

DIVISION R - FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS

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Division Rules & Regulations:

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due **July 15th**. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed online through the entry system at time of registration.

1. Only 4-H Members may exhibit in this division. **Exhibitors may only enter 1 exhibit per class.**
2. Exhibitors and exhibits must comply with "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
3. All exhibits must be clean and free of labels and tags, unless otherwise specified in the section rules or class description.
4. **Judging:** All exhibits will be judged on their own merit and receive a rating of Excellent, Very Good or Good. The Judges will then at their own discretion give placings up to 10th Place in each class. Unless otherwise noted in section, exhibits will be judged in one of the 4-H Age Divisions: Junior (ages 8-10 as of 1/1/26); Intermediate (ages 11-13 as of 1/1/26); Senior (ages 14-18 as of 1/1/26). Entries not conforming to class description and/or division/section rules & regulations will be disqualified.
5. **Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st – 10th Place exhibits in each class. Premiums: 1st (\$7), 2nd–10th (\$5). Rosettes will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior and Reserve Champions in each section, if there are sufficient entries as determined by the Superintendent.
6. Entries for this division will be received Tuesday, August 25th from 2pm to 8pm in the 4-H/FFA Home Arts Building and released on Monday, September 14th from 9am to 7pm. An early-bird release period will be made available on Sunday, September 13th from 8pm to 10pm AFTER the building is closed to the public. Please see 4-H Calendar of Events for more information.

NOTE: Watering of plants and flowers will be managed by State Fair staff.

Note to Exhibitors: When entering exhibits in the First and Second flower shows, please note that **class numbers are the same**. To distinguish between shows, you must take note of the **SECTION NUMBER**. This number is used in the online entry system and is provided on your entry tags.

For example, a tag for a Junior entering a Black-Eyed Susan in the First Flower Show would read "4R-001-R1004."

A tag for a Junior entering a Black-Eyed Susan in the Second Flower Show would read "4R-004-R1004."

You must manually enter each class in each section that you wish to exhibit in. Please be careful to affix the correct tags to entries at Fair time.

You may enter the same class in both the First and Second Show. You may enter either Show or both shows. The Second Show gives exhibitors a second opportunity to exhibit and provides a fresh, attractive display of project flowers for the second weekend of the Fair. We look forward to your participation. Exhibitors with questions may contact the Superintendent at the number given above or the Maryland State Fair 4-H coordinator at khuang14@umd.edu.

SECTION 1 - CUT FLOWERS (FIRST FLOWER SHOW)

Entries for this division will be received Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 from 2pm – 8pm

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Members must be enrolled in a 4-H Gardening or Horticulture Project for the current year.
2. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. Containers for cut flowers will be provided by the Fair. Quantity of items/samples in exhibit to be entered is indicated in parentheses.
4. Plant materials for arrangements/corsages do not have to be grown by the exhibitor. All cut flower branch stems must have stem leaves attached. Cut flowers are judged as agricultural products desirable for commercial sale. Exhibits should be labeled with variety name, if known.
5. Classes with an asterisk (*) require exhibit to be labeled with the variety name(s).

CLASSES

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
R1001	R2001	R3001	Ageratum (5 stalks)
R1002	R2002	R3002	Aster, China Double (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1003	R2003	R3003	Aster, Pom Pom (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1004	R2004	R3004	Black-eyed Susan (3 blooms, same variety)
R1005	R2005	R3005	Chrysanthemum (3 stems, same variety & color)
R1006	R2006	R3006	Cockscomb (celosia), plume type (1 spike)
R1007	R2007	R3007	Cockscomb (celosia), crested type (1 spike)
R1008	R2008	R3008	Coneflower (3 blooms, same variety)
R1009	R2009	R3009	Coreopsis (3 blooms, same variety)
R1010	R2010	R3010	Dahlia, Giant, large or med. 6" or more in diameter (1 bloom, must be disbranched)
R1011	R2011	R3011	Dahlia, Med., 2"-6" in diameter (3 blooms, same variety & color; must be disbranched)
R1012	R2012	R3012	Dahlia, Small, 0"-2" in diameter (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1013	R2013	R3013	Gladiolus (1 spike with two or more stem leaves attached)
R1014	R2014	R3014	Hydrangea (1 bloom)
R1015	R2015	R3015	Marigold, small flowering solid color (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1016	R2016	R3016	Marigold, small flowering multicolored (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1017	R2017	R3017	Sunflower (1 bloom)
R1019	R2019	R3019	Marigold, orange large flowering over 1.5" (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1020	R2020	R3020	Marigold, large non-orange flowering over 1.5" (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1021*	R2021*	R3021*	Rose, any variety (1 stem)
R1023	R2023	R3023	Strawflower (3 blooms)
R1024	R2024	R3024	Zinnia, miniature variety, 1 1/2 "or less (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1025	R2025	R3025	Zinnia, non-miniature variety, over 1 1/2" in diameter (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1026	R2026	R3026	Zinnia, cactus type-spiked petals (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1027	R2027	R3027	Snapdragon (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1029	R2029	R3029	Any other flower (3 blooms, same variety)

SECTION 4 - CUT FLOWERS (SECOND FLOWER SHOW)

Entries for this show only will be received Friday, September 4, 2026 from 4pm until 7pm.

