



DEPARTMENT J – HORTICULTURE

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ENTRY: Online entry is encouraged for eligibility in MontanaFair **online entry contests** at: www.montanafair.com
Or mail entry to: MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103.
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Questions: Contact Superintendent Vonni Casey at 254-8584 for individual class or division questions.

ENTRY FORMS DUE: Pre-entry is strongly encouraged by Thursday, August 12th. Pre-entry will ensure a speedy check-in of your articles. MontanaFair will accept items not pre-entered, but exhibitors are warned that it will take more time. Entry forms must be signed. Entry forms may be photocopied or may be obtained at: www.montanafair.com

EXHIBITORS FEE: \$5.00 exhibitor fee for unlimited entries in the Horticulture Department.

EXHIBITS RECEIVED: Montana Pavilion - Friday, August 13, 2010, between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm. **NO EXHIBITS ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th, 6:00 PM.** Please come early and allow yourself time to be checked in and verify that all requirements for entering are met.

JUDGING: Friday, August 13, 2010, 8:00 pm – Judging is closed to public.

EXHIBIT HOURS: Montana Pavilion August 13 – 21, 2010 - 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm

GATE ADMISSION: MontanaFair will provide one free day gate admission pass to exhibitors who enter five or more entries in any one department. Exhibitors may purchase a MontanaFair season gate admission pass for \$18.00 or one day gate admission passes for \$4.00 each, if purchased before MontanaFair gates open on Friday, August 13, 2010. This is one half normal gate admission price.

EXHIBITS RELEASED:

Sunday, August 22, 2010, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Items not picked up during this time period will not be secured and may be discarded. A fee of \$20.00 will be assessed on any item not picked up on August 22nd, if special arrangements have been made with the Superintendent before that date.

PREMIUMS: Premiums will be awarded in all classes. 1st place - \$4.00, 2nd place - \$3.00, 3rd place - \$2.00 Ribbons will be awarded in all classes.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS: Rosettes will be awarded to the "Best of Show" in each Horticulture Division.

MEMORIAL AWARD: In 1998, MontanaFair established an annual high point award in memory of Karen Erfle-Holman, past Superintendent of Heritage Arts. This award will be bestowed upon the outstanding exhibitor in Heritage Arts (winner to be selected by the greatest number of blue ribbons earned on individual entries in Departments J, K and L). Exhibitor must compete in all three Heritage Arts Departments to be eligible for this award. MontanaFair will award this exhibitor with \$50. The winning exhibitor's name will be engraved on a permanent memorial plaque displayed in Heritage Arts in the Montana Pavilion Building. Points will be accumulated as follows: 1st – 4 points; 2nd – 3 points; 3rd – 2 points; Honorable Mention – 1 point. Points will be accumulated by the Entry Office.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Exhibitors must read and observe the General Rules and Regulations of MontanaFair and the Heritage Arts Department. In addition, the following rules apply to the Horticulture Department:

1. Vases will be provided by MontanaFair for the display of cut flowers.

2. Commercial growers or immediate members of their families living at home shall not be permitted to compete for premiums. Yellowstone County commercial growers and florists are in cooperation with this department by placing gratis artistic floral displays.
3. Please do not add more stems or items than this class list calls for, otherwise they will be disqualified.
4. The superintendent shall have the right to remove or replace any item after judging that has become unsightly.
5. Any entry that displays a noxious weed will be disqualified.

