

## CLASS N - FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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### DARKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Butterflies Junior - Ladybug - Wildflower

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**A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**  
according to the requirements of  
**THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**  
**PREMIUMS**

Horticulture -- First, \$3.25; Second, \$2.75; Third, \$2.50

Artistic -- First, \$8.00; Second, \$7.00; Third, \$6.00

All awards must be claimed at the fair at the time of release.

**Pictures of the winners will be taken on Saturday and Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m. in the flower department. No make up pictures will be taken at a later time.**

**GENERAL RULES  
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF DARKE COUNTY  
AND/OR  
MEMBERS OF THE DARKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**

The Darke County Association of Garden Clubs is not be responsible for items left after teardown and the close of the Darke County Fair. Items must be picked up on the last day unless other arrangements are made prior to the closing of the coliseum.

There are two separate schedules. Entries must be set up and completed between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023 and Wednesday, August 23, 2023. Persons on committees may enter earlier. Entries arriving after 10:00 a.m. will be marked "Not For Competition". Closed judging will be held on both days at 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Only the Flower Show committee will be permitted on the floor during judging. **The show floor will be closed to the public starting at 7:00 am until judging is complete on each show day.** Entries made on Saturday, August 19, 2023 may be removed at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

**ENTRIES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO 10:00 AM UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE FLOWER SHOW CHAIRPERSON.**

Entries made on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 may be removed on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

**ENTRIES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO 11:00 AM UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE FLOWER SHOW CHAIRPERSON.**

**The following will remain in effect for 2023:**

"At the March 2, 2014 Fair Board meeting, Fair Directors approved not permitting any 2014 Fair Departments or Vendors to be released until 11:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of the fair unless another event is scheduled to take place in their area. Contact the department head for release date and time."

**Premiums will be paid on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at approximately 12:30 until 1:30 p.m.** You must be registered in order to collect premium money. Premium money not claimed can be obtained from Kim Cromwell; contact at 937-564-0038.

All entries without competition will be awarded first money, **IF**, in the opinion of the judge, said entry is worthy. One first, one second, and one third will be given in each class, if worthy.

**Note: An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any horticulture class, providing each is a different named variety.**

Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided, or subdivided, if the number of entries warrants, insuring a balanced number of entries.

The exhibitors are responsible for their exhibits, but reasonable care will be taken of properties. No state conservation material may be used in any exhibit unless grown in the yard of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors shall complete top portion only of the entry tags, using own admission ticket number. Junior entries, under the age of 12, shall be filled out using the parent's admission ticket number. Exhibitors over age 12 must have their own admission ticket.

**ARTISTIC DESIGN REGULATIONS**

**Reservations must be made for all adult artistic classes by August 14, 2023. No entries will be permitted on show days that have not been reserved. Reservations must be placed with Brenda Grant at 937-547-0704.**

**All artistic designs must be done by the exhibitor.**

All plant material included in arrangements must be labeled on a 3" x 5" card provided by the exhibitor.

No artificial plant materials permitted in any class. No artificially colored fresh plant materials allowed. Plant material may be obtained from any source. Painted, bleached, dried and/or preserved material may be used, but painted material should never be used in traditional designs. The use of feathers is permitted. Fresh plant material should be included in all designs. A tan background, 30" wide by 45" high will be provided for all designs, except where noted. Exhibitors may use additional backgrounds to enhance their designs.

**Accessories are permitted. However, do not rely on these accessories to tell the story of your design.**

**All artistic designs must fill 2/3 of the provided background (30" W x 45" H) with the design only.**

**Adult Awards:**

Awards are not class specific. Multiple awards cannot be given to the same entry.

Rosettes will only be awarded to first place entries for the following awards:

Best of Show, Most Creative, Artistic Excellence, and Best Small Design

Rosettes for the following awards will be open to any artistic entries:

Best Use of Color and Best Interpretation

The following awards will be sponsored by Greenville National Bank on both show days:

**Best of Show, Most Creative, Best Use of Color, Artistic Excellence, Best Small Design, and Best Interpretation**

**Louise Sheffer Award** - The family of Louise Sheffer will make a selection of a choice artistic arrangement on Saturday and Wednesday

**JUNIOR DIVISION:**

A 24" x 30" natural background will be provided in the Junior Division. No artistic design is to extend beyond these areas.

**Junior Awards:**

**Junior Creative Award** – best design in class 48 on Saturday and class 105 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Todd & Lindsey Henry.

**Junior Award of Elegance** – best design in class 49 on Saturday and class 106 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Cindy McCallister on both days.

**Junior Achievement Award** – best design in class 50 on Saturday and classes 107 and 108 on Wednesday in both age groups will be sponsored by Levi and Olivia Kauffman on both show days.

**Junior Award of Distinction** – best design in classes 51 and 52 on Saturday will be sponsored by Erisman Aire Heating & Cooling and class 109 on Wednesday in both age groups will be sponsored by J & A Construction.

**Karlh McCallister Award** – The family of Karlh McCallister will make a selection of a choice artistic arrangement on Saturday and Wednesday.

**HORTICULTURE REGULATIONS**

**As quantity is good, quality is much more important. Exhibits with large or many holes, broken stems, full-blown blooms, etc., should not be considered. If in doubt, the passing committee will make the final decision.**

Horticulture classes are open to anyone who grows plants through personal efforts for pleasure, and whose return from sales, if any, does not equal the outlay for seeds and plants.

Material in the horticulture section must be grown by the exhibitor.

**\*\*NEW - Any use of leaf shine will automatically disqualify the exhibit.\*\***

Potted and house plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months. The pot **cannot** exceed 12 inches in diameter (inside dimension of pot), unless otherwise stated.

An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any class provided each is a different color or named variety.

Any plant or specimens shown in the Saturday show shall not be entered in any manner at the Wednesday show.

Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided, or sub-divided, if the number of entries warrants, insuring a balanced number of entries.

Speciman flowers to be exhibited for quality only. The exact count of flowers on stems is essential. Removal of side buds required, except for Plumed Celosia.

Attached foliage required unless otherwise specified in schedule. Green leaves and/or thorns below the water line may be removed. Appropriate wedging material provided by the exhibitor may be used for blocking stems or specimens in the container.

Exhibitor is to furnish own clear container for large specimen flowers - all others are provided. Only correctly named exhibits, with the variety name written on the entry tag, will be eligible for an award.

All potted plants and hanging baskets must be classified at time of entry. Hanging baskets must be hung by the exhibitor.

Any foreign material used to enhance any horticulture entry will automatically disqualify it.

#### **Adult Awards:**

**Rose of Royalty** - best exhibit in classes 9 through 16 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home and classes 76 through 83 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Leis Realty.

**Best Miniature Rose** - best exhibit in classes 17 and 18 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, and classes 84 and 85 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Leis Realty.

**Award of Elegance** - best exhibit in classes 19 and 20 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, and classes 86 and 87 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Leis Realty.

**Flora** - best exhibit in classes 21 through 26 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home.

**Flora** - best exhibit in classes 88 through 90 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Miller Flowers.

**Green Thumb** - best exhibit in classes 27 through 36 on Saturday will be sponsored by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home and classes 91 through 97 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Miller Flowers.

**Garden Grower** - best container grown exhibit in classes 37 through 47 on Saturday will be sponsored by Kline Timber and classes 98 through 104 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Wildflower Garden Club.

**Exhibitor in the Junior Division must be at least 6 years of age.**

#### **Junior Awards:**

**Junior Rose of Royalty Award** – best exhibit in classes 53 through 55 on Saturday and classes 110 through 112 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Kim Cromwell on both show days.

**Junior Green Thumb Award** – best exhibit in classes 56 through 60 on Saturday and classes 113 and 114 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Donn and Charlene Thornhill on both show days.

**Junior Garden Cultivar** – best exhibit in classes 61 and 62 on Saturday and classes 115 through 117 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Becky Collins on both show days.

**Junior Flora Award** – best exhibit in class 63 on Saturday and class 118 on Wednesday will be sponsored by the Rehmert Family on both show days.

**Junior Buckeye Gardener Award** – best container grown planter in class 64 on Saturday and class 119 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Tiffany Stebbins.

**Junior Showcase Award** – best exhibit in class 65 on Saturday and class 120 on Wednesday will be sponsored by Cal-Main Foods, Inc. on both show days.

## Saturday Entries

## THEME - "BEAUTY BY DESIGN"

## SECTION 1 - ADULT ARTISTIC

1. "Stars Make Me Dream" – Miniature design, 5" and under in any dimension.
2. "The Spell of the Sea" – Small design, 5" but less than 12" in any dimension.
3. "Lazy River" – Fantasy Flow design, background provided 45"x45".
4. "Urban Jungle" – Creative, Designer's choice.
5. "Every Leaf is a Flower" – Traditional, all foliage design.
6. "Color Burst" – Traditional, Designer's choice, medium size background provided 30"x40".
7. "Flavor of Nature" – Decorated herbal vinegar bottle using dried and/or preserved materials.
8. "Beauty of Nature" – Challenge class. Containers on loan; material provided. Exhibitor to provide own mechanics. Limit 4.

## HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

## Saturday's Entries

ROSE SHOW SPECIMEN. Stem length should be in proportion to the size of the bloom. Foliage should be adequate in size for the stem and bloom - at least 2 sets of 5 leaflets. Any stem on stem will be disqualified. Roses will be judged at the most nearly perfect phase of their possible beauty, usually 1/2 to 3/4 open unless otherwise specified.

## SECTION 2 - ADULT HORTICULTURE

9. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
10. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, open bloom, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, centers must show.
11. Floribunda & Polyantha, named, one spray, any color, naturally grown, foliage attached.
12. Grandiflora, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
13. Climbers, David Austin English Roses, Old Garden Roses, and/or Landscape Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
14. Knock Out roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
15. Any new variety for year 2022 – 2023 for classes 9 through 14, named.
16. Fragrance class, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached. To be judged on fragrance, not form.
17. Miniature Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
18. Miniature Rose, named, one spray, naturally grown, any color, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
19. Miniature Roses  
3 of a kind, uniform, named, one bloom per stem in exhibitor's own container.
20. Blooming Miniature Rose Bowl  
One miniature bloom, named, any color, floating in a container provided.

## SECTION 3 - ANNUALS &amp; PERENNIALS

(Exhibitor to furnish own clear glass container for large specimens)

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

21. Zinnias, dwarf, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
22. Zinnias, pompon, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves. **Not under one inch in diameter.**
23. Zinnias, bi-color, named, one bloom, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
24. Zinnias, medium size, named, one bloom, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.

25. Zinnias, Giant flowered Dahlia type, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
26. Zinnias, Cactus type, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
27. Gladiolus, named, one stem, disbudded, with or without marking.  
One spike to be 1/3 stem, 2/3 flowerhead.
28. Sunflowers, named, disbudded, **not to exceed 7" in diameter.**
  - a. Yellow
  - b. Bi-Color
  - c. Any other color
29. Hosta, named, one leaf, any color. **Mature Exhibits only.**  
**Each leaf is to be measured at its widest width.**
  - a. Miniature – Less than 2" at widest width (may be displayed in a water pick)
  - b. Small – 2" – 3" at widest width
  - c. Medium – 3" – 5" at widest width
  - d. Large – over 5" at widest width
  - e. Giant – over 9" at widest width
30. Buddleia Butterfly Bush, named, one stem, any color, disbudded.
31. Dahlia, disbudded, foliage attached.
  - a. Decorative, named, one bloom, any color
  - b. Cactus, named, one bloom, any color
  - c. Ball, named, one bloom, any color
32. Herbs Culinary, three different varieties, named, in one vase. **Each named herb may only be exhibited once.**
33. Rudbeckia, named, one bloom, disbudded, any variety, foliage attached.
34. Elephant Ear – One leaf. Exhibitor must furnish own container for large exhibits (container must be weighted). Not to exceed 24" in leaf length.
35. Annuals, named, foliage attached any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
  - d. Any flower grown from bulb, tuber, corm, or rhizome, foliage optional
  - e. Any new 2023 variety
36. Perennials, named, foliage attached, any cultivated variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
  - d. Any new 2023 variety

#### SECTION 4 - POTTED PLANTS (Mature Exhibits only)

*NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)*

37. Succulents, Named, Miniature, one variety. Container to be 6" and under in any dimension.
38. Succulents, Named, one large variety. **Mature Exhibits only.**
39. Succulents, 3 or more varieties, named.
40. Fairy Garden – Plants to be named. Not to exceed 18" in any dimension.
41. Begonias, named.
42. Blooming Container Plants, single variety, named.
43. Any unusual plant. Ex. Pineapple plant, Ice plant, etc.

#### SECTION 5 - HANGING BASKETS

*NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)*

44. Wandering Jew
45. Spider Plant
46. Blooming Plants, single variety, named.
47. Blooming Plants, 2 or more varieties, named.

**SECTION 6 - JUNIOR ARTISTIC**

48. "Backyard Party" – Alfresco tailgate with accessories. Limit 4. **Special class**
49. "Gardening for the Senses" – Using flowers and foliage from 3 of the 5 senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hear). List flower/foliage and what sense it refers to. Background provided 30"x40" Limit 4. **Special class**
50. "Along the Garden Path" – Designer's choice.
  - a. Ages 6 – 11
  - b. Ages 12 – 18
51. "My Thoughts" – Decorated garden journal, using dried and/or preserved materials.
  - a. Ages 6 – 11
  - b. Ages 12 – 18
52. "Woodland Wonders" – Embellished wood slice snowman, using dried and/or preserved materials. Accessories permitted.
  - a. Ages 6 – 11
  - b. Ages 12 – 18

**SECTION 7 - JUNIOR HORTICULTURE**

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

53. Rose, Miniature, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
54. Knock Out roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
55. Rose, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, etc, named, one disbudded bloom or one spray, any color, any variety, foliage attached.
56. Any new 2023 plant variety.
57. Zinnias, dwarf, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
58. Zinnias, pompon, named, two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves. **Not under one inch in diameter.**
59. Zinnias, bi-color, named, one bloom, any color, any variety, disbudded, 2 sets of attached leaves.
60. Zinnia, Medium to Large flowered, named, one bloom, disbudded, any color, 2 two sets of attached leaves.
61. Sunflower, named, one stem, any color, disbudded. **Not to exceed 7" in diameter.**
62. Hosta, named, one leaf, any color. **Mature Exhibits only.**  
**Each leaf is to be measured at its widest width.**
  - a. Miniature – Less than 2" at widest width (may be displayed in a water pick)
  - b. Small – 2" – 3" at widest width
  - c. Medium – 3" – 5" at widest width
  - d. Large – over 5" at widest width
  - e. Giant – over 9" at widest width
63. Annuals and perennials, named, any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
  - a. One round form, disbudded - Gerber Daisy to be shown in this class
  - b. One spray
  - c. One spike
64. Container Grown Plants, any foliage plant, named. Container not to exceed 12" in any dimension.
65. Collection of 5 – **Special class.** Limit of 4. Advanced reservation required.  
 A collection of 5 garden grown cut specimens, named, each in a separate container. Exhibitor to furnish own containers – staged creatively. Each species should be of blue ribbon quality, with correctly labeled botanical and common names. Species or cultivars must be clean and free of disease or insect damage. There should be uniformity in branching, stem length, and container size. Each entry will have a 30" space allotment.

**SECTION 8 - INVITATIONAL**

66. "Beauty by Nature" Wildflower Garden Club

**SECTION 9 - JUNIOR EDUCATIONAL**

67. "Gardening for the Senses" Members of the Butterflies Junior Garden Club

**Wednesday Entries****THEME - "BEAUTY BY DESIGN"****SECTION 10 - ADULT ARTISTIC**

68. "From the Heart" – Miniature design, 5" and under in any dimension.  
 69. "Hand in Hand" – Small creative stretch design, 5" but less than 12" in any dimension.  
 70. "Whimsical Impulse" – Synergistic design, using 3 containers, non connecting, background provided 45"x45".  
 71. "Sky Writing" – Creative, Designer's choice.  
 72. "Reflecting Pool" – Oriental design, water reflecting, from the O'Hara School of Ikebana Background provided 30"x40"  
 73. "Granny's Garden" – Traditional, Designer's choice, medium size background provided 30"x40".  
 74. "The Harvest" – Dried design, Designer's choice.  
 75. "Holiday You Love" – Functional table setting for 4. 48" round table provided. Limit 4.

**HORTICULTURAL DIVISION****Wednesday's Entries**

ROSE SHOW SPECIMEN. Stem length should be in proportion to the size of the bloom. Foliage should be adequate in size for the stem and bloom - at least 2 sets of 5 leaflets. Any stem on stem will be disqualified. Roses will be judged at the most nearly perfect phase of their possible beauty, usually 1/2 to 3/4 open unless otherwise specified.

**SECTION 11 - ADULT HORTICULTURE**

76. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.  
 77. Hybrid Tea Rose, named, open bloom, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, centers must show.  
 78. Floribunda & Polyantha, named, one spray, any color, naturally grown, foliage attached.  
 79. Grandiflora, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.  
 80. Climbers, David Austin English Roses, Old Garden Roses, and/or Landscape Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.  
 81. Knock Out Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached  
 82. Any new variety for year 2022 – 2023 for classes 76 through 81, named.  
 83. Fragrance Class, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached. To be judged on fragrance, not form.  
 84. Miniature Rose, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.  
 85. Miniature Rose, named, one spray, naturally grown, any color, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.  
 86. Miniature Roses  
 3 of a kind, uniform, named, one bloom per stem in exhibitor's own container.  
 87. Blooming Miniature Rose Bowl  
 One miniature bloom, named, any color, floating in a container provided.

**SECTION 12 - ANNUALS & PERENNIALS**

(Exhibitor to furnish own clear glass container for large specimens)

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS CUT SPECIMENS: Geraniums, Geranium blooms, Canna blooms, Coreopsis, Petunias, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Pansies, Violas, Rose of Sharon, and any vine.**

88. Coleus, named, any variety, naturally grown. **Bloom and/or seed head must be removed.**



89. Caladiums, named, any color, one stem large variety. **Mature exhibits only.**
90. Celosia, named, one stalk, any color, foliage attached.
- Plumed, naturally grown
  - Crested, disbudded
  - Wheat celosia
  - Any color over 8", measured from end to end, foliage optional. Exhibitor must provide own container and it must be weighed.
91. Everlastings, fresh naturally grown.
- Globe Amaranth, one spray, any color
  - Globe Amaranth, two blooms, any color
  - Statice, one spray, any color
  - Artemisia, named
  - Russian Sage
  - Any other named everlasting
92. Live Forever, Stonecrop sedums (no ground cover sedums), named, one stem, any color, any variety, bloom should show some color.
93. Marigolds, dwarf, double, named, two blooms, any color, foliage attached.
94. Marigolds, large flowered, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
95. Ornamental Grasses, named, any variety, naturally grown.  
Mature Exhibits only. **Not to be over 36" in height.**
- Small grasses, 3 stems (same grass) in one container (including Carex, Helictotirch, Imperata, etc.).
  - Medium grasses, 2 stems (same grass) in one container (including Chasmenthium, Elymus, Panicum, Pennesitum, etc.).
  - Large grasses, 1 stem in one container (including Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.).
  - Grass like cultivars – Small, 3 stems (rushes, sedges, unusual cultivars).
  - Grass like cultivars – Large, 1 stem (Cyperus Papyrus, Cyperus alternifolius, unusual cultivars)
96. Annuals, named, foliage attached, any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens
- One round form, disbudded
  - One spray
  - One spike
  - Any flower grown from bulb, tuber, corm, or rhizome, foliage optional
  - Any new 2023 variety
97. Perennials, named, foliage attached, any cultivated variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
- One round form, disbudded
  - One spray
  - One spike
  - Any new 2023 variety

### SECTION 13 - POTTED PLANTS (Mature Exhibits Only)

*NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)*

98. Potted Table Ferns. Ex. Button, Maidenhair, Fluffy Ruffles (**NO** Boston Fern or Kimberly Queen).
99. Any other Ferns. Ex. Kimberly Queen, Staghorn, etc. (**NO** Boston Fern or Macho Fern)
100. Scented Geraniums, named.
101. Any foliage plant.

### SECTION 14 - HANGING BASKETS

*NOTE: Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter (inside dimension)*

102. Boston Ferns
103. Any other ferns
104. All foliage plant

**SECTION 15 - JUNIOR ARTISTIC**

105. "Glamping Camping"– Alfresco tailgate with accessories. (Glamping is known as glamorous camping and it involves camping with the luxuries of a home or hotel). Limit 4. **Special class.**
106. "Beauty Under the Stars" – Illuminary design. Background provided 30"x40". Limit 4. **Special class.**
107. "Little Gem" – Small design, 5" but less than 12" in any dimension. Staged on a pedestal.
- Ages 6 – 11
  - Ages 12 – 18
108. "Let's Celebrate" – Still Life.
- Ages 6 – 11
  - Ages 12 – 18
109. "Nature's Gifts" – Terra cotta "gift basket" using a clay pot and saucer, fresh, dried, and/or preserved materials.
- Ages 6 – 11
  - Ages 12 – 18

**SECTION 16 - JUNIOR HORTICULTURE**

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110. Rose, Miniature, named, one bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached, small vases provided and are required.
111. Knock Out Roses, named, one spray or one disbudded bloom, any color, foliage attached.
112. Rose, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, etc, named, one disbudded bloom or one spray, any color, any variety, foliage attached.
113. Any new 2023 plant variety.
114. Coleus, named, any variety, naturally grown. **Bloom and/or seed head must be removed.**
115. Herbs Culinary, three different varieties, named, in one vase. **Each named herb may only be exhibited once.**
116. Heuchera Collection (coral bells) – one leaf from 3 different varieties; label each leaf variety. Exhibit each in a clear bottle on a tray, in a basket, or other method which unifies the display.
117. Rudbeckia Collection, 3 stems (same variety). Exhibit each in a clear bottle on a tray, in a basket, or other method which unifies display.
118. Annuals and perennials, named, any variety not listed in either show schedule. Please see note of unacceptable specimens.
- One round form, disbudded
  - One spray
  - One spike
119. Succulent planter.
- One variety
  - Two or more varieties
120. Collection of 5 – **Special class.** Limit of 4. Advanced reservation required.  
A collection of 5 garden grown cut specimens, named, each in a separate container. Exhibitor to furnish own containers – staged creatively. Each species should be of blue ribbon quality, with correctly labeled botanical and common names. Species or cultivars must be clean and free of disease or insect damage. There should be uniformity in branching, stem length, and container size. Each entry will have a 30" space allotment.

**SECTION 17 - INVITATIONAL**

121. "Beauty by Design" Wildflower Garden Club

**SECTION 18 - JUNIOR EDUCATIONAL**

122. "Gardening for the Senses" Members of the Butterflies Junior Garden Club

### **HISTORY OF THE DARKE COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOWS**

The first garden club involvement in a fair flower show (as listed in the Darke County Fair Premium Books) occurred in the year of 1952. The next year a theme was chosen with a chairman from the garden clubs in charge. Artistic flower arrangements were added to the schedule with a growing list of horticulture in 1953.

The flower department has seen eleven fair board superintendents in seventy one years. Harold Snider, Gilbert Lease, Ed Buchy, Doyle Greenhoff, Darryl Mehaffie, Bill Rhoades, Dave Niley, Ed Erisman, Larry Baker, and Heidi May. Heidi assisted Dave Niley in 2022 and was then elected to the board in August 2022. Sadly, in November 2022, Dave lost his fight with cancer. Heidi is our new superintendent and we look forward to working closely with her.

Flower Shows began in the current Fine Arts building with one show being held on Tuesday. In 1958 it became two flower shows held on the first Saturday of the fair and the following Wednesday. The flower show of 1954 earned the prestigious honor from The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. as Best County Fair Flower Show in the state of Ohio. The garden club members over the years have worked hard to keep this honor and have obtained it numerous times throughout the years. Having outgrown half of the Fine Arts building, the flower department was moved to the northeast section of the basement of the coliseum in the middle '50's. Educational programs were started in 1957, "in front of bleachers and over a loud speaker system" on perennial culture, films on trees, rose culture, violet culture and flower arranging which has continued in some form since. After the southeast area of the coliseum basement became available the flower department was expanded to the present east half of the coliseum basement. The exhibitors of the flower shows have always been open to Darke County residents or members of the Darke County Association of Garden Clubs.

Over the years, many garden clubs have helped in staging the flower shows; Green Thumb, Redbud, Petal Pushers, Sunny Hours, Wayne Trail, Cardinal, Chatter, Arcanum and Versailles Garden Clubs, Treaty Towne African Violet, Ladybug, Wildflower, Sun and Fun, Woodland Trails, Wood Sprites, Sunburst, Toadstools, Dew Drops Garden Club, Nightingale, Garden Girls Garden Club and the Butterflies Junior Garden Club. Of the clubs listed, only two adult clubs and one junior club are currently active.

In 2020, the Darke County Fair was cancelled due to a Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Everyone truly missed the fair, reconnecting with old friends, the events, and especially the food. Then in 2021, the fair started returning to some normalcy and provided the great flower shows everyone has come to enjoy.

In summary, in the past seventy one years, the Darke County Agricultural Society and exhibitors have shown support to make the Darke County Fair Flower Show as successful as it has been every year and our group will continue the effort to be recognized as one of the top fair flower shows in the State of Ohio.

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**DARKE COUNTY FLOWER SHOW THEME 1952-2022**

- 1952 - No theme given  
 1953 - "Ohio's Sesqui-Centennial" – Mrs. Charles Bostelman, Redbud G.C., Chairman  
 1954 - "Flowers for Your Pleasure" – Mrs. Aaron Shepherd, Green Thumb G. C., Chairman,  
 1955 - "In the Good Old Summertime" – Mrs. Frank Sheffer, Redbud G.C. Chairman  
 1956 - "Remember When \_\_\_?" – Mrs. Gene Shields, Green Thumb G. C. and Mrs. Walte Rhynard, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairmen  
 1957 - "Make Mine Country Style" – Mrs. William Brooks, Green Thumb G. C. Chairman  
 1958 - "There's No Place Like Darke County" – Mrs. Harley Christian, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairman  
 1959 - "Each Season is a Treasured Time" – Mrs. Frank Bailey, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairman  
 1960 - "Salute to Gardeners" – Mrs. Charles Herrmann, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairman  
 1961 - "Through the Garden Gate" – Mrs. Wallace Kimmel, Redbud G. C. Chairman  
 1962 - "Milestones" – Mrs. Glen Wills, Green Thumb G.C. Chairman  
 1963 - "Beauty is Where You Find It" – Mrs. Galen Oakes, Petal Pushers G. C. Chairman  
 1964 - "Vacation Memories" – Mrs. Gene Shields, Green Thumb G. C. Chairman  
 1965 - "Darke County is the Garden Spot of the World" – Mrs. William Brooks, Green Thumb G. C. Chairman  
 1966 - "Medley of the Flowers" – Mrs. J. A. Crouse – Arcanum Garden Club, Chairman  
 1967 - "A Day in the Garden" – Mrs. Harry Kerns, Sunny Hours G. C. Chairman  
 1968 - "Living in God's Garden" – Mrs. Paul Rhoades, Versailles G. C. Chairman  
 1969 - "Come Catch A Rainbow" – Mrs. D. H. Shiverdecker, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairman  
 1970 - "Time to Remember" – Mrs. Dale Cromwell, Arcanum G. C. Chairman  
 1971 - "You've Come a Long Way, Baby, Show Your Bloomers" – Mrs. Louis Perreira, Green Thumb G. C. Chairman  
 1972 - "American Heritage" – Mrs. Frank Sheffer, Redbud G. C. Chairman  
 1973 - "Recycling" – Mrs. James Sink, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairman  
 1974 - "Our Town" – No name listed, Green Thumb chair club  
 1975 - "Festivals USA" – Velma Marshall, Redbud G.C. Chairman  
 1976 - "Reminiscent" – Lura Rhynard, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairman  
 1977 - "Rhapsody in Color" – Judy Burns, Wildflower G. C. Chairman  
 1978 - "The Time of Your Life" – Illah Sink and Charlene Thornhill, Ladybug G. C. Chairpersons  
 1979 - "Season's Splendor" – Ruth Henry, Woodland Trail G. C. chairperson  
 1980 - "Bloom Where You Are Planted" – Marcia Rhoades, Green Thumb G. C. Chairperson  
 1981 - "At Home in Darke County" – Treva Klipstine and Mary Helen Coppess, Redbud G. C. Chairpersons  
 1982 - "A Mini Trip To \_\_\_" – Treva Klipstine and Mary Helen Coppess, Redbud G. C. Chairpersons  
 1983 - "Mother Nature's Charm" – Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G. C. Chairpersons  
 1984 - "Yesterday's Music" – Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G. C. Chairpersons  
 1986 - "Cotton Patch Treasurers" – Eleanor Shepherd and Marcella Sewell, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairpersons  
 1987 - "Hometown, USA" – Judy Burns and Martha Singleman, Wildflower G. C. Chairpersons  
 1988 - "Around the World in Color" – Judy Burns and Martha Singleman, Wildflower G. C. Chairpersons  
 1989 - "Ohio's Spectacles" – Carol Hosbrook and Larry Reed, Ladybug G. C. Chairpersons  
 1990 - "Scent-Sational" – Carol Hosbrook and Larry Reed, Ladybug G. C. Chairpersons  
 1991 - "Treasured Memories" – Mary Fields and Vicky Olwine, Redbud G. C. Chairpersons

- 1992 - "Cheers to Ameriflora '92" – Carol Hosbrook, Ladybug G. C. Chairperson  
1993 - "Summer Enchantment" – Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G. C. Chairpersons  
1994 - "Kaleidoscope of Color" – Gladys Welbourn and Geraldine Threewits, Sun and Fun G. C. Chairpersons  
1995 - "Nature Is..." – Eleanor Shepherd and Marilyn Kissinger, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairpersons  
1996 - "Let's Celebrate!" – Marilyn Kissinger and Vern Nealeigh, Wayne Trail G. C. Chairpersons  
1997 - "Life Began In A Garden" – Martha Singleman and Brenda Grant, Wildflower G. C. Chairpersons  
1998 - "Life's True Pleasures" - Martha Singleman and Brenda Grant, Wildflower G. C. Chairpersons  
1999 - "Gardener's Delight" - Kim Cromwell and Charlene Thornhill, Ladybug G. C. Chairpersons  
2000 - "Past – Present – Future" - Kim Cromwell and Charlene Thornhill, Ladybug G. C. Chairpersons  
2001 - "Melodies of the Garden" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2002 - "America, the Beautiful" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2003 - "Ohio...So Much to Discover" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
2004 - "Thanks for the Memories" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
2005 - "Country Roads and City Lights" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
2006 - "Celebrate! 150 Years and Growing" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
2007 - "Games People Play" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
2008 - "My Favorite Things" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2009 - "Explore the USA" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2010 - "People, Places, and Celebrations" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2011 - "Give My Regards to Broadway" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2012 - "Diamond Jubilee" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2013 - "Our Glorious Earth" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2014 - "Serendipity" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2015 - "Garden Heaven" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2016 - "Weather or Not" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2017 - "Bucket List" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2018 - "The Book Store" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2019 - "Art in Blooms" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson  
2020 - "The Great Outdoors" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
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2021 - "The Great Outdoors" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G.C., Chairperson  
2022 - "Let's Go Places" – Kim Cromwell, Ladybug G. C., Chairperson