

# Horticulture

## 2025 Open Class Exhibitors Guide

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## 2025 Kitsap Fair & Stampede

August 20-23, 2025      10 AM to 9 PM

August 24, 2025      10 AM to 6 PM

Open Horticulture Entry Date and Location: All exhibits must be entered between Noon and 8 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the President Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds & Events Center (1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton). There is no Entry fee.

### HORTICULTURE SUPERINTENDENTS:

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## GENERAL OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENT RULES

1. These rules apply to all departments in Open Class unless changes are noted under special department rules.
2. NO EXHIBITS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS BEFORE 10:00 A.M., MONDAY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF THE FAIR.
3. Age break for exhibitors as follows: (unless otherwise noted under special department rules)
  - Children 10 years and under
  - Junior 11 through 17 years
  - Adult 18 through 59 years
  - Sr. Citizen 60 years and over
4. Removal of any exhibit, prior to dismissal time, from display area will be seen as a final act and will result in immediate forfeiture of all premiums, points, and privileges by the exhibitor. Further, exhibitors may be suspended from future exhibiting at the Kitsap Fair.
5. No premium money will be paid in Open Class exhibit departments.
6. Each entry must be the work of the exhibitor.
7. Only one entry per lot number will be accepted from any one exhibitor, unless otherwise noted under special department rules.
8. No professional may enter an exhibit in any department unless allowed by individual department rules.
9. Work entered at any previous Kitsap Fair is not eligible.
10. Late entries CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. **Please read the Exhibitor's Guide carefully.**
11. Each exhibitor should check entry tag to insure it is marked properly as to each age group, division, class, and lot number.
12. Please do not bring in items that have no divisions or lot numbers, as they cannot be judged.
13. The Kitsap Fair cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to entries. The utmost care will be exercised to protect all exhibits.
14. Rules and regulations exist to ensure fairness and equality in judging and are for the protection of the exhibitor. If you wish to see changes, please inform the department superintendent in writing so suggestions may be evaluated and included in future planning.
15. Each exhibitor will receive one 5-day admission pass to the Fair. This pass must be picked up on the day of entry. One pass per exhibitor. Exhibitors must provide an entry card or entry form, to pick up their pass. Exhibitors will also be given the opportunity to purchase a 5-day parking pass at a reduced rate. This pass must be purchased on the day of entry.

## SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Entry Date: Monday before Fair (8/19), from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Presidents' Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds. All Exhibitors must comply with all General Rules and the Special Department Rules and must purchase a current year Exhibitor's Pass.
2. Open to any AMATEUR six (6) years of age and older. An Amateur is defined as one who grows fruits or vegetables for exhibition as a hobby or one who grows for home use. Persons who grow fruits and vegetables on a commercial endeavor shall not be allowed to exhibit.
3. **Exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.** Children six (6) years of age and older may have only adult supervision as an aid to them in growing their exhibits.
4. No article will be allowed to compete for more than one award. Thus, if you have a collection of fruits and vegetables, you must have duplicates to compete in other classes.
5. Trays will be provided by the Fair.
6. All entries should be of marketable quality; that is without insect or disease or weather damage.
7. To win an award greater than a Blue Ribbon, variety must be named.
8. Any entry that has lost its exhibit value due to decomposition or drying may be discarded at the discretion of the Superintendent.
9. **Exhibits and awards will be discarded or donated to a food bank or food kitchen after the fair unless specified at entry.** Items whose tags have been marked for pickup may be picked up on Monday following the Fair from 10:00 a.m. To 6:00 p.m. In Presidents Hall.
10. **Exhibits not claimed, if usable, will be donated to Food Banks/Kitchens.**
11. If the Awards are not claimed on Monday after Fair, contact the Office, 360.286.2319 to arrange pick up.
12. Please have your entry ticket stub when claiming entries/awards

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE JUDGING RULES

Judges are looking for **showmanship** and **presentation**. Except for awards greater than a blue ribbon, entries are judged on the standards below, not against other exhibits of the same produce. Please include variety and source, if possible.

- Please remember these six important quality points before you bring in your fruits and vegetable exhibits:
- **FORM** – Fruit/vegetable should be **typical form** for the variety for the locality where grown.
- **SIZE** – Fruit/vegetable should be of **commercial size** and conform to sizes given in connection with varieties listed.
- **COLOR** – Fruit/vegetable should have **very high, clear, intense colors** characteristic of the variety.
- **UNIFORMITY** – All specimens in each entry should be the same cultivar/variety and **uniform in size, form, and maturity**.
- **RIPENESS** – Fruit/vegetable must be **marketable** and of **edible quality**. It must be ripe.
- **LACK OF BLEMISH**– Specimens for exhibit must be **free from defects**, including insects, disease, and mechanical damage.

