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Exhibitor Handbook



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Thank you for being a part of the 2024 South Dakota State Fair! We are thrilled to invite you back to Huron for the 2024 South Dakota State Fair on August 28-September 2! You are so important to our fair, whether you are a long-time exhibitor or a first-year competitor. We love to see the Horticulture Building brimming with your accomplishments and talents for fairgoers of all ages to enjoy.

In this book you will find familiar and new avenues of showmanship. Review the guidelines to entering your exhibits for display, judging and exciting prize-winning opportunities. This year, we are pleased to announce a variety of exciting additions and changes to the Horticulture Department! These include:

- We're on Facebook! Follow the SD State Fair Horticulture Building Facebook page for the newest details.
- This year's overall theme for the Horticulture Building will be announced on our Facebook page on June 15, 2024, which will drive the way we display exhibits to the public.
- We will be hosting a live judging of the tomatoes this year, in which our judges will be tasting them and giving reasons for placings. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details!
- We will be hosting a State Florist competition with the same theme on Saturday! Judging will be done by public voting of the entries and the winner will be announced on Sunday morning. Watch our Facebook page for more details.
- We are also starting a new division involving submission of photographs of individual and club gardening projects from around the state of South Dakota. Watch Facebook for more details.

We will again be offering the division entitled "Giant Vegetable" (*formerly called the Largest Plant Specimen*). Make sure to view the division information on page 25 for exciting new details and classes that have been added this year! This judging will take place on the first day of the fair and we will show off impressive plant specimens that were grown right here in South Dakota.

The South Dakota State Fair exists to showcase the best of the great state of South Dakota and bring people together. Thank you in advance for sharing your ideas and talents with us. It is amazing every year to see how much creativity there is in our great state! We will be looking for you at the 2024 South Dakota State Fair.

The South Dakota State Fair will accept Horticulture Exhibit entries between April 1-August 9.

Sincerely,

The South Dakota State Fair Staff and Commission & Horticulture Building Management Team

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2024 Horticulture Department Theme:

TBA on June 15, 2024 on the SD State Fair Horticulture Building Facebook Page

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Horticulture Building Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sdstatefairhorticulture>



SCHEDULE		
Monday, April 1	8 AM	Entries open
Friday, August 9	11:59 PM	Entries Close
Monday, August 26	1 PM – 7 PM	Exhibit Check-In – <i>please be sure to allow sufficient time for entering exhibits</i> DOOR 1 – Southeast: Divisions 1, 2, 3, 11 only DOOR 2 – Southwest: Divisions 4, 5, 6 only DOOR 3 – Northwest: Divisions 7, 8, 9, 10 only DOOR 4 – Northeast: Division 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 only
Tuesday, August 27	8 AM – 7 PM	Exhibit Check-In – <i>please be sure to allow sufficient time for entering exhibits</i> DOOR 1 – Southeast: Divisions 1, 2, 3, 11 only DOOR 2 – Southwest: Divisions 4, 5, 6 only DOOR 3 – Northwest: Divisions 7, 8, 9, 10 only DOOR 4 – Northeast: Division 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 only
Thursday, August 29	4 PM	Live Giant Vegetable Judging
Friday, August 30	3 PM	NEW: Live Tomato Judging
Saturday, August 31	10:15 AM	Professional Floriculture Contest
Sunday, September 1	2 PM	Contestant Meeting – wrap up & new ideas! (<i>optional</i>)

ENTRY FEES

\$1 - 1 entry	\$8 - 21-40 entries
\$3 - 2-4 entries	\$12 - 41-60 entries
\$4 - 5-10 entries	\$15 - 61-100 entries
\$5 - 11-20 entries	\$20 - 101+ entries

Required \$5 processing fee to be added to total amount due for each exhibitor.

Refund Policy: The fair may refund entry fees paid by an exhibitor if the exhibitor requests the refund in writing two weeks prior to the opening day of the fair and states the reason for requesting the refund. Following that timeframe, NO refunds will be issued.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE – *different premium schedule for Division 16. See page 28 for details.*

DIVISIONS 1-13	
1 st Place - \$5	2 nd Place - \$3
DIVISIONS 14-15	
1 st Place - \$9	2 nd Place - \$7.50
DIVISION 16	
1 st Place - \$50	
CLASS 15:	
1 st Place - \$100	2 nd Place - \$50

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Entries must be grown by South Dakota exhibitor.
2. Only one entry may be made in each class per exhibitor.
3. Check-in area is marked. Exhibitors, vendors, and staff are allowed in the check-in area prior to judging. Please allow sufficient time for entering exhibits.
4. Exhibitor must write name of variety of fruits and vegetables on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.
5. Exhibit must contain the exact number of fruits, vegetables, cut flowers etc. required as stated in the class.
6. Horticulture Building will provide vases for fresh-cut flowers and paper plates for fruits and vegetables.
7. Potted plant weight limit is 40 pounds.
8. Division 8 - Arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor. Plant materials need not be grown by exhibitor.
9. Entries of an exhibitor cannot be used as part of a garden club, professional, florist, or greenhouse exhibit.
10. Care instructions may be included with each exhibit. Exhibitor cannot tamper, alter, or damage any exhibit.
11. Decayed, injured, or inferior specimens may not be exhibited. Horticulture superintendent and judge may determine if the exhibit is ineligible for competition.
12. Judging will take place on Wednesday, August 28 at 10 AM. Judges will consider the following:
 - Taste in arrangements and attractiveness of collections.
 - One 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbon may be awarded in each class.
 - Ribbons will not be awarded on inferior entries.
 - If competition in a class is less than the number of awards offered, the judge has discretion to award lower ribbons and not award higher ribbons.
 - Individual pieces, baskets of flowers, entries or parts of entries may not be taken from exhibit to be judged separately in any other class.
 - Scoring assists in the preparation of exhibits and helpful when judging exhibits. Judges at their discretion may use the following guidelines:

FRUITS & VEGETABLES <i>(besides tomato classes)</i>	Points	TOMATOES	Points	OTHER DIVISIONS	Points
Stage of maturity	45	Stage of maturity	30	Originality	45
Uniformity of specimen	30	Uniformity of specimen	30	Design	20
Free of disease, blemishes, and bruises	20	Free of disease, blemishes, and bruises	20	Suitable combination of materials	20
Variety name, true to type	5	Variety name, true to type	5	Adherence to theme	15
		Taste	15		

13. After judging is completed, exhibitor may replace fruits, vegetables, and fresh-cut flowers that have deteriorated. When replacing exhibit, exhibitor must seek permission from Horticulture superintendent or Horticulture assistant.
14. Entire exhibits or parts of exhibits may not be taken from the Horticulture Building during the South Dakota State Fair.
15. Horticulture superintendent and Horticulture assistants may discard whole or parts of entries that detract from display. Entry tags, ribbons, containers, and accessories are removed from the exhibit and stored until the end of the South Dakota State Fair.

