

Garden Center

Pumpkin Carving & Painting Competition Sponsored by Whitcomb's Land of Pumpkins, Williston, Vermont

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Division D – Pumpkin Art

This division is open to children, youth and adult exhibitors. Carved and painted pumpkins will be judged on Monday, Aug 31 at 6pm in the Expo North – Garden Center. Ribbons will be awarded.

Pre-Registration

Please e-mail the Garden Center Superintendent, Lori King at gardencenter@cvexpo.org by Wed, Aug 26 to reserve a carving/painting table for Mon, Aug 31. At this time, arrangements will be made for you to enter the Fair with your pumpkins.

Judges: Bryon King

Contest Categories

Children & youth painted pumpkins – Brushes and paints will be provided for children & youth

D1 – Ages 5-10 (painting only)

D2 – Ages 11-15 (painting only)

Adult painted & carved pumpkins - Adults need to bring their own paints and carving tools.

D3 – Adult painted pumpkin – Ages 16+.

D4 – Carved pumpkin – Ages 16+.

Rules

Pumpkins will be carved/painted on site in Expo North Garden Center between 12pm-5pm, Mon, Aug 31
A free pumpkin will be provided to the first 20 competitors for carving or painting, by Whitcomb's Land of Pumpkins.

If Adult exhibitors are both carving a pumpkin & painting a pumpkin, one pumpkin can be carved or painted at home. The 2nd pumpkin to be completed at the Fair.

Mini pumpkin gourds may not be used for painting or carving.

Limit – one painted and one carved pumpkin per exhibitor. Limit of 10 youth and 20 adult pumpkins.

Carved pumpkins must be free hand carving, no template tracing & carving.

ADULT pumpkins will be judged on overall appearance, attention to details, workmanship, creativity and “WOW” factor. Additional and attached decorations to pumpkin are allowed.

YOUTH pumpkins will be judged on overall appearance, creativity, representation of your theme (title of your entry).

Include the title of your entry & age of the exhibitor on your exhibitor tag.

Each exhibitor will need to complete an exhibitor sheet when they arrive to register. Each pumpkin will need to have an exhibitor tag attached.

Division D – Prizes

Lot #	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1 & 2	Youth Painted Pumpkin.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
3	Adult Painted Pumpkin	\$25	\$15	\$10
4	Adult Carved Pumpkin	\$25	\$15	\$10

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Flowers & Plants, Vegetables, Fruits, Christmas Trees, Bonsai, Preserving the Garden, Home Gardeners, Commercial Growers

Judging

1. Arrangements will be judged for the following:
 - Design and placement of flowers and foliage.
 - Quality of flowers and foliage and color.
 - Container choice as a compliment to the arrangement.
 - Strong connection to the theme
 - Concealment of floral foam or wire
2. Specimens of Cut Flowers will be judged for the following:
 - Good quality blooms.
 - Appropriate length and size of stem.
 - Good quality foliage.
 - Size, form, and appropriate number of flowers, according to Lot # Guidelines.
3. Container Plants will be judged for the following:
 - Abundance of blooms and quality of color.
 - Good quality foliage and color.
 - Health of Plant.
4. Flower and plant entries: Best in Division Rosettes and Judges' Favorite Rosettes may be awarded in Divisions C, D, E, & F at Judges discretion.
5. Vegetable entries will be judged by quality, condition, freedom from injury, and uniformity.
 - Quality: marketable size, characteristic color, typical shape, appropriate stage of development or maturity.
 - Condition: cleanliness, proper trimming, freshness, attractiveness of entry.
 - Freedom from injury: free of mechanical injury, pest injury, blemishes, cracks, disease.
 - Uniformity: consistent shape, size, color, stage of maturity, true to type or variety.
6. Flowers should be real – no silk.

Best in Class rosettes may be awarded at judges' discretion. Judge's Favorite Rosettes will be awarded.

Best of Show rosette will be awarded.

**All exhibits MUST be completed
by 9:00pm
Late entries will be disqualified.**

General Exhibits Information

1. Exhibits must be grown by the adult or child entering them.
2. A Home Gardener is defined as anyone who does not sell the flowers, fruits, vegetables, preserves, etc. grown or processed from his/her garden.
3. A Commercial Grower is defined as anyone whose profession is to sell the flowers, fruits, vegetables, preserves, etc. grown or processed from her/his fields and gardens.
4. A Market Gardener is defined as someone who may sell the flowers, fruits, vegetables, from his/her garden, but who does not support themselves full time by this.
5. All entries must be labeled including specific variety.
6. Entries must be legible and completed on forms provided by the Champlain Valley Fair. Please check entry times for each department.
7. All entries must remain on display for the duration of the Fair. Exhibits will be released 8am-12pm on Sept 7.
8. Ribbons shall remain on display for the duration of the fair and be collected by exhibitors at the end of the fair. Paid prizes are reimbursed through CVE vouchers any time before the end of the fair. Getting your ribbons and prizes safely in hand is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. All premiums must be picked up prior to 12pm on Monday, Sept 7.
9. Plant material and flowers that have gone by and exhibits not picked up by 12pm on Monday, Sept 7, will be disposed of accordingly.
10. For the Flower Arrangements Category, a "Professional" is defined as anyone whose profession it is to sell their arrangements to the public. Enter Division P – Professionals, not Division C.
11. Perennials must be perennial to our Vermont zones (3-5)
12. All plants and flowers must be grown by the exhibitor. Dried flowers must be grown or wild gathered by the exhibitor.
13. Please read the Class and Lot descriptions carefully. One entry per exhibitor per lot number, except lot – other. An exhibitor may enter more than one lot number in each class.
14. Containers will be provided for the individual cut flowers. Youth and adult exhibitors are expected to provide their own container for the Flower and Dried Flower Arrangement class.
15. Plates and bowls will be provided to display fruits and vegetables.
16. No fees for entering exhibits.
17. No fee to enter Fair to drop off exhibit on Tuesday, Sept 1.
18. Unclaimed checks as of November 30 will be returned to the Garden Center fund.

