

“PLAY BALL”

AN NGC HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

FLORAL HALL

Carson Park Fairgrounds, 300 Joe Clifton Drive
Paducah, KY
June 20-24, 2023



Sponsored by:

McCracken County Extension Master Gardeners

***Open Gate Garden Club**

Perennial Gardeners Garden Club

Homemakers' Garden Club

Open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 5:30 P.M. – 10:00 P. M.
\$3.00 general admission Fairground ticket required

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Audubon District**

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2023 McCracken County FAIR NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show “PLAY BALL”

Flower Show Committee:

Lyn Meredith, cardaier@gmail.com, (270) 519-6405, Show Chair and Horticulture Chair.

Sally Wilkins, skwilkins123@gmail.com, (270) 898-7798, Education Chair.

Committee Members: Brenda Johnson, Betty Thompson, and Bud Qualk

This Flower Show conforms to NGC standards. NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, available digitally at [NGC-HANDBOOK-FOR-FLOWER-SHOWS-2022-REVISION](#), is LAW OF THE SHOW.

GENERAL RULES (Apply to all Divisions)

ELIGIBILITY

Flower show is open to all. No charge to enter.

Entries

Entry tags available **Tuesday, June 20, 2023** at Floral Hall.

HORTICULTURE ENTRIES accepted **TUESDAY June 20, 2023, 7:30 A.M.** **Hanging containers** limited to the first 12 entries. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING, ENTRIES MUST BE STAGED, PLACED ON CORRECT CLASS TABLE AND SIGNED IN **BY 10:30 A.M.** Exhibitors must leave Floral Hall as soon as exhibit(s) is/are placed. Exhibitors may not return to Floral Hall until the Fair opens. **TIME RESTRICTIONS STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Classification chair for each Division will check for schedule conformity prior to judging. Final determination to conformance rests with judges. Show Chair will be on site during judging for possible consultation. Only judges, clerks and Division Chairs are permitted on floor during judging. Judge's decisions are final. Award may be withheld if not merited. Artificial plant material is prohibited. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division where multiple exhibits may be entered in the same class so long as each is a different species, cultivar, variety, color or type.

It is unlawful to remove native plants from any public land in Kentucky. Additionally, use of these federally listed endangered plants for Kentucky is prohibited, in a NGC show: *Apios priceana* (Price's Potato-bean); *Minuartia cumberlandensis* (Cumberland Sandwort); *Conradina verticillata* (Cumberland Rosemary); *Solidago albopilosa* (White-haired Goldenrod); *Solidago shortii* (Short's Goldenrod); *Spiraea virginiana* (Virginia Spirea); *Trifolium stoloniferum* (Running Buffalo Clover); *Schwalbea americana* (Chaffseed).

Commonwealth: Bush Honeysuckle; Chinese Silverbush; Garlic Mustard; Japanese Knotweed; Japanese Stiltgrass; Kudzu, Multi-Flora Rose; Oriental Bittersweet; Purple Loosestrife; and

Winged Burning Bush. These plants may appear in a Floral Show for educational identification purposes only.

AWARDS

Entries in Horticulture and Education Divisions—with exceptions noted below—will be judged according to NGC Standard System of Awarding as follows: 1st Place, Blue Ribbon and \$8.00; 2nd Place, Red Ribbon and \$6.00; 3rd Place, Yellow Ribbon and \$4.00; and 4th Place, White Ribbon and \$2.00. One or more Honorable Mention ribbons may be awarded in each Class.

Sweepstakes - \$15.00 & Green and White Rosette. Awarded to Exhibitor receiving most blue ribbons in Horticulture.

Best of Show - \$15.00 & Blue Rosette. Awarded in Horticulture to the best cut-plant entry. Selected from the best of Blue Ribbon winners.

Grower's Choice - \$15.00 & Green Rosette. Awarded in Horticulture to best entry in Container-Grown Section.

Elfin - \$15.00 & Chartreuse and Purple Rosette. Awarded to best entry in the Petite Container-Grown Section.

COLLECTING ENTRIES AND PRIZE MONEY:

Ribbons and/or prize money will be distributed **SUNDAY, June 25, 2023**, between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. at Floral Hall. Any exhibits, ribbons and/or premiums not claimed at that time will be forfeited and disposed of unless prior arrangements have been made with Show Chair.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ORGANIZERS:

Neither McCracken County Fair, McCracken County Extension Master Gardener Association, Open Gate Garden Club, Perennial Gardeners Garden Club, nor Homemakers' Garden Club, shall be responsible for loss of—nor damage to—exhibits or personal property of Exhibitors but will exercise utmost care for their protection.

