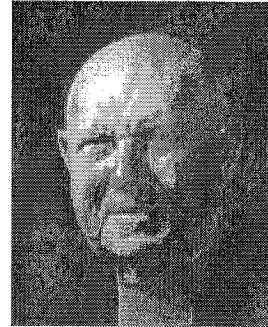


## CLASS N - FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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**A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**  
according to the requirements of  
**THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**  
**PREMIUMS**

Horticulture -- First, \$3.25; Second, \$2.75; Third, \$2.50

Artistic -- First, \$8.00; Second, \$7.00; Third, \$6.00

All awards must be claimed at the fair at the time of release.

**Pictures of the winners will be taken on Saturday and Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m.**  
**in the flower department. No make up pictures will be taken at a later time.**

**GENERAL RULES**  
**OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF DARKE COUNTY**  
**AND / OR**  
**MEMBERS OF THE DARKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**

The Darke County Association of Garden Clubs is not be responsible for items left after teardown and the close of the Darke County Fair. Items must be picked up on the last day unless other arrangements are made prior to the closing of the coliseum.

There are two separate schedules. Entries must be set up and completed between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2022 and Wednesday, August 24, 2022. Persons on committees may enter earlier. Entries arriving after 10:00 a.m. will be marked "Not For Competition". Closed judging will be held on both days at 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Only the Flower Show committee will be permitted on the floor during judging. **The show floor will be closed to the public starting at 7:00 a.m. until judging is complete on each show day.**

**Entries made on Saturday, August 20, 2022 may be removed at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.**

**ENTRIES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE FLOWER SHOW CHAIRPERSON.**

**Entries made on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 may be removed on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

**ENTRIES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO 11:00 A.M. UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE FLOWER SHOW CHAIRPERSON.**

**The following will remain in effect for 2022:**

"At the March 2, 2014 Fair Board meeting, Fair Directors approved not permitting any 2014 Fair Departments or Vendors to be released until 11:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of the fair unless another event is scheduled to take place in their area. Contact the department head for release date and time."

**Premiums will be paid on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at approximately 12:30 until 1:30 p.m.** You must be registered in order to collect premium money. Premium money not claimed can be obtained from Kim Cromwell; contact at 937-564-0038.

All entries without competition will be awarded first money, **IF**, in the opinion of the judge, said entry is worthy. One first, one second, and one third will be given in each class, if worthy.

**Note: An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any horticulture class, providing each is a different named variety.**

Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided, or subdivided, if the number of entries warrants, insuring a balanced number of entries.

The exhibitors are responsible for their exhibits, but reasonable care will be taken of properties. No state conservation material may be used in any exhibit unless grown in the yard of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors shall complete top portion only of the entry tags, using own admission ticket number. Junior entries, under the age of 12, shall be filled out using the parent's admission ticket number. Exhibitors over age 12 must have their own admission ticket.

**ARTISTIC DESIGN REGULATIONS**

**Reservations must be made for all adult artistic classes by August 15, 2022. No entries will be permitted on show days that have not been reserved. Reservations must be placed with Irma Heiser at 937-417-1659.**

**All artistic designs must be done by the exhibitor.**

All plant material included in arrangements must be labeled on a 3" x 5" card provided by the exhibitor.

No artificial plant materials permitted in any class. No artificially colored fresh plant materials allowed. Plant material may be obtained from any source. Painted, bleached, dried and/or preserved material may be used, but painted material should never be used in traditional designs. The use of feathers is permitted.

Fresh plant material should be included in all designs. A tan background, 30" wide by 45" high will be provided for all designs, except where noted. Exhibitors may use additional backgrounds to enhance their designs.

**Accessories are permitted. However, do not rely on these accessories to tell the story of your design.**

**All artistic designs must fill 2/3 of the provided background (30" W x 45" H) with the design only.**

**Adult Awards:**

Awards are not class specific. Multiple awards cannot be given to the same entry.

Rosettes will only be awarded to first place entries for the following awards:

Best of Show, Most Creative, Artistic Excellence, and Best Small Design.

Rosettes for the following awards will be open to any artistic entries:

Best Use of Color and Best Interpretation.

