

Agriculture Products and Horticulture Division

Superintendent Jim DeValerio, Bradford Co. Agriculture Agent

Eligibility:

Open to amateur and professional gardeners who are residents of or work in Bradford and Union Counties.

Divisions:

Divisions compete independently of each other.

Youth Division:

Participants should be 18 years old or younger as of September 1, 2015.

- A. Youth Division (Y)
- B. Youth Exceptional (YE)



Adult Division:

Participants should be 19 years or older as of September 1, 2014.

- A. Amateur (AA)
- B. Professional (AP) Nursery operators, landscapers horticulture instructors and consultants.
- C. Adult Exceptional (AE)

Plant Delivery & Registration:

All plants should be brought to the entry receiving area located in Building #2 at the fairgrounds on Monday, March 7, 2016 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to assist you in filling out a registration form, and they will attach an exhibit tag to each plant. After your plants have been accepted and tagged it is requested that you leave the area in order to avoid congestion. There are no entry fees.

Plant Removal:

The receipt stub (bottom half of your registration form) MUST be presented at the time of exhibit removal. Exhibits will not be released without this stub unless approved by the Horticulture Exhibition Superintendent. Exhibits may be removed on Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 2 - 4 pm and on Monday, March 16, from 10:00 am until noon. Workers will be on hand to aid in pick up and to give out premium monies. Plants may not be removed at any other time unless prior arrangements have been made. Any unclaimed plants and prize money will be donated to the Bradford County Master Gardener program.

Forms:

All exhibitors must submit their contact information when plants are entered.

Care:

You may choose to maintain your own plants throughout the fair. If you choose to do this, you must complete any work and leave 2 hours before the fair gates open. You will be instructed on how to enter the fairgrounds. Otherwise, plant care will be provided by the Bradford County Master Gardeners and the volunteer helpers. All reasonable efforts will be made to provide adequate care and protection for the exhibits during the fair. The Fair Association and the Bradford County Extension Office are not responsible for damage to exhibits due to damaging weather conditions or improper care or handling.

Entry Limitations:

One plant is considered one entry. Each entry will compete in one section and must be of exhibition quality. Exhibitors may not enter more than one plant of the same variety or color.

Plant Standards:

Plants listed on the State of Florida Conservation List as rare or endangered will not be accepted unless acquired in a documented legal manner. Any plant with pests will be disqualified, even if it was accepted at registration. All plants must be clean, groomed and in appropriate clean containers/pots. There is no limit to size of container, but containers larger than 18" must be set in place by the owner with our help. The use of plant shine or other oils will disqualify the entry.

Judging:

Judging will take place on Tuesday, March 8, from 12 - 2 pm. The decisions of the judges are final.

Criteria:

Adult division entries must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 6 months, while Youth division exhibits for 3 months by the exhibitor. The only exception to this rule is vegetables grown in pots and/or cut.

Cultural Perfection:

Plant must have good form and symmetry according to variety, health, and condition of foliage, flowers and fruit.

Attractiveness of Display:

Pot condition is very important. Black plastic pots will be accepted, but they must be clean and in good repair with no cracks, holes, etc. Decoration of the pot should be kept to a minimum. Double potting is allowed. (Example: placing a less attractive pot, like black plastic, into a more decorative pot.) Plant should not be freshly repotted.

Plant Size:

According to variety, Pot size should be in scale to plant size.

Condition:

Plant cleaned and groomed. Pot clean. Debris removed.

Awards/Premium Money:

After being judged, the entries will receive either a 1st, 2nd or 3rd. The premium money will be determined as follows:

1. First Place	Blue Ribbon	\$3.00
2. Second Place	Red Ribbon	\$2.00
3. Third Place	White Ribbon	\$1.00
4. Best in Class	Rosette	\$5.00
5. Best in Show	Rosette	\$5.00

Entry Classifications:

Section A: Blooming/Fruiting Plants

Must have flowers or fruit grown specifically for blooms/fruit, unless there is a specific section for the plant (i.e. cactus, violets, orchids).

Section B: Bromeliads and Orchids

Class 1: With Bloom

Class 2: Without Bloom

Section C: Cactus/Succulents/Euphorbia's

Class 1: With Bloom

Class 2: Without Bloom

Section D: African Violets

Class 1: With Bloom

Class 2: Without Bloom

Section E: Foliage

Includes all plants grown for foliage, and plants without flowers or fruit, variegated, colored and or green, tropical or landscape.

Section F: Special Display

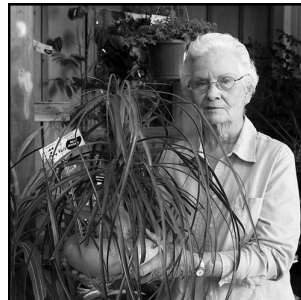
Dish gardens, wire framed, topiaries, terrariums.

Section G: Bonsai

All sizes and styles in pots, trays, or racks.

Class 1: Blooming/Fruiting-Must have flowers/fruit.

Class 2: Non-Blooming/Fruiting



Section H: Hanging Plants:

All hanging plants, including wood mounts that are meant to hang.

Class 1: Blooming/Fruiting - Must have flowers/fruit.

Class 2: Non-blooming/Fruiting

Section I: Patio Plants

All containers 14" or over that are not hanging

Class 1: Blooming/Fruiting

Class 2: Non-Blooming/Fruiting

Section J: Herbs

Edible or Food Producing Exhibits

(Eggs and perishable exhibits will be removed as deemed necessary)

Section K: Vegetables/Crops

Class 1: Potted

Class 2: Cut and/ or unpotted

Section L: Fruit/Nuts

Class 1: Potted

Class 2: Cut and/ or unpotted

Section M: Miscellaneous

Class 1: Best Jar of Honey

Class 2: Best Cane Syrup

Section N: Eggs

Class 1: Chicken Eggs

Class 2: Misc Eggs: Turkey, Duck, Peafowl, Quail, Ostrich, Emu, Rhea