

Department 13 FLOWERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST	13	14	15 3:00-6:00 pm Entry Container Grown Plants	16 7:00-11:00am Entry Day – North Expo; 1:00 Judging	17 FAIR OPENS	18 4:00 Iron Arranger-A 5:00 Iron Arranger-P
		Early entry for Container Grown Plants Only Wednesday Aug. 15 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.				
19	20	21 Noon- 8:00 Premium Payout	22 Noon-8:00 Premium Payout	23 Noon-8:00 Premium Payout	24 Noon-8:00 Premium Payout	25 Noon-8:00 Premium Payout
26 Noon-8:00 Premium Payout 9:00 Fair Closes	27 10:00-7:00 All Items are released, Premium Payout	Aug. 28-30 & Sept 4-7 9:00-4:30 All Premium Payout		Enjoy the Fair: Noon – 10:00 Weekdays & Sunday; Noon – 11:00 Fridays & Saturdays Contact: 208-287-5663 or premiumoffice@idahofair.com		



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“THE SUN, THE MOON AND THE STEERS”

The Flower Department exhibit/show is open to all amateur gardeners who do not derive their livelihood from the sale of flowers, plants or floral designs. Each Exhibitor is allowed one entry per class, except where otherwise noted.

How to enter – It is simple and easy and early!

Bring in your entries with the entry form(s) to the Fairgrounds on **Thursday, Aug. 16 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Sorry, late entries cannot be accepted due to time constraints. Entry for **Container Grown Plants Only (Divisions 16-20)** on **Wednesday, Aug. 15**, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bring in all of your remaining Flowers Dept. 13 entries to the Fairgrounds on August 16, between 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Entries will be taken in the North Expo Building. If you want to enter early and reduce time spent in line on entry days, you have the following 2 options:

1.
 - a) Mail or deliver **ONLY** your **entry form(s)** to the Premium Office, 5610 Glenwood, Boise ID 83714 by **August 9.**
 - b) Bring your **Container Grown Plants** (Divisions 16-20 **only**) entries to the Fairgrounds on **Aug. 15** from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - c) Bring in all your remaining **Dept. 13 entries** to the Fairgrounds on **Aug. 16** from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- OR 2.**
 - a) Enter online by **Aug. 9** at www.idahofair.com. Follow the link to Competitive Exhibits. A \$2 fee will apply. This fee is per exhibitor, regardless of number of entries or in how many departments you enter.
 - b) Bring your **Container Grown Plants** (Divisions 16-20 **only**) entries to the Fairgrounds on **Aug. 15** from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - c) Bring in all your remaining **Dept. 13 entries** to the Fairgrounds on **Aug. 16** from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Tips for Success:

- Do not bring heirloom, sentimental or other irreplaceable items as part of your entry. We cannot guarantee the item's safe return.
- Select and cut multiples of your entry the day before and let them “drink” overnight. Bring and enter the best of the best!
- Reference this Handbook when classifying your entry.
- Make sure there is no foliage below the waterline prior to submitting your entry (this counts for judging!).
- Be early! Late entries cannot be accepted due to conflicting scheduling with judging.
- Pre-print adhesive labels with your name, phone and email to attach to your entry forms.
- Complete your entry forms at home. Entry forms are available at the Western Idaho Fair Premium Office or on www.idahofair.com.

Got questions? Email us at FlowersWIF@gmail.com and we will respond within one business day.

ENTRY AND PARKING

- **Location** – Department 13 – Flowers is located in the North Expo Building. The entry area is on the North East end of the building on the grassy area where tables are set up.
- **Parking** – During entry, parking is free. Vehicles can be parked for a few minutes in the area marked with **LOADING ZONE** signs to be quickly off-loaded on the outdoor tables provided. Afterwards, please move your vehicle to any of the available marked parking areas.
- **Entry Prep**
 - Place your entries into the available containers.
 - Entry Form – Complete your entry form if not previously done.

- Be sure to compare your prepared entry form with your final entry specimen(s).

Change anything needed on the entry form to make sure your entry(s) specimens and entry form match! **This is very important.** If you have questions, please ask any of the Flower Department attendants, who are available to help you.

Example: You complete your entry form at home prior to entry day with the following items: a design entry, a daisy, a delphinium, a sunflower, a dahlia, a rose, and a container grown cactus. On your way to enter, the delphinium breaks and you are not going to enter it.

Simply line through this item on your entry form, obtain tags and enter your remaining items.