The following awards will be sponsored by Greenville National Bank on both show days:

**Best of Show, Most Creative, Best Use of Color, Artistic Excellence, Best Small Design, and Best Interpretation.**

**Louise Sheffer Award** - The family of Louise Sheffer will make a selection of a choice artistic arrangement on Saturday and Wednesday.

**JUNIOR DIVISION:**

A 24" x 30" natural background will be provided in the Junior Division. No artistic design is to extend beyond these areas.

**Junior Awards:**

**Junior Creative Award** – best design in class 49 on Saturday and class 108 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Todd & Lindsey Henry.

**Junior Award of Elegance** – best design in class 50 on Saturday and class 109 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Cindy McCallister on both days.

**Junior Achievement Award** – best design in class 51 on Saturday and class 110 on Wednesday in both age groups will be sponsored by Darryl Mehaffie on both show days.

**Junior Award of Distinction** – best design in classes 52 and 53 on Saturday will be sponsored by Erisman Aire Heating & Cooling and classes 111 and 112 on Wednesday in both age groups will be sponsored by J & A Construction.

**Karlh McCallister Award** – The family of Karlh McCallister will make a selection of a choice artistic arrangement on Saturday and Wednesday.

**HORTICULTURE REGULATIONS**

**As quantity is good, quality is much more important. Exhibits with large or many holes, broken stems, full-blown blooms, etc., should not be considered. If in doubt, the passing committee will make the final decision.**

Horticulture classes are open to anyone who grows plants through personal efforts for pleasure, and whose return from sales, if any, does not equal the outlay for seeds and plants.

Material in the horticulture section must be grown by the exhibitor.

**\*\*NEW - Any use of leaf shine will automatically disqualify the exhibit.\*\***

Potted and house plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months. The pot **cannot** exceed 12 inches in diameter (inside dimension of pot), unless otherwise stated.

An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any class provided each is a different color or named variety.

Any plant or specimens shown in the Saturday show shall not be entered in any manner at the Wednesday show.

Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided, or sub-divided, if the number of entries warrants, insuring a balanced number of entries.

Speciman flowers to be exhibited for quality only. The exact count of flowers on stems is essential. Removal of side buds required, except for Plumed Celosia.

Attached foliage required unless otherwise specified in schedule. Green leaves and/or thorns below the water line may be removed. Appropriate wedging material provided by the exhibitor may be used for blocking stems or specimens in the container.

Exhibitor is to furnish own clear container for large speciman flowers - all others are provided. Only correctly named exhibits, with the variety name written on the entry tag, will be eligible for an award.

All potted plants and hanging baskets must be classified at time of entry. Hanging baskets must be hung by the exhibitor.

Any foreign material used to enhance any horticulture entry will automatically disqualify it.

#### **Adult Awards:**

**Rose of Royalty** - best exhibit in classes 9 through 17 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home and classes 77 through 85 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Spencer Landscaping.

**Best Miniature Rose** - best exhibit in classes 18 through 20 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, and classes 86 through 88 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Spencer Landscaping.

**Award of Elegance** - best exhibit in classes 21 and 22 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, and classes 89 and 90 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Spencer Landscaping.

**Flora** - best exhibit in classes 23 through 28 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home.

**Flora** - best exhibit in classes 91 through 93 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Miller Flowers.

**Green Thumb** - best exhibit in classes 29 through 38 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home and classes 94 through 100 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Miller Flowers.

**Garden Grower** - best container grown exhibit in classes 39 through 48 on Saturday will be sponsored by Leis Realty and classes 101 through 107 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Kline Timber.

**Exhibitor in the Junior Division must be at least 6 years of age.**

#### **Junior Awards:**

**Junior Rose of Royalty Award** – best exhibit in classes 54 through 56 on Saturday and classes 113 through 115 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Kim Cromwell on both show days.

**Junior Green Thumb Award** – best exhibit in classes 57 through 61 on Saturday and classes 116 and 117 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Donn and Charlene Thornhill on both show days.

**Junior Garden Cultivar** – best exhibit in classes 62 and 63 on Saturday and classes 118 and 119 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Becky Collins on both show days.

