

FLORICULTURE
2025 Open Class Exhibitors Guide
2025 Kitsap Fair & Stampede
August 20-23, 2025 10 AM - 9 PM
August 24, 2025 10 AM - 6 PM

Floriculture Entry Date: All floral exhibits must be entered between Noon and 8 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the Kitsap Sun Pavilion, Kitsap County Fair Grounds

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.

SECTION I—HORTICULTURE

HORTICULTURE RULES

ENTRIES

1. Only one entry per Class will be accepted, except in a subdivision of that Class.
2. Entries: All exhibits must be entered between **Noon and 8 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025**, in the Kitsap Pavilion.
3. **One entry card must be filled out for each horticulture entry.** All entries should be named with species, variety/cultivar (i.e. Rose, Floribunda, Julia Child). A specimen must be properly identified to be eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. Assistance will be available to fill out entry cards to ensure proper identification and entry class. All horticulture entries and completed cards will be reviewed prior to acceptance for placement.
4. No more than 15 entries per person will be taken in the Horticulture Section.
5. **Exhibitors must also fill out a Kitsap Fair Entry Form. Each exhibitor will receive a free five-day entry pass to the Fair and be eligible to purchase a 5-day parking pass for \$10.**

EXHIBIT RULES

1. All plant material entered in the Horticulture Section must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor. EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE NOT IN TOP CONDITION. The Floriculture Department reserves the right to remove wilted horticulture entries from display. Exhibitors are urged to keep entries presentable during the fair.
2. Cut annuals and biennials must have been in exhibitor's possession from seeds, cuttings, or immature plants; perennials for at least 90 days; and bulbous blooms from planting for at least 90 days. Single-variety container-grown plants must be in exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days, and combination plantings must be grown together for at least 6 weeks.
3. Flowers should be conditioned by re-cutting stems under water and placed in a deep container of warm water. Store in a cool place for several hours. Late afternoon/early morning is the best time to cut. No leaves below waterline. Proper care and grooming is essential for top award.
4. If a Class requires more than one specimen, the stems should be the same length and the flowers as near the same stage of maturity as possible with stem length proportional to flower size.
5. Horticulture exhibits should be appropriate size for species and variety/cultivar, or as stated in the schedule.
6. Nothing weighing over 25 pounds will be accepted. No pots larger than 15" at its widest point (width, length or diameter) will be accepted.
7. Clear glass containers for horticulture entries will be furnished. Choose a container in proportion to specimen. Entries may be brought in the exhibitor's own clear, clean, glass containers, but the committee reserves the right to transfer to a more appropriate container during entry. Wedging maybe used but should not detract from the cut specimen.
8. Exhibits will be placed by the committee. Horticulture entries will be staged on multi-level risers.

Judging

Note: Judging is based on the Danish Judging System, in which exhibits are judged based on established criteria and standards rather than against each other.

9. Judging will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.
10. Exhibits in Divisions A, B, E-K will be judged by experienced horticulturists from local nurseries.
11. Exhibits in Divisions A, B, E-K will be judged using the following scale of points: Conformance to exhibit schedule 5 points; Plant Identification 5 points; Form 20 points; Color 20 points; Maturity/Size for type and variety 20 points; Condition/Blemishes 20 points; Grooming/Staging 10 points; Total 100 points
12. Place award point scores are:

Blue Ribbon -----90 points or above	Red Ribbon-----85 points or above
White Ribbon -----80 points or above	Green Ribbon (Honorable Mention)-----75 points or above
13. Exhibits on Division C will be judged by Dahlia Society judges using American Dahlia Society criteria. Exhibits in Division D will be judged by Rose Society judges using American Rose Society criteria.
14. Entries in all Classes will be subdivided according to variety/color/cultivar or type down to individual exhibit level for place awards.
15. Judges' decisions are final. Award may be withheld if not merited. Only Show Chairman, Judges, and Clerks are allowed on floor during judging.