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Judging

When to drop off exhibits to the Expo North Building (Garden Center)

1st JUDGING SESSION

Drop Off Thursday, August 27 8am-8pm

ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 9PM

To be judged on Friday, August 28 at 9am unless otherwise noted.

- Giant Pumpkins/Squash
- Official Fair Weigh-In happens on Thu, August 27 at 6:30pm.
- Heavyweight/Largest/Tallest/Longest Vegetables
- To be judged throughout the day on Thu, August 27.
- Flower Arrangements (adult, children & teens)
- Professional Fresh Flower Arrangements
- (Home & Business Florists)
- Fresh Cut Flowers (adult, children & teens)
- Container Grown Plants/Planters
- Adult veggies
- Home Gardener displays
- Herbs, Edible Flowers
- Vegetable Art (children)
- Fruit (adult & children)
- Community Garden Display
- Commercial Growers (vegetables & fruit)
- Children/teen veggies
- "face to face" judging on Sat, August 29 at 1pm
- Christmas trees/Wreaths/Swags/Arrangements
- To be judged on Sat, August 29 at 11am
- Canning & Preserving (adult & youth)
- To be judged on Sun, August 30 at 1pm

2nd JUDGING SESSION*

Drop Off Tuesday, September 1 12pm-8pm

ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 9PM

To be judged Wed, September 2 at 9am unless otherwise noted.

- Flower Arrangements (adult, children & teens)
- Professional Fresh Flower Arrangements (Home & Business Florists)
- Fresh Cut Flowers (adult, children & teens)
- Adult veggies
- Home Gardener displays
- Herbs, Edible Flowers
- Vegetable Art (children)
- Fruit (adult & children)
- Commercial Growers (vegetables & fruit)
- No Canning and preserving drop-off or judging 2nd session.
- No Bonsai accepted for exhibit 2nd session.
- No Heavyweight/Largest/Tallest/Longest vegetables drop-off for 2nd judging
- No container-grown plants for 2nd judging

Judges

Flowers and Plants

- ❖ Cheryl Dorschner - Freelance science, garden and food writer and photographer, Director of Flynn Garden Tour
- ❖ Patti Padua - Cobble Creek Nursery, Monkton Vermont
- ❖ Leonard Perry - Horticulture Professor Emeritus
- ❖ Jessica Hyman

Vegetables

- ❖ Charlie Nardozzi - Horticulturist, Garden Consultant, Coach
- ❖ Youth-TBD

Preserving & Canning

- ❖ Cathie Merrihew - Blue Ribbon Canning Book contributor. 20+ years of home canning experience
- ❖ Ethelyn Dubuque - Experienced home canner and gardener.

Christmas Trees

- ❖ Jim White, Patrick White

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Flower Arrangements - Children, Teens, Adults

Division A – Children

All children's entries are expected to be carried out with minimal adult involvement - please indicate child's age on exhibitor tag.

Class 1 – Children 9 and younger

		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Arrangement using a recyclable container ..	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Best Friends Theme Flower Arrangement ...	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Fairy Garden	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Fair Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Humorous Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Lunchbox Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Miniature Flower Arrangement (Not over 5" tall nor 5" wide)	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Mixed Cut Flower Arrangement three or more varieties of flowers.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	On the Farm Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
10.	Pet Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
11.	Seashore Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
12.	Sport Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
13.	Individual Display of Exhibitor's Choice.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

Class 2 – Children 10-12

		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Arrangement using a recyclable container...	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Best Friends Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Fair Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Fairy Garden	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Humorous Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Lunchbox Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Miniature Flower Arrangement (Not over 5" tall nor 5" wide)	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Mixed Cut Flower Arrangement three or more varieties of flowers	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	On the Farm Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
10.	Pet Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
11.	Seashore Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
12.	Sport Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
13.	Individual Display of Exhibitor's Choice.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

Best of Show Rosettes will be awarded for both flower judgments

**Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arranging. This arrangement is judged on minimalism, shape, line, form, humanity, aesthetics, and balance.*

Division B – Teens

Open to teens 13 - 17.

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Arrangement using a recyclable container ..	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Fair Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Flower Arrangement in a Basket	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Humorous Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Miniature Flower Arrangement (Not over 5" tall nor 5" wide)	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Mixed Cut Flower Arrangement three or more varieties of flowers	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Music Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Pet Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	Sport Theme Flower Arrangement	\$5	\$3	\$1
10.	Individual Display of Exhibitor's Choice.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

Division C – Adult – Fresh Cut Flower Arrangements

All flowers and plant materials are expected to be grown by the exhibitor or wild collected.

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Art and Flowers – (display a painting, sculpture, photo, etc.) include a floral interpretation complementing the artwork.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
2.	Breakfast Theme Flower Arrangement	\$10	\$5	\$2
3.	Coastal Theme Flower Arrangement.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
4.	Fair Theme Flower Arrangement	\$10	\$5	\$2
5.	Fairy Garden	\$10	\$5	\$2
6.	Foliage Only Theme	\$10	\$5	\$2
7.	Formal Table Centerpiece Arrangement.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
8.	Harvest Time Arrangement (a mixture of flowers, foliage, garden fruit).....	\$10	\$5	\$2
9.	Holiday Theme.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
10.	*Ikebana Flower Arrangement	\$10	\$5	\$2
11.	Individual Place Setting (using flowers, plate, silverware and place mat)	\$10	\$5	\$2
12.	Kitchen Concoction Flower Arrangement...	\$10	\$5	\$2
13.	Miniature Flower Arrangement (Not over 5" tall nor 5" wide)	\$10	\$5	\$2
14.	Mixed Cut Flower Arrangement in a Basket (3 or more varieties).....	\$10	\$5	\$2
15.	Mixed Cut Flower Arrangement in a Vase (3 or more varieties).....	\$10	\$5	\$2
16.	Shades of One-Color Arrangement (3 or more varieties).....	\$10	\$5	\$2
17.	Teatime Arrangement (using a cup and saucer, mug, or teapot).....	\$10	\$5	\$2
18.	Wildflower Arrangement (not considered endangered or threatened)	\$10	\$5	\$2
19.	Winter Theme	\$10	\$5	\$2
20.	Woodland/Forest Theme.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
21.	Wearable Flowers.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
22.	Individual Display of Exhibitor's Choice....	\$10	\$5	\$2

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Adult Dried Flower Arrangements, Cut Flowers

Division D – Adult – Dried Flower Arrangements

All flowers and plant materials are expected to be grown by the exhibitor or wild collected.

