Flower Arrangement and Houseplant Division Rules

Non-Commercial Flower Arrangements
1. Flower Arranging entries will be judged in appropriate classes Saturday of the fair.
2. All fresh flowers used must be non-commercial; grown in your own garden or that of a friend or neighbor. Any fresh flowers purchased at a retail outlet will automatically disqualify that entry.
Note--prepare as recommended in publication available from the Extension Office: “Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit.”
3. Mechanical aids such as wires are allowed, but should not be visible to the eye.
4. Fresh, silk, wood, feather, and/or pigskin flowers may be used. Dried weeds (excepting those noxious weeds that are prohibited – refer to General Rules) - may be used to create a flow of line in some arrangements. Plastic flowers and/or foliage are not acceptable.
5. Flower arranging will be conference judged with entries judged on basic flower arranging guidelines
7. No wall hangings will be accepted.
8. Outstanding Junior entries will be recognized with Junior Merit ribbons.
9. One Champion ribbon and one Reserve Champion ribbon will be given over-all with Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors competing together.
10. A "Best of Show" plaque will be awarded. All flower arrangements and houseplants will compete for this honor.
11. All entries are released on Saturday at 9:00 p.m.

Flower Arrangement Class Options

Class 10360 Creative Arts/Flower Arrangement - judged on goals centered on design decisions

Class 10490 Home Improvement/Flower Arrangement - judged on goals as an accessory for the home or other setting

Class 10570 Personal Development/Flower Arrangement - judged on goals for a specific occasion or pertaining to a relationship

Flower Arrangement Specific rules:
1. Flower Arrangement Goal Sheet is required and should explain how and where you plan to use the arrangement.
2. Questions: Check with the Extension Office for advice on the appropriate class for your arrangement.

Sub-Class 001 Any fresh flower and greenery arrangement made by the 4-H'er

Sub-Class 002 Any arrangement using a bud vase and 1-3 fresh flowers with appropriate greens and accents.

Sub-Class 003 Any fresh or silk flower and greenery arrangement made by 4-H'er

Sub-Class 004 “Iowa's Choice” – Any arrangement using Iowa’s natural plants and an appropriate container – see General Fair rules for noxious weeds and wildflowers.

Sub-Class 005 “I Love My Pet” – Any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery with your pet as inspiration for your theme using an appropriate container.

Sub-Class 006 “Let's Celebrate” – Any centerpiece arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery with a holiday or special occasion (birthday, wedding, baby, anniversary, etc.) theme and an appropriate container.

Sub-Class 007 “Celebrate 4-H” - Any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery and using 4-H symbols and an appropriate container.

Sub-Class 008 “Rhyme Time!” - Any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery to reflect a nursery rhyme theme (Humpty Dumpty, Hey Diddle Diddle the Cat and the Fiddle, Mary Had a Little Lamb, etc.) Include a flower pick and card with the name of the nursery rhyme and an appropriate container.
Sub-Class 009  “It’s a Small World” – Any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery in a container not more than 4” wide or tall.

Sub-Class 010  “Iowa Agriculture” - any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery and reflects the importance of agriculture in Iowa and Sioux County and an appropriate container.

Sub-Class 011  2020 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme “Strive for the Gold” – any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery that reflects the current Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme and an appropriate container.

Sub-Class 012  2020 Iowa State Fair theme “How Do You 4-H?” – any arrangement using silk and/or fresh flowers and greenery that reflects the current Iowa State Fair theme and an appropriate container.

Sub-Class 013  NEW - Bucket of Flowers - Bucket/container planted and arranged by 4-H club members or individual. Minimum size container is 5 quarts; maximum, 5 gallons. Bucket/container can be container of annual or perennial flowers. Exhibitors are required to care for their flowers the remainder of fair week.

Commercial Flower Arrangements – use any of the above non-commercial themes for FA12 and FA13

Sub-Class 014  Commercial Flower Arrangement - Allowed two entries
Arrangement of purchased cut flowers and plants. No potted plants. A receipt for the flowers purchased will be required with the goal sheet.

Sub-Class 015  Commercial Flower Arrangement - Allowed two entries
Arrangement of a combination of purchased commercial and non-commercial cut flowers and plants. No potted plants. A receipt for the flowers purchased will be required with the goal sheet.

Houseplants (entered in Ag and Natural Resources – Houseplants) Special Rules
1. Plants should be in the 4-H’ers care a minimum of four months previous to exhibiting.
3. No commercial leaf gloss. Clean leaves with a water/milk mixture.
Note--prepare as recommended in publication: “Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit.”
4. Houseplants need to be checked-in between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday July 10. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.
5. Houseplants will be conference judged.
6. Outstanding Junior entries will be recognized with Junior Merit ribbons.
7. One Champion ribbon and one Reserve Champion ribbon will be given over-all with Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors competing together.
8. A "Best of Show" plaque will be awarded. All flower arrangements and houseplants will compete for this honor.
9. All entries are released on Saturday at 9:00 PM.

Class 10270  Houseplant Classes
Sub-Class 001  Foliage -any non-blooming houseplant – a single plant entry or a grouping of several green plants in one container. They will be judged not only on the condition of the plant, but also on the container (does it complement the plant, is it in proper perspective to the size and height of the plant, etc.) and also the growth record (new shoots, etc.).

Sub-Class 002  Blooming House Plants -several varieties in this category might include: violets, begonias, peace lilies, geraniums, gloxinias, etc. Entry must be in bloom at the time of judging. Judging will include the blossoms, foliage, container and care record.

Sub-Class 003  Succulents -members of the cactus family. Since cacti require very little care; this category requires that entrant must group several cacti in a dish garden adding colored stones, and/or novelties. Entry will be judged on arrangement of dish garden and condition of cacti.

Sub-Class 004  Mixed Plants - arrangements using a mixture of foliage and succulents and appropriate
accents. Entry must include plants that grow well together, using the same light and water conditions. Entry will be judged on plant conditions, arrangement and choice of container.

Sub-Class 005  Propagated Potted Plant – plant started from a leaf or stem cutting. Identify, label and outline the procedure used in propagating.

Sub-Class 006  Terrarium – must include container, soil, charcoal, moss, plants and cover – may contain other decorative items. Start EARLY to allow time for plants to form roots.

    Terrarium Evaluation based on
    • Plant selection
    • Quality
    • Suitability of container and design

Sub-Class 007  Houseplant in Hanging Containers - container should not be more than 10” deep.
    Maximum length of container and plant should not exceed 4 feet.

    Hanging Container Evaluation will be based on:
    • appropriateness of container
    • hanger to plant relationship
    • plants well established
    • exhibit includes information about both common and botanical names as well as light and moisture requirements for all plants in the exhibit

Sub-Class 008  Plant Care Comparison – a display showing some aspect of indoor gardening
    Examples:
    • effect of light on plants
    • effect of fertilizer
    • effect of different soil mixtures on plant growth

All exhibits must be entered into FairEntry at https://sioux.fairentry.com by Thursday July 9. All exhibits require a printed exhibit card to record results and premiums. All exhibits will be checked in on Monday, July 13 between 7:00 and 11:00 a.m.