

**Division E – “POTTING MIX MASTERS” (CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS SHOW)  
September 1 and 2, 2024**

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024**

*Exhibitor Fee:* \$15.00 online  
*Entry Placement:* Sunday, September 1, 8:00 a.m.  
*Judging:* Sunday September 1, 11:30 a.m.  
*Entry Removal:* Monday September 2, 8:00 p.m.

**YOU DON'T NEED A GARDEN TO BE A GARDENER. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE GROWING.**

**SPECIFIC RULES FOR CONTAINER GROWN PLANT EXHIBITS**

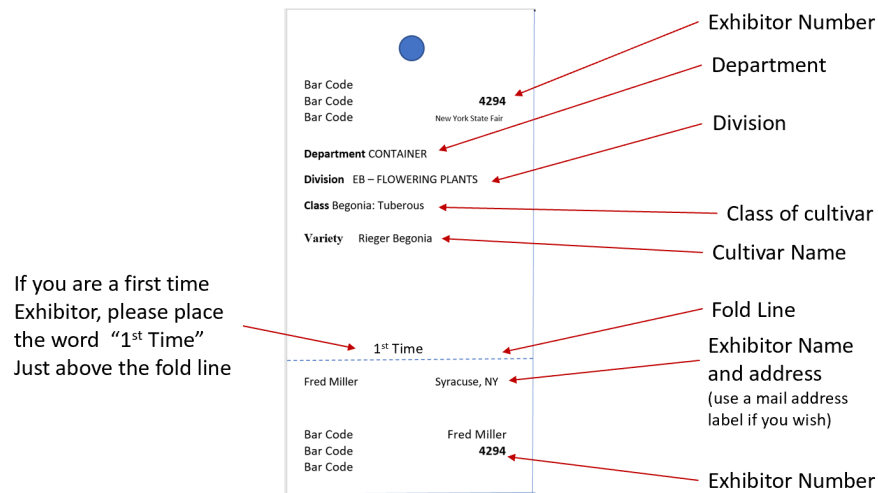
Entries must have been grown by the exhibitor for not less than three months.

All entries will be pre-screened for adherence to the rules of the NYS Fair Container Grown Plant Show.

1. The rules printed herein and the flower show general rules are made a part of the conditions under which all entries are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair and to ensure that all entries are in the appropriate class.
2. Judging will be based on the following criteria. Cultural perfection, Size (according to variety), Rarity, Floriferousness (if flowering), Foliage, Form and Container.
3. Open to amateurs only. Amateurs are growers who do not grow primarily for sale.
4. All exhibits must be potted and free of insects and diseases. One plant (variety) per pot. No accessories allowed except in Division EBB multiple plantings.
5. Entry tag should show variety name. A named variety entry takes precedence over an equal unidentified variety.
6. Exhibits will not be watered during the show.
7. No artificially altering or enhancing of entries. (e.g.: no use of dyes, colorings, oils or plant polish)
8. Exhibitors may make 2 entries in a class, provided such entries are different varieties - but no more than 2, with the exception of classes 542 and 572 where 4 entries may be made.

9. See above for entry placement, judging and removal times. Entries may not be placed before 8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 1 except by permission from the Chair. All entries must be in place before 11:00 a.m. for judging. Entries removed prior to specified time will forfeit prizes.
10. Plant and container weighing more than 40 pounds or over 6 feet tall or long will be disqualified.
11. Bloom on plants grown primarily for foliage is permitted. No points will be awarded for the flowers. Flowers may be removed by the exhibitor if they detract from the entry as on coleus, hypoestes and some begonias, for example.
12. Where appropriate, plants may be grown in hanging baskets.
13. African violets and other gesneriads may be entered in this show. There is no separate show for African Violets.
14. Any class may be subdivided into additional classes by the judges if the number of entries of any one plant or variety exceeds three and provided that the resulting division has more than three entries.
15. Foliage, Flowering and Multiple Planting plant classes may be subdivided by weight and size at the judges' discretion so that larger plants are judged together and do not compete against smaller plants.
16. Don't forget to register your entries.

### Sample Entry Tag



### Division EA - FOLIAGE PLANTS

Cash prizes: 1st - \$3.50      2nd - \$2.50      3rd - Ribbon

501. Aloe
502. Anthurium

503. Begonia: any type grown for foliage such as eyelash, beefsteak, rex or cane stem with colored or patterned leaves
504. Bromeliads: e.g. Pineapple Plant, Air Plants
505. Cactus: Holiday cactus, Epiphyllum
506. Caladium
507. Chinese Evergreen: Aglaonema
508. Coleus: Solenostemum
509. Croton: Joseph's Coat
510. Dieffenbachia: Dumbcane
511. Dracaena: Dragon tree
512. Fern: Asparagus
513. Fern: Boston
514. Fern: Any other
515. Ficus: Weeping Fig Tree, (*F. benjamina*)
516. Ficus: Rubber Tree, (*F. elastica*)
517. Fittonia: Nerve Plant
518. Geranium, Scented
519. Geranium, Fancy Leaf: (bi or tri color leaf)
520. Gynura: Purple Passion Plant
521. Hypoestes: Polka dot Plant
522. Ivy: English: *Hedera helix*
523. Ivy: Grape: *Cissus rhombifolia*
524. Ivy: Swedish: *Plectranthus verticillatus*
525. Ivy: Any other
526. Jade Plant: *Crassula* species and cultivars
527. Maranta: Prayer Plant and Calatheas
528. Monstera: Large Cut/Split Leaf Philodendron
529. Norfolk Island Pine
530. Palms
531. Peperomia species and cultivars
532. Philodendron: Small Leaf
533. Pothos: *Epipremnum aureum*
534. Sansevieria: Snake Plant
535. Schefflera: Umbrella Tree
536. Spathiphyllum: Peace lily
537. Spider Plant: *Chlorophytum comosum*
538. Succulents: not listed in another class
539. Syngonium: Arrowhead Vine
540. Tradescantia e.g. Spiderwort, Inch Plant
541. Wax Plant: Hoya
542. Any other Foliage plant (4 entries per exhibitor allowed)

### **Division EB – FLOWERING PLANTS**

Cash prizes: 1st - \$3.50      2nd - \$2.50      3rd - Ribbon

543. Begonia: Rieger
544. Begonia: Tuberous
545. Begonia: Wax or Fibrous
546. Begonia: Any other flowering type
547. Bougainvillea

- 548. Bromeliads: e.g. Pineapple Plant, Air Plants in flower
- 549. Chenille Plant: Acalypha
- 550. Chrysanthemum
- 551. Cineraria
- 552. Citrus
- 553. Euphorbia: e.g. Crown of Thorns, Poinsettia
- 554. Flowering Maple: Abutilon
- 555. Fuchsia
- 556. Geranium: Common
- 557. Geranium: Ivy leaf
- 558. Geranium: Regal or Martha Washington
- 559. Gerbera: Gerber Daisy
- 560. Hibiscus
- 561. Impatiens
- 562. Jasmine
- 563. Jerusalem Cherry: Solanum pseudocapsicum
- 564. Kalanchoe
- 565. Lantana
- 566. Mandevilla: Dipladenia
- 567. Orchids
- 568. Oxalis: False Shamrock
- 569. Pepper Plant: Ornamental Pepper
- 570. Shrimp Plant: Beloperone
- 571. Zebra Plant: Aphelandra
- 572. Any other flowering plant (4 entries per exhibitor allowed)

### **DIVISION EBB – MULTIPLE PLANTINGS**

All multiple plantings must be planted together a minimum of six weeks. All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.

Cash prizes: 1st - \$5.00      2nd - \$3.00      3rd - Ribbon

- 573. PLANTER – A collection of 3 or more different (foliage and/or flowering) plants grown in an indoor or outdoor container 15” or less in all directions, Max. 40 lbs.
  - a)** Not a landscape. NO accessories permitted. Any type of container is allowed as long as it is compatible with and proportionate to the plant material.
  - b)** Plants are chosen for compatibility and interest in a container that is suitable and attractive.

- c) All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.
574. DISH GARDEN – Maximum: 20” in all directions, Max. 40 lbs. Miniature landscape in an open container.  
 a) May include one or more accessories to enhance plantings and to create an effective landscape. Accessories may be rocks, pathways, driftwood, figurines, etc.  
 b) Gardening texts often describe specific types, such as landscape garden, Japanese garden, rock garden, desert scene, woodland garden, tropical garden, etc.  
 c) All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.
575. TERRARIUM – Maximum: 20” L x 12” W x 14” H, Max. 40 lbs. Miniature landscape in covered transparent container, such as small conservatories or greenhouses, bottle gardens, fish bowls, tanks or other types of covered glass cases.  
 a) May include one or more accessories to complete the landscape.  
 b) In humid situations, plant selections are critical. Cover should be removed to prevent plant rot and mold.  
 c) All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.
576. WINDOW BOX – Maximum: 30” L x 10” W x 10” H, (furnished by exhibitor), Max. 40 lbs. Plants used must have been possessed by exhibitor for at least three months and planted in the box a minimum of six weeks. Registration limited to the first six entries received.  
 a) All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.
577. TOPIARY – Maximum size allowed: 40” x 30”, Max. 40 lbs. Topiary – Sculptures of living plant material clipped and trained into an intricate geometric or free form.  
 a) Best plants to use are those that are evergreen, dense and slow growing, with ability to recover quickly from clipping, e.g., yew, boxwood, ivies.  
 b) Container-grown topiaries are best formed using a framework of metal, wire or green garden twine and require frequent clipping during growing season.  
 c) All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.
578. LIVING WREATH – Maximum diameter: 24” Max. 40 lbs. Plants used must have been possessed by exhibitor for at least three months and planted in the wreath a minimum of six weeks.  
 a) All plants must be identified by individual tags or a diagram.

**Division EC - AFRICAN VIOLET STANDARD**  
 (More than 6” across)

Cash prizes: 1st - \$3.50      2nd - \$2.50      3rd - Ribbon

579. White  
 580. Pink  
 581. Red  
 582. Blue  
 583. Lavender  
 584. Multicolor  
 585. Variegated Foliage  
 586. Other

## Division ED - MINIATURES and SEMI-MINIATURES

(Less than 6" across)

Cash prizes: 1st - \$3.50      2nd - \$2.50      3rd - Ribbon

- 587. White
- 588. Pink
- 589. Blue or lavender
- 590. Red
- 591. Other

African violets are judged according to the following criteria. Condition, Bloom, Symmetry, Color

## Division EE - GESNERIADS

Cash prizes: 1st - \$3.50      2nd - \$2.50      3rd - Ribbon

- 592. Gesneriads in Bloom ex. Streptocarpus, some Sinningia, Kohleria, Aeschynanthus, Nematanthus, Achimenes, Columnea. A plant must have at least one fully open flower to qualify for entry in the Gesneriads in Bloom Classes.
- 593. Gesneriads Grown for Ornamental Characteristics ex. Episcia. A non-blooming gesneriad must have additional qualities to compensate for its lack of flowers.
- 594. Collection of Gesneriads (single genus) This is a class for display of three to five plants of a single genus. Two important factors in this class: Variety and Unity of Presentation  
Variety refers to the diversity among plants that can be demonstrated by showcasing differences in color of flowers or leaves, size or growth habit. For example, three foliage episcias with leaves all the same color and texture would lack variety. On the other hand, Episcia 'Cleopatra', a cultivar with green, pink and white foliage and another with a strong reddish color and darker contrasting veins would provide variety. Three differing methods of growing Episcias may be shown: a single rosette, a hanging plant displaying its stolons as accents, and a planting on a moss stick or in a strawberry jar. The same variety illustrating all three growing styles can be exhibited, but probably would not receive a high score for variety.

Unity of Presentation is achieved by illustrating a relationship between each unit within the collection. Having all containers the same color or composition, top-dressing the soil surface in a uniform or contrasting way or grouping the plants in a basket or on a tray are some examples. If the display is composed of plants that differ in size, staging them at varying heights is suggested. An exhibitor is required to provide a white card, no larger than 8.5" x 5.5", identifying the plants and providing any other pertinent information.

- 595. Collection of Gesneriads (Multiple Genera) This is a class for display of three to five plants, each from a different genus. As in the class for a collection of plants, each from a single genus, Unity of Presentation remains an important consideration when judging this class. Here, Variety inherent within different gesneriad genera can be illustrated through the illustration of a recognizable theme. An exhibitor may choose to showcase gesneriads from different genera that naturally grow in the New World, Old World, or only those from South America or China. A collection of only gesneriad genera that are tuberous or rhizomatous, one that features

gesneriads from different genera that exhibit decorative or textured foliage, unusual calyces or fruits or one that features small growing or miniature gesneriads belonging to different genera would be eligible. An exhibitor is required to provide a white card, no larger than 8.5" x 5.5", identifying the plants and providing any other pertinent information.

Gesneriads are judged according to the following criteria.

Gesneriads in Bloom: Cultural Perfection, Condition (grooming), Bloom (for species/hybrid/cultivar.)

Gesneriads with Ornamental Characteristics other than Bloom: Cultural Perfection, Condition, Ornamental Value.

### **Division EF – Specialty Classes**

Cash Awards: 1st - \$3.50    2nd - \$2.50    3rd - \$1.50

596. Single Crazy Cacti Contest – Cacti come in so many crazy forms! Bring us your best crazy cactus.

597. Multiple Crazy Cacti Contest Multiple specimens in one container.

598. Single Super Succulent Contest – There are so many varieties of superlative succulents. Bring us your best!

599. Multiple Super Succulent Contest – Multiple specimens in one container.

### **Court of Honor**

Queen of Foliage Plants	\$10
Queen of Flowering Plants	\$10
King of Foliage Plants	\$8
King of Flowering Plants	\$8
Princess of Foliage Plants	\$5
Princess of Flowering Plants	\$5
Best Multiple Planting	\$10
Best Specialty	\$8
Merit Awards Foliage (4)	\$4