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE - RULES (Please read and follow General Rules) *"Field of Dreams"*

Horticulture Chair: Lyn Meredith

Committee Members: Brenda Johnson, Betty Thompson, Carolyn Roof and Bud Qualk

- 1. All exhibits must be fresh and grown by Exhibitor.**
- Horticulture exhibits received **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 7:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.** All entries must be staged, placed on correct class table and signed in by 10:30 A.M. to be eligible for judging. **Time restrictions strictly enforced.** Container-grown exhibits must remain on display for duration of fair.
- Entry cards are available on day of registration. Each exhibitor limited to one entry per class, but may enter more than one Horticulture specimen per class if each entry is different species, variety, cultivar, type or color.
- An individual may exhibit no more than 12 Horticulture entries.
- All specimens to be correctly labeled by genus, species, and/or variety, if possible, as well as common name.

6. Horticulture Committee will supply bottles, water and wedging material (boxwood) to exhibit cut-plant material. Exhibitors may bring own *clear, transparent, colorless bottles* and wedging material. Bottles brought by Exhibitors should be free of lettering, labels, distracting colors and patterns. Bottles brought by Exhibitors will **not** be returned. Wedging material must be unobtrusive—sole purpose being to display specimen at its best.
7. Glass marbles or pebbles may be used as ballast inside a bottle to prevent container from tipping but may not be used as wedging. Ballast must not hide any portion of stem.
8. All plant material must be clean and without dead foliage, insects or disease. Compound leaves must be complete. **All foliage, except Gladiolus, must be above water line.**
9. Cut-plant material should be appropriate length for variety.
10. Double-potting of houseplants is permitted in Horticulture Division so long as interior pot is invisible. Topdressing with new soil or other material to freshen look of soil is permitted in Horticulture Division.
11. Plant material may not be altered by application of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that artificially change specimen’s natural color and texture.
12. At Chair’s discretion, entries not meeting these requirements may be displayed but not judged.
13. A plant considered a flowering plant should be exhibited as a flowering specimen (in flower). Foliage plants may flower but should be exhibited as foliage plants if grown primarily for leaves. *A container-plant grown for primarily for foliage* may be displayed with insignificant flowers.
14. Specimens with class designation in schedule *may not be entered* in “Other Specimen” class.
15. For more information, contact McCracken County Extension Office, (270) 554-9520.

HORTICULTURE SECTIONS AND CLASSES

CUT- PLANT MATERIAL - Section 1

One stem per bottle. Bottle, wedging and water provided by Horticulture Committee but exhibitor may bring own.

Annuals “Grand Slam”

1. *Zinnia*
2. *Coleus*
3. *Calendula* (Marigold)
4. *Impatiens*
5. *Begonia*
6. *Lantana*
7. *Salvia*
8. *Cleome*
9. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)
10. *Verbena*
11. *Celosia*
12. *Antirrhinum* (Snapdragons)
13. *Petunia*

14. Other Annuals not listed above

Bulbs, Corms and Tubers “Home Run”

- 15. *Gladiolus*
- 16. *Zantedeschia* (Calla Lily)
- 17. *Lilium* (Asiatic or Oriental lily)
- 18. *Allium*
- 19. *Dahlia*
- 20. *Canna*
- 21. *Iris*
- 22. *Paeonia* (Peony)
- 23. *Caladium*
- 24. *Ipomoea* (Sweet Potato Vine)
- 25. Other Bulbs, Corms and Tubers not listed above

Ferns “Triple Play”

- 26. *Polystichum acrostichoides* (Christmas Fern)
- 27. *Athyrium filix-femina* (Lady Fern)
- 28. *Athyrium niponicum* (Japanese Painted Fern)
- 29. *Matteuccia struthiopteris* (Ostrich Fern)
- 30. *Adiantum pedatum* (Maidenhair Fern)
- 31. *Osmundastrum cinnamomeum* (Cinnamon Fern)
- 32. *Asparagus setaceus* (Asparagus Fern)
- 33. Other Ferns not listed above

Hemerocallis – Daylilies “Extra Innings”

- 34. Single, any color
- 35. Double, any color
- 36. Ruffled, any color
- 37. Spider, any color
- 38. Multicolored or banded
- 39. Miniature (less than 3”)
- 40. Other Daylilies not listed above

Herbs “Single”

- 41. Basil
- 42. Sage
- 43. Parsley
- 44. Thyme
- 45. Rosemary
- 46. Lavender
- 47. Oregano
- 48. Mint
- 49. Lemon Balm

- 50. Dill
- 51. Chamomile
- 52. Fennel
- 53. Curry
- 54. Other Herbs not listed above

Hosta Leaves (width of *mature leaf* determines placement; exhibit *single* leaf) “Walk”

