



**2023 ENTRY TIMELINE**

Exhibitor Meeting.....	Saturday, April 8 • 9:30am ( <i>location TBD</i> )
Entry Deadline.....	Friday, May 26 at 11:59pm
Fair Dates.....	Wednesday, June 7–Tuesday, July 4 ( <i>closed Mondays and Tuesdays in June</i> )
Ribbon Request Deadline.....	Friday, June 23 at 7pm
Awards Ceremony.....	Monday, July 3 • 9am
Teardown.....	Wednesday, July 5 • 7am–6pm

**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 <a href="mailto:flowershow@sdfair.com">flowershow@sdfair.com</a> by Monday, June 19 at 5pm</i>
National Garden Club Weekend.....	Saturday, June 24 & Sunday, June 25
Rose Day .....	Thursday, June 29

**SCHEDULE (*Set up for Show Days*)**

Table Design—You may set up Tuesday, the day prior to the contest from 6am–2pm, or on contest day from 4am–9am.  
 Floral Design—You must set up/deliver day of show from 4am–9am

**ENTRY FEE**

Professional Floral Design: \$25 per entry (*non-refundable*)  
 All Other Divisions: \$20 per entry (*non-refundable*)  
 Petite Divisions: \$10 per entry (*non-refundable*)

**ENTRY LIMIT**

Two (2) entries per class, per exhibitor (space permitting.)

**ENTRY CHECKLIST**

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

**CONTACT**

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

## ELIGIBILITY

The Flower Show is open to California residents, ages 18 and older. Note, when filling out the online registration, note the name of the individual, business, group or association on "Exhibitor Name" line. Fill in "Issue Check to" line if this information is different from exhibitor name.

## EXHIBITOR ACCESS PASSES

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

## ENTRY TAG & CREDENTIAL PICK UP

Entry tag, instructions, credential and delivery permits will be distributed at Exhibitor Meeting. If you are unable to pick up your information, please contact the Flower Show Office.

## DELIVERY & PICK UP

If you do not receive information within 10 business days of the show, please contact the Flower Show office.

**Entries must be identified with a waterproof identification label** on the bottom of the container/vase stating exhibitor's name and phone number. When setting up and maintaining your exhibit, vehicles must follow parking rules and procedures or vehicles are subject to tow.

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.

Plants and containers may be picked up during the delivery time for the following show or during entry pick up for the last show. Any items not picked up after the entry pick up date become property of the Fair.

## MATERIALS & SIGNAGE

Cut fruits are not permitted. Artificial plant materials and/or dyed fresh plant material are **only** permitted as an accent. If "Dry" is not specified, design must include fresh plant material. Only dried materials may be used in dry classes. Accessories are permitted, but design should emphasize creative use of fresh and/or dried floral and plant material to express the theme/interpretation, rather than props to create scenes. Hangers are not provided.

All containers and accessories should be labeled or marked with the owner's name and phone number. Valued accessories, such as heirlooms, etc. should not be used. Use of more than one container is permitted.

Exhibitors may distribute business cards from tray or holder placed adjacent to arrangements. Cards will be displayed by Fair staff after judging.

## JUDGING

All judging will be blind and held in a closed session. All entries will be judged using the American Judging System. Points will be deducted for designs not adhering to the size limitations. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the following will be awarded for each division:

**Sweepstakes:** The exhibitor winning the most premiums in the professional, amateur, beginner, petite, table, floral art interpretation and wedding design sections will get a vase trophy and rosette ribbon.

Rosettes will be given at the awards ceremony. Exhibitors wanting ribbons must notify the Flower Show Office by deadline. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the Fair closes. No exhibitor may receive more than (2) two cash awards in any one class.

## RULES

1. Local and State Rules apply to this competition available at [sdfair.com/entry](http://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).

## PROFESSIONAL FLORAL DESIGN

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to professionals. A professional is a person who engages in any aspect of the floral industry as a portion of their livelihood rather than as a hobby, according to the California State Rules.