AWARDS

1. **Top Exhibitor Awards:** Special Ribbon Winners must be named varieties.
 - a. **Award of Horticultural Excellence:** Division Award offered to a named exhibit scoring 95 or above and judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Section. All Divisions are eligible except Division L. This award is represented by a rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.
 - b. **Award of Merit:** Division Award offered to a named exhibit scoring 95 or above considered to be the best exhibit in a Division. **One award per Division in Divisions A-K.**
 - c. **Superintendent's Award** offered to exhibit scoring 95 or above in **Division L** Container-Grown Miniature Garden. Exhibit receiving the Superintendent's Award may not be re-entered in a future year.
 - d. **Sweepstakes:** Given to exhibitor with the most blue ribbons (if tied, red ribbons will be counted). Blue ribbons must be awarded in more than one Division. This award will be represented by a rosette of green and white ribbons.
2. **Entries and Award Ribbons may be picked up on Monday, August 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

HORTICULTURE SECTION

Division A: ANNUALS

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 1. *Cosmos*, 3 sprays, any color or combination
- Class 2. *Begonia*, single bloom
- Class 3. Geranium (*Pelargonium*), single bloom
- Class 4. Marigolds (*Tagetes*)
- Class 5. Pansies (*Viola*)
 - a. 3 blooms, one color
 - b. 3 blooms, any color

- Class 6. *Petunia*, 1 spray
 - a. Single
 - b. Large ruffled
 - c. Double
 - d. Any other worthy specimen

- Class 7. *Salvia*, 1 stem
- Class 8. Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*), 1 spike
- Class 9. Sunflower (*Helianthus*,) 1 bloom, not over 10" across
- Class 10. Sweet peas (*Lathyrus odoratus*), 3 stems, any color
 - a. Climbers
 - b. Bush type
 - c. Dwarf
 - d. Trailing

- Class 11. *Zinnia*, any color
 - a. Giant, 1 bloom, any color, 4" or more in diameter
 - b. Large, 1 bloom, any color
 - c. Multi-color, 3 blooms, any color
 - d. Dwarf, 3 blooms, any color
 - e. Any other worthy specimen

- Class 12. Any other worthy Annual not listed above

DIVISION B: PERENNIALS

Eligible for Award of Merit

Division B1: FLOWERING PERENNIALS - FLESHY ROOT (bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers other than Dahlias)

- Class 13. *Anemone* (Japanese), 1 spray
- Class 14. *Astilbe*, 1 stem
- Class 15. *Crocsmia*, 1 spike
 - a. *C. Masoniorum*
 - b. 'Lucifer'
 - c. Any other worthy specimen

- Class 16. *Gladiolus*, 1 spike
 - a. Small bloom (bloom < 3 ½")
 - b. Medium bloom (bloom 3 ½" – 4 ½")
 - c. Large bloom (bloom > 4 ½")

- Class 17. Lily (*Lilium*), 1 stem (anthers present)
 - a. Asiatic hybrids
 - b. Oriental hybrids
 - c. Any other worthy specimen (hybridized pollenless accepted)

- Class 18. Calla Lily (*Zantedeschia*), 1 stem

Division B2: FLOWERING PERENNIALS - HERBACEOUS

- Class 19. Oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*), 1 stem
- Class 20. Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
 - a. Single
 - b. Spray

- Class 21. Daisy
 - a. Shasta (*Leucanthemum x superbum*), 3 blooms
 - b. Any other worthy daisy, 3 blooms or spray

- Class 22. *Delphinium*, 1 spike length over 12"
- Class 23. Coneflower (*Echinacea*), 3 blooms
- Class 24. Blanket flower (*Gaillardia*), 1 bloom
- Class 25. Grasses, 3 stems, must have seed head
 - a. Bamboo, 1 stem, 18" - 36" in length
 - b. Eulalia Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*), 5 stems, length appropriate to variety

- c. Sedge (*Carex*), 5 stems, length appropriate to variety
 - d. Any other grass-like perennial
- Class 26. Joe Pye Weed (*Euchrochium purpureum*), 1 stem
- Class 27. *Liatris*, 1 stem
- Class 28. Vines (flowering), 1 stem, 18"-30"
 - a. *Clematis*, any color
 - b. Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.)
 - c. Any other worthy vine
- Class 29. Any other worthy flowering Perennial

DIVISION C: DAHLIAS

Eligible for Award of Merit

One Bloom, one SET of Leaves (Dahlia stems must be disbudded)

- Class 30. Giant (AA), 10" and over
 - a. Formal decorative
 - b. Informal decorative
 - c. Semi-cactus
 - d. Cactus
 - e. Incurve
 - f. Laciniated
- Class 31. Large (A), 8"-10"
 - a. Formal decorative
 - b. Informal decorative
 - c. Semi-cactus
 - d. Cactus
 - e. Incurve
 - f. Laciniated
- Class 32. Medium (B), 6"-8"
 - a. Formal decorative
 - b. Informal decorative
 - c. Semi-cactus
 - d. Cactus
 - e. Incurve
 - f. Laciniated
- Class 33. Small (BB), 4"-6"
 - a. Formal decorative
 - b. Informal decorative
 - c. Semi-cactus
 - d. Cactus
 - e. Incurve
 - f. Laciniated