**Junior Flora Award** – best exhibit in class 64 on Saturday and class 120 on Wednesday will be sponsored by the Rehmert Family on both show days.

**Junior Buckeye Gardener Award** – best container grown planter in class 65 on Saturday and class 121 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Tiffany Stebbins.

**Junior Showcase Award** – best exhibit in class 66 on Saturday and class 122 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Cal-Main Foods, Inc. on both show days.

## Saturday Entries

## THEME - "LET'S GO PLACES"

## SECTION 1 - ADULT ARTISTIC

1. "Curve Ahead" – Miniature design, 5" and under in any dimension.
2. "One Lane Bridge" – Small design, 5" but less than 12" in any dimension.
3. "Travel by Bicycle" – Creative, Designer's choice.
4. "Toll Booth" – Creative, Transparency.
5. "Travel by Taxi" – Traditional design, incorporating yellow.
6. "70th Anniversary" – Traditional design. Staged on a 30" round table with black floor length skirting, also covers top. Limit 4.
7. "Packing to Go Places" – Small luggage piece, not to exceed 24" in length, using dried and/or preserved materials.
8. "Warp Speed" – Challenge class, using a chartreuse background. Container and materials provided. Limit 4.

## HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

## Saturday's Entries

ROSE SHOW SPECIMEN. Stem length should be in proportion to the size of the bloom. Foliage should be adequate in size for the stem and bloom - at least 2 sets of 5 leaflets. Any stem on stem will be disqualified. Roses will be judged at the most nearly perfect phase of their possible beauty, usually 1/2 to 3/4 open unless otherwise specified.

## SECTION 2 - ADULT HORTICULTURE

9. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
10. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, open bloom, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, centers must show.
11. Floribunda & Polyantha, named, one spray, any color, naturally grown, foliage attached.
12. Grandiflora, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
13. Climbers, David Austin English Roses, Old Garden Roses, and/or Landscape Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
14. Knock Out roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
15. Any new variety for year 2021 – 2022 for classes 9 through 14, named.
16. Fragrance class, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached. To be judged on fragrance, not form.
17. Standard Rose Bouquet, 3 different varieties, named, disbudded, foliage attached.
18. Miniature Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
19. Miniature Rose, named, one spray, naturally grown, any color, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
20. Mini Flora Rose, named, any color, foliage attached.
  - a. One bloom, disbudded
  - b. One spray
21. Miniature Roses
  - 3 of a kind, uniform, named, one bloom per stem in exhibitor's own container.
22. Blooming Miniature Rose Bowl
  - One miniature bloom, named, any color, floating in a container provided.

## SECTION 3 – ANNUALS &amp; PERENNIALS

(Exhibitor to furnish own clear glass container for large specimens)

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

23. Zinnias, dwarf, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.

24. Zinnias, pompon, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves. **Not under one inch in diameter.**
25. Zinnias, bi-color, named, one bloom, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
26. Zinnias, medium size, named, one bloom, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
27. Zinnias, Giant flowered Dahlia type, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
28. Zinnias, Cactus type, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
29. Gladiolus, named, one stem, disbudded, with or without marking.  
One spike to be 1/3 stem, 2/3 flowerhead.
30. Sunflowers, named, disbudded, **not to exceed 7" in diameter.**
  - a. Yellow
  - b. Bi-Color
  - c. Any other color
31. Hosta, named, one leaf, any color. **Mature Exhibits only.**  
**Each leaf is to be measured at its widest width.**
  - a. Miniature – Less than 2" at widest width (may be displayed in a water pick)
  - b. Small – 2" – 3" at widest width
  - c. Medium – 3" – 5" at widest width
  - d. Large – over 5" at widest width
  - e. Giant – over 9" at widest width
32. Buddleia Butterfly Bush, named, one stem, any color, disbudded.
33. Dahlia, disbudded, foliage attached.
  - a. Decorative, named, one bloom, any color
  - b. Cactus, named, one bloom, any color
  - c. Ball, named, one bloom, any color
34. Herbs Culinary, three different varieties, named, in one vase. **Each named herb may only be exhibited once.**
35. Rudbeckia, named, one bloom, disbudded, any variety, foliage attached.
36. Elephant Ear – One leaf. Exhibitor must furnish own container for large exhibits (container must be weighted). Not to exceed 24" in **leaf** length.
37. Annuals, named, foliage attached any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
  - d. Any flower grown from bulb, tuber, corm, or rhizome, foliage optional
  - e. Any new 2022 variety
38. Perennials, named, foliage attached, any cultivated variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
  - d. Any new 2022 variety