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Basket of Dried Flowers (3 or more varieties)	\$10	\$5	\$2
2.	Vase Arrangement.....	\$10	\$5	\$2
3.	Mixed Arrangement of Dried Flowers (3 or more varieties).....	\$10	\$5	\$2

Additional clarification - Dried flower arrangements can be entered in each flower judging, but not the same arrangement.

Professional Divisions

Home Professional Florist – New!

A florist who grows their own flowers and sells their arrangements to the public, usually a seasonal business.

Business Professional Florist

Year-round businesses who purchase their flowers for use in arrangements they sell to the public.

Division P – Adult – Professionals

Class A - Home Professional

Class A - Home Professional		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
<i>Your own interpretation of the following themes:</i>				
1.	A Floral Feast	\$25	\$20	\$15
2.	The Root of All Things.....	\$25	\$20	\$15
3.	Over the Garden Fence.....	\$25	\$20	\$15
4.	Summer in Vermont	\$25	\$20	\$15
5.	Individual Display of Exhibitor's Choice....	\$25	\$20	\$15

Class B - Business Professional

Class B - Business Professional		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
<i>Your own interpretation of the following themes:</i>				
1.	In The Garden	\$25	\$20	\$15
2.	Fair Theme.....	\$25	\$20	\$15
3.	Summer Fun	\$25	\$20	\$15
4.	Vermont Theme	\$25	\$20	\$15
5.	Individual Display of Exhibitor's Choice...	\$25	\$20	\$15

Division E – Adult – Cut Flowers

- Stem below waterline must be free of leaves.
- Entries must be labeled with specific variety of flower.
- Use sharp knife or floral scissors to cut across the flower stem at an angle to provide a wide cut surface for water uptake. No leaves left in the water.
- A spray is a group of flowers on one stem
- **NO PERSONAL CONTAINERS FOR CUT FLOWERS**
- Only 1 entry per lot unless noted

Class I - Annuals, Biennials

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Amaranthus - 1 stem.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
2.	Asters, 3 blooms	\$3	\$2	\$1
3.	Calendula - 3 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
4.	Castor Bean - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
5.	Celosia - 3 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
6.	Chinese Lantern - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
7.	Cleome - Spider Flower - 3 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
8.	Coleus - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
9.	Cosmos - 3 blooms.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
10.	Datura— 1 stem.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
11.	Dianthus - 3 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
12.	Dusty Miller - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
13.	Gerbera Daisy - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
14.	Gomphrena - 3 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
15.	Heliotrope – 1 spray	\$3	\$2	\$1
16.	Lisianthus - 2 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
17.	Marigold-large (2" or larger) - 3 blooms.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
18.	Marigold-small (smaller than 2") - 5 blooms..	\$3	\$2	\$1
19.	Petunia – 3 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
20.	Salvia - 3 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
21.	Snapdragon - 5 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
22.	Statice - 3 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
23.	Sunflower - yellow - 1 bloom	\$3	\$2	\$1
24.	Sunflower - teddy bear - 1 bloom.	\$3	\$2	\$1
25.	Sunflower - bicolor -1 bloom	\$3	\$2	\$1
26.	Sunflower – other color - 1 bloom	\$3	\$2	\$1
27.	Sweet Pea - Lathyrus odoranis - 5 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
28.	*Zinnia, 3 standard stems, 2"+	\$3	\$2	\$1
29.	*Zinnia, mini, 5 stems, under 2"	\$3	\$2	\$1
30.	*Annual Geranium – 1 bloom.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
31.	Other, not listed - 1 stem.....	\$3	\$2	\$1

* Exhibitors can enter more than one variety

* Judges will be looking for differences between flowers, like size and color – not all to look the same.

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Cut Flowers & Container Grown Plants

Division E – Adult – Cut Flowers

All entries must be labeled with specific variety of flower.

Class II - Herbaceous Perennials

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Artemisia - 2 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
2.	Aster, Perennial - 1 Stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
3.	Bellflower, Campanula - 2 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
4.	Chrysanthemum - 3 sprays	\$3	\$2	\$1
5.	Coneflower - 3 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
6.	Coreopsis (Tickseed) - 2 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
7.	Delphinium - 1 spike	\$3	\$2	\$1
8.	Gaillardia - 5 blooms.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
9.	Gooseneck Loosestrife - 1 stem.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
10.	Helianthus - 2 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
11.	Hosta - flowers only - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
12.	Hydrangea - 1 stem (All colors accepted)	\$3	\$2	\$1
<i>Exhibitor may enter multiple colors</i>				
13.	Monarda (Beebalm) - 2 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
14.	Phlox - 1 stem (All colors accepted)	\$3	\$2	\$1
15.	Rose - 1 stem (All colors & var. accepted)....	\$3	\$2	\$1
<i>Exhibitor may enter multiple</i>				
16.	Rudbeckia, perennial - 1 bloom	\$3	\$2	\$1
17.	Russian Sage - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
18.	Sedum - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
19.	Shasta Daisy - 2 stems.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
20.	Yarrow - 2 stems	\$3	\$2	\$1
21.	Other not listed - 1 stem.....	\$3	\$2	\$1

Class III - Bulbs, Corms, Tubers

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Begonia - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
2.	Canna - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
3.	Dahlia - Dinner Plate - 6" or larger, 1 bloom..	\$3	\$2	\$1
4.	Dahlia - Large (3"-6") - 3 blooms.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
5.	Dahlia - Small (smaller than 3") - 5 blooms...	\$3	\$2	\$1
6.	*Gladiolas - Bicolor - 1 spike	\$3	\$2	\$1
7.	*Gladiolas - single color - 1 spike.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
8.	Lilies - Oriental or Asiatic - 1 stem	\$3	\$2	\$1
9.	Other bulbs not listed - one stem.....	\$3	\$2	\$1

* Gladiolas - exhibitors can enter more than one color & bicolor. List colors separately on sheet & tag.