16. Exhibit pick up: for exhibitors living 120 miles or more from Huron may pick up their exhibits starting at 3 PM on Monday, September 2. Exhibitors that live within 120 miles from Huron may pick up their exhibits starting at 5 PM on Monday, September 2. Pick up will also be available on Tuesday, September 3 from 8 AM – 4 PM for all exhibitors. If personally unable to pick-up exhibit, exhibitor must sign a release authorizing an individual to pick-up exhibit.
17. Starting in 2024, all entries must be completed online at <https://sdsf.fairwire.com>. A step-by-step video with instructions on how to navigate the online entry platform, ShoWorks, can be found here (<https://vimeo.com/922566991/66f0110c64?share=copy>). If you require further assistance after watching the instructional video, please contact the SD State Fair Office. Paper entries will not be accepted.
18. The South Dakota State Fair office will accept entries between April 1-July 31 in all static departments. Horticulture entries will be accepted until August 9.
19. Only one entry may be made in each class unless stated otherwise in rules for that division/class. Online entries may be done in one transaction.
20. Youth is defined as 18 years of age and under prior to the 2024 State Fair. Youth may also enter adult categories. Exhibits will be judged according to division rules.
21. Computerized entry tags will be mailed to exhibitors. Tags should not be altered. Exhibits having altered tags will not be accepted and may be disqualified.
22. Entries may be mailed to the South Dakota State Fair. Entries must be securely wrapped and boxed to prevent damage. Exhibitor is responsible for insurance. Entry tag must be attached to exhibit with a copy of Static Exhibit Entry Form to serve as packing slip and for check-in purposes. Draw a line through any item on the entry form not included with mailed exhibits. Entries must be received by the South Dakota State Fair office by August 27, 2024, to qualify for judging.
23. The South Dakota State Fair is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
24. Exhibits may not be sold. Sales tags or advertising logos on exhibits will not be allowed.
25. Superintendents of the Horizons Hall, Horticulture, and Arts/Education Buildings may determine the eligibility of exhibits and may disqualify exhibits.
26. A division or class may be deleted if no entries are made for three years.
27. Items not claimed by December 31 will become property of the South Dakota State Fair.
28. On-grounds parking is prohibited without permits. Parking passes issued to campers are valid only for the campsites. They are not a valid anywhere else. If the vehicle does not fit within the boundaries of the campsite, the vehicle must be parked off the grounds. Any vehicle found on-grounds without the proper credential for the area in which it's parked is subject to towing. There will be zero tolerance for parking violations; we will no longer be making PA announcements or giving warnings. Violators will be towed.
29. The South Dakota State Fair has an electronic system at the gates for admission. All exhibitors must have an admission pass when entering the fairgrounds during the fair. It is recommended to purchase passes in advance to make for efficient entry into the fair. The majority of admission passes will have bar codes on them that will be scanned upon entry. Parking passes will be checked upon entry to the fairgrounds. Passes are only valid for the area and terms listed on the pass.
30. Fire Lanes: For safety purposes, any vehicle blocking a fire-lane will be towed at the owner's expense. There will be zero tolerance.
31. Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors within 60 days of the State Fair. If an exhibitor's earnings total \$600 or over, a W-9 must be completed by the exhibitor before their check will be issued. Premium checks for the amount of \$5 and under will not be mailed out (some exceptions apply). Affected exhibitors will receive instructions on how to collect premium winnings.

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Best of Show ribbon and \$25 cash award in Division 1 Fruits, Classes 1-8

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DIVISION 1 – FRUITS

General Rules for Exhibiting Fruits

(Source: Preparing Horticultural Exhibits SH 98), by Dr. David Graper, Former Extension Horticulture Specialist, South Dakota State University):

- Write variety name on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.
- Select specimens in top quality and prime maturity.
- Clean and neatly trim specimens, to ensure uniformity.
- Select specimens free from disease, insect, or mechanical injury.
- Select correct number of specimens typical for variety.
- Specimens are free from soil, dust, spray residues, and other foreign matter.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Red Apple (with stem)	<i>3 specimens of 1 variety (must be red apple variety)</i>
2	Golden/Yellow Apple (with stem)	<i>3 specimens of 1 variety (must be golden/yellow apple variety)</i>
3	Green Apple (with stem)	<i>3 specimens of 1 variety (must be green apple variety)</i>
4	Crab Apple (with stem)	<i>3 specimens of 1 variety</i>
5	Peck of Apples (with stems)	<i>1 variety (any 1 variety)</i>
6	Pear (with stem)	<i>3 specimens of 1 variety</i>
7	Grapes	<i>1 bunch of 1 variety</i>
8	Fruit not listed above	<i>3 specimens of 1 variety</i>

DIVISION 2 – VEGETABLES

General Rules for Exhibiting Vegetables

(Source: Preparing Horticultural Exhibits SH 98), by Dr. David Graper, Former Extension Horticulture Specialist, South Dakota State University):

- Write variety name on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.
- Select specimens in top quality and prime maturity - the best stage for storing. Remember, bigger is not always better.
- Clean and neatly trim specimens to ensure uniformity.
- Select specimens free from disease, insect, or mechanical injury.
- Select specimens typical for variety.
- Plant and planter weight limit is 40 pounds.
- Specimens are free from soil, dust, spray residues, and other foreign matter.
- Select correct number of specimens for exhibiting.