#### **SECTION 4 - POTTED PLANTS (Mature Exhibits only)**

**NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)**

39. Succulents, Named, Miniature, one variety. Container to be 6" and under in any dimension.
40. Succulents, Named, one large variety. **Mature Exhibits only.**
41. Succulents, 3 or more varieties, named.
42. Begonias, named.
43. Blooming Container Plants, single variety, named.
44. Any unusual plant. Ex. Pineapple plant, Ice plant, etc.

**SECTION 5 - HANGING BASKETS***NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)*

45. Begonias, named.
46. Spider Plant
47. Blooming Plants, single variety, named.
48. Wandering Jew

**SECTION 6 - JUNIOR ARTISTIC**

49. "1952 – Let's go to the Hop" – Vintage dress form, designer's choice. Limit 4. **Special class**
50. "Game Day" – Exhibitional table setting, Type I, incorporating a 24"x32" frame. Background 30"x40". Limit 4. **Special class**
51. "Field Trip" – Traditional, fresh all foliage design.
  - a. Ages 6 – 11
  - b. Ages 12 – 18
52. "Octoberfest" – Pallet pumpkin, using dried and/or preserved materials.
  - a. Ages 6 – 11
  - b. Ages 12 – 18
53. "Scavenger Hunt" – Nature "finds" in a 12"x12" shadow box.
  - a. Ages 6 – 11
  - b. Ages 12 – 18

**SECTION 7 - JUNIOR HORTICULTURE**

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

54. Rose, Miniature, named, any color, foliage attached.
  - a. One disbudded bloom
  - b. One spray
55. Knock Out roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
56. Rose, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, etc, named, one disbudded bloom or one spray, any color, any variety, foliage attached.
57. Any new 2022 plant variety.
58. Zinnias, dwarf, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
59. Zinnias, pompon, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves. **Not under one inch in diameter.**
60. Zinnias, bi-color, named, one bloom, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
61. Zinnia, Medium to Large flowered, named, one bloom, disbudded, any color, 2 two sets of attached leaves.
62. Sunflower, named, one stem, any color, disbudded. **Not to exceed 7" in diameter.**
63. Hosta, named, one leaf, any color. **Mature Exhibits only.**  
**Each leaf is to be measured at its widest width.**
  - a. Miniature – Less than 2" at widest width (may be displayed in a water pick)
  - b. Small – 2" – 3" at widest width
  - c. Medium – 3" – 5" at widest width
  - d. Large – over 5" at widest width
  - e. Giant – over 9" at widest width
64. Annuals and perennials, named, any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded - Gerber Daisy to be shown in this class
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike

65. Container Grown Plants, any foliage plant, named.
66. Collection of 5 – **Special class.** Limit of 4. Advanced reservation required.  
All collection of 5 cut specimens, named, each in a separate container. Exhibitor to furnish own containers – staged creatively. Each species should be of blue ribbon quality, with correctly labeled botanical and common names. Species or cultivars must be clean and free of disease or insect damage. There should be uniformity in branching, stem length, and container size. Each entry will have a 30” space allotment.

**SECTION 8 - INVITATIONAL**

67. “Let’s Go Places” Irma Heiser, Ladybug Garden Club

**SECTION 9 - ADULT EDUCATION**

68. “70 Years of Garden Fun!” Members of the Darke County Association of Garden Clubs

**Wednesday Entries****THEME - “LET’S GO PLACES”****SECTION 10 - ADULT ARTISTIC**

69. “Merge” – Miniature design, 5” and under in any dimension.
70. “Slippery When Wet” – Small Underwater design, 5” but less than 12” in any dimension.
71. “Travel by Rocket Ship” – Traditional, Vertical design.
72. “Chasing the Rising Sun” – Oriental design. Moribana rising form from the O’Hara School of Ikebana. Background 30”x40”.
73. “Travel by Hot Air Balloon” – Creative, Op Art.
74. “Sail Away” – Creative, Floor design, a 48”x48” floor area will be reserved for each design. Design must be a minimum of 5’ in height. Limit 4.
75. “On an Airplane” – Functional tray, floral design required.
76. “Travel by Canoe” – Still Life design. Must include some fresh plant material.