One per lot unless noted.

Division F – Adult – Container Grown Plants

Single plant in an appropriate pot or container.

All entries must be labeled with specific variety.

Class 1 - House Plant Grown Primarily for Flowers

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	African Violet - Single	\$5	\$3	\$2
2.	African Violet - Double	\$5	\$3	\$2
3.	African Violet - Ruffled	\$5	\$3	\$2
4.	African Violet - Bi-color.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
5.	African Violet - Mini	\$5	\$3	\$2
6.	African Violet - Variegated foliage.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
7.	Orchids	\$5	\$3	\$2
8.	Other, not listed	\$5	\$3	\$2

Class 2 - House Plant Grown Plant Primarily for Foliage

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Aloe	\$5	\$3	\$2
2.	Baby tears	\$5	\$3	\$2
3.	Begonia - Other not listed	\$5	\$3	\$2
4.	Begonia Rex.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
5.	Cactus	\$5	\$3	\$2
6.	Caladium	\$5	\$3	\$2
7.	Chinese Evergreen (Aglaonema).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
8.	Christmas Cactus	\$5	\$3	\$2
9.	Coleus	\$5	\$3	\$2
10.	Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
11.	English Ivy.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
12.	Hoya	\$5	\$3	\$2
13.	Hypoestes (polka dot plant).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
14.	Indoor Fern	\$5	\$3	\$2
15.	Jade	\$5	\$3	\$2
16.	Norfolk Island Pine	\$5	\$3	\$2
17.	Oxalis	\$5	\$3	\$2
18.	Palm, any species or variety	\$5	\$3	\$2
19.	Philodendron, any species	\$5	\$3	\$2
20.	Pothos	\$5	\$3	\$2
21.	Prayer Plant	\$5	\$3	\$2
22.	Rubber Plant	\$5	\$3	\$2
23.	Sanseveria, Snake Plant	\$5	\$3	\$2
24.	Spider Plant, green leaf or variegated	\$5	\$3	\$2
25.	Succulents - Other not listed	\$5	\$3	\$2
26.	Topiary Plant			
	(trained or trimmed to a decorative shape).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
27.	Other, not listed	\$5	\$3	\$2

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Container Grown Plants, Bonsai, Vegetables

Division F – Adult – Container Grown Plants

Class 3 - Combination Planters - 3 or more varieties

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1. Window Box		\$5	\$3	\$2
2. Veggies & Herbs		\$5	\$3	\$2
3. Hanging Basket.....		\$5	\$3	\$2
4. Patio Container.....		\$5	\$3	\$2
5. Other (not listed)		\$5	\$3	\$2

Class 4 - Outdoor Plant, Grown Primarily for Flowers

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1. Begonia, Non-Stop		\$5	\$3	\$2
2. Fuchsia		\$5	\$3	\$2
3. Geranium Pelargonium		\$5	\$3	\$2
4. Impatiens		\$5	\$3	\$2
5. New Guinea Impatiens		\$5	\$3	\$2
6. Other, not listed		\$5	\$3	\$2

Class 5 - Outdoor Plant Grown for Foliage

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1. Scented Geranium		\$5	\$3	\$2
2. Coleus		\$5	\$3	\$2
3. Other, not listed		\$5	\$3	\$2

Division G - Adult - Bonsai

All Bonsai entries accepted Thursday, August 27, between 12pm and 8pm. Entries should be owned by exhibitor for one year prior to exhibit. All entries will be assessed by Green Mountain Bonsai Society intake at time of submission to ensure the tree(s) meet minimal standards for health, identification and presentation. Bonsai pickup and exhibit breakdown on Monday, September 7 between 8am and 12pm.

Bonsai and related entries will be exhibited in three categories: Bonsai in formal artistic display [formal presentation on a bonsai table, stand or other foundation with accessory stone or plantings]; Bonsai exhibiting seasonal growth and training [informal garden-style display]; and Kusamono [a bonsai-related art of mixed plantings]. Although there will be no bonsai criteria awards or ribbons given by GMBS judges this year, we will continue tradition of inviting viewers to vote for their personal favorites to be recognized as a "People's Choice"!

Vegetables

All vegetables entered for judging must be grown by the exhibitor in a home, community, or school garden.

Vegetable entries will be accepted from exhibitors age five through adults on Thursday, August 27 8am until 8pm & Tuesday, September 1 from 12pm until 8pm. Exhibitors may enter only one entry per lot number unless specified.

Each child or youth vegetable exhibitor and one accompanying parent or guardian will receive a free pass on Thursday, August 27 to attend the Fair on Saturday, August 29 and participate in face-to-face judging session.

