



A Competitive Outdoor Display of Individual Container Plants for Adults and Youths

2024 ENTRY TIMELINE

Entry Deadline	Friday, May 17, 8:00pm
Individual Container Plant Deliveries	Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4
(Credentials Required)	9am-5pm
Displays Must Be Ready for Judging	Wednesday, June 5
Judging Day (No Exhibitor Access-No Exceptions).....	Thursday, June 6
Award Ceremony (Invitation Only)	Tuesday, June 11, 6:00pm
	(in the Garden area)
Fair Dates.....	Wednesday June 12 – Sunday July 7
	(closed Mondays and Tuesdays)
Container Plant Removals.....	Monday, July 8, 7am-5pm
(Credentials Required)	

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Read this entire brochure and decide what to enter
- Enter online and pay entry fees by deadline at www.sdfair.com/entry
- Save email confirmation, entry delivery instructions will be emailed following entry deadline
- Deliver entries on June 3-4, 9am-5pm
- Pick up entries on July 8

NEW THIS YEAR

- Fair Theme: “Let’s Go Retro!” With a nod to nostalgia and a focus on fun, the 2024 Fair will give our yesteryears another moment in the San Diego sun. The music, styles, and events of the ‘50s through the ‘90s will be celebrated!

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE BROCHURE BEFORE ENTERING

Registration is only accepted online. Visit www.sdfair.com/entry to enter and pay the processing fees.

Processing fees are non-refundable.

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COMPETITION RULES

1. The Local and State Rules, available at sdfair.com/entry, apply to this department. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe conditions under which they will exhibit. The 22nd DAA (San Diego County Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all California Residents including youth ages 9-19, novices, amateurs, or professionals. **A novice is an exhibitor who has not shown prior to the 2024 San Diego County Fair competition.** Novice status will be retained for the entire show. Container Gardens that were entered in previous years will be accepted.
3. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 17, 8:00 PM (PDT)**
Online registration only: Entries must be submitted at www.sdfair.com/entry. Entries will receive an email confirmation. **Late entries will not be accepted.**
4. **TAX IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:** The 22nd District Agricultural Association is required, by the Internal Revenue Service, to report any premiums paid totaling \$600 or more. Exhibitors are required to complete a W-9 form prior to the entry deadline. **A NEW W-9 IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR.** For checks to match W-9s, exhibitors must register under their legal name.
You must notify us if the person/business name to issue your awards check is different than the exhibitor names the entry was registered under. For collaborative projects, only one check will be issued. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to divide the premium award. Collaborative projects must be approved by the Coordinator.
5. **PROCESSING FEES:** See each Class for specific fees.
6. **MATERIALS:** Exhibitors must furnish their own materials, accessories, and labor. Management insists on the use of high-quality products and materials. All containers and accessories should be marked with a waterproof label including owner's name and phone number on the bottom of the container. Valued accessories, such as heirlooms, etc. should not be used. **Artificial flowers and foliage are prohibited.**
7. **DELIVERIES & SETUP ACCESS:** All Classes will bring their container plant entries to the Flower and Garden Show office either Monday, June 3 or Tuesday, June 4 between the hours of 9am – 5pm. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas and display access passes on dashboard. Vehicles without proper passes will be subject to tow. No exhibitor access on Thursday, June 6.
8. **JUDGING:** Displays must be ready for judging by **Wednesday, June 5. Judging is on Thursday, June 6.** Exhibitors' and suppliers' names on signs **must be** covered by exhibitors prior to judging. **Failure to do so can result in disqualification.** Exhibitors will not be permitted in or around show area during judging. Failure to comply will be cause for disqualification. American System of Judging will be used unless otherwise stated.
9. **RIBBONS:** Ribbons are available after the close of the Fair. Exhibitors wanting ribbons must come to the Flower & Garden Show Office to pick up their ribbons no later than Monday, July 8.
10. **AWARDS: No exhibitor will receive more than (4) four cash awards in any one class** using the American Judging System, regardless of placing.
11. **MAINTENANCE:** Watering of entries throughout the Fair will be done by trained Garden Show staff based on the Watering Schedule Exhibitors will give to the Garden Show Coordinator prior to Fair opening day. A form will be provided. Container Plant maintenance throughout the entire run of the Fair is critical and entries should be inspected often. Exhibits may be maintained on open Fair days between 6-9am (after which all vehicles must exit the Garden Show), and on closed Fair days (any Monday or Tuesday between 6am-6pm). All vehicles must display a valid GARDEN SHOW EXHIBITOR PERMIT on dashboard or be subject to tow. Exhibitors must use their own tools and remove all equipment when finished maintaining each day. Excessive watering that causes run-off into area drains may result in State-imposed fines. Any entry which is not maintained properly may be determined ineligible and have premiums withheld.
The 22nd DAA has strict requirements associated with its two storm water permits (Industrial General Permit and Small Phase 2 MS4). Both permits require the 22nd DAA to ensure that no water, other than what falls from the sky, makes its way into the storm drain system. This includes excess plant water. Anyone found watering in a manner that results in discharges to any storm drain shall be fined \$500 for the first incident. If the behavior continues, the violator shall be referred to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SD RWQCB) for action. Fines and penalties levied by the SD RWQCB shall be the sole responsibility of the violator along with any direct costs sustained by the 22nd DAA for clean-up/repair.
12. **REMOVAL:** Container Plants must be picked up between 7am - 5pm on **Monday, July 8**, unless previous arrangements have been made with Garden Show Coordinator. Any items not picked up by this time will become the property of the Fair.