**HORTICULTURAL DIVISION****Wednesday’s Entries**

ROSE SHOW SPECIMEN. Stem length should be in proportion to the size of the bloom. Foliage should be adequate in size for the stem and bloom - at least 2 sets of 5 leaflets. Any stem on stem will be disqualified. Roses will be judged at the most nearly perfect phase of their possible beauty, usually 1/2 to 3/4 open unless otherwise specified.

**SECTION 11 - ADULT HORTICULTURE**

77. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
78. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, open bloom, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, centers must show.
79. Floribunda & Polyantha, named, one spray, any color, naturally grown, foliage attached.
80. Grandiflora, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
81. Climbers, David Austin English Roses, Old Garden Roses, and/or Landscape Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
82. Knock Out Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached
83. Any new variety for year 2021 – 2022 for classes 77 through 82, named.
84. Fragrance Class, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached. To be judged on fragrance, not form.
85. Standard Rose Bouquet, 3 different varieties, named, disbudded, foliage attached.
86. Miniature Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
87. Miniature Rose, named, one spray, naturally grown, any color, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
88. Mini Flora Rose, named, any color, foliage attached.
  - One bloom, disbudded
  - One spray
89. Miniature Roses  
3 of a kind, uniform, named, one bloom per stem in exhibitor’s own container.
90. Blooming Miniature Rose Bowl  
One miniature bloom, named, any color, floating in a container provided.



**SECTION 12 – ANNUALS & PERENNIALS**

(Exhibitor to furnish own clear glass container for large specimens)

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

91. Coleus, named, any variety, naturally grown. **Bloom and/or seed head must be removed.**
92. Caladiums, named, any color, one stem large variety. **Mature exhibits only.**
93. Celosia, named, one stalk, any color, foliage attached.
  - a. Plumed, naturally grown
  - b. Crested, disbudded
  - c. Wheat celosia
  - d. Any color over 8", measured from end to end, foliage optional. Exhibitor must provide own container and it must be weighed.
94. Everlastings, fresh naturally grown.
  - a. Globe Amaranth, one spray, any color
  - b. Globe Amaranth, two blooms, any color
  - c. Statice, one spray, any color
  - d. Artemisia, named
  - e. Russian Sage
  - f. Any other named everlasting
95. Marigolds, dwarf, named, two blooms, any color, foliage attached.
  - a. Single
  - b. Double
96. Marigolds, large flowered, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
97. Live Forever sedum, named, one stem, any color, any variety, bloom should show some color.
98. Ornamental Grasses, named, any variety, naturally grown.
 

Mature Exhibits only. **Not to be over 36" in height.**

  - a. Small grasses, 3 stems (same grass) in one container (including Carex, Helictotirch, Imperata, etc.).
  - b. Medium grasses, 2 stems (same grass) in one container (including Chasmenthium, Elymus, Panicum, Pennesitum, etc.).
  - c. Large grasses, 1 stem in one container (including Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.).
  - d. Grass like cultivars – Small, 3 stems (rushes, sedges, unusual cultivars).
  - e. Grass like cultivars – Large, 1 stem (Cyperus Papyrus, Cyperus alternifolius, unusual cultivars)
99. Annuals, named, foliage attached, any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens
  - a. One round form, disbudded
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
  - d. Any flower grown from bulb, tuber, corm, or rhizome, foliage optional
  - e. Any new 2022 variety
100. Perennials, named, foliage attached, any cultivated variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
  - d. Any new 2022 variety

**SECTION 13 - POTTED PLANTS (Mature Exhibits Only)**

**NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)**

101. Potted Table Ferns. Ex. Button, Maidenhair, Fluffy Ruffles (**NO** Boston Fern or Kimberly Queen).
102. Any other Ferns. Ex. Kimberly Queen, Staghorn, etc. (**NO** Boston Fern or Macho Fern)
103. Scented Geraniums, named.
104. Any foliage plant.

