiums are paid following judging.
Animals

510 Animal Science—An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows the learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of any animal is not required.

520 Veterinary Science—An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

530 Crop Production—An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops.

540 Environment and Sustainability—An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, stewardship, conservation, entomology, fish and wildlife, or forestry. Includes collections.

550 Horticulture (Includes Home Grounds Improvement)—An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, small fruits, vegetables and flower gardens, and landscape design.

551 - Gardening - Indoor and Landscape Design (Limit 2 entries)

An exhibitor may show only 1 entry per class and the exhibit must be a result of the exhibitor’s own work. (Not eligible for State Fair). These may not be removed before 5:30 p.m. on Sunday

A. Potted house plant, flowering or non-flowering. Include card describing name of plant and care given to exhibit. JUNIORS ONLY.

B. Simple dish garden or terrarium. Include card describing name of plant and care given to exhibit. JUNIORS ONLY.

C. Potted house plant collection (3) specimens, give common name and botanical names, care required for each, and identify and label on a 3x5 card.

D. Dish garden or terrarium. Evaluation based on plant selection, quality, suitability of container and design. Include card describing name of plants and care given.

E. Potted plant propagated from a leaf or stem cutting. Identify, label and outline a procedure used in propagating on a 3x5 card.

F. Display showing some aspect of indoor gardening (i.e.: effect of light on plants, effects of fertilizers, different soil mixtures on plant growth, etc.)

G. House plants in hanging containers - Container for plant should not be more than 10" in depth. Maximum total length of hanger and plant should not exceed 4 feet. Evaluations based on appropriateness of plant for hanging container (25%), container (25%), hanger to plant relationship (25%), and plants well established (25%). Plant should be identified by both common and botanical names as well as light and moisture requirements on a 3/5 card.

H. Landscape Design - An educational exhibit showing a member’s work done in the area of landscape design. It might include a model of a proposed design, a poster designating principles of selecting plant life for landscape design or different landscape plants used in Iowa.

I. Potted flower arrangement planted from seed

552 - Garden - Outdoor—(Limit 1 entry in each Class A-I, 2 entries (different varieties) in J-K (flowers) and limit of 15 entries in Classes L-AAA (vegetables). (Not eligible for State Fair). An exhibitor may show only one entry per variety and it must be from the member’s own garden.

Exhibits may not be removed before 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Classes will be shown on paper plates or glass bottles furnished by the exhibitor.

Purple ribbon(s) will be awarded in each class as determined by the judge. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected if worthy in classes determined by the judge.

All flowers are to be cut from the exhibitor’s garden. Refer to 4H 464 “Preparing Cut Flowers and House Plants for Exhibit” for preparation instructions. Variety must be listed on tag.

A. Gladiolus, 1 spike, any color.
B. Zinnias, 3 blooms, (same variety, any color).
C. Dwarf Marigolds, 1 spray.
D. Giant Marigolds, 3 blooms.
E. Petunia, 1 spray.
F. Dahlia, 1 bloom with foliage.
G. Rose, 1 Blossom, (3 sets of leaves) stem long enough to support head.
H. Small Flower Arrangement with cut flowers suitable for table use, flowers must have been grown by exhibitor.
I. Small Flower Arrangement with cut flowers suitable for table use, may include purchased flowers.
J. Any Annual, not listed.
K. Any Perennial, not listed.

All vegetables must be from the exhibitor’s garden. Refer to 4-H 462 “Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit” for preparation instructions. Variety must be listed on tag.