**SIZE LIMIT:** Maximum size 30" height x 20" diameter, including container. There is no minimum height or width.

### AWARDS:

- 1st Place: \$175 & Ribbon
- 2nd Place: \$150 & Ribbon
- 3rd Place: \$125 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Theme Interpretation (25 points), Design Principles & Elements (25 points), Technical Execution and Mechanics (15 points), Creativity (25 points), and Quality of Flowers (10 points).

### DIVISION 4005 (to be exhibited June 7)

#### Class

- 001 The Great Outdoors
- 002 Gentle Stream

### DIVISION 4010 (to be exhibited June 9)

#### Class

- 003 Forest of Trees
- 004 Cloudy Day

### DIVISION 4015 (to be exhibited June 14)

#### Class

- 005 Picnic in the Park
- 006 Camping

### DIVISION 4020 (to be exhibited June 16)

#### Class

- 007 Night on the Town
- 008 Funky Town

### DIVISION 4025 (to be exhibited June 21)

#### Class

- 009 Landscape Design
- 010 Neighbor's Garden

### DIVISION 4030 (to be exhibited June 23)

#### Class

- 011 Park Pave
- 012 Day at the Beach

### DIVISION 4035 (to be exhibited June 28)

#### Class

- 013 Winter Wonderland
- 014 Morning Light

### DIVISION 4040 (to be exhibited June 30)

#### Class

- 015 Waterfall
- 016 The Fourth Day of July

## AMATEUR FLORAL DESIGN

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to amateurs. An amateur is an experienced floral designer who engages in a method of floral design adhering to the guidelines of National Garden Club, Inc. For more information regarding this method, go to [www.gardenclub.org/schools](http://www.gardenclub.org/schools).

**SIZE LIMIT:** Maximum size 48" height x 30" diameter, including container. There is no minimum height.

### AWARDS:

- 1st Place: \$105 & Ribbon
- 2nd Place: \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd Place: \$50 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Painted/treated dry fresh materials may be used in **Fresh Design**, which must include fresh material. No artificial plant materials may be used. Judges consider: distinction in design principles and elements plus creativity and floral materials used. Emphasis should not be on the use of accessories to symbolically represent specific themes.

### DIVISION 4050 (to be exhibited June 7)

#### Class

- 001 Out There
- 002 Colorful
- 003 Dry Delight—Dry

### DIVISION 4055 (to be exhibited June 9)

#### Class

- 004 Far Out!
- 005 Less is More
- 006 Serene—Dry

### DIVISION 4060 (to be exhibited June 14)

#### Class

- 007 Around & Around
- 008 Happiness
- 009 Reflective—Dry

### DIVISION 4065 (to be exhibited June 16)

#### Class

- 010 Class Act
- 011 Plastic Pizzazz
- 012 Geometric—Dry

### DIVISION 4070 (to be exhibited June 21)

#### Class

- 013 Leaves and Stems
- 014 Two Containers
- 015 Contrast—Dry

### DIVISION 4075 (to be exhibited June 23)

#### Class

- 016 Black & White
- 017 Designer's Choice
- 018 Amazing Acrylic—Dry

### DIVISION 4080 (to be exhibited June 28)

#### Class

- 019 Metal Magic
- 020 Wild Wool
- 021 Hot Colors—Dry

### DIVISION 4085 (to be exhibited June 30)

#### Class

- 022 Framed
- 023 Curls and Swirls
- 024 Angles—Dry

## **BEGINNER FLORAL DESIGN**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to floral designers and florists who do not earn their livelihood through floral design (ex: hobbyist, student, etc).

**SIZE LIMIT:** Maximum size 30" height x 20" diameter, including container. There is no minimum height. There are no walls provided. Backdrops may be added.

### **AWARDS:**

1st Place: \$100 & Ribbon

2nd Place: \$75 & Ribbon

3rd Place: \$50 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Painted/treated dry fresh materials may be used in Fresh Design, which must include fresh material. No artificial plant materials may be used. Judges consider: distinction in design, principles and elements plus creativity and floral materials used. Emphasis should not be on the use of accessories to symbolically represent specific themes.

Design Principles & Elements (30 points), Technical Execution and Mechanics (25 points), Creativity (15 points), Theme (20 points) and Quality of Flowers (10 points).