(Please refer to rules in Section I - Cut Flowers (First Flower Show))

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
R1001	R2001	R3001	Ageratum (5 stalks)
R1002	R2002	R3002	Aster, China Double (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1003	R2003	R3003	Aster, Pom Pom (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1004	R2004	R3004	Black-eyed Susan (3 blooms, same variety)
R1005	R2005	R3005	Chrysanthemum (3 stems, same variety & color)
R1006	R2006	R3006	Cockscomb (celosia), plume type (1 spike)
R1007	R2007	R3007	Cockscomb (celosia), crested type (1 spike)
R1008	R2008	R3008	Coneflower (3 blooms, same variety)
R1009	R2009	R3009	Coreopsis (3 blooms, same variety)
R1010	R2010	R3010	Dahlia, Giant, large or med. 6" or more in diameter (1 bloom, must be disbranched)
R1011	R2011	R3011	Dahlia, Med., 2"-6" in diameter (3 blooms, same variety & color; must be disbranched)
R1012	R2012	R3012	Dahlia, Small, 0"-2" in diameter (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1013	R2013	R3013	Gladiolus (1 spike with two or more stem leaves attached)
R1014	R2014	R3014	Hydrangea (1 bloom)
R1015	R2015	R3015	Marigold, large orange flowering over 1.5" (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1016	R2016	R3016	Marigold, large non-orange flowering over 1.5" (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1017	R2017	R3017	Marigold, small flowering solid color (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1018	R2018	R3018	Marigold, small flowering multicolored (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1019	R2019	R3019	Sunflower (1 bloom)
R1021*	R2021*	R3021*	Rose, any variety (1 stem)
R1023	R2023	R3023	Strawflower (3 blooms)
R1025	R2025	R3025	Snapdragon (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1026	R2026	R3026	Zinnia, cactus type-spiked petals (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1027	R2027	R3027	Zinnia, miniature variety, 1 1/2 "or less (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1028	R2028	R3028	Zinnia, non-miniature variety, over 1 1/2" in diameter (3 blooms, same variety & color)
R1029	R2029	R3029	Any other flower (3 blooms, same variety)

SECTION 2 - ARRANGEMENTS & CORSAGES

Entries for this section will be received Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 from 2pm – 8pm.

Section Rules & Regulations:

- All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026.

Note: Accents of dried or fresh plant/artificial materials may be used in arrangements and corsages only; regardless of the material required for the class (e.g. dried baby's breath may be used in a fresh arrangement). An accent makes a secondary contribution to the design and must not be a major focal point.

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
R1030	R2030	R3030	Line arrangement, all fresh materials	R1041	R2041	R3041	Corsage, spray type, all fresh materials
R1031	R2031	R3031	Line arrangement, all dried materials	R1042	R2042	R3042	Corsage, spray type, all silk materials
R1032	R2032	R3032	Line arrangement, all silk materials	R1043	R2043	R3043	Corsage, individual flower - all fresh materials
R1033	R2033	R3033	Mass arrangement, all fresh materials				
R1034	R2034	R3034	Mass arrangement, all dried materials	R1044	R2044	R3044	Corsage, individual flower, all silk materials
R1035	R2035	R3035	Mass arrangement, all silk materials				
R1036	R2036	R3036	Bud vase arrangement, all fresh materials	R1045	R2045	R3045	Holiday corsage, all fresh materials
R1037	R2037	R3037	Bud vase arrangement, all dried materials	R1046	R2046	R3046	Holiday corsage, all silk materials
R1038	R2038	R3038	Bud vase arrangement, all silk materials	R1047	R2047	R3047	Wall Arrangement, all silk materials
R1039	R2039	R3039	Nosegay bouquet, all fresh materials – 8" max. diameter	R1048	R2048	R3048	Wall Arrangement, all dried materials
				R1049	R2049	R3049	Silk Arrangement, Maryland Theme
R1040	R2040	R3040	Nosegay bouquet, all silk materials – 8" max. diameter				

SECTION 3 - HOUSE PLANTS, DISH GARDENS & TERRARIUMS
Entries for this section will be received Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 from 2pm – 8pm.

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. Potted plants, except in hanging basket classes, must be in pots not to exceed 8" top diameter.
3. Dish garden containers may not exceed 20" maximum width.
4. Hanging baskets must be able to hang.
5. Houseplants and terrariums should have been established in the pot or container at least one month.
6. Classes with an asterisk (*) require exhibit to be labeled with the variety name(s).

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
R1052	R2052	R3052	African Violets	R1060	R2060	R3060	Dish Garden, at least 3 cacti and/or succulents
R1053	R2053	R3053	Begonia, flowering type	R1061	R2061	R3061	Terrarium (with cover or lid)
R1054	R2054	R3054	Begonia, foliage type	R1062	R2062	R3062	Hanging basket, indoor plants
R1055	R2055	R3055	Philodendron, vine type	R1063*	R2063*	R3063*	Hanging basket, outdoor flowering type
R1056	R2056	R3056	Prayer Plant	R1064*	R2064*	R3064*	Hanging basket, outdoor foliage type plant
R1057*	R2057*	R3057*	House Plant, foliage, any 1 variety not listed	R1065	R2065	R3065	Pothos
R1058*	R2058*	R3058*	House plant, cacti or succulent, 1 variety	R1066	R2066	R3066	Foliage and/or flowering outdoor patio planter, at least 3
R1059	R2059	R3059	Dish Garden, at least 3 foliage house plants	R1067	R2067	R3067	Fairy Garden, 3 or more miniature plants plus accessories