L. Pickling Cucumbers, 5 specimens
M. Slicing Cucumbers, 2 specimens (about 6” to 8”)
N. Sweet Corn, any variety, 2 ears in plastic wrapper without shucks
O. Sweet Corn, any variety, 2 ears with shucks
P. Bell Peppers, 2 specimens
Q. Hot Peppers, 3 specimens
R. Peppers, any others, 3 specimens
S. Beets, any variety, 3 specimens
T. Carrots, for table use, 3 specimens
U. Cabbage, 1 head
V. Red Cabbage, 1 head
W. Onions, 3 specimens of 1 variety (white, yellow or red)
X. Cherry Tomatoes, 10 specimens, (yellow or red)
Y. Tomatoes, 3 specimens of 1 variety, (yellow or red; no green tomatoes)
Z. Red or Pink Potatoes, any variety, 3 specimens
AA. White Potatoes, 3 specimens
BB. Russet Potatoes, 3 specimens
CC. Any Other Potatoes, 3 specimens
DD. Summer Squash, 2 specimens
EE. Snap Beans, green, 6 pods
FF. Snap Beans, yellow wax, 6 pods
GG. Broccoli, 1 head
HH. Cauliflower, 1 head
II. Brussels Sprouts, 4 sprouts
JJ. Eggplant
KK. Kohlrabi, 2 specimens
LL. Peas, 6 pods
MM. Edible Poddled Peas, 6 pods (including Chinese)
NN. Sugar Snap Peas, 6 pods
Photography Special Rules:
1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. They may be processed from negatives, slides, or digital cameras and computer-manipulation programs. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs should be a minimum of 4" x 6". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of photographs should not exceed 16" in height or width.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper. Photos printed on canvas, fabric, ceramic, etc. will only be accepted as part of an educational display that shows learning about photography printing techniques, display, merchandising, etc.
4. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted (no board showing) on mounting board, or (b) with mount borders (window mat or flat mount directly on board). Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats or have matting done professionally.
5. 4-Hers are responsible for design decisions such as border, color and size. Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
6. Non-mounted photos may be exhibited in a clear plastic covering.
7. A series is a group of photographs or slides [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Slides should be numbered.
8. Digitally altered photos should include a copy of the photo before changes.
9. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
10. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
11. Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.

Class 621 - FFA Photography—This class is for FFA members whose chapter (school district) includes a portion of Hancock County.

Visual Arts Special Rules:
1. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.
2. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included.

3. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.

4. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H’er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visualart.htm

**Family & Consumer Sciences**

**710 Child Development**—An exhibit that shows learning about children. Examples: child care, growth and development, safety and health, children with special needs, and careers in child development.

**720 Clothing and Fashion**—An exhibit that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits may include constructed or purchased clothing and accessories. Garments should be on hangers and in clear plastic bags. Pin entry tags on garments.

**730 Consumer Management**—An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

**740 Food & Nutrition**—An exhibit that shows learning through cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, including safety practices. Exhibits may include prepared products or educational displays. See also 4-H 3023 “Inappropriate Foods Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs” for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products.

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3. **Most compassionate or effective communication award.** - Non-food item, likely a poster, display, or other written or visual way of showing information, that demonstrates compassion or effective communication around the topic of eating healthy.

**Food & Nutrition Special Rules**

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.

2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.

3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.

4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.

5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.

6. Two copies of the recipe must be included for any prepared food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe. One copy will accompany product to be sold and the other stays with the display and sample of the product.

7. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2013 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used.

8. Preserved food exhibits must include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.

9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a resealable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Cupcakes and muffins should NOT be baked in cupcake papers. Pies and cakes should be brought whole. Cupcakes, muffins, cookies and bars should have 7 on the plate.

10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

11. Baked goods will be sold with the money going to the Hancock County 4-H Fund.

**750 Health**—An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and healthy lifestyle choices.

**760 Home Improvement**—An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items.

**770 Sewing and needle Arts**—An exhibit that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts, the use and care of fabrics and fibers, or the construction of clothing and other items. Garments should be on hangers and in clear plastic bags. Pin entry tags on garments.

**790 Other Family and Consumer Science**—An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any previous Family Consumer Science class listed.

**Personal Development**

**810 Citizenship**—An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.

**820 Communication**—An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills in their many forms.

**910 Digital Storytelling**—Any exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video.
All participants to qualify for participation must:

1. Select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H’ers goal or intended use or the selected outfit.
2. Have had individual planned or county experience(s) in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
3. Outfits may be selected and/or purchased from any source, including consignment shops, used clothing stores, etc.
   Clothing items which are home-sewn are not eligible unless the completed garment was purchased from a used clothing source.
   Clothing items which are custom-sewn specifically for the participant are not eligible.