Division B – Heavyweight entries (age 5 through adults) Weighed in on Thursday, August 27

Division C1 (ages 5-10) & D1 (ages 5-10) & C2 (ages 11-14) & D2(ages 11-14) – Vegetables/ Vegetable Art

Youth Face to Face Judging on Saturday, August 29, 1pm

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Suggestions for Preparing Vegetables for Display

- Beans - Harvest beans at tender stage with no noticeable bulges due to enclosed seeds. Use scissors to cut beans from plant; do not wash; wipe with soft cloth; trim stems to ¼ inch.
- Broccoli - Over three-inch head diameter, remove all leaves. Head and stock six to eight inches long.
- Cabbage - Do not peel excessively, leave layers of sound green outer leaves, but loose leaves should be removed. Trim root smooth with base of leaves.
- Carrots - Trim tops to 1-1.5" in length. Remove soil by brushing or washing in cold water, don't scrub.
- Cauliflower - Trim outer leaves even with outer edge of head, remove outer leaves, cut stem 1" below base of head.
- Celery - Trim leaves uniformly, cut roots even with stock.
- Celeriac - trim back roots to bulb.
- Cucumbers - Wipe clean with soft cloth, leave one quarter to one half inch stem.
- Eggplant - One inch of stem attached.
- Garlic - One inch stem, trim root to one inch of bulb.
- Kale - Five leaves w/stems in a jar with water.
- Kohlrabi - Cut root off at base. Cut leaves to within 1-1/2" of bulb.
- Leeks - wash dirt off. Trim roots to 1/2". Cut tops to 6". Do not display in water.
- Onions - Pull onions at least one week before the Fair to allow for curing time; trim tops to 1-inch, trim roots to ¼" of bulb; remove outer covering on bulb but only enough to make onion look clean and attractive; do not peel.
- Parsnips - Trim tops to 1-1.5" in length. Remove soil by brushing or washing in cold water, don't scrub.
- Peppers - Leave about 1/2" stem.
- Potatoes - Brush or wipe off with soft cloth, a paint brush works well. Be careful to avoid fork marks while digging.
- Rhubarb - Trim leaves two inches of leaf blade attached to stalk. Display in jar with water.
- Roots - Leave tops approximately one inch long on carrots, beets, parsnips, turnips. Wash carefully but do not scrub. Leave one tail on root.
- Squash and Pumpkin - Normal harvest size. Leave stem on.
- Summer Squash - Leave stem on. Scallop, Crookneck, Zucchini. Shell should be penetrable by thumb nail.
- Sweet Corn - Peel back husk to a width of one inch. Kernels should be visible for width of 3-5 rows along length of ear. Trim nub to 1 inch from base of ear.
- Tomatoes - Leave stems (cut with scissors).
- Watermelon - Leave about one inch stem.

Be sure to have the correct number of vegetables in each lot! Please label varieties of all vegetables, tomatoes and fruits.

Division A - Age 15 thru Adult Gardener

Division C1 - Youth Gardener (ages 5-10)

Division C2 - Youth Gardener (ages 11-14)

Class 1 - Home Gardener Exhibit

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Best and largest variety of produce raised in a home garden or community garden plot. (<i>Judges will consider vegetable quality, number of varieties, and labeling</i>)			
		\$25	\$15	\$10
2.	Most colorful and artistic display by a home gardener or community gardener presenting vegetables and edible flowers representing the theme "Sustainable Gardening." Display will be judged on color, variety of vegetables and flowers, and artistic presentation.....	\$25	\$15	\$10

Class 2 - Herbs, Edible Flowers - Youth accepted

1.	Herb Theme Garden - Collection of related herbs grown in one container at least 3 in container or grow in an individual pot grouping. (i.e. aromatic, tea garden, spaghetti sauce garden, salsa garden, Medicinal). Label the varieties.....	\$10	\$5	\$3
2.	Herb Collection - Best Display of at least five different kinds of herbs normally used to flavor foods (at least one bunch each in individual vases of water) Label with a sign including common and botanical name	\$10	\$5	\$3
3.	Single Herb Plant in a container - One herb per exhibitor, Label with a sign including common and botanical name	\$10	\$5	\$3
	Multiple Single Herb Entries are Allowed			
4.	Collection of three varieties of edible flowers (two stems of each in individual container provided by exhibitor). Label with a sign including common name use.....	\$10	\$5	\$3

Garden Center

Vegetables

Division A - Age 15 thru Adult Gardener

Division C1 - Youth Gardener (ages 5-10)

Division C2 - Youth Gardener (ages 11-14)

(Entries must include correct number of vegetables for each Lot # and be labeled with variety)

Class 3 - Root Crops / Underground Vegetables

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Five table beets.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
1a.	Five mixed beets	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Five table carrots.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Three rutabagas or turnips	\$5	\$3	\$1
3a.	One Gilfeather turnip	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Five yellow onions	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Five white onions.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Five purple onions.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Fifteen pickling onions	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Five onions, other.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	Best display of onions – must include 3 varieties with 2 onions each	\$5	\$3	\$2
10.	Garlic - plate of six	\$5	\$3	\$1
11.	Three leeks - tops cut to 6”(not in water)....	\$5	\$3	\$1
12.	Shallots - plate of six	\$5	\$3	\$1
13.	Three Green Mountain potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
14.	Three Kennebec potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
15.	Three Yukon Gold potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
16.	Three red potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
17.	Three blue potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
18.	Three Russett (baking) potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
19.	Three potatoes, other	\$5	\$3	\$1
20.	Display of Potatoes - must include 5 potato cultivars with 2 potatoes each (label cultivars)	\$10	\$5	\$3
21.	Five parsnips (5)	\$5	\$3	\$1
22.	Three sweet Potatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
23.	Two Celeriac	\$5	\$3	\$1

Class 4 - Cucurbit Crops

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Three Straight Yellow Summer Squash.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Three Yellow Crookneck Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Three Zucchini Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Two Patty Pan Squash.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Two Spaghetti Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Two Delicata Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Two Sweet Dumpling Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Two Butternut Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	Two Buttercup Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
10.	Two Acorn Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
11.	One Hubbard Squash.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
12.	Five Pickling Cucumbers.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
13.	Two Banana Squash	\$5	\$3	\$1
14.	Squash - Other Not Listed.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