Please note the change in number of specimens in some vegetable classes.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Beans, Lima (small or large seeded)	5 specimens, stems ¼ to ½ inch long
2	Beans, Snap (green, wax, or red-podded)	5 specimens; stems trimmed to ¼ to ½ inch
3	Beets	3 specimens; tops trimmed to a minimum of 1 inch
4	Broccoli	1 specimen
5	Brussel Sprouts	3 specimens
6	Cabbage (flat-head)	1 specimen
7	Cabbage (red)	1 specimen
8	Cabbage (round-head)	1 specimen
9	Cabbage (miniature)	3 specimens less than 2 pounds each
10	Carrot (minimum 3 inches)	3 specimens; tops trimmed to 1 inch
11	Cauliflower (white)	1 specimen
12	Cauliflower (not white)	1 specimen
13	Celery	3 specimens
14	Cucumber (slicing types)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ¼ to ½ inch
15	Cucumber (pickling types)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ¼ to ½ inch
16	Eggplant	1 specimen
17	Garlic	3 specimens: cured; without tops
18	Honeydew Melon	1 specimen
19	Kale, Flowering	1 specimen
20	Kohlrabi	3 specimens; stem removed 2 inches below ball, remove all but 4-6 top leaves & trim tops to 1-2 inches
21	Muskmelon or Cantaloupe	1 specimen without stem
22	Okra	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ¼ to ½ inch
23	Onions (red)	3 specimens; tops are twisted and trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
24	Onions (white)	3 specimens; tops are twisted and trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
25	Onions (yellow)	3 specimens; tops are twisted and trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
26	Onions (market package, any variety)	5 lbs. displayed in standard mesh bag
27	Parsnips	3 specimens, trim tops to 1 in.
28	Peppers (green sweet)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ inch

29	Peppers (red sweet)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ inch
30	Peppers (yellow or orange sweet)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ inch
31	Peppers (green hot)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ inch
32	Peppers (red hot)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ inch
33	Peppers (yellow or orange hot)	3 specimens; stems trim ½ inch
34	Potato (red)	3 specimens
35	Potato (russet)	3 specimens
36	Potato (white)	3 specimens
37	Potato (yellow)	3 specimens
38	Potato (market package, any variety)	8 lbs. displayed in standard mesh bag
39	Pumpkin (small pie type)	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 2 to 5 inches
40	Pumpkin (large field type)	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 2 to 5 inches
41	Pumpkin (miniature, 4" or smaller)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ to 1 inch
42	Rhubarb	3 specimens, remove leaves
43	Squash (summer crookneck)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
44	Squash (summer scallop)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
45	Squash (straight neck)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
46	Squash (summer zucchini)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
47	Squash (winter acorn)	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
48	Squash (winter buttercup)	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
49	Squash (winter butternut)	1 specimen; stem trimmed 1 - 2 inches
50	Squash (winter spaghetti)	1 specimen; stem trimmed 1 - 2 inches
51	Squash (winter hubbard)	1 specimen, stem trimmed 1 - 2 inches
52	Sweet Corn	3 specimens; trim shanks to 1 inch
53	Sweet Potato	1 specimen
<p>TOMATO CLASSES (54-57): One specimen will be used for a tasting as part of the new LIVE tomato judging! This judging will take place in the Horticulture Building on Friday at 3 pm. First and second place entries in these classes will receive an additional premium of \$10 and \$5, respectively. The Overall Best Tomato from these four classes will also receive a plaque and an additional \$20 premium.</p>		
54	Tomato (cherry or pear types)	6 specimens; remove stems
55	Tomato (roma)	4 specimens; remove stems
56	Tomato (standard red)	4 specimens; remove stems
57	Tomato (standard yellow)	4 specimens; remove stems
58	Turnips	3 specimens, trim top to 1 inch
59	Watermelon	1 specimen: stem trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
60	Cornucopia	1 specimen of 8-12 varieties displayed in decorative basket
61	Salsa Basket with Recipe	1 specimen of each vegetable/fruit listed in recipe; fruits not grown may be included
62	Braided onion rope	minimum of 18 inches long, suitable for hanging and braided with tops, not tied with cord, twine or string
63	Braided garlic rope	minimum of 18 inches long, suitable for hanging and braided with tops, not tied with cord, twine or string
64	Pepper ristra (fresh pepper drying)	min. 12 inches long, braided or strung, may be tied/strung with fish line, string, etc.
65	First Year Exhibitor Class	A round tin or decorative plate with one large type tomato, one sweet pepper and two other kinds of vegetables of exhibitor's choice.

DIVISION 3 – HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES

Heirloom vegetables are vintage varieties that have been preserved by passing seed down from generation to generation. These varieties are generally 50 to 100 years old, although many are much older. The demand for heirloom vegetables is rapidly increasing especially among consumers looking for unique flavor and freshness.

General Rules for Exhibiting Heirloom Vegetables

- Refer to rules listed in Division 2 Vegetables.
- Must include history or background of specimen on 3" x 5" note card and attached to exhibit.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Heirloom Bean (Snap)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ¼ to ½ inch
2	Heirloom Beet	1 specimen; tops trimmed to 1 inch
3	Heirloom Cabbage	1 specimen
4	Heirloom Carrot	1 specimen; top trimmed to 1 inch
5	Heirloom Corn	1 specimen; trim shank to 1 inch
6	Heirloom Cucumber	1 specimen; tops trimmed to ¼ to ½ inch
7	Heirloom Muskmelon	1 specimen
8	Heirloom Onion	1 specimen; top is twisted and trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
9	Heirloom Pea	1 tablespoon dried specimen
10	Heirloom Pepper (Hot)	3 specimens; stems trimmed to ½ inch
11	Heirloom Pepper (Sweet)	1 specimen; stem trimmed to ½ inch
12	Heirloom Potato	1 specimen
13	Heirloom Pumpkin	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 2 to 5 inches
14	Heirloom Squash	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 1 to 2 inches
15	Heirloom Tomato	1 specimen; remove stem
16	Heirloom Watermelon	1 specimen; stem trimmed to 2 to 5 inches
17	Heirloom Vegetable not listed above	1 specimen

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Sponsored by Huron Garden Club - Huron, SD
Best of Show Division 4 Classes 30-33 – Ribbon and \$25 cash award
Best of Show Division 4 Class 34 – Ribbon and \$25 cash award

DIVISION 4 – FRESH-CUT FLOWERS

The art and literature of the world testify to the universal love of flowers, as well as to the desire to possess them and have them near. Flowers provide color to liven up almost any garden. Many people enjoy bringing fresh-cut flowers indoors to brighten up a room and add a touch of color to the home.

