



2023 ENTRY TIMELINE

Landscape Exhibitors Workshop	Saturday, March 4 • 9:30am–11:30am
Preliminary Designs Due	Friday, April 14
Entry Registration Deadline	Friday, May 5 at 11:59pm
Badging Opens (<i>handled in entry office; closed weekends</i>)	Monday, May 8
Set-Up–Divisions 2001 & 2002 (<i>credentials required</i>)	Thursday, May 18–Thursday, June 1
Displays Must Be Ready for Judging	Thursday, June 1
Judging–Divisions 2001 & 2002 (<i>NO exhibitor access</i>)	Friday, June 2
Awards Ceremony at Garden Show Stage.....	Monday, June 5 • 6:30pm
Badging Closes	Tuesday, June 6
Fair Opens	Wednesday, June 7 at 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
Teardown	Wednesday, July 5–Saturday, July 8

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 Garden Landscape Exhibits by Students, Adults and Professional Businesses.

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**DESIGN YOUR GARDEN SPACES TO WIN AS MANY
 POINTS AND AWARDS AS POSSIBLE!**

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:** Division 2001 is open to all California Residents including amateurs, non-profit organizations, businesses, associations and garden clubs in the horticultural, agricultural, or floricultural industry. Division 2002 student categories are open to members of 4H, FFA, other youth groups or individual youth. All exhibits subject to the approval of the Garden Show Coordinator.
3. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 5, 11:59 PM (PST).**
Online registration only: Entries must be submitted at www.sdfair.com/entry. You will receive an email confirmation. *Late Entries Will Not Be Accepted.*
4. **LIMIT OF ENTRIES: 1 entry per class.** There will be a maximum of **50** exhibits accepted in Division 2001 and **15** exhibits in Division 2002. Management reserves the right to assign display locations or reject any entry deemed inappropriate.
5. **SPACE ALLOCATION AND DESIGNS:** Space assignments will be on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Must have entry fees paid and W-9 Tax ID form completed. All potential exhibitors **MUST** submit a proposed design to reserve the space needed, including a request for border wall materials. The Coordinator must approve the design use of artificial props. **EXHIBITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE CREATIVE BORDER MATERIALS.**
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **PROCESSING FEES:** See each Division or Class for specific fees.
9. **SET-UP ACCESS:** Vehicles will be allowed in the show area for UNLOADING of landscape materials and set-up from **May 18 – June 1 for Division 2001 and Division 2002. All basic construction and large plant material must be in place by noon, Monday, May 29.** Vehicles must be parked in designated areas and display access passes on dashboard. **Vehicles without proper access passes will be subject to tow. No exhibitor access on Friday, June 2.**
10. **MATERIALS:** Exhibitors must furnish their own materials, accessories and labor. Management insists on the use of high-quality products and materials. Artificial flowers and foliage are prohibited. High-quality synthetic lawn is acceptable with Garden Show Coordinator’s approval.
11. **CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS:**
 - Hardscape** - All hardscape elements (i.e. water features, walkways, patios, walls, etc.) must be in place by Friday, May 26. River-rock beds must have a liner underneath for easy removal.
 - Electrical** - All electrical connections must be wrapped for weatherproofing. Cords must be UL approved, heavy-duty, and three-prong grounded with a maximum length of 20 feet. Coordinate any electrical needs with the Garden Show Coordinator and the Fairgrounds Electrician.
 - Lighting/Sound** – Lighting of exhibits is highly recommended for viewing during evening hours. The use of sound in any display **must** be approved by the Coordinator.
 - Water/ Pools** - No standing water is permitted. Pool pumps must be screened. Pool liners should be 20 mil minimum and heavy-duty to prevent leakage. Waterfalls and fountains should be designed not to overflow when off. These will be shut off nightly after the Fair closes and on dark days unless prior arrangements have been made with Garden Show Coordinator.
 - Miscellaneous** - Exhibits must be finished on all sides visible to the public. Landscape containers must not be visible. Any concrete barriers, posts, landscape containers, electrical cords, water sources, etc. within the display area must be covered.

