

## SECTION 8

### HORTICULTURE

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General Rules for the Horticultural Section:

- Exhibitors must be members of the Pontiac Agricultural Society.
- Entries should be brought to the **Exhibition Hall** to be placed for exhibiting **Wednesday, August 27, 2025 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** Judging to commence Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., and only the show committee can be present during judging. The decisions of the judge(s) are final, based on the accepted guidelines contained in the Ontario Judging Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, Publication #34, 2003 edition. No exhibit is entitled to a prize unless worthy. **Entries must be picked up Monday, September 1, 2025 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Entries cannot be removed before this time. If entries are removed before the designated time no prize money can be awarded.**
- Prepare your entry form(s) and entry tags (to be obtained from the Fair office) at home as you prepare your entries for showing. List your entries on the entry form and complete an entry tag with your name and exhibitor's number and securely attach the tag with string or rubber bands (not taped) to the exhibit.
- Exhibitor supplies their own containers, suggestions are clear vases, bottles, canning jars, etc., please avoid Styrofoam cups. Please do not use any container of value.
- Horticultural exhibits (specimen cut flowers, potted plants and specials – collections, displays & planters) must have been grown by the exhibitor and should be correctly labeled with plant name and variety using botanical &/or common name, whenever possible. Any class description with "NIP" represents Named if Possible.

- Prepare and condition all plant material promoting long-lasting turgidity and freshness for the duration of the Fair.
- Grooming – remove any soil, spray residue, insect remains, damaged or dead florets or leaves, etc. from the specimen. Remove all foliage, leaves which may be underwater in the container as this causes decay and bacteria in the water. Container-grown plants should have a clean soil surface and container.
- Pontiac Agricultural Society, its Directors, Officers, Show Committee and Employees will take all reasonable precautions to ensure safety of the exhibits, but they cannot be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged articles, however caused.
- Only one entry per exhibitor to a class, except in "any other" (A.O.V.) class, where any number of entries may be shown provided the exhibits are of different plants and no class is listed in the schedule for the plant. No sub-divisions are permitted for any class, regardless of the number of entries.
- When any flower show exhibit has been specially chosen by any Pontiac Agricultural Society board member to be used for display purposes at the special Fair events, a special bonus will be paid. These exhibits will be removed from the flower show tables and replaced with a sign indicating the exhibit was chosen for display purposes.

## SECTION A - SPECIMEN CUT FLOWERS

Rules for Specimen Cut Flowers:

An entry in a class specifying a certain number of blooms, stems, etc. must be shown as specified. A bud showing colour is considered to be a bloom. Note: For Gladiolus and other tall cuts, please use a sturdy non-tippy container.

- **Cultivar (cultivated variety) = named variations of plant species, e.g. Rose 'Peace', 'Peace' is the cultivar (variation) of the species Rose.**
- **Bloom = individual flower, one to a stem; buds showing colour will be considered a bloom – buds should be removed.**

- **Spike = a thick upright stem carrying several flowers which are nearly stemless, usually short pedicel, e.g. gladiolus, delphinium, snapdragon.**
- **Spray = a portion of the plant with a number of flowers on one stem. Ideally it would show all forms (stages of bloom), e.g. flowers in open bloom, buds showing colour, green buds and leaves.**
- **Stem or Stalk = a main plant structure which supports flowers, buds, leaves or fruit. It may be branched and may have multiple flowers on a stem, such as cosmos, rudbeckia, etc.**

“NIP” = Named if possible.

