

# 2024 HORTICULTURAL FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW

2024 Fair Theme: "RURAL & URBAN – ONE COMMUNITY"

CONVENOR: Cathy Groulx 519-539-1182

**\*\* Please complete a separate entry form for Horticulture classes and entries, as they will be accepted on a different day to Homecraft entries.**

## Entry drop-off Dates:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 6pm to 8 pm  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 8am to 10:00 am

## Entry pickup Day

MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2pm to 8 pm

## New Location: Mutual Building.

Vehicle access to the front door of the building will be through the gate in the fence at the Casino end of the parking lot during drop-off times only.

Due to Safety and Liability concerns, NO vehicles are allowed on Fairground property until Monday between 2pm and 8pm

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## Rules:

1. Exhibitors are required to be current members of the Woodstock Agricultural Society. The yearly membership is \$10.00 and is available for purchase at the time of entry. Membership is not limited to Oxford County residents.
2. Registrations must be completed when entering your exhibits. Entry Forms and Entry Tags are available at the Fair Office Mon - Fri from noon – 4 pm if you wish to write out your tags in advance. You may choose to register your entries online at [www.assistexpo.ca](http://www.assistexpo.ca)
3. Horticultural Exhibits must be delivered to the Mutual Building on the Woodstock Fairgrounds, Wednesday, August 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or on Thursday, August 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 am. Judging will commence at 10:30 a.m. sharp. **No late entries accepted**
4. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor except Class 23 Artistic Design where flowers and plant material may be secured from any source.
5. More than one person may exhibit from one garden but only one person may exhibit from that garden in any one section, except in Artistic Design and Junior Classes. One entry per exhibitor per section.
6. Please supply containers including plates or trays for vegetables (Plastic, paper or Styrofoam).
7. No artificial material is allowed. Fresh plant material is to be used in all sections except where otherwise stated.
8. Accessories allowed in all arrangements to be viewed from one side unless otherwise stated.
9. Bulbs, tubers, corms and rhizomes: the flowers of these will be classed as perennials.
10. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of all exhibits. The Society cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.
11. The Show committee will remove deteriorated wilted, or inferior material.
12. Exhibits are to be taken out on Monday, August 26 between 2pm to 8pm.

**PRIZES CLASSES 19, 20, 21, 22**  
**1<sup>st</sup> \$4.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$2.00**

In judging, the points mentioned in Tips to Horticultural Exhibitors (below) are considered, with **quality, condition and uniformity** being the most important. Keep these criteria in mind as you gather your vegetables for entry. Using the ideas in the Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards Booklet and the tips below, prepare your specimen vegetables to show them to the best advantage.

### Preparing Vegetable and Fruit Exhibits

**Beans** - pods should be well matched and of good colour, fresh with no spotting, smooth, fleshy, clean, and well filled but not overfilled, calyx and piece of stem should be attached.

**Beets** - tops trimmed approx. 1.3 cm (1/2") above crown, carefully washed but not scrubbed. Roots not to be cut but fibrous side hairs trimmed.

**Carrots** – long, 17 cm (7") and over, 3 roots, tops removed to 1.3 cm (1/2"); short under 7 cm (3") 3 roots, tops removed to 1.3 cm (1/2").

**Corn** ears uniform in size and form, evenly filled from tip to base with long rows of closely set kernels; show with 1/3 of husk removed.

**Cucumber** - 3 specimens of the same cultivar, well matched, even shaped, at least 15 cm (6") long, straight, a short stem and spines left on.

**Garlic** - firm, clean-looking head showing 4 - 8 large individual buds depending on the cultivar. Parchment-like skin covering should not be broken, roots and stem to be trimmed to 1.3 cm (1/2").

**Onions** - mature, should not be peeled, remove only rough and dirty outer skin, trim roots and top to 1.3 cm (1/2"), the neck should be thin but firm and dry.

**Peppers** - heavy (thick flesh) with smooth surface and uniform in colour, 1.3 cm (1/2") of neatly trimmed stem should be present.

**Potatoes** should be cleaned with a soft brush and **not washed**, free from greening, eyes shallow and few, no insect damage or disease.

**Squash**- summer, the stem should be left on and trimmed, wiped clean but not scrubbed.

**Tomatoes** – ripe, firm, free from cracks and blemishes, **calyx attached**. Truss varieties may have natural variation in colour and size.

## VEGETABLES CLASS 19

### Sections 1 to 25

1. Beans, green, 3 pods
2. Beans, yellow, 3 pods
3. Beets, 3 roots
4. Carrots, long variety 17 cm (7") and over, 3 roots, tops removed to 1.3 cm (1/2")
5. Carrots, short cultivar, under 7cm (3") 3 roots, tops removed to 1.3 cm (1/2")
6. Corn, sweet, all yellow, 3 ears
7. Corn, not all yellow, 3 ears
8. Cucumbers,(slicing), at least 15 cm (6") long, 3 specimens of the same cultivar
9. Garlic, 2 heads
10. Herb cuttings 3 cultivars, in individual containers displayed on a plate
11. Onions, yellow, 3 of the same cultivar
12. Onions, red, 3 of the same cultivar
13. Onions, Spanish 3 of the same cultivar
14. Peppers, hot, 3 of the same cultivar
15. Peppers, sweet, 3 of the same cultivar
16. Potatoes, white, 3 of the same cultivar
17. Potatoes, any other colour, 3 of the same cultivar
18. Squash, summer, 1, no zucchini
19. Sunflower, large field type, 1 head

20. Tomato, ripe, largest by weight with calyx attached, 1 specimen
21. Tomatoes, calyx on, 3 of the same cultivar, not miniature
22. Tomatoes, miniature, 1 truss or cluster, example grape/cherry, small-fruited
23. Unlisted vegetable, named, 1 specimen
24. Vegetable collection, at least 6 cultivars, labeled/named, in one container, must be grown by the exhibitor
25. Zucchini, 1 specimen 15-20 cm (6-8")

## TIPS TO HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITORS:

The guidelines in the "Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards Booklet" shall be used as the judging standard. This publication may be purchased at The Woodstock Horticultural Society Meetings for \$10.00 per copy.

**The following characteristics are desirable in all types of horticultural exhibits:**

**UNIFORMITY**- as uniform in size, colour, form, shape, and stage of development as possible.

**CONDITION** - free from blemishes caused by insects, disease, dirt, and mechanical damage and showing evidence of good culture and grooming.

**SUBSTANCE** – firmness of the stem, leaf or flower which enables it to retain its form, freshness and colour.

**STEM AND FOLIAGE** - strong, straight, clean.

**FORM AND COLOUR** - as true to cultivar or type specified as possible, bright, clean, and attractive.

**DISTINCTION** – marked superiority in all respects that sets an entry apart from all others.

## JUNIORS - Class 20

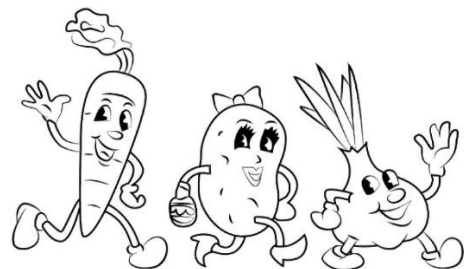
### Sections 26 to 38

**Open to any youth under 18 years of age**

Please write on your entry form if you are a 4-H Club member

Youth/junior exhibitors do not pay entry fees but must register for a junior exhibitor number. If they wish to exhibit in an adult class, they will be required to pay the \$10.00 membership fee.

26. Unusual-shaped vegetable or fruit
27. Largest sunflower, 1 head
28. Beans, same cultivar, 3 on a plate
29. Carrot, largest by weight
30. Corn, sweet, 2 ears of same cultivar
31. A cut flower bouquet in a vase
32. Potatoes, 3 specimens of same cultivar
33. Squash, summer, 1, not zucchini
34. Tomato, ripe, largest by weight, with calyx attached, 1 specimen
35. Unlisted vegetable, 1 specimen
36. Your favourite flower, 1 specimen
37. Longest zucchini, 1 specimen
38. A farm animal made from vegetables and/or fruit



## **HOUSE PLANTS - Class 21**

### **Sections 39 to 62**

**Must be potted at least three months before the Fair and grown by exhibitor**

39. Begonia, fancy foliage
40. Cactus/succulent mix garden, minimum of 3 plants in one container
41. Cactus (Cacti have small, round, cushion-like structures called areoles from which spines, branches, hairs, leaves and even flowers grow. While many succulents may look like cacti, if they do not have these circular areoles, they are not in the cactus family)
42. Coleus - disbudded
43. Fern – all ferns have spores (small dots) under the fronds. If it flowers or has fruit, it is not a fern
44. Geranium/Pelargonium, potted, in bloom
45. Geranium(s)/Pelargonium(s) in hanging container, in bloom, 1 cultivar
46. Herbs – minimum 3 different cultivars, potted in 1 container, named
47. Hibiscus, tropical
48. Hoya
49. Indoor hanging plant(s) not grown for bloom, 1 cultivar
50. Indoor plants growing in a single container, minimum of 3 cultivars.
51. Ivy (Hedera)
52. Jade plant
53. Orchid, blooming
54. Outdoor hanging plant(s) in bloom, 1 container, 1 cultivar
55. Patio Pot, 1 or more cultivars
56. Sansevieria (example - Mother in Law's Tongue)
57. Spider Plant(s), more than one plant may be in the container as long as they are the same cultivar
58. Succulents, 1 cultivar, cactus not to be included (see definition of cactus in item #41)
59. Unlisted house plant(s) in bloom, 1 cultivar
60. Unlisted house plant(s) not grown for bloom, 1 cultivar
61. Violet, African, in bloom, single crown
62. ZZ plant

## **CUT FLOWER SPECIMENS -**

### **Class 22**

### **Sections 63 to 104**

**Must be grown by exhibitor. Only attached foliage is permitted unless stated otherwise.**

63. Asters, 1 colour, 3 stems
64. Asters, mixed colours, 3 stems
65. Calendulas, 3 stems
66. Calla, 1 stem
67. Canna, 1 flowering stem must have at least one true leaf attached
68. Chrysanthemum, 1 spray, stem or branch
69. Coleus, 1 stem, disbudded
70. Coneflower/Echinacea, 3 stems
71. Cosmos, 1 stem

72. Cut flowers, not listed, 1 stem of each of 3 cultivars, shown in separate containers, named
73. Dahlia, 1 under 15cm (6")
74. Dahlia, 1 over 15cm (6")
75. Dahlia, 3 blooms, different cultivars
76. Geranium/Pelargonium, stem in bloom with attached foliage
77. Gladiolus, 1 spike, any size
78. Grasses, ornamental, 3 stems height maximum 122 cm (48")
79. Hosta, 1 flowering stem, including one leaf from same cultivar
80. Hosta, 1 flowering stem, no foliage
81. Hosta, foliage only, 3 leaves same variety
82. Hydrangea, 1 blooming stem, sepals or bract will be considered a bloom
83. Marigolds single, under 2.5 cm (1"), same cultivar, 3 stems
84. Marigold double, 2.5 – 7.6 cm (1-3"), same cultivar, 3 stems
85. Marigold double, over 7.6 cm (3"), same cultivar, 3 stems
86. Nasturtiums, 3 blooms, may add own foliage
87. Pansies or Violas, with foliage, 3 stems
88. Petunias, single, 3 stems
89. Petunias, double, 3 stems
90. Phlox, perennial, 3 stems
91. Rose, Hybrid Tea, 1 bloom

92. Rose, fragrant, 1 bloom
93. Rose, any other not listed, named, 1 bloom or spray
94. Rose, floating in a suitable container - no foliage, 1 bloom
95. Rudbeckia, 3 stems
96. Salvia, red, 3 stems
97. Salvia, blue, 3 stems
98. Sedum, 1 blooming stem with foliage
99. Snapdragons, tall, 3 spikes
100. Sunflower, multi-flowered on 1 stem, any colour
101. Unlisted cut flower, 1 stem, branch or spray, named
102. Zinnias, over 10 cm (4"), 3 stems
103. Zinnias, from 5 to 10cm (2 to 4"), 3 stems
104. Zinnias, under 5 cm (2") 3 stems



**ARTISTIC FLORAL DESIGN -  
Class 23  
Sections 105 to 112**

In the Artistic Floral Design class, floral material from any source is permitted.

**Prize money for Class 23 only is:**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00    2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00    3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00**



- 105. KEEPING IT SIMPLE – an arrangement using foliage only
- 106. ORANGE MARMALADE- a small arrangement (not to exceed 25.4 cm (10") in any direction)
- 107. AGING GRACEFULLY- a design using only dried materials, e.g. bark, pods, seed heads, etc.
- 108. GRAND ENTRANCE- a fresh flower arrangement incorporating grasses and/or branches
- 109. GONE SHOPPING - a design in a purse
- 110. TINY TREASURE - a miniature arrangement not to exceed 12.7 cm (5") in any direction, the container should not exceed 3.8 – 5 cm (1½ - 2") in height or width
- 111. LOW AND LOVELY -a low, all around viewing centerpiece arrangement suitable for a dining table
- 112. ONE COMMUNITY – “Rural and Urban” a Fair-themed arrangement of your choice



**SPECIALS**

**Judges Choice Awards**

For each of the 5 classes

Each winner will receive a Rosette plus:

**Vegetables** - Class 19 donated by:  
Country Farm Store  
\$10 Gift Certificate

**Juniors**-Class 20 donated by:  
Carol & Dick Henshall  
Cash award \$10

**Houseplants** - Class 21 donated by:  
Cris & Phil Dunbar  
Cash award \$10

**Specimens** - Class 22 donated by:  
Gloria McMillan  
Cash award \$10

**Floral Design** - Class 23 - donated by:  
Jim Groulx  
Cash award \$10

**BEST IN SHOW - selected by the  
Judges**

**\$25.00 donated by:**

**The Woodstock Horticultural  
Society**