

# Dept. L – Horticulture

## Building 14A

Chairperson: Tony Pellegrino, Bonnie Fuss

### Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries are accepted from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026 and Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026.
1. All entries are limited to Frederick County residents only.
2. No exhibitor may make more than **three entries** on one ticket. Entries on one ticket must be in different classes.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for correct classification of entries.
4. Flower arrangements must be restricted to homegrown and/or roadside flowers.
5. All house plants must have been grown by the exhibitor or in their possession for at least three months. All cut flowers must be displayed in a container capable of holding water.
6. **No antique/valuable vases, foam containers, plastic bottles or foil covered containers may be used.**
7. Hanging baskets must have hooks suitable for hanging.
8. All plant material must be fresh.
9. Potted plant containers limited to arrangements not exceeding 50", including container. Maximum weight should not exceed 30 pounds.
10. Entries that do not follow the above rules will not be judged but will be used as display only.
11. Not responsible for containers, loss or damage.

### Definition For Flowers:

**Stalk:** is thick with branches which have multiple flower heads, i.e., ageratum

**Stem or Spray:** Is thin with branches which have multiple flower heads, i.e., petunias

**Spike:** Is not branched with multiple flower heads, i.e., gladiolus and snap dragons

**Bloom:** One bloom per branch of foliage, i.e., marigold and zinnia

**Flower:** With foliage, one flower

**Everlasting:** Flowers with papery petals which retain some or all its color when dried, for winter decorations.

**Display of:** Several stems or plants neatly arranged.

### DIVISION 1 – CUT FLOWERS

1<sup>st</sup> \$5 | 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4 | 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3

#### BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON ONLY

*The Elizabeth Frank award will be given in memory of*

*Betty S. Frank by her family for the best single rose.*

### CLASS

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| 1. Asters, Annuals ( <i>Display of</i> )                | 11. Cut Flowers                                    |
| 2. Asters, Perennials ( <i>Display of</i> )             | ( <i>grown by exhibitor age 65 and up</i> )        |
| 3. Black Eyed Susans (Cultivated)                       | 12. Dahlias (1 variety)                            |
| 4. Chrysanthemums ( <i>Button, Display of</i> )         | 13. Dahlias ( <i>Single Largest</i> )              |
| 5. Chrysanthemums ( <i>Other, Display of</i> )          | 14. Dahlias ( <i>pompom, 1 variety</i> )           |
| 6. Cosmos ( <i>Display of</i> )                         | 15. Daisies  |
| 7. Cockscomb ( <i>Crested</i> )                         | 16. Gaillardia ( <i>Display of</i> )               |
| 8. Cockscomb ( <i>Feathered or plumed</i> )             | 17. Gladioli ( <i>Exempt from height rule</i> )    |
| 9. Cut Flowers (1 variety not listed)                   | 18. Heirloom                                       |
| 10. Cut Flowers ( <i>grown by exhibitor age 55-65</i> ) | ( <i>1 or more varieties, must be identified</i> ) |

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| 19. Hydrangea (1 stem)                            | 28. Salvia  |
| 20. Marigolds (Blooms under 2") (1 or more)       | 29. Sedum   |
| 21. Marigolds<br>(Blooms under 2"-4") (1 or more) | 30. Snapdragons   |
| 22. Marigolds (Blooms over 4") (1 or more)        | 31. Sunflower (Ornamental) (cut fresh flower) (1)       |
| 23. Petunias (Singles)                            | 32. Yarrow (Display of)                                 |
| 24. Petunias (Doubles)                            | 33. Zinnias, Dwarf (Blooms under 2") (1 or more)        |
| 25. Rose (Single) (Elizabeth Frank Award)         | 34. Zinnias, Medium<br>(Blooms under 2"-4") (1 or more) |
| 26. Rose, Miniature (1 or more)                   | 35. Zinnias, Giant (Blooms over 4") (1 or more)         |
| 27. Rose (Most fragrant)                          |   |

**DIVISION 2 – ARRANGEMENTS**

1<sup>st</sup> \$5 | 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4 | 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3

BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON ONLY

**CLASS**

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| 1. Annuals  | 13. Special Arrangement (represent 2026 Fair theme)  |
| 2. Baskets (May include berries, fruits and nuts)                 | 14. Happy Fall Y'all (A fresh arrangement using pumpkins or gourds; fresh or dried materials)          |
| 3. Garden Flowers (1 variety)                                     | 15. Save our Honey bees (An arrangement depicting our friend, the honeybee)                            |
| 4. Garden Flowers (Other)   | 16. From the Garden<br>(Incorporate flowers and vegetables)  |
| 5. Holiday (Must identify using fresh cut or everlasting flowers) | 17. Wineries of Frederick<br>(Arrangement using a Frederick Co. Winery wine bottle)                    |
| 6. Miniature<br>(1 Fresh plant material not to exceed 5" x 5")    | 18. Recycle It (A fresh arrangement in a recyclable container. Garden flowers and foliage may be used) |
| 7. Perennials   |  |
| 8. Roses  |  |
| 9. Strawflowers or Dryables (1 variety)                           |  |
| 10. Wildflowers (Must be identified)                              |  |
| 11. Arrangement<br>(Grown by exhibitor age 55 or older)           |  |
| 12. Centerpiece (For dining table)                                |  |

