

Horticulture Competitions

For more information about the horticulture competitions, contact Linda Seals at 952-4536 or Sally Scalera at 633-1702.

Drop off and registration: Monday, March 19 at the Fair Grounds between 11:00AM to 7:00 p.m.

Winners will be displayed: The duration of the fair

Pick up: Sunday, April 1 by 5 p.m. Any exhibits left after 5 p.m. will become the property of Brevard County Extension.

General Rules

1. All entries must have been grown, for a minimum of three months, by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Once an entry has been exhibited in the fair, it cannot be entered again in the future.
2. Entries are limited to residents of Brevard County and must be amateurs in the department in which they enter.
3. All entries must have an official entry tag attached with name, address, and phone number of exhibitor.
4. Please refer to category rules for entry deadlines and release dates. A claim check must be presented to redeem entries. No exhibit may be removed before release without consent of the Fair or exhibitors will forfeit any premiums. Unclaimed items become property of the Fair.
5. An exhibitor may enter only one item per class.
6. The Fair reserves the right to combine or divide entries to make a class.
7. While due care will be taken with all entries, the Fair cannot be responsible for loss or damage. Precious and extremely valuable items are discouraged.
8. Department supervisor may bar from competition entries of poor quality.
9. The Fair office will issue awards within six weeks of the close of the Fair. Awards will be paid according to the judge's books, not from ribbons.

Divisions

Age divisions are as follows, unless specified by category:

- Division A - K-2nd grade
- Division B - 3rd-5th grade
- Division C - 6th-8th grade
- Division D - 9th-12th grade
- Division E - Adult

Awards

- **1st - 3rd place** (Blue, Red and White ribbons) will be awarded in each Division for each class. All ribbon winners will be displayed. All other items displayed as space permits.

- **Best in Division** will be selected from the 1st place winners of each class within a section and will receive a Rosette and \$25.
- **Best in Show** will be selected from Best in Division winners within each category and will receive a Rosette and \$50.

Department: Horticulture

Section 1: Potted Plants

1. Only one plant per container.
2. A label must be taped on the back side of the container.
3. The label must be on white 3"x5" paper or white index card.
4. The label must include the botanical name of the plant species in the container.
See <http://brevard.ifas.ufl.edu> or call the University of Florida Brevard County Extension office for help finding botanical names.
5. Labels must be typed (no handwriting).
6. Label must include the name of the entrant.
7. Container must have a drainage hole.
8. Use a potting mix, not a native soil.
 - **Class 1: Foliage**
 - **Class 2: Flowering**
 - **Class 3: Herbs**
 - **Class 4: Vegetable**
 - **Class 5: Succulent/Cacti**
 - **Class 6: Topiary**
 - **Class 7: Bonsai**
 - **Class 8: Aquatic plant**
 - **Class 9: Unusual Containers**
 - **Class 10: Other**

Section 2: Hanging Baskets

1. Hanging basket must contain only one plant.
2. A label must be attached to the bottom of the wire basket with twine or string.
3. The label must be on white 3"x5" paper or white index card.
4. The label must include the botanical name of each plant species in the container.
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5. Label must be typed (no handwriting).
6. Label must include the name of the entrant.
 - **Class 1: Foliage**
 - **Class 2: Blooming**
 - **Class 3: Trailing/Vine**
 - **Class 4: Herb**
 - **Class 5: Strawberry**
 - **Class 6: Hoya**
 - **Class 7: Other**

Department: Vegetables

Section 1: Oddest Shaped Vegetable

1. Vegetable must be grown by the entrant.
2. Vegetable must be displayed on a plain, white paper plate.
3. Vegetables must be washed and clean.
4. One vegetable per plate.
5. Label must be typed and attached to the bottom of the plate.
6. Name of vegetable and entrant's name must be on the label.

Section 2: Largest Vegetable

1. Vegetable must be grown by the entrant.
2. Vegetable must be washed and clean.
3. Vegetable must be displayed on a plain, white paper plate.
4. Label must be typed and attached to the bottom of the plate.
5. Name of vegetable and entrant's name must be on the label.

- Class 1: Beets
- Class 2: Broccoli
- Class 3: Cabbage
- Class 4: Carrots
- Class 5: Cauliflower
- Class 6: Celery
- Class 7: Chinese cabbage
- Class 8: Collards
- Class 9: Cucumbers
- Class 10: Eggplant
- Class 11: Green Beans
- Class 12: Kale
- Class 13: Kohlrabi
- Class 14: Lettuce
- Class 15: Mustard
- Class 16: Onions
- Class 17: Peppers, sweet
- Class 18: Peppers, hot
- Class 19: Potatoes
- Class 20: Radishes
- Class 21: Spinach
- Class 22: Squash
- Class 23: Sweet corn
- Class 24: Swiss chard
- Class 25: Tomatoes, cherry
- Class 26: Tomatoes, large
- Class 27: Turnips
- Class 28: Other

Section 3: Best Quality Vegetable

1. Vegetable must be grown by the entrant.
2. Vegetables must be washed and clean.
3. Vegetables must be displayed on a plain, white paper plate.
4. Label must be typed and attached to the bottom of the plate.
5. Name of vegetable and entrant's name must be on the label.

Vegetable categories and required quantities for exhibit:

Vegetable	Number per plate
Class 1: Beets	3
Class 2: Broccoli	1 head
Class 3: Cabbage	1 head
Class 4: Carrots	5
Class 5: Cauliflower	1 head
Class 6: Celery	1 plant
Class 7: Chinese cabbage	1 head
Class 8: Collards	1 plant
Class 9: Cucumbers	3
Class 10: Eggplant	3
Class 11: Green beans	12
Class 12: Kale	1 plant
Class 13: Kohlrabi	1 plant
Class 14: Lettuce	1 head
Class 15: Mustard	1 plant
Class 16: Onions	3
Class 17: Peppers, sweet	3
Class 18: Peppers, hot	3
Class 19: Potatoes	3
Class 20: Radishes	6
Class 21: Spinach	1 plant
Class 22: Squash	3
Class 23: Sweet corn	3
Class 24: Swiss chard	1 plant
Class 25: Tomatoes, cherry	12
Class 26: Tomatoes, large	3
Class 27: Turnips	3
Class 28: Other	1 or more depending on size of vegetable

Department: Fruit

Section 1: Best Quality Fruit

1. Fruit must be grown by the entrant.
2. Fruit must be displayed on a plain, white paper plate.
3. Fruit must be washed and clean.
4. Label must be typed and attached to the bottom of the plate.
5. Name of fruit and entrant's name must be on the label.

Fruit categories and required quantities for exhibit:

Fruit	Number per plate
Class 1: Avocado	1
Class 2: Canistel	1
Class 3: Cantaloupe	1
Class 4: Carambola (starfruit)	3
Class 5: Grapefruit	3
Class 6: Honeydew	1
Class 7: Kumquat	3
Class 8: Mamey Sapote	3
Class 9: Oranges	3
Class 10: Passion fruit	3
Class 11: Strawberries	8-12
Class 12: Tangerines	3
Class 13: Tangelos	3
Class 14: Other	1 or more depending on size of fruit

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