15.	Three Table Cucumbers.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
16.	One Burpless/English Cucumber.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
17.	Three Lemon Cucumbers.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
18.	One Field Pumpkin.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
19.	Two Pie Pumpkins	\$5	\$3	\$1
20.	Five gourds of differing shapes, colors, and sizes Label varieties.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
21.	Best display of gourds (display must include 10 gourds with at least 3 varieties).....	\$10	\$5	\$3
22.	Best Display of Summer Squash (2 each of 3 Summer Squash varieties with stems attached) Label varieties	\$10	\$5	\$3
23.	Best Display of Winter Squash (2 each of 3 Winter Squash varieties with stems attached) Label varieties.....	\$10	\$5	\$3
24.	One round watermelon	\$10	\$5	\$3
25.	One oblong watermelon	\$10	\$5	\$3
26.	Two cantaloupes.....	\$10	\$5	\$3
27.	One Cinderella Pumpkin	\$10	\$5	\$3
28.	Other not listed.....	\$10	\$5	\$3

Class 5 – Legumes

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Ten green beans	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Ten yellow/wax beans	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Ten Romano beans	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Ten Lima beans.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Ten Beans, other not listed - label variety....	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	One quart of dried beans - label variety.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Ten Snap pea pods - label variety	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Ten Snow pea pods - label variety.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	Ten edible soybean pods.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
10.	Other not listed.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

Class 6 - Solanaceous Fruits

(Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants)

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Five red tomatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Five tomatoes of a type other than red, cherry, pear, or plum (No Green Tomatoes).....	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Fifteen grape tomatoes.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Five plum tomatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Fifteen red cherry tomatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Fifteen cherry tomatoes (other than red).....	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Fifteen red pear tomatoes.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
8.	Fifteen yellow pear tomatoes	\$5	\$3	\$1
9.	Five tomatillos	\$5	\$3	\$1
10.	Five husk-tomatoes or ground-cherries.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
11.	Best display of small tomatoes 5 each of at least 4 labeled varieties)	\$10	\$5	\$3
12.	Best display of heirloom tomatoes (5 each of 4 varieties any color. label varieties).....	\$10	\$5	\$3
13.	Five green bell peppers	\$5	\$3	\$1

Garden Center

Vegetables

Division A - Age 15 thru Adult Gardener

Division C1 - Youth Gardener (ages 5-10)

Division C2 - Youth Gardener (ages 11-14)

(Entries must include correct number of vegetables for each Lot # and be labeled with variety)

Class 6 - Solanaceous Fruits

(Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants)

		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
14.	Five bell peppers other than green.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
15.	Five sweet frying peppers	\$5	\$3	\$1
16.	Five Jalapeno peppers	\$5	\$3	\$1
17.	Five chili peppers.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
18.	Five Hungarian wax peppers	\$5	\$3	\$1
19.	Five Cherry Bomb peppers	\$5	\$3	\$1
20.	Five Habanero peppers	\$5	\$3	\$1
21.	Five hot peppers, any other variety	\$5	\$3	\$1
22.	Best display of hot peppers (two each of at least four varieties)	\$10	\$5	\$3
23.	Best display of sweet peppers (two each of at least four varieties)	\$10	\$5	\$3
24.	Two purple eggplants.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
25.	Two white eggplants.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
26.	Two eggplants of a variety other than purple or white	\$5	\$3	\$1
27.	Other not listed (# per variety).....	\$5	\$3	\$1
28.	Vegetable in a pot - Ex. one tomato or one pepper or one eggplant in a pot			

Class 7 - Corn

		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Three ears pop corn.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Three ears bicolor sweet corn	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Three ears white sweet corn	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Three ears yellow sweet corn	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	Other not listed.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

**Reminder - Do not husk entire ear. Peel back a one-inch section of the husk to display 3-5 rows of corn along the length of the ear.*

Class 8 - Crucifer Crops

		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	One head of cauliflower.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	One head of green cabbage	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	One head of red cabbage	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	One Chinese Cabbage.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	One bunch of broccoli	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Fifteen brussel sprouts	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Three kohlrabi.....	\$5	\$3	\$1

Class 9 - Miscellaneous

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	One bunch of celery	\$5	\$3	\$1
2.	Swiss Chard (5 leaves with stems).....	\$5	\$3	\$1
3.	Five pods of Okra	\$5	\$3	\$1
4.	Rhubarb (2 stalks)	\$5	\$3	\$1
5.	*Vegetable Oddity	\$5	\$3	\$1
6.	Kale - Five leaves with stems.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
7.	Other (not listed in other classes).....	\$5	\$3	\$1

**Vegetable oddity includes any vegetable with naturally occurring markings, shape, or color*

Division B - Heavyweight/Largest/Tallest/Longest

All exhibits must be entered between 8am and 8pm

Thursday, Aug 27. No second judging.

		Prizes		
Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Heaviest Cabbage (stem not more than 4" long).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
2.	Heaviest field pumpkin (with hard and fluted stem).....	\$10	\$5	\$3
3.	Heaviest Hubbard Squash	\$5	\$3	\$2
4.	Heaviest tomato (need not be red).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
5.	Heaviest watermelon (must be over 5 lb)..	\$10	\$5	\$3
6.	Heaviest zucchini (must be over 7 lb).....	\$5	\$3	\$2
7.	Heaviest Marrow	\$5	\$3	\$2
8.	Heaviest onion	\$5	\$3	\$2
9.	Longest bean pod	\$5	\$3	\$2
10.	Longest cucumber	\$5	\$3	\$2
11.	Longest carrot	\$5	\$3	\$2
12.	Heaviest potato	\$5	\$3	\$2
13.	Heaviest turnip or rutabaga	\$5	\$3	\$2
14.	Tallest Sunflower stalk (exhibited in pail of soil with roots intact).....	\$20	\$10	\$5
15.	Widest Sunflower head	\$5	\$3	\$2
16.	Longest Gourd (minimum 48")	\$5	\$3	\$2
17.	Heaviest pumpkin/squash cross (\$100 bonus for breaking the CVF 2024 pumpkin/squash record of 1,327.5 lbs, held by Wilbur Horton. Must weigh a minimum of 200 lbs to qualify for prize money. All size pumpkins will be accepted for display. Pumpkins must be free of rot holes or cracks to the cavity of the fruit. The Fair reserves the right to probe cracks, holes, and soft spots to judge a fruit to be official or not)	\$300	\$200	\$100 \$75 \$50
18.	Youth ages 14 & under - Heaviest pumpkin/ squash cross. Medals will be awarded to the three heaviest Giant youth pumpkins.			

