

2026

OPEN CLASS FLOWERS AND HOUSEPLANTS

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1. Open Class Registration Deadline – **July 15**. Register online at fair.manitowocountywi.gov.
2. Entry Day – **Monday, August 24**, starting at noon and **MUST be in place no later than 7pm**, in the Exhibition building.
3. Judging Day – **Tuesday, August 25**, at 10am.
4. Release Day – **Sunday, August 30**, between 6pm and 7:30pm. **Vehicle access will begin at 6:30pm through the northwest corner of the Main Parking lot (across the street from Meijer). Watch for signs. Line Up begins at 6:25pm. Exhibits released prior to release date and time will not receive premiums.**
5. Fee - \$.20 per entry for each exhibitor and paid at the time of registration.
6. **Exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry or exhibit per lot number.**
7. **No ceramic pots allowed.**
8. No altering or repair of flowers or plants after entry placement.
9. No artificial flowers may be used in artistic arrangements.
10. All materials used in arrangements (fresh or dried) **must be locally grown**, not florist material.
11. Flower colors may not be altered.
12. An arrangement of flowers should include foliage (evergreens, shrubs, leaves or branches are examples of foliage).
13. Accessories can be used unless stated otherwise.
14. A figurine is used to help the theme. It can be used as a container or a freestanding addition to an arrangement.
15. An arrangement listed for fresh flowers may not contain dried flowers.
16. All plants must be disease and insect free.
17. No plant, dried flower, or arrangement that has received a premium in a previous year may be re-entered.
18. **All plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor sixty (60) days prior to the fair. Exception: multiple plantings, such as terrariums and dish gardens and must have been growing together for at least six (6) weeks.**
19. All “any other” entries Must Be Identified on the entry tag.
20. Exhibitor responsible for watering their own house plants.
21. **Judge will stay ½ hour after judging for questions.**

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

SCALE OF POINTS FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Relation to Arrangement to the Container	30
Condition of Material	30
Design and Proportion	25
Color Harmony	15
Total	100

CLASS A: BEGINNER'S FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

1. A class to encourage exhibitors to learn and improve on good flower arranging.
2. **An exhibitor receiving five (5) Blue Ribbons MUST enter the advanced class.**

Premiums for Classes A through G are as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$3.00 Red Ribbon - \$2.50 White Ribbon - \$2.00 Pink Ribbon - \$1.50

Lot Numbers:

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| 100. An arrangement using fresh, wild flowers | 106. Fruits of Labor, fresh fruits and foliage |
| 101. An arrangement with a large red candle and flowers | 107. I Love You |
| 102. An arrangement for a holiday – name the holiday | 108. Patriotism |
| 103. An arrangement of Fall color flowers | 109. Wedding Anniversary, place setting with fresh flowers, no silverware. Name anniversary and year. |
| 104. An arrangement using a toy and flowers | |
| 105. Favorite Picture with Arrangement, Identify on tag | |

CLASS B: ADVANCED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Lot Numbers:

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| 110. Beautiful Glads, triangle arrangement of glads with foliage for on mantel | 118. Festival of Flowers, all marigolds, any color container |
| 111. Candlelight, a table centerpiece | 119. Fruits of Labor, fresh fruits and foliage |
| 112. Christmas Arrangement with Fresh Flowers and Evergreens | 120. Holiday (not Christmas), accessories allowed, any other, identify on tag |
| 113. Christmas, foliage and cones only | 121. I Love You |
| 114. Cup and Saucer | 122. Indian Summer, 3 kinds of vegetables with grains |
| 115. Dahlia Arrangement for Table with Foliage | 123. Living Plant Arrangement with Dry Materials |
| 116. Fall Color Flowers, arrangement | 124. Manitowoc County Fair Theme (use fair theme) |
| 117. Favorite Picture with Arrangement, Identify on tag | 125. Nature, dry arrangement in a natural container (examples: driftwood, pumpkin, gourd) |

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126. Patriotism
127. Pretty in Pink, arrangement of different shades of pink flowers
128. Quiet Reflections, a religious arrangement with fresh flowers (accessories allowed)
129. Snow White, ALL white flowers, white container and foliage may be used
130. Sports, fresh flowers
131. Sunshine
132. Table Centerpiece, arrangement
133. Tom Thumb, arrangement of miniature flowers, not to exceed 5" in any direction, includes container
134. Wedding Anniversary, place setting with fresh flowers, no silverware. Name anniversary and year.
135. Winter Snowfall, all fresh flowers
136. Wisconsin Autumn, evergreen leaves and nuts with accessories

CLASS C: FRESH FLOWER BOUQUETS

1. Exhibitor must comply with the required number of blooms or exhibit will be disqualified.
2. Definitions:
 - a. Spike – Single Stem. Example: snapdragon, gladiolus, delphinium, etc.
 - b. Bloom – Single Blossom. Example: zinnia, peony, dahlia, etc.
 - c. Stem – The ascending part of a plant. Example: petunias, French marigolds, cosmos, phlox, etc.
3. Leave a little Foliage for interest.
4. No floral oasis allowed.
5. All bouquet must be in vases or low bowl.
6. All entries 4 stems, blooms, spikes, with foliage on.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR FLOWERS AND PLANTS

Condition and Perfection	30
Fullness (60% blooms/buds – 30% greens) – Shape/Form	30
Color – Clear and Bright	20
Grooming	<u>20</u>
Total	100

Lot Numbers:

300. Ageratum, 4 stems, any color
301. Amaranth, Globe, 4 stems, any color, identify
302. Asters, 4 blooms – Dwarf, under 2", any color
303. Asters, 4 blooms, 2-4" across, any color
304. Bells of Ireland, 4 spikes, fresh with some of its own foliage
305. Calendula, 4 blooms, orange or yellow
306. Carnation, 4 stems, any color
307. Celosia, feathered, 4 stems
308. Celosia, crested, 4 stems
309. Chrysanthemums, 4 stems, Dwarf or Cushion, any color
310. Clematis, 4 stems
311. Cleome, 3 stems
312. Cone Flower, 4 stems
313. Coreopsis, 4 stems
314. Cornflowers, 4 stems, Bachelor Button, any color
315. Cosmos, 4 stems, any color
316. Daisy, Gloriosa/Rudbeckia, 4 blooms
317. Daisy, Shasta, 4 blooms
318. Dianthus, 4 stems, annual pinks
319. Gazania, 4 blooms
320. Gaillardia, 4 stems
321. Gladiola, Blue, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
322. Gladiola, Fringed, any color, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
323. Gladiola, Orange, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
324. Gladiola, Pink, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
325. Gladiola, Purple, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
326. Gladiola, Red, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
327. Gladiola, Tri Color, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
328. Gladiola, Two Tone, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
329. Gladiola, White, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
330. Gladiola, Yellow, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
331. Gladiola, any other color, 4 spikes with foliage put in quart mason jar
332. Gypsophila, Baby Breath, 4 stems
333. Hollyhock, 4 spikes
334. Hydrangea, Round, 2 stems
335. Hydrangea, Conical, 2 stems
336. Kale, Flowering, 1 stem
337. Marigolds, 4 stems, French, one color
338. Marigolds, 4 blooms, 2-3" across, one color
339. Marigolds, 4 blooms, over 3" across, one color
340. Nasturtium, 4 stems, any color
341. Ornamental Grass, 4 stems over 10", one variety, identify
342. Pansies, any color, 4 stems
343. Petunias, 4 stems, grandiflora (large or fringed flower), any color
344. Petunias, 4 stems, multiflora (small flower), any color
345. Petunias, 4 stems, double, any color

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- 346. Phlox, 4 stems, annual
- 347. Phlox, 2 stems, perennial
- 348. Salvia, 4 spikes, any color
- 349. Salvia, 4 stems, blue
- 350. Sedum, 4 stems
- 351. Snapdragons, 4 spikes, dwarf or bushy, any color
- 352. Snapdragons, 4 spikes, tall, any color
- 353. Statice, 4 stems, annual, any color
- 354. Stock, 4 spikes, any color
- 355. Sweet Peas, 4 stems, annual
- 356. Verbena, 4 stems
- 357. Viola, Johnny-Jump-Ups, 4 stems
- 358. Yarrow, 4 stems, yellow
- 359. Yarrow, 4 stems, any other color
- 360. Zinnia, 4 blooms, over 4", any color
- 361. Zinnia, 4 blooms, dwarf, less than 2", any color
- 362. Zinnia, 4 blooms, 2-4", any color
- 363. Zinnia, 4 blooms, cactus, any color
- 364. Any other annual not listed above, 3 blooms, spikes, or stems, identify on tag
- 365. Any other perennial not listed above, 3 blooms, spikes, or stems, identify on tag

CLASS D: DRIED FLOWER BOUQUETS

1. The dried flowers entered must be from this year or the previous year only.
2. Dried flowers that received a ribbon the previous year may not be entered again.
3. No water – remove all foliage.

Lot Numbers:

- 400. Baby Breath (Gypsophila), 3 stems
- 401. Chinese Lantern, 3 stems
- 402. Glove Thistle, 3 blooms
- 403. Money Plant (Lunaria), 3 stems
- 404. Annual Statice, 4 stems, any color
- 405. Perennial Statice, 2 stems, any color
- 406. Straw Flowers (Helichrysum), 4 wired blooms, any color
- 407. Yarrow (Achillea), 3 blooms
- 408. Celosia, 3 stems
- 409. Any other dried flower not listed above, 3 blooms or stems, identify

CLASS E: CUT FLOWERS

1. Foliage should remain on flowers.

Lot Numbers:

- 500. Asian Lily, 1 stem
- 501. Calla, Lily, 2 blooms
- 502. Cannas, 2 blooms
- 503. Dahlia, 2 blooms, miniature, under 3"
- 504. Dahlia, 1 bloom, medium, 3-6"
- 505. Dahlia, 1 bloom, large, 6-8"
- 506. Dahlia, 1 bloom, over 8"
- 507. Dahlia, 1 bloom, cactus, any size
- 508. Dahlia, any other not listed, identify
- 509. Day Lily, 2 stems
- 510. Geranium, 3 blooms, no foliage
- 511. Gladiolus, 3 spikes, miniature, any color
- 512. Gladiolus, 3 spikes, standard, any color
- 513. Gladiolus, 1 large standard, any color, perfection
- 514. Roses, shrub, 2 sprays, leave on buds and some leaves, Identify
- 515. Roses, Floribunda, 2 sprays, leave on buds and some leaves, Identify
- 516. Rose, Hybrid Tea, 2 stems, Identify
- 517. Rose, Grandiflora, 2 stems, Identify
- 518. Rose, climbing, 2 stems, Identify
- 519. Rose, miniature, 2 stems, Identify
- 520. Summer Blooming Bulb, 2 spikes or bloom, no Gladiolus or Tuberous Begonias, identify
- 521. Sunflower, 1 stem, identify variety
- 522. Tuberous Begonia, 1 stem with leaves, floated in a low container
- 523. Any other Lily not listed above, 2 stems, identify

CLASS F: HOUSE PLANTS

1. Rules for entering are the same as flowers.
2. Any hanging plant must be in a pot 12" or less and ready to hang with a hook.
3. All plants must be disease and insect free, well-groomed, and in clean pots with saucers.
4. Any house plant may not be in a pot over 10".
5. No artificial means of shining leaves.
6. **A plant that has received a ribbon in a previous year, may not be entered this year.**

Lot Numbers:

- 600. African Violet, single, in bloom, Singe Crown Plant
- 601. African Violet, double, in bloom, Singe Crown Plant
- 602. Aloe (Healing Plant), 1 plant
- 603. Baby Tears
- 604. Begonia, wax one plant, in flower
- 605. Begonia, Tuberous upright in flower, 1 plant
- 606. Begonia, with Ornamental leaves, single plant, identify
- 607. Cactus, Christmas, 1 plant
- 608. Cactus, Easter, 1 plant
- 609. Cactus, upright with thorns or spines
- 610. Cactus, round ball with thorns or spines
- 611. Any other cactus, identify
- 612. Century Plant, single plant
- 613. Coleus, 1 plant, any variety
- 614. Croton, single plant
- 615. Crown of Thorns, 1 plant
- 616. Desert Garden, at least 3 varieties of plants
- 617. Dish Garden, at least 3 varieties of plants
- 618. Fairy Garden, not to exceed 24" circumference
- 619. Fern, Asparagus
- 620. Fern, Boston
- 621. Fern, any other variety, identify
- 622. Fittonia, single plant
- 623. Geranium Upright, single plant, in bloom

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- 624. Geranium, Ivy, single plant
- 625. Geranium, scented, single plant, identify
- 626. Geranium, any other variety, single plant, identify
- 627. Impatiens, single plant
- 628. Ivy, English
- 629. Ivy, German
- 630. Ivy, Grape
- 631. Ivy, Swedish
- 632. Ivy, any other not listed, identify
- 633. Jade Tree, single plant
- 634. Orchids, Phalaenopsis
- 635. Orchids, any other, identify
- 636. Palm, 1 plant
- 637. Pathos
- 638. Peperomia

- 639. Philodendron
- 640. Piggy Back Plant
- 641. Prayer Plant, single plant
- 642. Sansevieria, single plant
- 643. Spider Plant
- 644. Terrarium, 3 or more different varieties
- 645. Wax Plant (Hoya)
- 646. Zebrina (Wandering Jew)
- 647. Any other non-blooming house plant not mentioned above identify
- 648. Any other flowering house plant not mentioned above, must be in bloom, identify
- 649. Oddest Plant, identify
- 650. Succulent, any other not listed, identify

CLASS G: PATIO POTTED PLANTERS

- 1. Patio potted planters 12".

Lot Numbers:

- 651. 12"-14" Annual Planter (round planter), multiple varieties of plants, no hanging or window boxes
- 652. Coleus
- 653. Geranium
- 654. Impatiens

- 655. Petunias
- 656. Plants growing in a shoe or boot
- 657. Any other plant not listed above, not to exceed 24" wide in decorative planter