CONTAINER PLANTS

Division 2003 Adult Container Plants

PROCESSING FEE: \$10 per entry

LIMITS: No limit to entries

LABELING: Each entry should be identified by a waterproof label attached to entry, which contains scientific and/or common name of plant. Exhibitor's name to be put on the bottom of container.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Overall health and quality of plant material, clean foliage, no dead leaves, water spots, disease, or pests

Proper plant labeling including botanical and common name visible to public

Decorative container selection and condition including shape, texture and color

Overall balance and symmetry, originality, artistic creation

AWARDS:

1st Place – Blue Ribbon \$30

2nd Place – Red Ribbon \$25

3rd Place – White Ribbon \$20

4th Place – Pink Ribbon \$15

5th Place – Yellow Ribbon \$10

Honorable Mention – Ribbon

Class 001 Bromeliads & Tillandsias - Single or multiple specimens of any variety, (blooming or not) in a decorative container, mounted or hanging.

Class 002 Cactus - Single or multiple specimens of any variety cactus (blooming or not) in a decorative container or hanging.

Class 003 Fairy Gardens - A miniature garden planted in a single decorative container with whimsical dwellings designed to scale. Suitable for an outdoor table display and containing at least three different plants.

Class 004 Ferns & Tropical Plants - Colorful combinations or single specimens of any variety of ferns, including staghorn ferns, or tropical plants in a decorative container or mounted.

Class 005 Noteworthy Plants - An exceptional or rare wall-mounted, hanging or freestanding outdoor plant.

Class 006 Pinterest Inspired - Any single plant or grouping of plants that was inspired by a Pinterest posting. (Must submit Pinterest photo of inspiration along with entry).

Class 007 Succulents - Single or multiple specimens of any variety succulent (blooming or not) in a decorative container or hanging.

Class 008 Vintage Containers - Any single plant or grouping of plants that are displayed in a vintage container.

Class 009 Window Boxes - A traditional window box planter filled with Exhibitor's choice of plants.

Class 010 Other - Any container plant variety, (blooming or not) in a decorative container, mounted or hanging which does not fit into any other Class.

CONTAINER PLANTS

Division 2004 Youth Container Plants

PROCESSING FEE: \$5 per entry

ELIGIBILITY: Open to youth 9 -19 years of age.

LIMITS: No limit to entries

LABELING: Each entry should be identified by a waterproof label attached to entry, which contains scientific and/or common name of plant. Exhibitor's name to be put on the bottom of container.

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2024 San Diego Fair Local Rules

Presentation of completed entry form shall be deemed acceptance of all rules. Acceptance includes permission to use your name, photograph, and exhibit for the news media.

1. Online registration is required in all departments and some one-day contests. Online entries are accepted until 8:00pm (Pacific Time) on the deadline day for online entry registration, unless otherwise stated.
2. Incomplete or incorrect entry forms may be returned at the discretion of the management. The Management is not responsible for errors on entry forms which may lead to elimination or disqualification of an entry.
3. Processing fees must be paid online at the time of registration.
4. Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing, in accordance with State Rules. Refunds under **\$15** will not be granted. **Badging and entry processing fees are non-refundable.**
5. Exhibitors must be living at the time the entry form and/or online entry is submitted.
6. All non-livestock entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor.
7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain necessary permission to use material that is considered copyrighted in their entries.
8. Youth exhibitors must be **5 years** of age by January 1, 2024, and not older than 17 years on June 1, 2024, unless otherwise stated in Department Information.
9. The Management reserves the right to reject any exhibit/entry if it is objectionable in any way, requires an excessive amount of space, or the capacity of the department has been reached. All material used in decorating booths or exhibits must comply with State Fire codes. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe conditions under which he/she will exhibit or the exhibit will be displayed.
10. The Management reserves the right to limit entries, and display thereof, to facilities available and to cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition. Classes may be closed when capacity is reached.
11. Substitutions may only be made in the original Division and Class, unless otherwise noted in the Department rules.
12. Entries must be delivered on the date(s) and times specified. Entries will not be accepted before or after the stated delivery date. All accepted exhibits must remain on display and shall not be removed until the date specified in the rules. Any exhibit not picked up on the specified date becomes the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be disposed of promptly.
13. All exhibits are entered and shown at the owner's risk. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits, but in no event will the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur or for the actions of third parties. Insurance, if desired, should be obtained by the exhibitor at his/her own expense.
14. The American System of Judging will be used in the Adult Divisions and the Danish System of Judging will be used in the Youth Divisions, unless otherwise stated.
15. All entrants at exhibits must be neatly attired, wear shoes, and conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
16. Any person who violates any Local, State, or Department rule or displays unethical conduct will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the District may order.
17. **Contact Information:** If an entrant experiences a change of address, phone number, or email address, they are required to update this information with the Entry Office so they may be contacted regarding awards. This notification must be in writing and can be emailed to entry@sdfair.com or mailed to the Entry Department, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014.
18. All premium money will be paid from the awards as marked by the judges in the official judging books and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. The San Diego County Fair assumes no responsibility for special awards offered by clubs, individuals, or sanctioning bodies.
19. All premium and auction checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the entry form or online entry. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair to the address shown on the entry form. Auction checks may be held longer if the buyer has not paid. Checks not cashed within 12 months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a **\$35** stop payment fee.
20. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premiums paid totaling the amount of **\$600** or more. Exhibitors may be required to submit a W-9 form.
21. The 22nd District Agricultural Association management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.