### **DIVISION 4150 (to be exhibited June 7)**

#### **Class**

**001** The Great Outdoors

**002** Gentle Stream

### **DIVISION 4170 (to be exhibited June 21)**

#### **Class**

**009** In the Garden

**010** Sunrise–Sunset

### **DIVISION 4155 (to be exhibited June 9)**

#### **Class**

**003** Snow Scene

**004** Birds on the Wing

### **DIVISION 4175 (to be exhibited June 23)**

#### **Class**

**011** Under the Sea

**012** Magic Moment

### **DIVISION 4160 (to be exhibited June 14)**

#### **Class**

**005** Day at the Water

**006** Sun Down

### **DIVISION 4180 (to be exhibited June 28)**

#### **Class**

**013** Winter Wonderland

**014** Morning Light

### **DIVISION 4165 (to be exhibited June 16)**

#### **Class**

**007** Fountain

**008** Rocky Mountains

### **DIVISION 4185 (to be exhibited June 30)**

#### **Class**

**015** July 4th

**016** Kite Flying

## PETITE FLORAL DESIGN

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to any designer. Petites are judged according to rules by accredited judges of National Garden Club.

**SIZE LIMIT:** 5"x 5" maximum all inclusive. Design size should be in proportion to size of backdrop, if used. Designs are displayed on a shelf at approximately eye level.

### AWARDS:

- 1st Place: \$35 & Ribbon
- 2nd Place: \$25 & Ribbon
- 3rd Place: \$15 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Distinction in Design, Proportion, Scale and Quality Plant Materials. Petites are judged according to rules by accredited judges of National Garden Club.

### DIVISION 4205 (to be exhibited June 7)

#### Class

- 001 In the Wild
- 002 Poetry in Bloom
- 003 Circles—Dry

### DIVISION 4210 (to be exhibited June 9)

#### Class

- 004 Perky Plastic
- 005 Tropical
- 006 Sticks & Stones—Dry

### DIVISION 4215 (to be exhibited June 14)

#### Class

- 007 Dusk or Dawn
- 008 Clearly Colorful
- 009 Hot Colors—Dry

### DIVISION 4220 (to be exhibited June 16)

#### Class

- 010 Metal Magic
- 011 Lines & Forms
- 012 Fluffy—Dry

### DIVISION 4225 (to be exhibited June 21)

#### Class

- 013 Magic Multiples
- 014 Bits of Beauty
- 015 Colorful Sticks—Dry

### DIVISION 4230 (to be exhibited June 23)

#### Class

- 016 Mini Midollino
- 017 Leafy
- 018 Balancing Act—Dry

### DIVISION 4235 (to be exhibited June 28)

#### Class

- 019 Pods & Petals
- 020 Triangles
- 021 Tubular—Dry

### DIVISION 4240 (to be exhibited June 30)

#### Class

- 022 Exotic
- 023 Colorful Wool or Thread
- 024 Summer Sizzle—Dry

## TABLE FLORAL DESIGN

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to any designer.

**SIZE LIMIT:** Actual display table size is 30" x 30" square (8 tables per show available, first-come, first-served).

### AWARDS:

1st Place: \$100 & Ribbon

2nd Place: \$75 & Ribbon

3rd Place: \$50 & Ribbon

**RULES:** See the current National Garden Club Inc. Handbook for Table Designs. A **complete** floral design is required.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Tables will be judged on a point scale. Elements and principles of Floral Design National Garden Club Judges.

**Class 001:** Functional Table (All tables are for 2 persons unless otherwise noted). Table exhibit planned and set for actual service of food, capable of functioning for dining as displayed. Convenience and sense of order must prevail. A **complete** floral design is required.

**Class 002:** Exhibition Table not meant to be functional; created artistically to suggest the service of food with no requirements as to type or number of table appointments. Emphasis is on creative use of materials to express the theme. A **complete** floral design is required.