- 55. Small – leaf width up to 3” across
- 56. Medium – leaf width 3”- 6”
- 57. Large – leaf width 6”- 8”
- 58. Extra-large – leaf width over 8”

Hydrangeas “Double”

- 59. Mophead (*H. macrophylla*)
- 60. Snowball (*H. arborescens*) 'Annabelle' etc.
- 61. Lace Caps (*H. macrophylla normalis*)
- 62. Oak Leaf (*H. quercifolia*)
- 63. Other Hydrangea not listed above

Perennials – Flowering “Triple”

- 64. *Echinacea* (Coneflower)
- 65. *Phlox*
- 66. *Rudbeckia* – cultivar
- 67. *Monarda* (Bee Balm)
- 68. *Digitalis* (FoxGlove)
- 69. *Lupinus* (Lupine)
- 70. Other Flowering Perennials not listed above

Perennials grown primarily for foliage “Base On Balls”

- 71. *Sedum* (Stonecrop)
- 72. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells)
- 73. *Polygonatum* (Solomon’s Seal)
- 74. Grass, Ornamental
- 75. Other Perennials grown primarily for foliage but not listed

Rosa (Roses) “World Series”

- 76. Hybrid Tea
- 77. Floribunda
- 78. Grandiflora
- 79. Shrub rose
- 80. Other Roses not listed above

Wildflowers - species only (NO cultivated varieties) “Exhibition Game”

Invasive exotics are NOT to be collected from the wild and will not be accepted for entry.

- 81. *Tradescantia* (Spiderwort)
- 82. *Asarum* (Wild Ginger)
- 83. *Asclepias* (Butterfly Weed)
- 84. *Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan)
- 85. Other Wildflowers not listed above

Vines “Infield Grass”

- 86. Any flowering vine
- 87. Any vine grown for foliage

Trees and Shrubs “Batter Up”

- 88. Broadleaf evergreen tree
- 89. Broadleaf evergreen shrub
- 90. Needled Evergreen tree
- 91. Needled Evergreen shrub
- 92. Deciduous Tree
- 93. Deciduous Shrub

PLANTER/CONTAINER-GROWN PLANTS - Section 2

Exhibitor may provide stand or other item to elevate entries.

Combination Planting Rules - Containers may be no larger than 20” in any direction and must have been grown as one unit by Exhibitor for at least 6 weeks (HB p. 55). Three (3) or more botanically different plants with similar cultural requirements such as light, water and humidity must be incorporated in planting.

Combination Plantings “Outfield Grass”

- 94. Succulents/Cactus
- 95. Flowering plants
- 96. Foliage/Ferns
- 97. Herbs
- 98. Other Combination Plantings not listed above
- 99. Dish Gardens - miniature landscape in open container. One or more accessories may be added. If used, accessories must be in scale with plant material and with each other.
- 100. Terrariums - miniature landscape in covered, transparent container. If used, accessories must be in scale with plant material and with each other.

Single Variety or Cultivar Rules - Containers must be no larger than 20” in any direction and grown by Exhibitor as one unit for at least 90 days (HB p. 55).

Single Variety or Cultivar “Stolen Base”

- 101. *Saintpaulia ionantha* (African violet)
- 102. *Begonia*
- 103. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)

- 104. Orchid
- 105. Holiday cactus (Easter - *Rhipsalidopsis*, Thanksgiving or Christmas- *Schlumbergera*)
- 106. Bromeliad
- 107. Succulent/Cactus
- 108. Flowering plants
- 109. Foliage/Ferns
- 110. Fruits/Herbs/Vegetables
- 111. Other Single, Container-Grown Plant not listed above

Petite Single Variety or Cultivar Rules - Definition: Naturally small growth, or those designated as dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars by nurseries or plant societies. Entries can be no more than 12" in any direction. Containers for petite specimens should be in proportion to the specimen.

Petite Single Variety or Cultivar "Strike Three"

- 112. *Tillandsia* (Air Plant)
- 113. Succulent/Cactus
- 114. *Pilea* (Chinese Money Plant)
- 115. *Hypoestes* (Polka-dot plants)
- 116. *Dracaena* (Lucky Bamboo)
- 117. Other Small, Dwarf or Miniature Plant not listed above

HANGING CONTAINERS - Section 3

Hanging Containers Rules - Limited to first 12 entries. Containers must be no larger than 12" in width, 45" in total length and grown by Exhibitor as one unit for at least 6 weeks. Entries will hang from hooks.

