



2023 ENTRY TIMELINE

Entry Deadline.....	Friday, May 26 at 11:59pm
Plant Delivery.....	Tuesday, June 13 • 6:30am–2pm
Fair Dates.....	Wednesday, June 7–Tuesday, July 4 <i>(closed Mondays and Tuesdays in June)</i>
Awards Ceremony.....	Monday, July 3, 9am
Plant Pick Up.....	Tuesday, June 20 • 6:30am–2pm

EVENTS

Wedding Day “Hearts & Flowers”.....	Sunday, June 11
Best of San Diego Floral Designer Contest “Blossom Blitz” .	Sunday, June 25
<i>Must pre-register by emailing flowershow@sdfair.com by Monday, June 19 at 5pm</i>	
National Garden Club Weekend.....	Saturday, June 24 & Sunday, June 25
Rose Day	Thursday, June 29

ENTRY FEE (non-refundable)

\$25 per entry—Traditional Bonsai
\$10 per entry—Tray Landscapes

ENTRY LIMIT

No entry limit.

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Read entry materials, decide what to enter
- Enter online and pay entry fees by deadline at sdfair.com/entry
- Save email confirmation, credential/entry tag pick up instructions will be emailed following entry deadline
- Deliver plants to Fairgrounds
- Save the date to attend the awards ceremony
- Pick up plants

CONTACT

Betty Patterson Del Sol, Coordinator
Flower Show Office • Monday through Friday, 10am–4pm *(extended support to 7pm on entry deadline)*
(858) 792-4273 or Entry Office (858) 792-4207 • entry@sdfair.com
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014
sdfair.com/entry

ELIGIBILITY

The Flower Show is open to residents of California, ages 18 and older. Container Gardens that were entered in previous years’ shows may be accepted.

EXHIBITOR ACCESS PASSES

Entrants will receive two (2) Exhibitor Access Passes per entry.

ENTRY TAG & CREDENTIAL PICK UP

Instructions on entry tag, credential and delivery permit pick up will be emailed after the entry deadline. If you are unable to pick up your information, please contact the Flower Show office.

DELIVERY, MAINTENANCE & TEARDOWN

Exhibitors will be emailed delivery instructions and exhibit maintenance details. When setting up and maintaining your exhibit, vehicles must follow parking rules and procedures or vehicles are subject to tow.

Exhibitors must furnish their own materials, accessories and labor. High-quality products and materials are encouraged. Valued accessories, such as heirlooms, should not be used. **Entries must include a waterproof identification label** on the bottom of the container stating exhibitor name, phone number and scientific and/or common name of tree, including approximate age.

Plant maintenance throughout the entire run of the Fair is critical, and entries should be inspected and refreshed often. Exhibitors must provide their own tools and leave all areas clean after maintaining exhibits. Any entry not maintained properly may be determined ineligible and have premiums withheld.

All entries must be picked up at entry delivery. Any items not picked up at delivery will become property of the Fair.

JUDGING

All judging will be blind and held in a closed session. All entries will be judged using the American Judging System. The decisions of the judges are final.

Exhibitors will not be permitted in or around show area during judging. Failure to comply will be cause for disqualification.

AWARDS

In addition to monetary awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, the following will be awarded for each division:

Best of Show: A trophy will be awarded to the most outstanding bonsai specimen and tray landscape specimen.

Ribbons will be given at the awards ceremony. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the Fair has closed. No exhibitor may receive more than (2) two cash awards in any one class, regardless of placing.

RULES

1. Local and State Rules apply to this competition available at sdfair.com/entry.
2. 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 and reserves the right to assign locations.
3. Tax Identification Information: The Fairgrounds is required to report premiums totaling \$600 or more, and a W-9 is required each year. ***You must notify us if the person/business name to issue your awards check is different than the exhibitor name the entry was registered under.***
4. Animals are not allowed on the Fairgrounds at any time (other than service animals).

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

DIVISION 5400: TRADITIONAL BONSAI

Presented in cooperation with the San Diego and North County Bonsai Clubs

Judging Criteria:

- Branches & Trunk Taper
- Overall Plant Health & Pruning
- Foliage Health
- Root Structure
- Container Size & Color
- Silhouette
- Well Proportioned - Balanced
- Overall Design & Presentation

Awards:

1st Place:	\$110 & Ribbon
2nd Place:	\$85 & Ribbon
3rd Place:	\$65 & Ribbon
4th Place:	\$30 & Ribbon
Honorable Mention	Ribbon

Class

- 001 Small**—An individual bonsai specimen of less than 12” height above container rim.
- 002 Medium**—An individual bonsai specimen between 12” and 24” height above container rim.
- 003 Large**—An individual bonsai specimen larger than 24" height above container rim.
- 004 Forest**—A planting of several or many trees of one species, typically an odd number, in a bonsai pot.
- 005 Novice**—An exhibitor who has not shown prior to this year’s San Diego County Fair Competition.

DIVISION 5500: TRAY LANDSCAPES

Judging Criteria:

- Overall health and quality of plant material, clean foliage, no dead leaves, water spots, disease or pests
- Harmony, consistency, balance, scale & interest
- Plant pruning, wiring and general technique
- Creative and artistic use of trees, plants, rocks, miniature figures, structures, etc.
- Tray surface treatment such as pebbles, sand, moss and/or water used in tray

Awards:

1st Place:	\$65 & Ribbon
2nd Place:	\$40 & Ribbon
3rd Place:	\$25 & Ribbon
Honorable Mention	Ribbon

Class

- 001 Saikei**—Japanese style “Planted Landscape”, including realistic near-view of scene
- 002 Hon Non Bo**—Vietnamese style “Miniature Landscape”, including island-mountain-panorama scene
- 003 Penjing**—Chinese style “Tray Scenery”, including a sense of the mystical scene
- 004 Novice**—Less than 5 years’ experience growing Tray Landscapes and first time entering San Diego County Fair
- 005 Suiseki**—Small natural occurring or shaped rocks as a Japanese art form
- 006 Other**—Any Tray Landscape not listed above.