### DIVISION 4300 (to be exhibited June 7)

**Theme:** Holiday Brunch at Home

#### Class

**001** Functional Table

**002** Upright Exhibition Table

### DIVISION 4302 (to be exhibited June 21)

**Theme:** Oriental Style Dinner

#### Class

**001** Functional Table

**002** Upright Exhibition Table

### DIVISION 4301 (to be exhibited June 14)

**Theme:** Cocktails & Canapes

#### Class

**001** Functional Table

**002** Upright Exhibition Table

### DIVISION 4303 (to be exhibited June 28)

**Theme:** Falling in Love Dinner

#### Class

**001** Functional Table

**002** Upright Exhibition Table



## **FLORAL ART INTERPRETATION**

### **DIVISION 4400**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to any designer.

**FLORAL ART INTERPRETATION:** Designers create their interpretive arrangement piece from a grouping of original artworks. Floral exhibit should give the viewer the same emotion and feeling as the original artwork intended.

**ART CHOICE:** After the entry deadline, exhibitors will receive an email, explaining the procedure for selecting the piece/s of art to base their designs from. To choose from, a digital copy of all artwork will be sent to exhibitors. Contestants will choose their show date/s and bring their finished arrangement/s to the Flower Show O'Brien Hall, per the delivery schedule.

**SHOW DATES:** June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30

**SIZE LIMIT:** Maximum size: 28" height x 24" width and depth, including container. Accessories, backdrops and underlays are permitted.

### **AWARDS:**

1st Place: \$100 & Ribbon

2nd Place: \$75 & Ribbon

3rd Place: \$50 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Design Principles & Elements (*15 points*), Technical Execution and Mechanics (*15 points*), Creativity (*30 points*), Interpretation (*30 points*) and Quality of Flowers (*10 points*).

Design should emphasize creative use of fresh and/or dried floral and plant materials to express the interpretation, and may include props to create scenes, as well as painted items. No artificial plant materials or cut fruits permitted.

## **12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BEST OF SAN DIEGO FLORAL DESIGNER CONTEST "BLOSSOM BLITZ"**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** June 16 • 7pm

**COMPETITION:** Sunday, June 25

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to any designer.

**THEME:** San Diego County Fair

**ENTRY FEE:** \$50 (*non-refundable*)

**ENTER ONLINE** at [entry@sdfair.com](mailto:entry@sdfair.com)

### **AWARDS:**

1st Place: \$300 & Ribbon

2nd Place: \$200 & Ribbon

3rd Place: \$100 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Judging panel consists of equal numbers of National Garden Club Inc. judges and professional design judges.

## WEDDING FLORAL DESIGN

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to any designer.

**SIZE LIMIT:** No size limitation. Table top size is 24". Accessories, backdrops and underlays are encouraged, but must not be the dominant portion of the design.

### AWARDS:

1st Place: \$100 & Ribbon

2nd Place: \$75 & Ribbon

3rd Place: \$50 & Ribbon

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Design Principles & Elements (20 points), Technical Execution Mechanics and Wearability (30 points), Creativity (15 points), Theme (25 points) and Quality of Flowers (10 points).

### DIVISION 4500 (to be exhibited June 7)

**Theme:** White Winter Wedding

#### Class

001 Centerpiece

### DIVISION 4501 (to be exhibited June 9)

**Theme:** Christmas Candy Cane Love

#### Class

002 Flower Girl; bouquet for 4 year old

### DIVISION 4502 (to be exhibited June 14)

**Theme:** Blush Peach Sunset

#### Class

003 Maid's Bouquet

### DIVISION 4503 (to be exhibited June 16)

**Theme:** I'm Giving You My Heart

#### Class

004 Corsage & Boutonnière

### DIVISION 4504 (to be exhibited June 21)

**Theme:** Rustic but Right

#### Class

005 Maid's Bouquet

### DIVISION 4505 (to be exhibited June 23)

**Theme:** Black & White

#### Class

006 Mother's Corsage & Dad's Boutonnière

### DIVISION 4506 (to be exhibited June 28)

**Theme:** Monochromatic Magic

#### Class

007 Corsage & Boutonnière

### DIVISION 4507 (to be exhibited June 30)

**Theme:** Happy Day Daisies

#### Class

008 Hair Halo & Maid of Honor Bouquet

### Big Wedding Day in the Garden "Hearts & Flowers"

Romantic All Day Event  
**Sunday, June 11**

You are invited to participate!  
Reserve a spot (space is limited)  
Call (858) 792-4273  
No participation Fee