12. **PROVIDED ITEMS:** The Garden Show will provide on a “first-come, first-served” basis: Assigned space, block borders, fill dirt, rough grading, and mulch. Each Landscape Exhibit area will have electricity, security lighting, access to water and a Fair-provided sign.
13. **PUBLIC ACCESS AND INSURANCE:** All Division 2001 and 2002 exhibitors will be required to have general liability insurance coverage. Additionally, if you have the public enter your exhibit space you **MUST** meet ADA specifications. Contact the Garden Show Office for additional information.
14. **ANIMALS:** No animals (other than service animals) are allowed on the Fairgrounds at any time.
15. **ACCESSORY SUPPLIERS:** If you have a need for the loan of materials or accessories, please contact the Flower & Garden Show Office for a current list of potential suppliers. You will need to arrange the details for pickup and return. You are responsible for any items you include in your display. In addition to the list, many other companies are responsive to requests for loans of their products to exhibitors. You may contact other potential suppliers as you wish. To acknowledge participation of accessory suppliers, their names may be included in the information that appears with your additional sign.
16. **SIGNS:** The Fair will provide a basic sign for each exhibit with the name of the exhibitor.
17. **EXHIBITORS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON AN ADDITIONAL SIGN, (MAXIMUM 24” X 36”):**
 - Exhibit Theme Statement - (Explain what your display represents and how)
 - A Conceptual Landscape Plan of Exhibit - (A bird's eye view of your exhibit)
 - A Plant Identification Guide - (List all plant varieties and label plants with numbers)
 - A Thank You List of Suppliers - (Thank all suppliers that contributed to your display)
18. **LITERATURE:** All literature and handouts **must** be reviewed and approved by the Garden Show Coordinator. All printed handouts must be professional in appearance and available in the literature holders attached to the sign holders. A limited number of literature holders will also be available by request. Staff will attach literature holders. Literature will be put in holders after judging is completed.
19. **JUDGING:** Displays must be ready for judging by **5pm on June 1**. 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.
20. **EXHIBIT STAFFING:** Landscape exhibitors (not suppliers) may staff their exhibits. Exhibitors must inform the Coordinator when they arrive. The purpose is to provide information and education. **Sales are prohibited on Fair property.**
21. **MAINTENANCE:** Watering of exhibits throughout the Fair will be done by trained Garden Show staff **UNLESS** a written request is received prior to the Fair opening. Upkeep and plant replacements are to be done by the exhibitor as needed. Exhibits should be inspected often. The cleanliness, quality and condition of the exhibit is important throughout the entire run of the Fair. **Exhibits may be maintained on open Fair days between 6am-9am (after which all vehicles must exit the Garden Show), and on closed Fair days between 6am-6pm. All vehicles must display a valid GARDEN EXHIBITOR PERMIT on dashboard.** Exhibitors must provide their own tools and hoses for watering and remove all equipment or store and hide within their exhibit. Excessive watering that causes run-off into area drains may result in State-imposed fines up to \$20,000. **Any exhibit becoming unsightly may be determined ineligible and premiums withheld.**
22. **TEARDOWN:** Exhibitors may begin to dismantle their exhibits, according to a schedule provided by show staff, the day **after** the Fair closes. Exhibitors dismantling their exhibits early may have premiums withheld. **All hardscape elements (i.e. water features, walkways, patios, walls, boulders, flagstone, river rock, etc.) MUST** be removed by the exhibitor by 5pm, **Wednesday, July 5. Failure to remove all hardscape including boulders, flagstone and river rock will result in forfeiture of all premiums. Security will be provided until Saturday, July 8. All items not removed by this time will become the property of the Garden Show. Removal of all items in displays must be coordinated by exhibitor. No one may remove items from an exhibit (other than the owner) without prior written authorization from the owner on file in the Flower & Garden Show office.**

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

DIVISION 2001: ADULT GARDEN LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS

Exhibits should attempt to incorporate the standards of water conservation, use of organic practices and sustainability, while including elements from the Garden Show theme, “**The Great Outdoors**”, and colorful plant material suitable for San Diego County. Please contact Garden Show Coordinator for direction or questions.