Garden Center

Youth Vegetable Art, Community Gardens, Fruits, Canning & Preserving

Division D - Vegetable Art

D1 - Ages 5-10

D2 - Ages 11-14

This division is open to children and youth exhibitors. Exhibits will be judged in the face-to-face judging on Saturday, Aug 29 at 1pm. Exhibits that meet criteria will receive ribbons.

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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1. Vegetable Character or Sculpture - Using only fresh fruit and vegetables grown by the exhibitor in a home, school, or community garden, create a vegetable character or sculpture. Toothpicks or pins may be used to connect vegetables if desired, but NOT glue. Include the title of your entry on the exhibit tag. Ground rules: cutting and carving are allowed as long as vegetables resemble their original form; other materials and paint are not allowed. One entry per exhibitor.

Vegetable Art.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
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Division E - Fruits

Judging

- Quality (color, ripeness, blemish and disease free)
- Uniformity (size, shape, color)
- Display Attractiveness

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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1. Five apples of any named cultivar	\$5	\$3	\$1
2. Best display of mixed fruits (3 kinds)	\$5	\$3	\$1
3. Five pears (one named cultivar)	\$5	\$3	\$1
4. Five peaches (one named cultivar).....	\$5	\$3	\$1
5. Plate of 15 crabapples.....	\$5	\$3	\$1
6. Basket of everbearing strawberries	\$5	\$3	\$1
7. Basket of everbearing raspberries	\$5	\$3	\$1
8. Basket of blueberries	\$5	\$3	\$1
9. Five Plums	\$5	\$3	\$1
10. Other not listed	\$5	\$3	\$1

Division F – Community Gardens

(Note: Please preregister with the Garden Center Superintendent by Aug. 26 to assure we provide adequate space for your display.)

Judging

- Quality and diversity of vegetables
- Creativity in developing the theme
- Aesthetic impact of the display

Create a thematic display using a diversity of vegetables and flowers grown in your community, school, or neighborhood garden, combined with photographs that show the garden site and gardeners. The space provided for the display will be a table area. Include the location and name of the garden site in your display.

Theme - "In the Garden"

Community Gardens	\$25	\$15	\$10
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Division G – Canning and Preserving

GA - Adults & GY - Youth 14 & Under

- Only standard canning jars permitted. No cloth decorations on jars. Jar must be sealed with jar ring left on.
- Youth entries under 14, please add your age to exhibitor's tag.
- No artificial color or preservative can be used. The majority of fruits and vegetables should be Vermont grown. All entries must be preserved during the 12 months prior to the 2026 Fair and must be preserved by exhibitor. Fruit only ready for harvest in Fall of 2026 is also allowed.
- Each jar must be labeled on the bottom with the following information: category, lot, month, year canned, and exhibitor number. Labels will be provided. Do not place your name on label.
- Each jar must be accompanied by a file card with the recipe used, processing time, and processing procedure.
- All entries must be properly sealed and processed according to USDA recommendations for that product.
- Written process procedure is required for judging to ensure food safety for judges.
- All entries need to have written processing steps as well as demonstrate that the recipe used comes from an approved USDA recipe source (Ball Canning Guide, Extension Publications, USDA recipes from National Home Food Preservation Center at Univ. of Georgia). Source of recipe needs to be written on recipe card. Only tested recipes are safe to use in preventing the possibility of dangerous bacteria growing. Entries without this information will be disqualified.

Judging Criteria

Jellies, Jams, and Other Sweet Spreads

Pack
Color
Clarity (Jellies)
Consistency
Container
Flavor/Odor

Canned Fruits, Tomatoes & Vegetables

Pack
Quality of Product
Quality of Liquid
Container

Preserve, Marmalade

Clarity or Clearness
Color
Pack
Texture/Consistency
Container
Flavor/Odor

Fruit Preserves

Pack
Quality of Fruit
Quality of Syrup
Container
Flavor/Odor

Pickled & Fermented Foods

Container
Size and Shape
Pack
Texture
Color
Liquid

Fruit Butters

Color
Pack
Consistency
Container

Garden Center

Canning & Preserving, Commercial Growers

Class 1 - Multiples

Two jars each of the three different kinds (6 jars). One jar for the judges to taste and one for exhibition.

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Best Exhibit of jam varieties three different kinds (2 jars each).....	\$10	\$6	\$4
2.	Best exhibit of jelly varieties three different kinds (2 jars each).....	\$10	\$6	\$4
3.	Best exhibit of sweet pickle varieties three different kinds - (2 jars each)	\$10	\$6	\$4
4.	Best exhibit of sour pickle varieties three different kinds - (2 jars each).....	\$10	\$6	\$4
5.	Best exhibit of sweet and sour pickles	\$10	\$6	\$4
6.	Best exhibit of fruits and/or vegetables three different kinds - all same size jar (2 jars each)	\$10	\$6	\$4

Class 2 - Singles - (two jars each)

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Jellies	\$5	\$3	\$2
2.	Jam.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
3.	Freezer Jam.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
4.	Preserves, Marmalades	\$5	\$3	\$2
5.	Sweet Pickles	\$5	\$3	\$2
6.	Sour Pickles	\$5	\$3	\$2
7.	Relishes/Chutney.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
8.	Vegetables (including tomatoes)	\$5	\$3	\$2
9.	Fruits	\$5	\$3	\$2
10.	Salsa	\$5	\$3	\$2
11.	Sugar free jellies	\$5	\$3	\$2
12.	Sugar free jams.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
13.	Sugar free preserves, marmalades	\$5	\$3	\$2
14.	Fruit Butter/Spreads.....	\$5	\$3	\$2
15.	Juices (Fruit/Veggie)	\$5	\$3	\$2
16.	Miscellaneous Single Entry	\$5	\$3	\$2
17.	Other not listed.....	\$5	\$3	\$2