### Class 1 Fruits and Nuts

- Lot 1 Apples, any variety, 3, stems on
- Lot 2 Blackberries, Boysenberries, 1 cup, scapes removed (8 oz. measure)
- Lot 3 Blueberries, Gooseberries, Currants, 1 cup (8 oz. measure)
- Lot 4 Crabapples, any variety, stems on, 5
- Lot 5 Figs, any variety, 5
- Lot 6 Grapes, local, any variety, 1 bunch
- Lot 7 Honeydew Melon, 1
- Lot 8 Hardy Kiwi, 5, stems on: Fuzzy Kiwi, 3
- Lot 9 Muskmelon, 1
- Lot 10 Nuts, filbert, 18, husks off

- Lot 11 Nuts, walnut, 12, husks off
- Lot 12 Peaches, any variety, 3
- Lot 13 Pears, Asian, stems on, 3
- Lot 14 Pears, any other variety, stems on, 3
- Lot 15 Plums, red, 5 same variety
- Lot 16 Plums, yellow, 5 same variety
- Lot 17 Prunes, 5 same variety
- Lot 18 Quince, any variety, 5
- Lot 19 Raspberry, 1 cup, scapes removed, (8 oz. measure)
- Lot 20 Strawberry, 12, stems and caps on
- Lot 21 Watermelon, 1
- Lot 22 Berries not listed above, 1 cup, same variety

## **Class 2 Vegetables**

- Lot 1 Artichoke, 1
- Lot 2 Beans, snap, any variety & color, 12, stems on
- Lot 3 Beans, large (eaten in pod), 12 pods, stems on
- Lot 4 Beans, shelling stage, any variety, 12 pods, stems on
- Lot 5 Beans, shelled, dry, any variety, 1 cup
- Lot 6 Beets (baby), up to 1½", 1" tops, any variety, 5
- Lot 7 Beets (table), 1½" to 3½", 1" tops, any variety, 3
- Lot 8 Beets, stock or mangle, any variety, 3
- Lot 9 Broccoli, any variety, 1 head
- Lot 10 Brussels sprouts, off the stem 12
- Lot 10a Brussels sprouts, on one stem (no specific number of sprouts)
- Lot 11 Cabbage, early, 1 head
- Lot 12 Cabbage, late (Dutch flat), 1 head
- Lot 13 Cabbage, red, 1 head
- Lot 14 Cabbage, Savoy, 1 head
- Lot 15 Carrots, large, 3, 1" top, roots untrimmed
- Lot 16 Carrots, table size, 6, 1" top, roots untrimmed
- Lot 17 Cauliflower, any variety, 1 head
- Lot 18 Celery, 1 head or 3 stalks, trim leaves 1" from top
- Lot 19 Corn, sweet, 3 ears, husks off
- Lot 20 Cucumbers, pickling, up to 5", 5
- Lot 21 Cucumbers, slicing, 5" or longer, 3
- Lot 22 Cucumbers, novelty, long, 1; round, 3
- Lot 23 Eggplant, 3
- Lot 24 Garlic, 3 bulbs, may be braided
- Lot 25 Garlic, elephant, 3 bulbs
- Lot 26 Gourds, any variety, 3
- Lot 27 Greens, chard, collard, kale, leaf lettuce, mustard, spinach, growing in soil or container of water