**SECTION 14 - HANGING BASKETS**

**NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)**

105. Boston Ferns

106. Any other ferns  
107. All foliage plant

**SECTION 15 - JUNIOR ARTISTIC**

108. "2022 – Project Runway" – Vintage dress form, designer's choice. Limit 4. **Special class**  
109. "COSI" – Creative, Op Art design. Background 30"x40". Limit 4. **Special class**  
110. "Grandmother's House We Go" – Still life design.  
a. Ages 6 – 11  
b. Ages 12 – 18  
111. "Bus Trip" – Round 14" wall décor incorporating wood flowers with dried and/or preserved materials.  
a. Ages 6 – 11  
b. Ages 12 – 18  
112. "Floral Market" – 3-D pressed flower art canvas.  
a. Ages 6 – 11  
b. Ages 12 – 18

**SECTION 16 - JUNIOR HORTICULTURE**

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

113. Rose, Miniature, named, any color, foliage attached.  
a. One bloom, disbudded  
b. One spray  
114. Knock Out Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.  
115. Rose, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, etc, named, one disbudded bloom or one spray, any color, any variety, foliage attached.  
116. Any new 2022 plant variety.  
117. Coleus, named, any variety, naturally grown. **Bloom and/or seed head must be removed.**  
118. Herbs Culinary, three different varieties, named, in one vase. **Each named herb may only be exhibited once.**  
119. Ornamental Grasses, named, any variety, naturally grown.  
Mature Exhibits only. **Not to be over 36" in height.**  
a. Small grasses, **3** stems (same grass) in one container (including Carex, Helictotirch, Imperata, etc.).  
b. Medium grasses, **2** stems (same grass) in one container (including Chasmenthium, Elymus, Panicum, Pennesitum, etc.).  
c. Large grasses, **1** stem in one container (including Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.).  
d. Grass like cultivars – Small, **3** stems (rushes, sedges, unusual cultivars).  
e. Grass like cultivars – Large, **1** stem (Cyperus Papyrus, Cyperus alternifolius, unusual cultivars)  
120. Annuals and perennials, named, any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.  
a. One round form, disbudded  
b. One spray  
c. One spike  
121. Succulent planter.  
a. One variety  
b. Two or more varieties  
122. Collection of 5 – **Special class**. Limit of 4. Advanced reservation required.  
A collection of 5 cut specimens, named, each in a separate container. Exhibitor to furnish own containers – staged creatively. Each species should be of blue ribbon quality, with correctly labeled botanical and common names. Species or cultivars must be clean and free of disease or insect damage. There should be uniformity in branching, stem length, and container size. Each entry will have a 30" space allotment.

**SECTION 17 - INVITATIONAL**

123. "Let's Go Places" Irma Heiser, Ladybug Garden Club

**SECTION 18 - ADULT EDUCATION**

124. "70 Years of Garden Fun!" Members of the Darke County Association of Garden Clubs

## **HISTORY OF THE DARKE COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOWS**

The first garden club involvement in a fair flower show (as listed in the Darke County Fair Premium Books) occurred in the year of 1952. The next year a theme was chosen with a chairman from the garden clubs in charge. Artistic flower arrangements were added to the schedule with a growing list of horticulture in 1953.

The flower department has seen nine fair board superintendents in sixty nine years. Harold Snider, Gilbert Lease, Ed Buchy, Doyle Greenhoff, Darryl Mehaffie, Bill Rhoades, Dave Niley, Ed Erisman, and newly elected, Larry Baker. We welcome Larry to our department and look forward to working with him.