#### Classes 1-58:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

1. Aster, any cultivar(s), 3 stems
2. Begonia (Tuberous) with own foliage, floating in a dish, 1 bloom
3. Canna Lily, 1 stem
4. Clematis, 1 stem
5. Clematis, floating in open glass container, without foliage, 1 bloom
6. Coleus foliage, different cultivars, 3 stems
7. Cleome (Spider Flower), 3 stems
8. Coneflower (Echinacea), any colour(s), 3 stems
9. Coral Bells (Heuchera), flowering stems, any cultivar(s), 5 stems
10. Coral Bells (Heuchera), foliage only, any cultivar(s), NIP, 5 stems
11. Cosmos, 3 stems
12. Dahlia, bloom, 2 blooms
13. Delphinium, 1 spike
14. Fern, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
15. Flowering Cabbage or Kale, 1 head
16. Flowering or fruited branch, not to exceed 24" above the container top, 1 branch
17. Foliage branch, colourful, not to exceed 24" above the container top, 1 branch
18. Geranium (Pelargonium), 1 stem
19. Gladiolus, 1 spike, any colour
20. Gladiolus, 2 spikes, one colour
21. Gladiolus, 3 spikes, each a different colour
22. Hollyhock (Alcea), not to exceed 24" above the container top, 1 stem
23. Hosta blooms with own foliage, 1 stem of bloom
24. Hosta leaves, leaf size 3" or wider, variegated leaf, NIP, 3 leaves
25. Hosta leaves, leaf size 3" or wider, any other coloured leaf, NIP, 3 leaves
26. Hosta leaves, leaf size up to 3" wide, one cultivar, NIP, 3 leaves
27. Hydrangea Flower Heads, ball shaped bloom, any cultivar(s), NIP, 2 stems
28. Hydrangea Flower Heads, cone shaped bloom, any cultivar(s), NIP, 2 stems
29. Lavatera (annual Mallow), 3 stems
30. Liatris (GayFeather) (Blazing Star), 3 spikes
31. Marigold (Tagetes), under 2" bloom, 3 stems
32. Marigold (Tagetes), 2" and over bloom, 3 stems
33. Ornamental grass, growth habit under 36", NIP, 5 stems
34. Ornamental grass, growth habit 36" and over, NIP, 3 stems
35. Pansy or Viola, with attached foliage, 5 stems
36. Petunia, semi-double or double bloom, 3 sprays
37. Petunia, single bloom, 3 sprays
38. Phlox, any cultivar(s), 1 stem
39. Rose, fully open bloom floating in a dish, without foliage, NIP, 1 bloom
40. Rose, miniature, NIP, 1 stem
41. Rose, miniature, NIP, 1 spray
42. Rose, any cultivar other than miniature, NIP, 1 stem
43. Rose, any cultivar other than miniature, NIP, 1 spray
44. Rudbeckia, any cultivar(s), 1 stem
45. Salvia, any cultivar(s), 3 stems
46. Sedum (Stonecrop), large clustered bloom heads, example Autumn Joy, 1 stem
47. Sedum, small clustered bloom heads, any other cultivar, 3 stems
48. Snapdragon (Antirrhinum), 3 stems
49. Straw Flower (Helichrysum), fresh blooms, 5 stems
50. Sunflower (Helianthus), any cultivar, bloom not to exceed 6", 1 stem
51. Sweet Peas, 3 stems
52. Zinnia, bloom under 3", 3 stems
53. Zinnia, bloom 3" and over, 3 stems
54. "What is New in the Garden" any new plant/plant variety, not

- listed, 1-3 stems or spray
55. Any other bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome, NIP, 1-3 stems
56. Any other annual, NIP, 1-3 stems
57. Any other perennial, in bloom, NIP, 1-3 stems
58. Fresh seed pods or seed heads, NIP, 3 stems

## SECTION B - POTTED PLANTS

Rules for Potted Plants:

Potted house plants must be grown by the exhibitor for at least three (3) months prior to showing. Please remove all outside decorative pot covers.

**Classes 59-73:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

59. African Violet (Saintpaulia), single crown, 1 pot
60. Begonia, grown for foliage, 1 pot
61. Begonia, grown for bloom, any cultivar, 1 pot
62. Cactus, 1 pot
63. Christmas Cactus, 1 pot
64. Coleus, 1 pot
65. Geranium (Pelargonium) in bloom, 1 pot
66. Impatiens, 1 pot
67. Ivy (Hedera), 1 pot
68. Shamrock (Oxalis), 1 pot
69. Succulent other than cactus, 1 pot
70. Any other plant grown for bloom, NIP, 1 pot
71. Any other plant grown for foliage, NIP, 1 pot
72. Outdoor container - grown for bloom, one plant variety per container, NIP
73. Outdoor container - grown for foliage, one plant variety per container, NIP

## SECTION C

### SPECIAL DISPLAYS, COLLECTIONS & PLANTERS

Rules for Displays, Collections & Planters:

Must be grown by the Exhibitor. Planters containing multiple plants must be arranged by the exhibitor and grown together at least three (3) weeks before showing.

- **Display = a number of specimens exhibited (usually a minimum of 3 different {species/cultivars} plants/varieties) for artistic effect as well as cultural perfection.**
- **Planter = a number of different kinds of plants artistically grouped growing in a single open container for either indoors or outdoors.**

**Classes 74-79:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

74. Display of cut garden flowers, minimum 5 species, named
75. Display of cut foliage, minimum 5 species, named
76. Display of seed heads/pods, minimum 5 species, NIP
77. Fairy Garden - a dish garden planted, with miniature fairy accessories
78. Outdoor container or planter, grown for bloom, 2 or more kinds of plants, NIP
79. Outdoor container or planter, grown for foliage, 2 or more kinds of plants, NIP
- Prizes:** 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, others: \$4

## SECTION D - DECORATIVE FLOWER DESIGNS

Rules for Decorative Flower Designs:

All design exhibits must contain fresh plant materials, unless otherwise specified. Flowers and other materials used in design

classes can be obtained from any source; the material does not necessarily have to be grown by the exhibitor. Accessories are permitted. No soil is permitted in decorative classes. An exhibitor may show one design per class.

**Classes 80-86:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

80. My Hobby - An arrangement made by a man that includes my hobby themed items.
81. Suits me to a Tea, A flower arrangement incorporating a cupsaucer A flower arrangement incorporating a cup and saucer.
82. Luck of the Irish A themed arrangement in a suitable container, accessories allowed
83. Elbows Up A vertical interpretive arrangement using appropriate flowers and accessories.
84. Get Well A floral design suitable for Get Well Wishes, accessories allowed.
85. A Family A Fair, A fresh flower arrangement, candle(s) permitted, for a family celebration. A fresh flower arrangement, candle(s) permitted, for a family celebration.
86. Walk the Trail, A design using dried, preserved garden and/or roadside plant materials. A design using dried, preserved garden and/or roadside plant materials.

## JUNIOR CLASSES

Junior Classes:

Classes are divided into age groups. The age groups are - Exhibitors ages 5 to 9 and ages 10 to 16, as of September 30, 2025. Exhibitors in the Junior Classes must have a Junior exhibitor number (obtained from the Fair office). The exhibitor number must be written on the entry form and entry tag along with your name and age; and securely attached to the exhibit. The entry tag must be securely attached with string or rubber bands (not taped) to the exhibit. Juniors under the age of five (5) may enter into these classes if they wish, but they must obtain the exhibitor's number. A junior may receive help from an adult for their exhibits, however, please encourage the junior to use

their own ideas and creativity to experience the learning by doing in Horticulture.

## SECTION E – JUNIOR CLASSES

### EXHIBITOR AGES 5 TO 9

**Classes 87-95:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2, 4th: \$1

87. One more Time. Assortment of white flowers in a black container name plant material if possible
88. Memories, A flower arrangement in a toy. A flower arrangement in a toy.
89. Your favourite cut flower(s), NIP, 3 stems
90. Home Grown, Flower arrangement using your favorite flowers from the garden
91. Picture Perfect, on cardstock create a picture using plant and/or leaf material
92. Nature's Treasures, Find 12 different nature items and display in an egg carton, items must be named
93. Potted plant in bloom you have grown from seed or cuttings, name plant
94. One fresh flower with its foliage in a suitable container.
95. Junior Horticulture Special - Ruby's Garden Special (Ages 5-9) An impressive design of gatherings from a walk in the wild (flowers, cones, etc) displaying in an interesting container  
**Prize:** \$12.50

## SECTION F – JUNIOR CLASSES

### EXHIBITOR AGES 10 TO 16

**Classes 96 - 104:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2, 4th: \$1

96. My Favourites Holiday Celebration Design using fresh plant

- material and accessories to represent your favourite holiday.
97. My Canada A flower arrangement to celebrate My Canada.
  98. 'Foot Print', A flower design in a shoe or boot.
  99. Flower Garden Favorites Flower arrangement using your favorite flowers from the garden.
  100. "Floating Free", A bowl of floating flowers, name the flowers.
  101. Potted plant in bloom you have grown from seed or cuttings, name plant
  102. One fresh flower with its foliage, in a container.
  103. Display of cut flowers, mixed, in one container, NIP
  104. Junior Horticulture Special - Ruby's Garden Special - (Ages 10-16) An impressive design of gatherings from a walk in the wild (flowers, cones, etc)- displayed in an interesting container  
**Prize: \$12.50**

## SECTION G – JUNIOR CLASSES

### EXHIBITOR AGES 3 TO 4

\*Membership is not required to exhibit in this class

#### Rules for the Special class for Exhibitors ages 3 to 4:

An entry tag must be securely attached with string or rubber bands (not taped) to the exhibit with the junior exhibitor's name and age clearly recorded on the entry tag.

**PRIZE:** \$2.00 to each exhibitor

105. An arrangement in a small Fair Fun recycled container  
**Prize: \$2**

## SECTION 9

### MISCELLANEOUS CONTEST

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Open to all ages and may be the work of a group, family or helpers. Entries must be accompanied by an entry form, exhibitor's tag with name, address and membership number securely pinned or tied to the exhibit. Entries should be brought to the Exhibition Hall to be placed for exhibiting **Wednesday, August 27, 2025 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** To be judged on Thursday, August 28, 2025. **Entries must be picked up Monday, September 1, 2025 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$12, 2nd: \$10, 3rd: \$8, 4th: \$5

#### Classes 1-2:

1. Canadian Proud A floor design using flowers, plant matter and accessories to represent your Canada!
2. People Put Flowers in the Darn'est Thing - A large floor design in strange thing. Fresh flowers, foliage, branches, etc.