PROCESSING FEE:

Class 001—\$150

Class 002—\$250

Class 003—\$300

Class 004—\$350

Badging Fee—\$20

Coroplast Sign fee—\$30 (*Deadline May 1st*)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Each landscape exhibit will be judged using a point system. The amount of points earned will determine the amount of the Monetary Award received. The points earned will be posted at each exhibit so the public will know how and why you received your award.

AWARDS:

Class 001—\$5 per point up to \$2,500

Class 002—\$6 per point up to \$3,000

Class 003—\$8 per point up to \$4,000

Class 004—\$10 per point up to \$5,000

ADDITIONAL FAIR AWARDS:

Coordinator’s Award: \$500

Don Diego Award: \$500

Edgar Engert Educational Merit Award: \$500

Landscape Lighting Award: \$500

New Exhibitor Award: \$500

Noteworthy Plant Specimens: Ribbons

Paul Ecke, Jr. Garden Show Theme Award: 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; 3rd Place—\$350

Paul Ecke, Sr. Trophy: \$500

Watersmart Landscape Award: \$500

NOTE: All award money may be forfeited if Exhibitor fails to maintain their exhibit throughout the duration of the Fair.

Classes

001 Amateur Exhibit including Container Plant Gardens and Clubs, 250-750 sq. ft.: Open to Garden Clubs, Plant Societies, Horticulturists, Amateur Gardeners, and Educational Institutions.

002 Small Professional Exhibit, 500 sq. ft.: Open to Professional Businesses, Nurserymen, Professional Associations, Public Agencies, Botanic Gardens and Professional Horticulturists.

003 Medium Professional Exhibit, 750 sq. ft.: Open to Professional Businesses, Nurserymen, Professional Associations, Public Agencies, Botanic Gardens and Professional Horticulturists.

004 Large Professional Exhibit of 1000 sq. ft.: Open to Professional Businesses, Nurserymen, Professional Associations, Public Agencies, Botanic Gardens and Professional Horticulturists.

DIVISION 2002: STUDENT GARDEN LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS

Exhibits should attempt to incorporate the standards of water conservation, use of organic practices and sustainability, while including elements from the Garden Show theme, “**The Great Outdoors**”, and colorful plant material suitable for San Diego County. Please contact Garden Show Coordinator for direction or questions.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to youth 9 -19 years of age belonging to 4-H, FFA or other youth groups or individual students. Display must be designed and executed by the student members or by individual students.

PROCESSING FEE: \$65.00

JUDGING CRITERIA: Each landscape exhibit will be judged using a point system. The amount of points earned will determine the placing and amount of the monetary award received. The points earned will be posted at each exhibit so the public will know how and why you received your award.

JUDGING: Danish System of judging will be used. In this system, exhibits are judged on their own merit and not against each other. All exhibitors receive a ribbon and cash award, and there may be multiple entries that get the same ranking.

AWARDS:

1st Place–Blue Ribbon & \$500

2nd Place–Red Ribbon & \$475

3rd Place–White Ribbon & \$450

ADDITIONAL YOUTH FAIR AWARDS:

Outstanding Student Landscape Garden–\$250

NOTE: All award money may be forfeited if Exhibitor fails to maintain their exhibit throughout the duration of the Fair.

Class

001 Student Landscape Exhibits Ages 9 - 19 - Display size 300 sq. ft. (15' x 20')

Student Landscape Exhibits should attempt to incorporate the standards of water conservation, use of organic practices and sustainability, while including elements from the Garden Show theme, “**The Great Outdoors**” and colorful plant material suitable for San Diego County. Please contact Garden Show Coordinator for direction or questions.

LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS SCORE SHEET

Adult Division 2001

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Each completed landscape exhibit will be judged using the following point system. The amount of points earned will determine the amount of the monetary award received. The points earned will be posted at each exhibit so the public will know how and why you received your Award.

LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS POINT SYSTEM SCORECARD

Educational Value:

An accurate plan of the installed exhibit is on display (40 pts.)	_____
Labeling of plant material including accuracy, spelling and legibility (20 pts.)	_____
Educates public about San Diego County's variety of available plants (20 pts.)	_____
Exhibit demonstrates water conservation and sustainable practices (20 pts.)	_____
Subtotal	_____ (100)

Practicality of Design:

Plants are appropriate for San Diego County (10 pts.)	_____
Plants with similar watering requirements are grouped together (10 pts.)	_____
Local availability of materials used (10 pts.)	_____
Effort put forth in creating display (40 pts.)	_____
Subtotal	_____ (70)

Use of New or Re-Purposed Hardscape Materials:

Structures over 6 ft. high above fill dirt used in exhibit (40 pts.)	_____
Built patios, walls, walkways, decks, seating areas (20 pts.)	_____
Pots, fountains, statuary used in exhibit (10 pts.)	_____
Subtotal	_____ (70)

Quality and Size of Plant Material:

Plant material is high quality (40 pts.)	_____
Plants are not smaller than 1 gallon in size, excluding groundcover (20 pts.)	_____
Plants 5-gallon size and larger or unusual or difficult to grow (40 pts.)	_____
Quantity of plants cover 75% or greater of the exhibit (40 pts.)	_____
Subtotal	_____ (140)

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Visual Appeal of Exhibit:

Entire exhibit has a theme that is recognizable and well executed (30 pts.)	_____
Night lighting added by exhibitor to enhance display in evenings (50 pts.)	_____
Creativity and originality of design (30 pts.)	_____
Harmony of colors, materials, shapes, textures, and space (10 pts.)	_____
Subtotal	_____ (120)

Total Points Awarded/Possible _____ **/(500)**

**Each point is equal to \$5 in Class 001 (Amateurs), \$6 in Class 002 (Small Professional), \$8 in Class 003 (Medium Professional), and \$10 in Class 004 (Large Professional). All points will be forfeited if display is not maintained throughout the entire Fair*

Each Exhibitor will be allowed 24 hours to correct any deficiencies which will be listed on the Comment Sheet provided by judges.

STUDENT LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS SCORE SHEET

Student Division 2002

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Each completed landscape exhibit will be judged using the following percentage system. The exhibits will not be judged against each other, but stand on their own merits. The percentage earned will be posted at each exhibit so the public will know how and why you received your award.

LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS POINT SYSTEM SCORECARD

Educational Value:

- An accurate plan of the installed exhibit is on display
- Labeling of plant material including accuracy, spelling and legibility on plan
- Demonstrates water conservation plants and/or sustainable practices

Subtotal _____(20%)

Practicality of Design:

- Plants are appropriate for San Diego County
- Plants with similar watering requirements are grouped together
- Effort put forth in creating display

Subtotal _____(20%)

Use of New or Re-Purposed Hardscape Materials:

- Exhibit uses new or repurposed hardscape materials
- Minimum 25% of display contains hardscape materials

Subtotal _____(20%)

Quality and Quantity of Plant Material:

- Plant material is high quality
- Quantity of plants cover 50% or greater of the exhibit

Subtotal _____(20%)

Visual Appeal of Exhibit:

- Entire exhibit has a theme that is recognizable and explained
- Creativity and originality of design
- Harmony of colors and materials
- Lighting for visual appeal at night, has been installed

Subtotal _____(20%)

Total Percentage Awarded/Possible _____/(100%)

Class 001 (Ages 9 - 19)

90-100% = Blue Award worth \$500

80-89% = Red Award worth \$475

70-79% = White Award worth \$450

All points will be forfeited if display is not maintained throughout the entire Fair

Each Exhibitor will be allowed 24 hours to correct any deficiencies which will be listed on the Comment Sheet provided by judges.