- Class 34. Miniature, 4" and under
- Class 35. Ball
- Class 36. Miniature Ball
- Class 37. Pompon
- Class 38. Water Lily
- Class 39. Stellar
- Class 40. Other forms
 - a. Peony
 - b. Anemone
 - c. Collarette
 - d. Single
 - e. Mignon Single
 - f. Orchid
 - g. Novelty
 - h. Any other not listed above

DIVISION D: ROSA

Eligible for Award of Merit

Must be at least 1/2 to 3/4 open with a minimum of two leaf sets with three to five leaflets. Stem should be long enough to give proper balance.

- Class 50. Hybrid Tea
 - a. 1 bloom, 1/2 - 3/4 open, must be disbudded
 - b. Spray (3 or more blooms on a stem at open stage, plus buds)
- Class 51. Climbing rose
 - a. 1 bloom, 1/2--3/4 open, must be disbudded
 - b. Spray (3 or more blooms on a stem at open stage, plus buds)
- Class 52. Grandiflora
 - a. 1 bloom, 1/2--3/4 open, must be disbudded
 - b. Spray (3 or more blooms on a stem at open stage, plus buds)
- Class 53. Floribunda
 - a. 1 bloom, 1/2--3/4 open, must be disbudded
 - b. Spray (3 or more blooms on a stem at open stage plus buds)
- Class 54. Shrub Rose, English, 1 spray (3 or more blooms on a stem at open stage, plus buds)
- Class 55. Miniature
 - a. 1 bloom, 1/2--3/4 open, must be disbudded
 - b. Spray (3 or more blooms on a stem at open stage plus buds)
- Class 56. Any other worthy specimen

DIVISION E: SHRUBS AND TREES: Non-Flowering

Eligible for Award of Merit

Specimens must not exceed 30" in length

- Class 60. *Aucuba japonica*
 - a. Variegated-leaf
 - b. Colored margins
 - c. Green
- Class 61. *Cryptomeria*
- Class 62. Oregon Grape (*Mahonia*)
 - a. *M. aquifolium*
 - b. *M. nervosa*
- Class 63. Maple (*Acer*)
 - a. *A. macrophyllum* (bigleaf)
 - b. *A. palmatum* (Japanese)
 - c. Any other variety
- Class 64. Smoke Tree (*Cotinus coggygria*)
 - a. Green
 - b. Purple (*C. purpureus*)
 - c. Any other variety
- Class 65. Any other worthy shrub or tree **Botanical name & cultivar required

DIVISION F: SHRUBS AND TREES: Flowering

Eligible for Award of Merit

Specimens must not exceed 30" in length

- Class 66. Hardy Fuchsia (*Fuchsia magellanica*), 1 stem
- Class 67. *Hydrangea* 1 bloom
 - a. *H. Macrophylla* (mop head)
 - b. *H. Macrophylla* (Lacecap Group)
 - c. *H. Quercifolia* (oakleaf)
 - d. *H. Paniculata* (cone shape)
 - e. Any other variety
- Class 68. Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*)
- Class 69. Any other worthy flowering shrub or tree

DIVISION G: HOUSE PLANTS: Flowering

Eligible for Award of Merit

Size of the pot/container (double-potted permitted) should be in proportion to size of plant but **no larger than 12" at the widest point**, including hanging plants. **Plants must have been in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days prior to entry.**

- Class 70. African Violets (*Saintpaulia*), must be in bloom
 - a. Single Flower (single crown)
 - b. Double Flower (single crown)
 - c. Trailing (may have more than one crown)
- Class 71. Orchids (*orchidacea*), must be in bloom
- Class 72. Any other Flowering house plant, must be in bloom
 - One plant variety, but more than one plant of the same cultivar and color permitted in the container.