**Clothing Event State Fair Participant Eligibility** - more info at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF6GClothingEventEligibilityRequirements.pdf

1. Four (4) Fashion Revue, three (3) $15 Challenge, three (3) Clothing Selection participants are eligible from each county. Must be equally representing all categories (female, male, minority) in each division.
2. Participants must be in the 4-H **senior designated level** (grades 9–12)
3. Participants should be selected representatives from a county’s Fashion Revue, The $15 Challenge, or Clothing Selection categories.
4. 4-H’ers may participate in only one category and show only one clothing entry (Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, or The $15 Challenge) during any given Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.
5. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.

**Communication Event** - This division is for 4-H only. Exhibitors in Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits and Share-The-Fun will be paid a premium for each ribbon placement. Top Junior presentations may advance to the Clay County District Fair.

**Educational Presentation** - Provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience in order to gain a desired response.

**Class 881 Educational Presentations (Junior)** - must have completed 4th-6th grade in 2014.

**Class 882 Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior)** - must have completed 7th-12th grade in 2014.

**Rules**

1. Time limit: Junior presentations must not exceed 1.5 minutes. Intermediate/Senior presentations must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. Presentations can be done by an individual or a team. Team presentations will be in the class of the oldest member giving the presentation.
4. Up to six (6) presentations may be selected to compete at the Iowa State Fair.
**Working Exhibit** - Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

**Class 883 Working Exhibit (Junior)** - must have completed 4th-6th grade in 2014.

**Class 884 Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior)** - must have completed 7th-12th grade in 2014.

**Rules**

1. Time limit: Junior Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 25 minute period. Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits will be scheduled for a 45 minute period.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. Up to four (4) entries may be selected to compete at the Iowa State Fair.

**Share-The-Fun** - Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

**Class 885 Share-The-Fun**

**Rules**

1. Performances must not exceed eight minutes in length.
2. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
3. All performers must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.
4. Members may perform in groups or individually. Each club may enter multiple acts.
5. Up to three (3) entries may be selected to compete at the Iowa State Fair.

**Poster Communication** - Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate with and tell a story or idea visually about 4-H to the general public using the non-verbal form of communication on a poster.

**Class 821 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit**

**Rules**

1. Only one poster per 4-H'yer may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board - size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22". Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage.
3. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
4. Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
5. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
6. 4-H'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
7. The themes for “Communicating Through 4-H Posters” are:
   a. 4-H is . . . (Open to 4-H'ers interpretation)
   b. Join 4-H
   c. Ticket to Success (2014 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
   d. Nothing compares (2014 Iowa State Fair theme)

**Additional State Fair Information**

1. All 4-H communication Poster participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior posters will receive Seals of Excellence.
2. All 4-H Communication Posters receiving a Seal of Excellence at the Iowa State Fair will be taken to the Extension 4-H Building on the Iowa State University campus for display.

**State Fair Communication Event Rules and Regulations** - more info at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-fair-4-h-communication-events

1. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2014 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, at least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2014.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H'ers. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level. (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H'ers should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants cannot be involved in another event (communication event, clothing programs, livestock show or judging) during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in their program. Share The Fun participants cannot be involved in another event from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled show to 15 minutes following the show.
6. All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event.
7. Only presenters are allowed in the Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit preparation rooms and presentation areas.
8. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a “peer evaluation program”.
9. All 4-H Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Seals of Merit will be presented to those giving outstanding presentations. Seals of Excellence will be presented to those giving superior presentations. Share-The-Fun participants will receive participation ribbons and a written critique of the performance. Participants are expected to be present for awards given at the close of the event session.
10. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
11. 4-H'ers must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
12. All participants are expected comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
13. Allocated premiums will be paid to counties for distribution based on the participation in the 4-H Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit opportunities. There will be no premium allocations for Share-The-Fun.
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**Container Garden Challenge Class 2014**

This class is not eligible for State Fair. This entry is NOT included as one of the fourteen (14) FCS/SMA entries and does not have to be shown at an achievement show. An exhibit sheet stating goals is not needed.

1. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter.
2. Members may have one entry.
3. The purpose of this class is to show your understanding of balance and color scheme when planting a container garden as well as use of appropriate plants for location of container. Plant, tend, and present your container garden.
4. Any plants may be used as long as it fits into the planned location of the container. See the following list for ideas.
5. The 2014 challenge class container is a flower pot with a diameter no larger than 18 inches.
6. The following questions must be answered and attached to the container to assist in the judging process. 1) Why did you select the plants? 2) What did you take into consideration when choosing the plants? Include a picture of the container and its surroundings.
7. All entries must arrive during the Garden & Crop Check-in on Thursday. At the conclusion of judging, containers will be placed around the fairgrounds until 6 p.m. Sunday.
8. Please refer to Growing Annuals in Containers, RG301 - Reiman Gardens publication for ideas and tips. (http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/RG301.pdf)

**Suggested Plant List**

**Flowering**
- Ageratum Ageratum houstonianum (SP)
- Alyssum Lobularia maritima (SP)
- Begonia Begonia semperflorens-cultorum (PF)
- Black-eyed Susan sunflower Thunbergia alata (S)
- Celosia Celosia plumosa (S)
- Cosmos Cosmos sulphureus (S)
- Dahlberg Daisy Thymophylla tenuiloba (S)
- Fans Flewcoa volva (SP)
- Gazania Gazania rigens (S)
- Geranium Pelargonium hortorum (S)
- Globe Amaranth Gomphrena globosa (S)
- Impatiens Impatiens wallerana (PF)
- Lantana Lantana camara (S)
- Lobelia Lobelia erinus (P)
- Marigold Tagetes patula (S)
- Moss rose Portulaca grandiflora (S)
- Nasturtium Tropaeolum majus (S)
- Nierembergia Nierembergia hippocamnica (SP)
- Pansy Viola × Wittrockiana (SP)
- Petunia Petunia × hybrida (SP)
- Salvia Salvia splendens (S)
- Silver Bells Browallia speciosa (PF)
- Trail Petunia Calibrachoa hybrids (S)
- Verbena Verbena sp. (S)
- Vinca Catharanthus roseus (SP)
- Wishbone-flower Torenia fournieri (P)
- Zinnia (dwarf varieties) Zinnia elegans and Zinnia angustifolia (S)

**Foliage:**
- Asparagus fern Asparagus densiflorus
- ‘Sprenger’ or Asparagus setaceus (SPF)
- Coleus Coleus × hybrids (SPF)
- Dusty Miller Senecio cineraria (S)
- Foxtail fern Asparagus meyeri (SPF)
- Licorice plant Helichrysum petiolare (SP)
- Plectranthus Plectranthus species (SP)
- Polka-dot plant Hypoestes phyllostachya (SP)
- Sweet potato vine Ipomoea batatas (SP)
- Spikes Cordyline indivisa (SPF)
- Vinca vine Vinca major (SPF)

S = full sun P = partial shade F = full shade

**4-H and FFA Completion**

No Entry fee or Advance Registration Required. The Hancock County Fair Board will award $1.00 to 4-H members certified by the Extension Office and FFA members who have been certified by their leaders to have successfully completed and submitted required records for this year.

Club Completion forms must be turned in by November 1, of current year to the Fair Board bookkeeper.

**Reminders:**

All non-livestock exhibitors (those exhibits judged on Tuesday) must turn in entry sheets at the Fair Office the day of judging to get paid for their premiums!

The exhibit Goal Sheet is available on the Hancock County Fair website (www.hancockcountyfair.com OR www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/info/4h/countyfair.html) or may be requested from the Hancock County Extension Office. This is the form that needs to accompany every exhibit that is brought to the fair. (Excluding Livestock, Challenge classes and Garden Projects)