General Rules for Exhibiting in Fresh-Cut Flowers

- Indicate variety name on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.
- Horticulture Building will provide vases for exhibits.
- Flower should be free of insects.
- Choose blossoms same size.
- Foliage should be included with each stem but not below water line.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Ageratum, annual	3 stems
2	Allium	No foliage required, 1 stem
3	Aster, double: any color	3 stems
4	Aster, single: any color	3 stems
5	Bachelor Button	3 stems
6	Calendula: annual	3 stems
7	Canna	no foliage required; 1 stem
8	Chrysanthemum: perennial	1 spike with foliage
9	Clematis	1 vine, 12 to 15 inches with flower or seed head
10	Cleome	1 stem
11	Cockscomb (Celosia), any variety	3 stems
12	Coreopsis, perennial	3 stems
13	Cosmos, single: any color	3 stems
14	Cosmos, double: any color	3 stems
15	Dahlias, dinner plate	1 stem
16	Dahlias, cactus	1 stem
17	Dahlias, miniature pompon	1 stem
18	Dianthus: annual	3 stems
19	Echinacea: any color	3 stems
20	Gaillardia	3 stems
21	Gladiolus: warm colors	no foliage required; 1 spike no less than 5 inches; reds, oranges and yellows
22	Gladiolus: cool colors	no foliage required; 1 spike no less than 5 inches; greens, blues, violets, whites
23	Hibiscus: hardy	1 stem
24	Hydrangea: any color	1 stem
25	Lantana: any color	3 stems
26	Marigold, double: any color	3 stems
27	Marigold, single: any color	3 stems
28	Petunia, single: any color	unlimited bloom count per stem; 3 stems
29	Petunia, double: any color	unlimited bloom count per stem; 3 stems
30	Phlox: perennial	1 stem

31	Rose, floribunda: polyanthus or shrub spray	<i>1 stem</i>
32	Rose, moss heirloom	<i>1 stem, any color</i>
33	Rose, any other heirloom	<i>1 stem; variety suggestions: Gallica, Alba, Damask, Portland, China, Tea, Bourbon, Rugosa, etc.</i>
34	Rose, miniature spray	<i>1 stem</i>
35	Rose, grandiflora/hybrid tea: any color	<i>1 stem</i>
36	Rose: most pleasing fragrance, any variety	<i>1 stem</i>
37	Flower: most pleasing fragrance, other than rose	<i>1 stem</i>
38	Rudbeckia, other than native	<i>3 stems</i>
39	Salvia	<i>3 stems</i>
40	Sedum	<i>3 stems, flower head need not be open</i>
41	Snapdragon: any variety	<i>3 stems</i>
42	Sunflower: any variety	<i>3 stems</i>
43	Verbena: annual	<i>3 stems</i>
44	Vinca	<i>3 stems</i>
45	Zinnia: warm colors	<i>3 stems; reds, oranges and yellows</i>
46	Zinnia: cool colors	<i>3 stems; greens, blues, violets, whites</i>
47	Fresh-Cut Flower: other than listed above	<i>3 stems; Indicate variety name on entry tag. Write "unknown variety" on entry tag if variety is unknown</i>
48	Flower Bouquet that will attract butterflies & bees	<i>No more than 5 stems. Bouquet fillers are allowed. Must indicate variety names on tag.</i>
49	Flower Bouquet: mixed varieties and colors	<i>No more than 5 stems. Bouquet fillers are allowed. Must indicate variety names on tag.</i>

DIVISION 5 – DRIED FLOWERS

General Rules for Exhibiting Dried Flowers:

- Exhibit should be fully dry.
- Exhibit should be collected in a bundle and wrapped in tissue paper
- Exhibit may be dried by air, water, or microwave. Glycerin and silica gel may be used. Freeze-dry materials, artificial colors, sprays, and dyes are not permitted.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Baby's Breath (Gypsophila paniculata)	1 stem
2	Balloon Flower (Platycodon grandifloras)	3 stems with seed pods
3	Bells-of-Ireland (Moluccella laevis)	3 stems
4	Chinese Lantern (Physalis alkekengi)	3 stems
5	Cockscomb (Celosia), any variety; any shade	3 stems
6	Common Immortelle/Everlasting Flower (Xeranthemum annuum); any shade	3 stems
7	Delphinium; any color	3 stems; Write variety name on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown" on entry tag.
8	Drumsticks (Allium sphaerocephalum or Craspedia globosa); any shade	1 stem
9	False Indigo/Wild Indigo (Baptisia australis)	3 flowers or 1 stem pod
10	Feverfew or Chamomile (Chrysanthemum parthenium or Matricaria recutita)	3 stems
11	Globe Amaranth (Gomphrena globosa)	3 stems
12	Globe Thistle (Echinops exaltatus)	3 stems
13	Goat's Beard (Aruncus dioicus)	1 stem
14	Heirloom Flower	3 stems of 1 variety; write common name on entry tag
15	Hydrangea, any variety	1 stem
16	Money Plant (Lunaria annua)	3 stems
17	Peony, pink double (Peonia)	1 stem
18	Peony, red single (Peonia)	1 stem
19	Peony, white double (Peonia)	1 stem
20	Pussy Willow (Salix discolor)	1 stem
21	Russian Sage (Salvi yangi)	3 stems
22	Salvia, Mealycup Sage (Salvia farinacea)	3 stems
23	Sea Holly (Eryngium amethystinum)	3 stems
24	Sea Lavender (Limonium platyphyllum/Limonium latifolium)	1 stem
25	Statice, Annual (Limonium sinuatum); any color	3 stems
26	Strawflower (Helichrysum bracteatum)	3 stems
27	Sweet Autumn Clematis (Clematis terniflora or Clematis dioscoreifolia)	3 seed heads with stems attached
28	Yarrow (Achillea)	3 stems
29	Dried Flower not listed above	3 stems of one variety. Write common name on entry tag. Write "unknown" on entry tag if common name is unknown.
30	Dried Seed Head not listed above	3 stems of one variety of ornamental seed pod/seed heads. Write common name on entry tag. Write "unknown" on entry tag if common name is unknown.
31	Pressed Exhibit	Collection of 3 to 10 varieties of flowers or leaves; attractively displayed on a solid background in 8 x 10" standing picture frame. Mat not required.