- 118. Hanging Containers

DIVISION II - EDUCATION - RULES (Please read General Rules)

"SPRING TRAINING"

Education Chair: Sally Wilkins

1. Educational exhibits must inform and promote these NGC goals and objectives:
 - a. Coordinate interests and activities of State Garden Clubs with similar organizations in US and foreign countries.
 - b. Aid protection and conservation of natural resources.
 - c. Promote civic educational services and beautification, plus encourage improvement of roadsides and parks.
 - d. Encourage establishment and maintenance of botanical gardens, arboreta and garden education centers for advancement of sciences and public enjoyment and education.

- e. Advance study of gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design and horticulture, and assist deserving students in these fields of endeavor through college scholarships.
 - f. Cooperate with other organizations to further interest in horticulture, conservation, environmental protection and civic beautification.
2. Educational exhibits may be work of more than one individual or organization unless a student judge or accredited judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an educational exhibit. Exhibit restricted to one table. Table and table cover will be provided by committee. Trifold and/or retractable banner provided by Exhibitor.
 3. Division is judged by Educational Exhibits Scale of Points (HB p. 130).
 4. Exhibits should convey educational facts quickly and persuasively in interesting manner.
 5. Exhibits should be unique, dramatic, colorful, easy-to-read and include feature/s that attract and hold viewer attention.
 6. Handouts add to educational value but are not required.
 7. Each part of exhibit should contribute to distinctive overall effect
 8. Fresh plant material is not required, although encouraged where appropriate. Artificial plant material prohibited.
 9. Exhibitor must pre-register by June 13, 2023, by contacting the Education Consultant.

Education Consultant: Sally Wilkins, skwilkins123@gmail.com, (270) 898-7798

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| Exhibit 1 | Herbs |
| Exhibit 2 | Monarch Butterflies |
| Exhibit 3 | Honey Bees |
| Exhibit 4 | Native Plants |

YOUTH & ADULT VEGETABLE, FRUIT & NUT EXHIBIT

All entries competing for premiums must be produced and grown by exhibitor in current or immediate past growing season. All entries exhibited must be produced in Kentucky and displayed according to 4-H publication 4BC-08PO "Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables."

Publication available at: <https://bit.ly/3lhxDHt>

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AWARDS - 1st Place, Blue Ribbon and \$8.00; 2nd Place, Red Ribbon and \$6.00; 3rd Place, Yellow Ribbon and \$4.00; and, 4th Place, White Ribbon and \$2.00.

Committee will provide plates for staging of vegetables.

Classes:

1. Asparagus (12)
2. Beans, green (12)
3. Beans, bush (12)
4. Beets (6)
5. Broccoli (1 head)
6. Cabbage, round (one small head less than 6 inches in diameter)
7. Cabbage, round (one large head more than 6 inches in diameter)
8. Cabbage, other (1)
9. Cauliflower (1 head)
10. Carrots (3)
11. Cucumbers (3)
12. Lettuce, leaf (1 plant)
13. Lettuce, Bibb (1 bunch)
14. Okra (5)
15. Onions, green (12 bunched)
16. Onions, mature (3)
17. Peas, green (12 pods)
18. Potatoes (3)
19. Radish (5)
20. Rhubarb (3)
21. Squash, Pattypan, any color (3)
22. Squash, yellow summer (3)
23. Spinach (1 plant)
24. Sweet Corn, yellow (3 ears)
25. Sweet Corn, white (3 ears)
26. Sweet Corn, other (3 ears)
27. Tomatoes, green (3)
28. Tomatoes, red (3)
29. Turnips (3)
30. Zucchini (3)

31. Other Vegetables not listed above (full plate)
32. Blackberries (12)
33. Blueberries (12)
34. Gooseberries (12)
35. Raspberries (12)
36. Strawberries (12)
37. Other berries not listed above (12)
38. Cherries (12)
39. Apples (3)
40. Peaches (3)
41. Other Fruit not listed above (3)
42. Nuts (6)

YOUTH & ADULT FIELD CROPS

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AWARDS - 1st Place, Blue Ribbon and \$8.00; 2nd Place, Red Ribbon and \$6.00; 3rd Place, Yellow Ribbon and \$4.00; and, 4th Place, White Ribbon and \$2.00.

43. Barley (1 quart) – current year
44. Yellow Corn (1 quart) – previous year
45. White Corn (1 quart) – previous year
46. Oats (1 quart) – current year
47. Soybeans (1 quart) – previous year
48. Wheat (1 quart) – current year
49. Yellow Corn (3 ears) – previous year
50. White Corn (3 ears) – previous year
51. Hay (20 lbs.) Clover – current year
52. Hay (20 lbs.) Grass – current year
53. Hay (20 lbs.) Alfalfa – current year
54. Burley Tobacco (2 hands)
55. Tobacco – Dark Fire Cured (2 hands)
56. Tobacco – Dark Air Cured (2 hands)
57. Any Other Field Crops