

YOUTH FLORICULTURE DESIGN CONTEST

ENTRY FEES: \$25.00 per exhibitor.

GENERAL RULES: The Floral Design Competition is open to any Senior or Junior 4-H, FFA, FCCLA member who resides in El Paso, Doña Ana, Otero, Hudspeth and Culberson Counties and is enrolled during the 2023-2024 school year. Students in open youth are eligible to enter this competition and will be competing in their age category.

The format allows single entry exhibitors to compete on Friday, September 22, 2023. Questions may be emailed directly to Shanda Giraud. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. prior to the start of competition. Entry fees are nonrefundable.

REGISTRATION:

Floral Competition begins: 12:00pm

Floral Competition clean up: 1:00pm

Floral Competition judging: 1:30pm

COMPETITION FORMAT: Each individual will compete in the design and execution of a fresh floral arrangement centerpiece to be used as a centerpiece. All Exhibitors will be judged in the same category.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: Each individual should review the design guidelines prior to the Floral Design competition. Exhibitors will have one hour to execute their design.

All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the El Paso County Fair Association. All cut materials will be furnished. Entries will be displayed on a 36" table space with a black table covering. Entries should be designed to be VIEWED FROM ALL SIDES. Each exhibitor must bring their own tools. No Advance preparation. Fresh flowers only. Small dry accents can be used (ex. wheat, lotus pods, and cotton).

Permissible tools include: Glue, Glue Gun, Picks, Scissors, Floral wire, Wire cutters, Knife, Tape(s), Measuring stick and Floral cutters.

JUDGING: The show will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to the consumer sciences superintendent.

Judging will be based on the following four categories:

- Design Aesthetics – Line/Form, Color, and Space
- Design Principles – Balance, Proportion, and Unity
- Mechanics/Execution – Neatness and Cleanliness of Design, Proper Coverage of Foam, and

Sturdiness of Design

- Creativity

Each exhibitor will receive a copy of their score following the competition.

Only judges and Committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.

No cell phones are permitted during the competition. Judges' decisions are final. Winning entries will be announced on Friday, September 22, 2023 after competition is complete. Entries will be released after the **Sale & Auction**, approximately 9pm. All entries not picked up will become the property of the El Paso County Fair Association.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

3rd Overall

ADULT FLORICULTURE DESIGN CONTEST

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