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Best of Show ribbon and \$25 gift certificate Division 6 Herb Classes 1-26

DIVISION 6 – HERBS

General Rules for Exhibiting Herbs:

- Herbs are exhibited in potted plant form.
- To make an attractive exhibit, more than one specimen of that herb may be planted in pot.
- If variety is unknown, write “unknown” on entry tag.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Aloe; any species or cultivar	
2	Anise (Pimpinella anisum)	
3	Basil/Sweet Basil (Ocimum)	
4	Catnip (Nepeta cataria)	
5	Chamomile (Anthemis nobilis)	
6	Chives (Allium schoenoprasum)	
7	Coriander/Cilantro (Coriandrum sativum)	
8	Fennel/Sweet Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare)	
9	Lavender (Lavendula)	
10	Lemon Balm/Sweet Balm (Mellissa officinalis)	
11	Marjoram/Sweet Marjoram (Origanum majorana)	
12	Mint (Mentha)	
13	Nasturtium (Tropaeolum)	
14	Oregano (Origanum vulgare)	
15	Parsley (Polyscias)	
16	Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis)	
17	Sage, Garden (Salvia officinalis)	
18	Savory (Satureja)	
19	Tarragon (Artemisia dracunculus)	
20	Thyme (Thymus vulgaris)	
21	Herb not listed above	<i>Write common name on entry tag.</i>
22	Healing/Medicinal Collection	<i>3 to 6 herbs for therapeutic healing. Write common names on entry tag.</i>
23	Kitchen Collection	<i>3 to 6 herbs to enhance cooking. Write common names on entry tag.</i>
24	Tea Collection	<i>3 to 6 herbs for making tea. Write common names on entry tag.</i>
25	Potpourri	<i>flower petals and leaves preserved for fragrant qualities; arranged in attractive container.</i>
26	Wreath	<i>an assortment of herbs, fresh or dried woven into a wreath suitable for hanging, wreath support can be used</i>

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 Division 7 House Plants and Planters Classes 1 - 37

DIVISION 7 – HOUSEPLANTS AND PLANTERS

General Rules for Exhibiting Houseplants and Planters:

- Exhibitor must write variety name on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.
- Plants should be healthy and free from defects, insects, and diseases.
- Plant and planter weight limit is 40 pounds.
- Care instructions may be written on 3x5" note card and attached to exhibit. Let building employees know if you want your plant watered.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	African Violet	<i>any one variety</i>
2	Begonia, Rex	<i>any one variety</i>
3	Begonia, Tuberous	<i>any one variety</i>
4	Begonia, Wax Variety with Green Leaves	<i>any one variety</i>
5	Begonia, Wax Variety with Bronze Leaves	<i>any one variety</i>
6	Begonia, other variety than listed above	<i>any one variety</i>
7	Bromeliad	<i>any one variety</i>
8	Cactus	<i>any one variety</i>
9	Caladium	<i>any one variety</i>
10	Christmas Cactus	<i>any one variety</i>
11	Coleus	<i>any one variety</i>
12	Fern	<i>any one variety</i>
13	Geranium	<i>any one variety</i>
14	Impatiens	<i>any one variety</i>
15	Orchid	<i>any one variety</i>
16	Sansevieria	<i>any one variety</i>
17	Succulent	<i>any one variety</i>
18	Vinca	<i>any one variety</i>
19	Vine, Ivy	<i>any one variety</i>
20	Vine, Philodendron or Pothos	<i>any one variety</i>
21	Any Other Houseplant Grown for Bloom	<i>any one variety</i>
22	Any Other Houseplant Grown for Foliage	<i>any one variety</i>
23	Terrarium	<i>planter or bottle with 3 to 5 varieties of plants containing 1 to 3 ornaments for artistic quality</i>
24	Topiary	<i>may include ornamental support</i>
25	Unusual Planter with Plants	<i>incorporate artistic or creative ingenuity</i>
26	Unusual Indoor Plant	<i>attach 3x5" note card stating why plant is unusual</i>
27	Hanging Planter with Flowers	<i>one variety per planter</i>
28	Hanging Planter with Colorful Foliage	<i>one variety per planter</i>
29	Hanging Planter with Assortment	<i>mixture of trailing foliage and flowering plants</i>
30	Pedestal with Vine Plant	<i>indoor or outdoor setting; include trellis or support</i>
31	Climbing Plant	<i>suitable for indoor or outdoor setting; include trellis or support</i>
32	Strawberry Planter	<i>include variety of plants in planter's holes</i>
33	Dish Collection	<i>dish container with group of miniature and small plants</i>
34	Flowering Patio Planter	<i>planter filled with flowers placed in an outdoor setting</i>
35	Foliage Patio Planter	<i>planter filled with foliage placed in an outdoor setting</i>
36	Mixed Patio Planter	<i>grouping of 3 to 10 varieties of plants in an attractive outdoor display</i>
37	Conifer Patio Garden	<i>container displaying dwarf conifers; moss or rocks may be used for cover, observe weight restrictions</i>

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Division 8 Floral Arrangements classes 1-11

DIVISION 8 – FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

You are challenged to explore styles of floral arrangements. Incorporate elements of design, simplicity, harmony, and expression to create interesting and beautiful works of art. The elements of design are color, form, line, light, pattern, size, space, and texture. The principles of design are balance, contrast, dominance, proportion, rhythm, and scale.

General Rules for Exhibiting Floral Arrangements:

- Not all materials need to be grown by exhibitor.
- Fresh plant material with blooms must be used. No artificial flowers or foliage are allowed. Refinement is desired.
- Dried natural materials used in moderation may be dyed, painted, gilded, varnished, or otherwise treated. Fresh plant materials cannot be sprayed except for evergreens.
- Embellishments may be added to the design to bring out the theme.
- While all possible care will be taken, South Dakota State Fair is not responsible for loss/damage to exhibits or property of the exhibitor.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION
1	Wide World of Color
2	Pop of Color (<i>miniature arrangement, 5 inches or less</i>)
3	Go Green (<i>arrangement in a recycled container</i>)
4	Blue Christmas (<i>Christmas inspire arrangement</i>)
5	Ballet Pink (<i>an arrangement of your interpretation</i>)
6	Candy Apple Red (<i>must include 1 apple in arrangement</i>)
7	Golden Birthday (<i>an arrangement of your interpretation</i>)
8	Red, White and Blue (<i>patriotic arrangement</i>)

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 Division 9 Table Settings and Place Settings Classes 1 to 14

Sponsored by South Dakota Corn
 \$50 Premium for the Best Table Setting Division 9 Classes 1-5
 \$50 Premium for the Best Place Setting Division 9 Classes 6-14

DIVISION 9 – TABLE-SETTINGS AND PLACE SETTINGS

General Rules for Exhibiting in Table-Settings and Place-Settings:

- May include dinner plate, salad plate, bowl, glassware, cup, saucer, tableware, and napkin.
- Centerpiece must include horticulture theme (real plant, flower, fruit, vegetable, and herb).
- While all possible care will be taken, the South Dakota State Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits or property of the exhibitor.
- Check-in and set-up: Monday, August 26 from 1 PM - 7 PM and Tuesday, August 27 from 8 AM - 7 PM.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION
TABLE-SETTING CLASSES	
<i>Bring standard card table (34"x34") with table covering. Provide theme set for two. May include accessories (menu, beverage, candles, etc.). If appropriate to theme, it is permissible to use paper plates, paper napkins, and plastic.</i>	
1	Wide World of Color
2	Pastel Brunch
3	Color Love – Valentine's Dinner
4	"Salmon" Run – A fishing theme
5	Creative Table-Setting (<i>other than those named</i>)
PLACE-SETTING CLASSES	
<i>18"x24" area is marked for set-up. Bring a placemat. If appropriate to theme, it is permissible to use paper plates, paper napkins, and plastic.</i>	
6	Red Hot and Spicy
7	Black Magic (<i>Halloween</i>)
8	Tiffany Blue – <i>an engagement dinner</i>
9	Evergreen Evening Meal (<i>winter</i>)
10	Snow White Soiree (<i>winter</i>)
11	Two Toned (<i>place setting including only 2 colors</i>)
12	Golden Harvest (<i>must include menu with corn included</i>)
13	Green Eggs and Ham
14	Creative Place-Setting (<i>other than those named</i>)

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Best of Show Ribbon and \$25 Gift Certificate
Division 10 – Native Wildflowers, Grasses & Other Plants Classes 1 - 33

DIVISION 10 – NATIVE WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES, AND OTHER PLANTS

Why is native landscaping important? Native landscaping provides an attractive, environmentally friendly landscape while reducing water and maintenance requirements. Native prairie grasses and wildflowers are excellent alternatives to traditional landscaping.

General Rules for Exhibiting Native Wildflowers, Grasses, and Other Plants:

Resource: Grassland Plants of South Dakota and the Northern Great Plains, by James R. Johnson and Gary E. Larson, (South Dakota State University, 2007).

Note: In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 38-22 (Noxious Weed Law), noxious weed and invasive plants are not permitted in exhibits. Please refer to the South Dakota Weeds Revised Edition 2017 for a listing of South Dakota noxious weeds.

- These can be collected in the wild or grown in your yard.
- Dried exhibits should be fully dry by air, water, or microwave. Glycerin and silica gel may be used.
- Freeze-dry materials, artificial colors, sprays, and dyes are not permitted. Exhibits should be collected in a bundle and wrapped in tissue paper.
- Fresh-cut flower blooms should be approximately the same size. Foliage should be included with each bloom but not below the water line. The Horticulture Building will provide vases.
- Live-potted plants should be free from defects, insects, and diseases. Care instructions may be written on 3"x5" card and attached to exhibit.

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CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Big Bluestem Grass (<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
2	Blackeyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems, max stem length of 3'
3	Blue grama (<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
4	Broad-Leaved Cattail (<i>Typha latifolia</i>)	3 preserved stems, max stem length of 3'
5	Canada wildrye (<i>Elymus Canadensis</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
6	Common Reed (<i>Phragmites australis americanus</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
7	Common Sunflower (<i>Helianthus annuus</i>)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems, max stem length of 3'
8	Common Yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'
9	Cudweed sagewort (<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
10	Gayfeather or Blazing Star (<i>Liatris species</i>), dried	3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'
11	Gayfeather or Blazing Star (<i>Liatris species</i>), fresh	3 fresh flower stems, max stem length of 3'
12	Goldenrod (<i>Solidago species</i>), dried	3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'
13	Goldenrod (<i>Solidago species</i>), fresh	3 fresh flower stems, max stem length of 3'
14	Heath aster (<i>Aster ericoides</i>)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems, max stem length of 3'
15	Indiangrass (<i>Sorghastrum avenaceum</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
16	Joe Pye weed (<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
17	Little Bluestem Grass (<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
18	Maximilian Sunflower (<i>Helianthus maximiliana</i>)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems, max stem length of 3'
19	Milkweeds (<i>Asclepias species</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
20	Prairie Coneflower (<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>)	3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'
21	Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea augustifolia</i>)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems, max stem length of 3'
22	Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea augustifolia</i>)	3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'
23	Purple Prairieclover (<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>)	3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'
24	Scarlet Globemallow (<i>Sphaeraicea coccinea</i>)	3 dried seed head, max stem length of 3'
25	Side-oats Grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
26	Squirreltail (<i>Elymus elymoides</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
27	Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'
28	Western Wheatgrass (<i>Agropyron smithii</i>)	3 dried seed-head stems, max stem length of 3'

29	Wooly Verbena or Hoary Vervain (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)	<i>3 dried flower stems, max stem length of 3'</i>
30	Native Wildflower, Grass, and Other Plant not listed above: 3 dried seed-head stems	<i>Write common name on entry tag. If common name is unknown, then write "unknown" on entry tag. Max stem length of 3'.</i>
31	Native Wildflower, Grass, and Other Plant not listed above: 3 fresh-cut blooming stems	<i>Write common name on entry tag. If common name is unknown, then write "unknown" on entry tag. Max stem length of 3'.</i>
32	Native Wildflower, Grass, and Other Plant not listed above: live-potted plant.	<i>Write common name on entry tag. If common name is unknown, then write "unknown" on entry tag. Max stem length of 3'.</i>
33	Native Plant Arrangement	<i>Groups of 3 to 6 varieties of fresh cut or dried native plants in a container suitable for gifting. Max stem length of 3'.</i>

DIVISION 11 – JUNIOR DIVISION

Encourages youth to explore the natural world with activities that encourages personal pride and responsibility. Designed to stimulate an interest in horticulture, a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

General Rules for Exhibiting in Junior Division:

- Open to youth ages 18 years and younger.
- Work must be done by the Junior exhibitor with minimal assistance from an adult.
- Exhibitor must write variety name on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.
- Fresh-cut flower blooms should be approximately the same size. Foliage should be included with each bloom but not below the water line. The Horticulture Building will provide vases.
- Vegetables should be top quality and prime maturity. Select specimens that are uniform and free from disease, insect, or mechanical injury.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Red Apple with stem	1 specimen of any 1 variety
2	Cucumber (slicing types)	1 specimen; stems trimmed ¼ to ½ inch
3	Pumpkin, Miniature: (4" or smaller)	3 specimens, stems ½ to 1 inches
4	Marigold (any variety)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems
5	Petunia (any variety)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems
6	Coneflower: any color(s)	3 fresh-cut blooming stems
7	Broad-Leaved Cattail (Typha latifolia)	3 preserved stems (For rules, please refer to Division 10 Native Wildflowers, Grasses, and other Plants)
8	Fairy Garden	create miniature landscape in single container
9	Bird Feeder or Bird House	dimensions to be correct for actual use and outdoor sturdy. Indicate species of bird on entry tag.
10	Vegetable (any not listed above)	Enter common name on exhibitor tag (For rules please refer to Division 2 Vegetables)
11	Herb (any one kind)	Enter common name on exhibitor tag (For rules, please refer to Division 6 Herbs)
12	Houseplant (any one kind)	Enter common name on exhibitor tag (For rules, please refer to Division 7 Houseplants & Planters)
13	Vegetable Animal or Person	Make a vegetable animal or person, decorate with items of choice-items do not need to be garden produce
14	Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head	Use a real potato, decorate with items of choice-items do not need to be garden produce
15	Decorated Pumpkin	Decorate a pumpkin no larger than 8 inches with items of choice.
16	Gourd Collection	3 to 6 small gourds attractively displayed in a container
17	Garden Ornament	Made of recycled materials
18	Bug Catcher	Child made bug catcher
JUNIOR FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASSES		
Not all materials need to be grown by exhibitor. Fresh plant material with blooms or dried natural materials must be used. No artificial flowers or foliage are allowed. Embellishments may be added to the design to bring out the theme. Please see page 17 for additional rules on the Floral Arrangement classes.		
19	My Favorite Color	Inspired by your favorite color
20	ROY. G. BIV.	
21	Pop of Color	Arrangement in a Pop Can
JUNIOR PLACE-SETTING CLASSES		
18"x24" area is marked for set-up. Bring a placemat. If appropriate to theme, it is permissible to use paper plates, paper napkins, and plastic. Please see page 18 for additional rules on the Place Setting classes.		
22	Green Eggs and Ham	
23	Green Acres	Must include menu with corn included
24	Wide World of Color	

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 Best of Show ribbon and \$25 gift certificate
 Division 12 Garden Art Classes 1 to 11

DIVISION 12 – GARDEN ART

Gardens today incorporate more than just plants. Modern horticulture must also draw knowledge from related fields. Garden art includes a variety of interests that help gardeners grow along with their gardens. Any class arrangement with dimensions no larger than five-foot-wide by seven foot tall.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Bird Feeder	<i>Dimensions should be correct for actual use and outdoor sturdy. Indicate species of bird on entry tag.</i>
2	Wildlife House	<i>House for birds, bats, bees, butterflies, ladybugs, toads; dimensions should be correct for actual use and outdoor sturdy. Indicate species of wildlife on entry tag</i>
3	Lawn Ornament	<i>May be single item or group</i>
4	Gourd	<i>Dried and painted or carved</i>
5	Decorated wreath for your garden	<i>Live or artificial</i>
6	Crop art or arrangement using seeds & grains	<i>No weed seeds</i>
7	Decorative item made of straw, cornhusks or cornstalks	<i>Ornamental corn may be used</i>
8	Scarred pumpkin or winter squash	<i>Scarring is healed-over cuts made while growing in the field</i>
9	Arrangement of vintage or antique garden tools	
10	Truly odd fruit, vegetable or plant	<i>May be decorated as desired</i>
11	Decorated Pumpkin	<i>May be decorated as desired</i>

Sponsored by Runnings - Huron, SD
 Best of Show ribbon and \$20 gift certificate
 Division 13 Class 1 Door Decoration Contest People's Choice Award

DIVISION 13 – DOOR DECORATION CONTEST

People's Choice Judging

Exhibit a door decoration in the Horticulture Building during the South Dakota State Fair. Theme suggestions: Welcome, Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, any holiday.

General Rules for Exhibiting in the Door Decoration Contest

- Open to Juniors, Adults, and Organizations/Groups.
- May use live or artificial materials.
- Ballots provided for People's Choice voting.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION
1	Door Decoration Contest

Sponsored by South Dakota Farmers Union - Huron, SD
Best of Show ribbon and \$50 cash award Division 14 Classes 1-14

Sponsored by South Dakota Corn
Division 14 Classes 3 & 4 premiums - \$50 first place, \$25 second place
Plaque for Best Corn Grain Exhibit

DIVISION 14 – AGRICULTURE GRAINS AND SEEDS

General Rules for Exhibiting in Agriculture Grains and Seeds:

- Grains and seeds must be grown by exhibitor during 2023 or 2024.
- Exhibitors must write name of variety on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Barley, feed	<i>2 quarts</i>
2	Barley, malting	<i>2 quarts</i>
3	Corn, yellow dent	<i>5 ears</i>
4	Corn, yellow dent	<i>2 quarts</i>
5	Millet, Proso	<i>2 quarts</i>
6	Oats	<i>2 quarts</i>
7	Pulse Crop, peas, lentils, chickpeas, etc.	<i>2 quarts</i>
8	Rye	<i>2 quarts</i>
9	Sorghum, Grain	<i>2 quarts</i>
10	Soybeans	<i>2 quarts</i>
13	Wheat, spring	<i>2 quarts</i>
14	Wheat, winter	<i>2 quarts</i>

Sponsored by South Dakota Soybean Processors - Volga, SD
Division 15, Class 4 Best Soybean Plant - Ribbon and \$50 cash award

Sponsored by Sunbird Inc. - Huron, SD
Division 15, Class 5 Best Sunflower Stalk - Ribbon and \$50 cash award

Sponsored by South Dakota Farmers Union - Huron, SD
Best of Show ribbon and \$50 cash award Division 15 Classes 1-12

Sponsored by South Dakota Corn
Division 15 Classes 1 & 2 premiums - \$50 first place, \$25 second place
and a plaque for the winner of each class.

DIVISION 15 – AGRICULTURE PLANTS/BUNDLES/BALES

General Rules for Exhibiting in Agriculture Plants/Bundles/Bales:

- Grains and Forage must be grown by exhibitor during 2023 or 2024. Sheaves are exhibited as unharvested grain, 3-inches in diameter at the center band. Use of 3 bands recommended.
- Exhibitors must write the name of variety on entry tag. If variety is unknown, then write "unknown variety" on entry tag.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CLASS INSTRUCTIONS
1	Corn, tallest stalk	<i>2024 field corn with ear attached. Not necessarily from one hill. Roots are burlapped or bagged</i>
2	Corn, 4 individual stalks	<i>2024 field corn with ear attached. Not necessarily from one hill. Roots are burlapped or bagged</i>
3	Soybean	<i>1 plant with pods</i>
4	Sunflower	<i>1 stalk with head, may be immature</i>
5	Oats	<i>1 sheave</i>
6	Wheat, spring	<i>1 sheave</i>
7	Wheat, winter	<i>1 sheave</i>
8	Sorghum, Forage	<i>5 heads</i>
9	Sorghum, Forage Bundle	<i>8" diameter</i>
10	Alfalfa, Hay	<i>1/3 bale tied; minimum 12" compressed; maximum 24"</i>
11	Alfalfa Bale, Grass Mixture	<i>1/3 bale tied; minimum 12" compressed; maximum 24"</i>
12	Hay Bale, Native/Tame Grass Mixture	<i>1/3 bale tied; minimum 12" compressed; maximum 24"</i>

Sponsored by South Dakota Corn
 \$50 premium for each first place exhibit
 Class 15: \$100 first place, \$50 second place
 Plaque for Largest Ear of Field Corn
 Plaque for Largest Tomato

DIVISION 16 – GIANT VEGETABLE

Live judging of 1st place winners!