Additional Clarification

- Sour pickles have no sugar or low sugar
- Sweet pickles have approx. equal amounts of sugar and vinegar. Dilli beans are a sour pickle.
- Any product with jello is a freezer jam only and must be refrigerated
- PLEASE DO NOT ADD ALCOHOL to canning & preserving exhibits for judging. Thank you!
- Limit of 50 varieties per exhibitor for canning & preserving

Division A - Commercial Grower

Class 1 - Commercial Grower Exhibit

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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1. Best and largest variety of produce raised and exhibited by a commercial vegetable grower, including community supported agriculture. (Judges will consider vegetable quality, number of kinds and cultivars, attractiveness of display and labeling. Processed vegetables will not be counted except for attractiveness.)\$100 \$75 \$50

Class 2 - Commercial Grower - Fruits and Nuts

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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1. Best overall display by a grower\$40 \$25 \$18
2. Best retail package, three pounds or more, any named cultivar of apple \$40 \$25 \$18
3. Best summer apple display of 25 apples.....\$40 \$25 \$18
4. Display tray of one each of a diversity of apples \$40 \$25 \$18

Excellent

5. Five Macintosh apples.....\$10
6. Five Empire apples.....\$10
7. Five Red Delicious apples.....\$10
8. Five other apples of one named cultivar.....\$10
Multiple varieties are allowed
9. Five Bartlett pears.....\$10
10. Five Anjou pears.....\$10
11. Five Clapps Favorite pears.....\$10
12. Five other pears of one named cultivar.....\$10
Multiple varieties are allowed
13. Twenty crabapples (Named cultivar).....\$10
14. Five peaches of one named cultivar.....\$10
15. Ten nuts of any kind.....\$10
16. Ten plums.....\$10

Additional Clarification

- Every plate of apples that meets US Fancy Grade is considered for judging and prize money
- Excellent should be relatively uniform shape and color

Class 3 - Small Fruits

Prizes

Lot #	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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1. Best display of small fruits (plums, grapes, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries).....\$20 \$13 \$8
2. Best basket of fruit/gift package grown by a Vermont Small Fruits and Vegetable Grower..... \$20 \$13 \$8
3. Misc. fruit - one entry of commercially produced fruit not listed above \$20 \$13 \$8

Garden Center

Market Gardener & Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Swags, Christmas Arrangements

Division B - Market Gardener

Class 1 – Market Gardener

(Note: Please pre-register with the Garden Center Superintendent by Tuesday, August 25 to assure we provide adequate space for your display.)

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Best and largest variety of produce raised and exhibited by a market gardener. Market gardener is defined as someone who doesn't support themselves full time by gardening. <i>(Judges will consider vegetable quality, number of varieties, attractiveness of display and labeling. Processed vegetables will not be counted except for attractiveness)</i>	\$25	\$15	\$10
2.	Best display of crucifers <i>(include four cultivars and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3
3.	Best display of cucurbits <i>(include three kinds and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3
4.	Best display of onions <i>(include three cultivars and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3
5.	Best display of peppers <i>(include three cultivars and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3
6.	Best display of potatoes <i>(include three cultivars and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3
7.	Best display of root crops <i>(include three cultivars and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3
8.	Best display of tomatoes <i>(include three cultivars and label each)</i>	\$10	\$5	\$3

Class 2 - Market Gardener Fruits

Lot #	Description	Prizes		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Five apples of any named cultivar	\$5	\$3	\$2
2.	Best display of mixed fruits (3 kinds)	\$5	\$3	\$2
3.	Five pears (one named cultivar)	\$5	\$3	\$2
4.	Five peaches (one named cultivar)	\$5	\$3	\$2
5.	Plate of 15 crabapples	\$5	\$3	\$2
6.	Basket of blueberries	\$5	\$3	\$2
7.	Basket of everbearing strawberries	\$5	\$3	\$2
8.	Basket of everbearing raspberries	\$5	\$3	\$2

Christmas Trees

Rules for Exhibitors

Each farm may exhibit one six-to-ten-foot tree of each type of commercially grown Christmas tree. All entries must be grown in Vermont. Youth may enter one tree per class and can enter one table top tree for each class.

All Christmas trees will be judged and awarded ribbons and premiums as follows:

- Excellent – Blue (\$50)
- Good – Red (\$30)
- Fair – Yellow (\$10)

All wreaths, swags, arrangements will be judged and awarded ribbons and premiums as follows:

- Excellent – Blue (\$25)
- Good – Red (\$15)
- Fair – Yellow (\$5)

Christmas trees may be awarded rosettes at the judges discretion. One Best of Show rosette may be awarded for a tree, wreath, swag, or Christmas arrangement.

Judging Criteria - Christmas Trees

Points will be awarded for consumer appeal as a Christmas tree, superior foliage quality and color, shearing quality/results which include sides/top/handle and lack of any other defects.

Judging Criteria - Wreaths/Swags & Arrangements

Points are awarded for exhibition of proper quality in foliage freshness, color, workmanship of construction, originality, arrangement of decorations and bow, and overall appearance.

Christmas Tree Class 1

Lot #	Description	Size
1.	Fir Trees - Balsam/Frasier/Canaan, etc.	(6-8')
2.	Exotic and Hybrid trees	(6-8')
3.	Youth Table Top	
4.	Christmas Wreath/Swags - Decorated	
5.	Christmas Arrangements	

Garden Center

The Expo North Garden Center

Entry Form

☐ New Exhibitor ☐ Adult ☐ Child Exhibitor # _____

Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate all classes you are entering

	Department	Division	Class	Lot #	Description	Place	Award
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Total \$ Awarded							

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Questions? E-mail Lori King at gardencenter@cvexpo.org

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