Flower Shows began in the current Fine Arts building with one show being held on Tuesday. In 1958 it became two flower shows held on the first Saturday of the fair and the following Wednesday. The flower show of 1954 earned the prestigious honor from The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. as Best County Fair Flower Show in the state of Ohio. The garden club members over the years have worked hard to keep this honor and have obtained it numerous times throughout the years. Having outgrown half of the Fine Arts building, the flower department was moved to the northeast section of the basement of the coliseum in the middle '50's. Educational programs were started in 1957, "in front of bleachers and over a loud speaker system" on perennial culture, films on trees, rose culture, violet culture and flower arranging which has continued in some form since. After the southeast area of the coliseum basement became available the flower department was expanded to the present east half of the coliseum basement. The exhibitors of the flower shows have always been open to Darke County residents or members of the Darke County Association of Garden Clubs.

Over the years, many garden clubs have helped in staging the flower shows; Green Thumb, Redbud, Petal Pushers, Sunny Hours, Wayne Trail, Cardinal, Chatter. Arcanum and Versailles Garden Clubs, Treaty Towne African 'Violet, Ladybug, Wildflower, Sun and Fun, Woodland Trails, Wood Sprites, Sunburst, Toadstools, Dew Drops Garden Club, Nightingale, Garden Girls Garden Club and the Butterflies Junior Garden Club. Of the clubs listed, only two adult clubs and one junior club are currently active.

In 2020, the Darke County Fair was cancelled due to a Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Everyone truly missed the fair, reconnecting with old friends, the events, and especially the food. We hopefully look forward to returning to normalcy and providing the great flower shows everyone has come to enjoy.

In summary, in the past seventy years, the Darke County Agriculture Society and exhibitors have shown support to make the Darke County Fair Flower Show as successful as it has been every year and plans are in place to continue the effort to be recognized as one of the top fair flower shows in the State of Ohio.

**DARKE COUNTY FLOWER SHOW THEME 1952-2021**

- 1952 - No Theme given - Harold Snider Superintendent
- 1953 - "Ohio Sesqui-Centennial" - Mrs. Charles Bostelman, Redbud G.C., Chairman, no superintendent listed
- 1954 - "Flowers for Your Pleasure" - Mrs. Aaron Shepherd, Green Thumb G.C., Chairman, Gilbert Lease - Superintendent 1954-1961
- 1955 - "In the Good Old Summertime" - Mrs. Frank Sheffer, Redbud G.C., Chairman
- 1956 - Remember When \_\_\_? - Mrs. Gene Shields, Green Thumb G.C. and Mrs. Walter Rhynard, Wayne Trail - G.C., Chairmen
- 1957 - "Make Mine Country Style" - Mrs. William Brooks, Green Thumb G.C., Chairman
- 1958 - "There's No Place Like Darke County" - Mrs. Harley Christian, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairman
- 1959 - "Each Season is a Treasured Time" - Mrs. Frank Bailey, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairman
- 1960 - "Salute to Gardeners" - Mrs. Charles Herman, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairman
- 1961 - "Through the Garden Gate" - Mrs. Wallace Kimmel, Redbud G.C., Chairman
- 1962 - "Milestones" - Mrs. Glen Wills, Green Thumb G.C., Chairman, Ed Buchy Superintendent 1962-1974
- 1963 - "Beauty is Where You Find It" - Mrs. Galen Oakes, Petal Pushers G.C., Chairman
- 1964 - "Vacation Memories" - Mrs. Gene Shields, Green Thumb G.C., Chairman
- 1965 - "Darke County is the Garden Spot of The World" - Mrs. William Brooks, Green Thumb G.C., Chairman
- 1966 - "Medley of The Flowers" - Mrs. J.A. Crouse, Arcanum Garden Club, Chairman
- 1967 - "A Day In The Garden" - Mrs. Harry Kerns, Sunny Hours G.C., Chairman
- 1968 - "Living In God's Garden" - Mrs. Paul Rhoades, Versailles G.C. Chairman
- 1969 - "Come Catch A Rainbow" - Mrs. D.H. Shiverdecker, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairman
- 1970 - "Time To Remember" - Mrs. Dale Cromwell, Arcanum G.C., Chairman
- 1971 - "You've Come A Long Way, Baby, Show Your Bloomers" - Mrs. Louis Perreira, Green Thumb G.C., Chairman
- 1972 - "American Heritage" - Mrs. Frank Sheffer, Redbud G.C., Chairman
- 1973 - "Recycling" - Mrs. James Sink, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairman
- 1974 - "Our Town" - No name listed, Green Thumb Chair Club
- 1975 - "Festivals USA" - Velma Marshall, Redbud G.C., Chairman - Doyle Greenoff Superintendent 1975 - 1981
- 1976 - "Reminisce" - Lura Rhynard, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairman
- 1977 - "Rhapsody in Color" - Judy Burns, Wildflower G.C., Chairman
- 1978 - "The Time of Your Life" - Illah Sink and Charlene Thornhill, Ladybug G.C., Chairpersons
- 1979 - "Season's Splendor" - Ruth Henry, Woodland Trail G.C., Chairperson
- 1980 - "Bloom Where You Are Planted" - Marcia Rhoades, Green Thumb G.C., Chairperson
- 1981 - "At Home in Darke County" - Treva Klipstine and Mary Helen Coppess, Redbud G.C., Chairpersons, Darryl Mehaffie Superintendent - 1981-1985; 1987-2007
- 1982 - "A Mini Trip To \_\_\_" - Treva Klipstine and Mary Coppess, Redbud G.C., Chairpersons
- 1983 - "Mother Nature's Charm" - Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G.C., Chairpersons
- 1984 - "Yesterday's Music" - Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G.C. Chairpersons
- 1986 - "Cotton Patch Treasurers" - Eleanor Shepherd and Marcella Sewell, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairpersons, Bill Rhoades Superintendent 1986
- 1987 - "Hometown USA" - Judy Burns and Martha Singleman, Wildflower G.C., Chairpersons
- 1988 - "Around the World in Color" - Judy Burns and Martha Singleman, Wildflower G.C., Chairpersons

