

Department 25 – CHRISTMAS TREES

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This Department is provided to encourage proper cultural practices for New York State's newest agricultural industry to the end that consumers may benefit by better trees for their Christmas decorations.

ENTRY DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 2016

Exhibitor Fee: \$10.00
Entry Arrival: Wednesday, August 24 by 8:00 p.m. to outside the northwest corner of the Horticulture Building.
Judging Day: Thursday, August 25
Entry Removal: Monday, September 5 after 9:00 p.m.
Awards: Premiums will be mailed between 10/15 – 11/15/16

SPECIFIC RULES FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

1. The rules printed herein and the General Rules are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair and to ensure they are entering their exhibit correctly.
2. Trees will be shown on the lawn of the northwest corner of the Horticulture Building.
3. Trees for this competitive exhibit must have been grown in New York State on land owned or operated by the exhibitor.
4. Trees to be exhibited **must** be within the 6 to 8 feet range, measurements to be made from the bottom of the butt to the tip of the leader.
 - a) Trees to be exhibited **should** have a well-trimmed clean handle. Standard trees **should** have a minimum of 6" – 12" and table tops a minimum of 6" from the bottom of the trunk to the first branch/branches.
5. No trees may be exhibited with limbs or foliage added that did not grow naturally in place.
6. Trees may be naturally grown or sheared and shaped by the exhibitor.
7. The European Style Class is defined as a tree that is open (or more loosely sheared).
8. No holders should accompany trees. All trees will be supported in like manner.
9. **Only one tree may be entered in any class by an exhibitor.**
10. No premiums will be awarded in any class unless exhibits are worthy. Judge may eliminate any tree which is unqualified.

11. Exhibits must have tag attached showing number of exhibitor, class number and species of tree. After judging, exhibitor will be permitted to label his exhibit with his name and address.
12. Exhibits must be delivered to the northwest corner of the Horticulture Building no later than 8:00 p.m. **Wednesday, August 24, 2016** – or they will not be eligible to compete.
13. **Exhibitors are not allowed in the tree judging area on Opening Day.**

JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND CANNOT BE CHANGED!

| Class | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
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| 01. Canaan Fir | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 02. Fraser Fir | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 03. Balsam Fir | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 04. Concolor Fir | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 05. Other Firs | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 06. Colorado Spruce | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 07. Other Spruce | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 08. European Style (open-styled) | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 09. Table Tops 36" to 48" (any species) | \$40 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | Ribbon |
| 10. Standard Decorated Wreath 12" ring. 18" – 28" outside diameter. One natural evergreen only. Red velvet bow, red berries & plain natural cones only. | \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 | Ribbon |
| 11. Undecorated Wreath 12" ring. 18" – 28" outside diameter. Must be all the same evergreens (pine, spruce or fir only, excluding princess pine). | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 | \$5 | Ribbon |
| 12. Decorated Wreath – "Pride of New York" 12" ring. 18" – 28" outside diameter. Natural evergreens Only (can be mixed greens). Must have a bow and use "Pride of New York" in bow and/or decorations. | \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 | Ribbon |

GRAND CHAMPION CHRISTMAS TREE Rosette plus \$25 in addition to above premium
 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION CHRISTMAS TREE Rosette plus \$15 in addition to above premium
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NOTE: A COURT OF CHAMPIONS will be provided to show the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and the Best Tree in each class.

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