For this year’s horticulture challenge the Jones County Master Gardeners would like to see our 4-H/FFA members using items you have in your barn(s), garage, basement and/or storage area. Use your imagination to incorporate plants, herbs, flowers and even vegetables into this unique or traditional container.

Each container should be identified by club/chapter name and/or member’s name. Each container should have adequate drainage for your plants etc.

Each member/4-H club and/or FFA chapter will complete the Horticulture Challenge Report Form and bring to the county fair.

Exhibitor will be responsible for transporting (lifting and/or carrying) their container to the fairgrounds. If the container can NOT be transported due to size and/or weight etc.

Exhibitor has the option to complete the Horticulture Challenge Report Form and provide a short video (10 minutes or less) on their entry.

**RULES**

The container for this entry should be an old/found object or in a traditional container include something old/primitive/antique within as part of the theme. Suggestions/Ideas below:

- Cast Iron Pot
- Wheelbarrow
- Old Wash Basin/Tub
- Feed Bunk
- Chicken Waterer
- Milk Can
- Toolbox

The container should have at least three different types of plants or a combination of plants listed below:

- Flowers
- Vegetables
- Herbs
- Native Plants

Accommodating the Horticulture Challenge – heirloom or heritage varieties would be a great choice. (Seed Savers can assist with those types of seeds) Iowa native plants would also be appropriate.

Categories for judging will be similar to previous challenges and awards will be given for the Most Unique Container, (Theme) Unique selection of flowers, vegetables, herbs and native plants (Composition) and Best Use of Native Plants.