**DIVISION 3 – POTTED FLOWERS/PLANTS**

1<sup>st</sup> \$5 | 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4 | 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3

BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON ONLY

*The Catoctin Orchid Society Award will be given to the Best of Show Orchid*

**CLASS**

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| 1. African Violet (1 plant)                     | 16. Ivy   |
| 2. Begonia (Potted, flowering)                  | 17. Orchids   |
| 3. Begonia (Potted, Foliage)                    | 18. Potted Plants (Indoor, flowering not mentioned elsewhere – must identify) |
| 4. Bonsai                                       | 19. Potted Plants (Foliage not mentioned elsewhere – must identify)           |
| 5. Cacti or Succulent (3 or more plant/variety) | 20. Potted Plants (Annuals 1 or more varieties)                               |
| 6. Cacti or Succulent (1 plant)                 | 21. Potted Flowers/Plants<br>(Grown by exhibitor age 55)                      |
| 7. Coleus (2 or more varieties)                 | 22. Most Unusual Plant by Nature<br>(Label & identify)                        |
| 8. Coleus (1 variety)                           | 23. Miscellaneous (Label & identify)  |
| 9. Dish Garden with Decorative Plants           | 24. Novelty Horticulture Exhibit  |
| 10. Ferns (Boston)                              | 25. Terrariums  |
| 11. Ferns (Other; Label & Identify)             | 26. Mini Garden   |
| 12. Geraniums (Potted)                          | 27. Fairy Garden  |
| 13. Hanging Basket (Potted, flowering)          |   |
| 14. Hanging Basket (Potted, Foliage)            |   |
| 15. Impatiens (Potted only)                     |   |

## DIVISION 4 – FRESH OR LIVING HERBS

1<sup>st</sup> \$5 | 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4 | 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3

### BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON ONLY

Unless otherwise noted, exhibits in this division must be cut herbs by the exhibitor. They must conform to the number of stems specified and must be 12" or less in height. Exhibitors must provide container. All fresh cut herbs must be in water. All herbs must be labeled and identified.

#### CLASS - ANNUALS

1. Basil (5 stems)
2. Dill (5 stems)
3. Parsley - Curly (5 stems)
4. Parsley - Italian (5 stems)
5. Sage (5 stems)
6. Nasturtiums (1 bunch)
7. Dill – Seed Heads (3 stems)

#### CLASS – PERENNIALS

8. Thyme (5 stems)
9. Rosemary (5 stems)
10. Oregano (5 stems)
11. Mint – Any Variety (5 stems)
12. Chives (10 stems)
13. Lavender (5 stems)
14. Cilantro (5 stems)
15. Tarragon (5 stems)
16. Miscellaneous (5 stems, annual or perennial not mentioned - must be identified)
17. Herb Garden/Window Box (Max of 5 varieties) (Boxes must be 10 ½" wide x 24" long)
18. Mixed Herbs (3 varieties, fresh cut in water, must be identified)
19. Herb Wreaths \*(5 or more fresh cut herbs)
20. Herb Wreaths \*(5 or more growing herbs)  
\*(Overall size of the wreath must not exceed 20". No ribbons are permitted and must be equipped to be hung; wire only)
21. Topiaries
22. Potted Herb (not mentioned above)

## DIVISION 5 – JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

1<sup>st</sup> \$5 | 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4 | 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3

### BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON ONLY

#### CLASS

1. Aster (3 blooms, same color)
2. Cosmos (Display of)
3. Decorative Sunflower  
(Flower only – fresh in water)
4. Marigolds (Blooms under 2") (1 or more)
5. Marigolds (Blooms 2-4") (1 or more)
6. Marigolds (Blooms over 4") (1 or more)
7. Petunias (Singles)
8. Petunias (Doubles)
9. Snapdragons (Any color, 1 spike)
10. Zinnias, Dwarf (Blooms under 2") (1 or more)
11. Zinnias, Medium (Blooms 2-4") (1 or more)
12. Zinnias, Giant (Blooms over 4") (1 or more)
13. Fresh Arrangement
14. Wildflowers Arrangement  
(Must be identified)
15. Miscellaneous (not mentioned elsewhere)
16. Potted Plants (Indoor & Outdoor)
17. Terrariums
18. Herbs (1 or more fresh cut varieties)
19. Figs
20. Novelty Horticulture Exhibit
21. Rose
22. Mini Garden  
(less accessories, no figures or People)
23. Fairy Garden (includes accessories & figures)