



2023 ENTRY TIMELINE

Entry Deadline	Friday, May 5 at 11:59pm
Badging Opens (<i>handled in entry office; closed weekends</i>)	Monday, May 8
Individual Container Plant Deliveries (<i>credentials required</i>).....	Tuesday, May 30 & Wednesday, May 31 • 9am–5pm
Displays Must Be Ready for Judging	Thursday, June 1
Judging Day (<i>no exhibitor access; no exceptions</i>).....	Friday, June 2
Awards Ceremony (<i>invitation only</i>).....	Monday, June 5 • 2pm
Badging Closes	Tuesday, June 6
Fair Opens	Wednesday, June 7 • 11am
Fair Dates	Wednesday, June 7–Tuesday, July 4 <i>(closed Mondays and Tuesdays in June)</i>
Fair Closes	Tuesday, July 4 at 10:00 pm
Container Plant Removals	Wednesday, July 5 • 7am–5pm

ENTRY FEE

- \$10 per entry Adult Division (non-refundable)
- \$5 per entry Youth Division (non-refundable)

ENTRY LIMIT

No limits on entry.

NEW THIS YEAR

- Fair Theme: **“Get Out There!”** Explore the great outdoors and get s’more of what life has to offer! The Paul Ecke Jr. Garden Show will showcase “The Great Outdoors” with a competitive outdoor display of individual container plants.

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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 2023 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 5, 11:59 PM (PST)**
Online registration only: Entries must be submitted at www.sdfair.com/entry. Online entries will receive an email confirmation. Technical support **will not** be available after 7pm on deadline day. **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 in advance if the person/business name to issue your awards check is different from the exhibitor's name under which the entry was registered. 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 Tuesday, May 30 or Wednesday, May 31 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 1.**
8. **JUDGING:** Displays must be ready for judging by **Thursday, June 1. Judging is on Friday, June 2.** 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 Friday, July 5.
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 per the Watering Schedule provided to Exhibitors by the Garden Show Coordinator prior to Fair opening day. 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 in June between 6am-6pm). All vehicles must display a valid GARDEN SHOW EXHIBITOR PERMIT on dashboard or is subject to tow. Exhibitors must provide 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.
12. **REMOVAL:** Container Plants must be picked up between 7am–5pm on **Friday, July 7,** 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.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

DIVISION 2003: CONTAINER PLANTS (ADULTS)

Classes

- 001 Bromeliads & Tillandsias**—Single or multiple specimens of any variety, (blooming or not) in a decorative container, mounted or hanging.
- 002 Cactus**—Single or multiple specimens of any variety cactus (blooming or not) in a decorative container or hanging.
- 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.
- 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.
- 005 Noteworthy Plants**—An exceptional or rare wall-mounted, hanging or freestanding outdoor plant.
- 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).
- 007 Succulents**—Single or multiple specimens of any variety succulent (blooming or not) in a decorative container or hanging.
- 008 Vintage Containers**—Any single plant or grouping of plants that are displayed in a vintage container.
- 009 Window Boxes**—A traditional window box planter filled with Exhibitor's choice of plants.
- 010 Other**—Any container plant variety, (blooming or not) in a decorative container, mounted or hanging which does not fit into any other Class.

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

First Place \$30 and Blue Ribbon
Second Place \$25 and Red Ribbon
Third Place \$20 and White Ribbon
Fourth Place \$15 and Pink Ribbon
Fifth Place \$10 and Yellow Ribbon
Honorable Mention Ribbons may be awarded at judges' discretion.

DIVISION 2004: CONTAINER PLANTS (YOUTH)

Open to youth ages 9–19.

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