- **Entry Tags** – Take your completed, accurate entry form inside the Expo building to the Flower Department and stop at the table marked EXHIBITORS.
 - Fair clerks will complete and provide you with all your entry tags (if you have 5 entries, you will receive 5 tags).
- Return to the outside table with your tags and place the corresponding tag on each entry item.
 - Note: If you entered online and picked up your tags from the Premium Office prior to entry, but did not use all your tags, please give the unused tags to the Fair Attendants.
- **Entry Check-in & Placement – By 11:00 a.m.**, take all your tagged entry items into the Flower Department, to the table marked PLACEMENT and the next available Floral Clerk will check in your items and place them for judging. Please do not leave your items prior to finishing check-in. All entries must be checked in by 11:30 a.m.

DESIGNS

All designs must be the work of the exhibitor but not necessarily grown by exhibitor. All designs entries must be less than 24” wide, except where otherwise specified. **Designs should occupy a visually pleasing proportion of the allotted space.**

- No artificial flowers, treated or dyed fresh plant material, fruits or foliage permitted, unless otherwise specified.
- No live animals are to be used in any class.
- American flag(s) or other national flag(s) may not be used.
- Feathers may be used with the exception of endangered or prohibited species.
- Fruits and vegetables that are cut are not acceptable.
- Accessories may be used in all design classes. If possible, put your name on the bottom of all your design pieces.
- Best of Division ribbon does not automatically move you into the top section of design (blue ribbons only). All designs are placed on tables which are 24” or 32” wide or on pedestals which are 16” square.
- Fair will not be responsible for lost, damaged, broken or stolen containers, accessories or any article included in or with a design entry.
- **Designs will be scored as follows:**

Design (elements and principles).....	42
Artistic Concept (selection and/or organization).....	12
Expression (interpretation of class)	10
Distinction (marked superiority in all respects)	16
Conformance (to schedule requirements).....	<u>20</u>
Total Points	100

All entrants **must** include a 4x6 note card listing the flower/plant material used is the design. Card should accompany the entry tag.

HORTICULTURE

Horticulture must be grown by the exhibitor and must have been in their possession for a minimum of three months. Cut horticulture must be displayed in clear plastic vases. Every effort will be made to provide entrants with a Fair display vase for each entry; however, depending upon the number of entries this cannot be guaranteed. Preservative will be used to keep containers clean and to preserve the cut flowers. If the entrant wishes to have the container returned, please be sure to **securely** attach return information to the container. The Fair will not be responsible for lost or damaged containers. Please note: the container is not part of the judging criteria for Horticulture (Divisions 7-15).

- Judges consider the stem, cleanliness and freshness of foliage and flowers. Foliage must not be polished with oil or other preparation.
- Foliage must be left on all cut specimens, but not be under water.
- Exhibitors should make sure to read this handbook for the correct number of stems needed in each class. Fresh flowers will be used to replace the original entry after several days, if needed.

Scale of Points for Foliage, Flowering, Fruited Cut specimens only

Plant ID (complete name).....	5
Cultural Perfection (maturity, form and stem).....	30
Foliage, Flowers (color, substance, size, texture).....	30
Condition, Grooming, Staging (blemish free)	25
Distinction (superiority, uniform, educational)	<u>10</u>
Total Points	100

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

All container grown plants must be grown by Exhibitor for at least 3 months. Use of an outer decorative pot is permitted on container grown plants. Container may not exceed 20” in diameter (unless otherwise noted) and cannot exceed 25 pounds including plant, container and moist soil. Plants must be free of harmful insects/pests or disease.

JUDGING ALL ENTRIES

If an exhibit does not merit an Award, none will be given though it may be the only entry in that class. Decision of the Judges is final and all entries must be considered by the Judges.

Exhibit area will be closed to the public for judging which is about 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 16.

Floral staff shall have the right to remove any unsightly design or horticulture. Precautions will be taken to insure the safety of all exhibits and in no case will the Western Idaho Fair or the Superintendents be responsible for loss or injury of the same.

PREMIUM PAY-OUT

Awards will be available at the Premium Office. Copy of Exhibitor Number Form should be presented for Premium pay-out. Cash premiums will be paid to those entitled to awards on Aug. 21 through Aug. 26 from 12 Noon to 8:00 p.m. and on Exhibit Release day, Monday, Aug. 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Starting Aug. 28 through Sept. 7, awards will be given out from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The Office will be closed for Labor Day weekend, including the Friday prior to Labor Day. **Awards not claimed by Sept. 7, 2018** will be considered a donation and will revert back to the Western Idaho Fair general fund.

RELEASE

Monday, Aug. 27 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **In no case may exhibits be removed before 10:00 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27.** The Floral staff must check out all exhibits. Exhibits which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.

PREMIUMS FOR ALL DIVISIONS		
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:		
1st - \$5.50	2nd - \$4.50	3rd - \$3.50
Collections: 1st - \$6.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$4.00		