A trophy will be awarded to the best exhibit in Division 16

General Rules for entering:

- An award will be given for 1st place in each class.
- Exhibitors must write the name of variety on entry tag.
- Giant Pumpkin Commonwealth rules will be followed in this division. Refer to the SD State Fair Horticulture Building Facebook page for reference to GPC rules or visit www.greatpumpkincommonwealth.com.
- Judging rules for vegetables not covered by the GPC will follow the rules for judging from the EGVGA (European Giant Vegetable Growers Association), which can be found at www.egvga.com.
- Not more than one entry per class per exhibitor
- The winner will be determined by the judge's measurement of length, circumference and/or weight considerations.
- Registering ahead of time is **REQUIRED** via the online entry platform used for all other Open Class entries (<https://sdsf.fairwire.com>).

Classes indicates how each will be judged - W= weight; L= length

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION
1	Giant Pumpkin (W)
2	Giant Watermelon (W)
3	Large Gourd (L)
4	Onion (W)
5	Carrot (W)
6	Beet (W)
7	Celery (W)
8	Tomato (W)
9	Squash (W)
10	Cucumber (L)
11	Leek (W)
12	Field Pumpkin (<i>curcurbita pepo</i>) (W)
13	Rutabaga/Sweda (W)
14	Cabbage (W)
15	Ear of Field Corn (L + W)
16	Potato (W)
17	Kohlrabi (W)
18	Eggplant (W)

DIVISION 17 – HORTICULTURE PHOTO CONTEST

NEW in 2024! This contest is designed to showcase horticulture across South Dakota. Capture your story to share, entertain, and educate! Check Facebook for more entry details.

\$25 premium will be awarded to the first-place exhibit in each class. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three placings in each class.

General Rules for entering:

- Photos must be attached to a 16x20 matte board.
- Entries can be made under an individual or as a garden club.

CLASS #	CLASS DESCRIPTION
1	Winter/Snowy Gardens
2	Spring/Flowers
3	Summer/Gardens
4	Fall/Harvest
5	Progression/Photo story of a project including four seasons
6	People's Choice/Horticulture Failures

South Dakota State Fair 2024 Professional Floriculture Contest

Saturday, August 31, 10:30 am @ The Horticulture Building; South Dakota State Fair Grounds, Huron, SD.

Participation Rules: Who is Eligible?

- 1) Must be a member of the South Dakota Florist Association in good standing.
- 2) Must solely represent themselves as a single entry.
- 3) The Theme for the Horticulture Department this year will be announced June 15, 2024, via Facebook on "SD State Fair Horticulture Building" page and elsewhere or by contacting michael@mbgenetics.com.
- 4) Entries can be made directly to: Michael Bishop, Superintendent, SD State Fair Horticulture Exhibit, via email; michael@mbgenetics.com or by US mail to: SD State Fair Attn: Michael Bishop 1060 3rd St SW Huron, SD 57350. Watch for announcements updating entry deadline dates. There is a \$50 entry fee for each contestant. One entry per contestant limit.

Contest Rules:

- 1) One entry per contestant limit.
- 2) The entry must be contained within a 3' wide x 3' deep space and cannot exceed 8' tall.
- 3) The entry will be displayed on a pedestal that is 11" wide at the base x 10.5" wide on the top x 34" tall provided by the State Fair Horticulture Show Management. This is a floral arrangement contest, and ALL entries must be contained within an appropriate vase that can freely sit on a pedestal provided for public viewing and judging.
- 4) Content of the entry must not exceed \$300 wholesale cost and an itemized price sheet for each design must be turned in prior to start of the contest.
- 5) The entry must be composed of no less than 80% fresh or dried botanicals.
- 6) Each contestant will have 45 minutes to publicly prepare their display beginning promptly at 10:30 am. An 8'x8' workspace and worktable will be provided adjacent to where the entry will be displayed for judging. The entrant is responsible for their own work within the provided area and cannot leave the area until submission of the entry without prior approval by management. All work must stop promptly at 11:15 am. Further instructions on the timed preparation portion, public display and other information will be explained beginning at 10:15 am. ALL contestants must be present for this meeting. All design work must be done in front of the judges and the public. NOTHING can be done beforehand.
- 7) Signs with designer name, flower shop represented, address and arrangement name can be displayed on 3'x3' premade sign that can be displayed on an easel provided by the Horticulture Building management.
- 8) Once design work is stopped each contestant will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak to the public and the judges to explain their arrangement. This portion of the contest will be broadcast LIVE on the Horticulture Building Facebook site.
- 9) **Professional** judging will be throughout the whole design process and each contestant will be observed as they work to build their entry. Winner of the Professional Judging will be announced Sunday, September 1. In case of a tie, the placing by the SD State Fair Manager will break the tie.
- 10) **People's Choice** judging will begin at 12:00 noon, Saturday, and continue throughout the day until closing of the Horticulture Building for the evening (7:00 pm). The winner of the People's Choice will be announced and prominently displayed in the Mirror Room on Sunday, September 1st along with all other contest entries. There will be advertisements throughout the day on Facebook and state-wide media news outlets as well as interviews of the 1st and 2nd place winners for the Sunday evening news broadcasts.
- 11) Winner of the People's Choice entry will receive a rotating plaque, public announcement over the fairgrounds, prominent display in the mirror room and a check for **\$750**. Second place will receive an award as well (TBD).
- 12) The winner of the Professional judged event will receive a check for **\$750**, second place will receive an award as well (TBD). All entries will be on public display in the mirror room, receive public announcement over the fairgrounds broadcast system and special feature in social media and news media throughout the year by South Dakota State Fair management.

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