- 1989 - "Ohio's Spectacles" - Carol Hosbrook and Larry Reed, Ladybug G.C., Chairpersons
- 1990 - "Scent-Sational" - Carol Hosbrook and Larry Reed, Ladybug G.C., Chairpersons
- 1991 - "Treasured Memories" - Mary Fields and Vicky Olwine, Redbud G.C., Chairpersons
- 1992 - "Cheers to Ameriflora '92" - Carol Hosbrook, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 1993 - "Summer Enchantment" - Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G.C., Chairpersons
- 1994 - "Kaleidoscope of Color" - Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G.C., Chairpersons
- 1995 - "Nature Is..." - Eleanor Shepherd and Marilyn Kissinger, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairpersons
- 1996 - "Let's Celebrate!" - Marilyn Kissinger and Vern Nealeigh, Wayne Trail G.C., Chairpersons
- 1997 - "Life Began In A Garden" - Martha Singleman and Brenda Grant, Wildflower G.C., Chairpersons
- 1998 - "Life's True Pleasures" - Martha Singleman and Brenda Grant, Wildflower G.C., Chairpersons
- 1999 - "Gardener's Delight" - Kim Cromwell and Charlene Thornhill, Ladybug G.C., Chairpersons
- 2000 - "Past - Present - Future" - Kim Cromwell and Charlene Thornhill, Ladybug G.C., Chairpersons
- 2001 - "Melodies of the Garden" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2002 - "America, The Beautiful" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2003 - "Ohio. . . So Much to Discover" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2004 - "Thanks for the Memories" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2005 - "Country Roads and City Lights" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2006 - "Celebrate! 150 Years and Growing" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2007 - "Games People Play" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2008 - "My Favorite Things" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
Dave Niley, Superintendent - 2008 - 2014
- 2009 - "Explore the USA" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2010 - "People, Places, and Celebrations" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2011 - "Give My Regards to Broadway" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2012 - "Diamond Jubilee" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2013 - "Our Glorious Earth" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2014 - "Serendipity" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
Ed Erisman, Superintendent - 2015 - 2019
- 2015 - "Garden Heaven" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2016 - "Weather or Not" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2017 - "Bucket List" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2018 - "The Book Store" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2019 - "Art in Blooms" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson
- 2020 - "The Great Outdoors" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
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Larry Baker, Superintendent - 2020 - 2022
- 2021 - "The Great Outdoors" - Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson