## **FARM AND GARDEN**

## SUPERINTENDENT

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## SPECIAL RULES

- 1. PASSES: Exhibitor Passes will not be issued because there are no entry fees.
- 2. ENTER BEFORE JULY 31, 2023: Entry Forms can be found online and mailed to: Superintendent, Farm & Garden Department, P.O. Box 188, Timonium, MD 21094-0188. Or go to <a href="https://www.marylandstatefair.com">www.marylandstatefair.com</a>, click on Competition and enter your Farm & Garden entries online.
- 3. EXHIBITS ARE RECEIVED (Please Read Carefully Dates and Times Have Changed!):

Exhibits for Sections A through G are received Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 21, 2023, from 9AM to 7PM.

Exhibits for Section H - Christmas Trees are received Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 11AM to 3PM.

Exhibits for Section I - Homebrew are received Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 11AM to 3PM.

Exhibits for Section J - Flowers are received according to the following schedule:

First Flower Show: Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 21, 2023, from 9AM to 7PM, Potted Plants.

Classes J1-J113 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)

Second Flower Show: Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 7:30AM to 11:30AM, Gladiolus & Dahlias.

Classes J400-J494 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)

Third Flower Show: Wednesday, August 30, 2023, from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, Fresh Flowers.

Classes J200-J291 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)

Fourth Flower Show: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, Roses.

Classes J300-J374 (Note: Entries will only be accepted at these times)

Exhibits for Section K - Fall Farm & Garden Show (Flower and Vegetable) are received Wednesday, September 6, 2023, from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

- 4. COMPUTER ENTRY TAG: For each exhibit you have pre-entered, a Computer Entry Tag will be ready for you when you arrive with your exhibits.
- 5. JUDGING: Exhibits in Sections A, B, C, D, F, and G will be judged on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Sections H and J will be judged according to their individual arrival times. Section E will be judged on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Section I will be judged on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Section K will be judged on Thursday, September 7, 2023.
- 6. <u>JUDGES DECISION</u>: The judges' decisions are final. Judges have the right to reject any exhibit if deemed not worthy of an award, and judges also have the right to award a lower prize at their discretion.
- 7. **TIES**: In event of a tie, each exhibitor involved will be awarded an appropriate ribbon. Exhibitors concerned will share the amount of money involved equally.
- 8. **SPECIAL AWARDS:** The Fair President's Award may be awarded by the Maryland State Fair President for an entry deserving special notice. A Special Award ribbon may be awarded when the judges believe that an entry deserves special notice.
- 9. <u>RIBBONS</u>: RIBBONS AWARDED TO EXHIBITS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO RECIPIENTS DURING HOURS OF FARM & GARDEN ITEM RELEASE. <u>RIBBONS WILL NOT BE MAILED</u>.
- 10. **EXHIBITS RELEASED**: Exhibits will be released on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 9AM to 7PM. Exhibitors <u>must present</u> the "Claim Check" from their computer entry tag to claim exhibits. All unclaimed exhibits become the property of the Maryland State Fair.
- 11. **EARLY REMOVAL**: Exhibits removed before the official release time will result in forfeiture of ribbons and premiums.
- 12. The Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged items.