- Lot 28 Horseradish, 2 roots
- Lot 29 Kohlrabi, Rutabagas, Turnips, any variety, 3
- Lot 30 Leeks, 3
- Lot 31 Lettuce, any variety, 1 head
- Lot 32 Onions, bunching, 3
- Lot 33 Onions, green, table size, 5, trim roots to 1"
- Lot 34 Onions, red, dry, 3, trim roots and tops
- Lot 35 Onions, yellow or white, dry, 3, trim roots & tops
- Lot 36 Parsnip, 1½" to 3½" in diameter, 3
- Lot 37 Peas, sugar snap or snow, 12 pods, with stems
- Lot 38 Peas, shelling or dried, 12 pods
- Lot 39 Peas, shelling, shelled, dry, any variety, 1 cup
- Lot 40 Peppers, Hot, any variety, 5
- Lot 41 Peppers, Sweet, any variety, 3
- Lot 42 Popcorn, 3 ears, husks off
- Lot 43 Potatoes, red, 5, uniform in size
- Lot 44 Potatoes, white, 5, uniform in size
- Lot 45 Potatoes, other varieties, blue, yellow, etc., 5, uniform in size
- Lot 46 Potatoes, fingerlings, 5
- Lot 47 Pumpkin, field, any variety, 10 – 20 pounds, 1
- Lot 48 Pumpkin, sugar, pie type, under 10 pounds, 1
- Lot 49 Pumpkin, miniature (Jack Be Little) etc., 1
- Lot 50 Radishes, trim leaves to ¼", 5
- Lot 51 Rhubarb, 3 stalks, break from the plant (don't cut), trim leaves 1" from stem
- Lot 52 Shallots, 5
- Lot 53 Squash, summer, 9" or less, 3 same variety, all types
- Lot 54 Squash, winter, 1, all types
- Lot 55 Tomatillos, husks on, 5
- Lot 56 Tomatoes, cherry, pear, grape or currant types, 10 same variety
- Lot 57 Tomatoes, all types not named above, 3 same variety, uniform in size

### **Class 3 Herbs and Seeds**

- Lot 1 Herbs, approx. 1" bundle of 8 – 10 sprigs, tied, in water
- Lot 2 Herbs, chives, parsley, etc. potted – one 4" to 6" pot
- Lot 3 Herbs, anise, dill, etc. – three heads; hops – 1 stem with 3 flower clusters, in water
- Lot 4 Seeds, any quantity, and any variety, displayed in the exhibitor's choice.

### **Class 4 New or Unusual Entries**

This class is mainly for varieties not commonly grown in the Northwest or for new varieties. Name of variety and seed source may be included on entry form. A seed catalog or seed packet may be included for clarity. May be induced, i.e., a cuke in a bottle, a squash grown in a mold, etc.

### **Class 5 Golden Age**

For residents of Healthcare Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. All participants' exhibits will be judged and awarded ribbons. This is a category unto itself and is judged separately from all other categories in Open Class Horticulture.

### **Class 6 The Big Ones!**

Entries will be judged solely on weight, size, circumference and/or length as measured and recorded at time of entry. Only 1 entry per entrant in each lot.

Lot 1 Pumpkins and Field squash.

Lot 2 Zucchini. Minimum 22" excluding stem

Lot 3 Root vegetables such as, beet, potato, radish, turnip, etc.

Lot 4 Sunflower, most perfect, edible type, seed head only, petals removed, the across diameter, 12"

Lot 5 Any other super-sized produce not mentioned above.

### **Class 7 Vegetable Oddities**

This class is for those strange and interesting fruits or vegetables that the garden produces on its own, through unusual natural growth. May also be induced, i.e., a cuke in a bottle, a squash grown in a mold, etc. This class will not be judged but may be open for a People's Choice Award. Entrants will receive an Unusual Ribbon.

### **Class 8 Educational Display**

The Education Award will be presented to the exhibit the judges deem the most valuable education for viewers.

### **Class 9 Patio Container Garden Collection**

This class is for container vegetable(s) or herb(s), 1 or more varieties, any size container.

### **Class 10 Best Use of Current Fair Theme: BARN in the USA**

### **Class 11 Scarecrow Contest**

Create a fun and interesting scarecrow to decorate the fairgrounds. Suggested topics are traditional, fantasy, humorous, fair theme, or other. Entries must be self-standing or sitting; withstand weather in true scarecrow fashion; be all handmade, no mannequins. Small props allowed. Name sign 12"x18" allowed. The Rodeo Queen and court will judge. Entries deemed inappropriate for a family fair to be disqualified.

## **AWARDS**

Divisions are as follows:

- ▲ Youth/Junior (6-17 yrs.)
- ▲ Adults (18-59 yrs.)
- ▲ Seniors (60+ yrs.)

Ribbon Awards to all entries will be as follows:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Blue Ribbon
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Ribbon
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> White Ribbon

Honorable Mentions (Green Ribbon) and/or other special ribbons may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

One Superintendent's Choice Award may be awarded for one item overall. One "Best of Class" Ribbon may be awarded for each Class. One "Best of Show" ribbon will be awarded for each Division (Junior, Adult, and Senior). This recognizes the knowledge and ability of the grower rather than the quality of a single entry.