DIVISION H: HOUSE PLANTS: Non-Flowering

Eligible for Award of Merit

Size of the pot/container (double-potted permitted) should be in proportion to size of plant but **no larger than 12" at the widest point**, including hanging plants. **Plants must have been in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days prior to entry.**

- Class 73. Foliage houseplants
 - One plant variety but more than one plant of the same cultivar and color permitted in the container
- Class 74. Succulents (includes cactus)
 - One plant variety but more than one plant of the same cultivar and color permitted in the container
- Class 75. Any other indoor planted container

DIVISION I: OUTDOOR CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

Single Variety

Eligible for Award of Merit

Containers not to exceed 15" at the widest point and not weigh more than 25lbs., including hanging baskets.

- Class 80. Annuals
- Class 81. Perennials
- Class 82. Succulents

DIVISION J: OUTDOOR CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

Combination Plantings

Eligible for Award of Merit

Containers not to exceed 18" at the widest point, including hanging baskets. Combination plantings must have been grown together for at least 6 weeks prior to entry. Three or more different plant varieties are required to qualify as combination planting. Each plant variety should be correctly labeled.

Judging scale for Division J: Conformance to schedule 5 points; Plant Material: Form 15 points, Color 15 points, Maturity/Size 10 points, Condition 10 points; Overall effect of combination including the container 30 points; Creative/Distinctive 10 points; Plant Identification 5 points; Total Points 100

- Class 83. Combination of Annuals
- Class 84. Combination of Perennials
- Class 85. Combination of Succulents
- Class 86. Mixed Combination

DIVISION K: ANY OTHER WORTHY SPECIMAN

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 90. Any other worthy specimen not covered in classes above

DIVISION L: CONTAINER-GROWN MINIATURE GARDEN

Eligible for Superintendent's Award

Open but advance entry requested for space considerations

Container dimensions between 12" - 24". Each type of plant must be correctly labeled.

Judging scale: Selection of Components 30 points; Organization of Components 30 points; Overall Effect 20 points; Creative/Distinctive 15 points; Plant Identification 5 points; Total points 100

- Class 91. Container-Grown Miniature Garden
Container grown miniature landscape scene comprised of plant material and accessories such as a Fairy Garden, diorama, etc. Emphasis is not necessarily on plant material but some live plant material must be included.

YOUTH HORTICULTURE

Eligible for Top Youth Exhibitor Award

- 1 All horticulture rules in Horticulture Section apply to Youth Horticulture. The Horticulture exhibit must be **grown** by the youth exhibitor.
- 2 Age classification: Color-coded stickers identify youth age groups. Age groups for youth awards: 4- 7 years Green; 8-12 years Red; 13-17 years Blue. Top scoring (90+ points) Horticulture Exhibit in each age group will be awarded a **Top Youth Exhibitor Award**.

DIVISION Y-A: ANNUALS

- Class 101. Pansies (*Viola*), 3 blooms
- Class 102. *Petunia*, 1 spray, uniform size
- Class 103. Sunflower (*Helianthus*), 1 bloom not over 10" across
- Class 104. Sweet Peas (*Lathyrus odoratus*) (not native variety), 6 blooms
- Class 105. Any other worthy annual

DIVISION Y-B: PERENNIALS

- Class 106. Daisy
 - a. Shasta (*Leucanthemum x superbum*), 3 blooms
 - b. Any other worthy daisy, 3 blooms or spray
- Class 107. Lily (*Lilium*), one stem (anthers must be present)
- Class 108. Any other worthy perennial

DIVISION Y-C: DAHLIA

One SET of leaves and disbudded

- Class 109. Any size and form

DIVISION Y-D: FLOWERING SHRUBS

- Class 110. Hardy Fuchsia (*Fuchsia magellanica*)
- Class 111. *Hydrangea*, any type
- Class 112. Rose (*Rosa*) any type
- Class 113. Any other worthy flowering shrub

DIVISION Y-E: HOUSEPLANTS

Size of container should be in proportion to the plant and no larger than 12 " at widest point (double potted permitted). Entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 60 days.

- Class 114. Single variety house plant
 - a. Foliage
 - b. Flowering (must be in bloom)
 - c. Succulent

DIVISION Y-F: ANY OTHER WORTHY SPECIMAN

- Class 115. Any other worthy specimen not covered in above classes

DIVISION Y-G: CONTAINER-GROWN MINIATURE GARDEN

Container dimensions between 12" - 18". Each type of plant must be correctly labeled.

- Class 116. Container-Grown Miniature Garden
Container grown miniature landscape scene comprised of plant material and accessories such as a Fairy Garden, diorama, etc. Emphasis is not necessarily on plant material but some live plant material must be included.