DIVISION 1 – Cut Flower Exhibits

1. All flowers in Division #1 must have been grown by exhibitor, (children must prepare/arrange their own exhibits).

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J-1-101 Asters	J-1-148 Rose, 1 bloom in exhibitor's own bowl, limited foliage
J-1-102 Bachelor Buttons	J-1-149 Miniature Rose, 1-3 blooms and/or buds in exhibitor's own bowl, limited foliage
J-1-103 Begonia	J-1-150 Any other Rose
J-1-104 Carnations	J-1-151 Strawflowers, fresh cut
J-1-105 Calendulas	J-1-152 Statice
J-1-106 Chinese Lantern	J-1-153 Snapdragons, standard
J-1-107 Cockscomb (Celosis)	J-1-154 Snapdragons, butterflies
J-1-108 Coneflower	J-1-155 Shasta Daisy, double
J-1-109 Coreopsis	J-1-156 Shasta Daisy, single
J-1-110 Cosmos	J-1-157 Sun Flower
J-1-111 Dahlia, large, over 8"	J-1-158 Sun Flower on stock
J-1-112 Dahlia, medium 4 to 8"	J-1-159 Sweet Peas
J-1-113 Dahlia, small, not over 4"	J-1-160 Sweet William
J-1-114 Day Lily (Hermerocallis)	J-1-161 Zinnia, orange
J-1-115 Dianthus	J-1-162 Zinnia, pink to rose
J-1-116 Daisy – single	J-1-163 Zinnia, red
J-1-117 Daisy – double	J-1-164 Zinnia, yellow
J-1-118 Gailardia	J-1-165 Zinnia, white
J-1-119 German Statice	J-1-166 Any other annual
J-1-120 Gladiolus - blues, purples or lavenders	J-1-167 Any other perennial
J-1-121 Gladiolus – creams, whites, smokey or bi-colors	J-1-168 Any novelty, cut plant material
J-1-122 Gladiolus – peach, salmon, oranges or yellow	<u>Potted Plants</u>
J-1-123 Gladiolus – pinks, reds, rose or maroons	J-1-169 Cacti or Succulents
J-1-124 Hollyhock – Single	J-1-170 Dish Gardens or planters
J-1-125 Hollyhock - Double	J-1-171 Foliage Dish Garden or Planter, non-flowering
J-1-126 Larkspur	J-1-172 African Violet
J-1-127 Any Lily	J-1-173 Any other blooming plant
J-1-128 Marigold, miniature	J-1-174 Miniature Rose
J-1-129 Marigold, American Standard	J-1-175 Terrariums-plants grown in closed containers
J-1-130 Pansy	J-1-176 Terrariums-plants grown in open containers
J-1-131 Petunia, single	J-1-177 Geraniums
J-1-132 Petunia, double	J-1-178 Potted Begonia
J-1-133 Petunia, ruffled	J-1-179 Any Novelty
J-1-134 Phlox, annual	<u>Collections</u>
J-1-135 Phlox, perennial	J-1-180 Dahlias
J-1-136 Queen's Anne's Lace	J-1-181 Roses
J-1-137 Rose, miniature, any variety or color	J-1-182 Snapdragons - stems of different blooms
J-1-138 Rose, Peace	J-1-183 Zinnias - stems of different blooms
J-1-139 Rose, blend or bi-color	J-1-184 Gladiolus - stalks of different blooms
J-1-140 Rose, pink	<u>Hanging Plants</u>
J-1-141 Rose, red	J-1-185 Ivy
J-1-142 Rose, white or cream	J-1-186 Ferns
J-1-143 Rose, yellow	J-1-187 Philodendron & Pothas
J-1-144 Rose, orange	J-1-188 Flowering Plant
J-1-145 Rose, peach	J-1-189 Any other hanging plant
J-1-146 Rose, lavender	
J-1-147 Any other Rose (Polyantha, Climber, Shrub)	

Container Garden - Planters

- J-1-190 A collection of growing blooming patio plants (example: petunias, geraniums, etc.) in a single container
- J-1-191 A collection of fruit or vegetable producing plants in a single container
- J-1-192 "Potter's Fancy" – A specialty gift basket using a container of choice, not to exceed the measurements of 12x18x10, about the size of a small laundry basket, (Includes items used in potting and/or growing plants, i.e. potting soil, trowel, plant or plants, decorative rocks, watering can, pruning shears, etc. all in a basket or container suitable for gift giving). May contain live plants, realizing they may not last to the end of the display.
- J-1-193 Any Novelty

DIVISION 2 – ARTISTIC DESIGNS

1. Fresh cut plant material must be used in all entries, except where indicated otherwise. Accessories may be used in any class if it adds to the design. Only designs will be judged. Scenes and dioramas are not eligible.
2. Fresh plant material shall not be "treated" in any way. "Treating" is changing the surface, texture, color, or substance by dye, paint, glitter, etc., except when otherwise noted.
3. Artistic division will be judged on the following basis:

Conformance	15 %
Design	40 %
Distinction	20 %
Creativity	25 %

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- J-2-101 "Basket Case" - with flowers using basket of your choice - only fresh flowers and foliage.
- J-2-102 "Then and Now" - Children Design, stuffed animals, fresh flowers, container of choice.
- J-2-103 "Sweet Memories" - a wreath arrangement of dried materials designed as a wall hanging
- J-2-104 "Back to the Good Ole Days" - Designers choice of dried materials with real flowers
- J-2-105 "Oro y Plata" (Montana's Flag slogan) using all white flowers with silver and or gold containers and or silver or gold accent
- J-2-106 "American Spirit" - Your choice center piece, designer's choice of components - only real flowers to be used - Red, White and Blue
- J-2-107 "Scarecrow's Delight" - fresh and/or dried materials with fruit and/or vegetables
- J-2-108 "Christmas Wishes" - Christmas design with limited amounts of spray, glitter, etc. may be used
- J-2-109 "Big Sky Country" Western or Native American motif) - Designer's choice
- J-2-110 "These Nifty Fifty United States" – Designer's choice of fresh or dried materials depicting a particular state (must include a marker or label identifying the state)
- J-2-111 "Put Your Best Foot Forward" – Arrangement of fresh flowers and fresh or dried foliage in a container of foot wear...real shoes or shoe-shaped container.
- Note: Designer's Choice - anything can be used except for noxious weeds.

DIVISION 3 - Horticulture by Youth – 12 to 18 Years

Exhibitors who enter Division 3 will be eligible to enter in Division 1 or 2 of Department J.

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- J-3-101 "Celebrate America" - Designer's Choice of elements using red, white and blue.
- J-3-102 "Big Sky Country" (Western or Native American motif) - Designer's choice
- J-3-103 "All I Want for Christmas" - limited spray, glitter can be used
- J-3-104 "A Tiskit, A Taskit Gift Basket" – A specialty gift basket using container of choice, not to exceed the measurements of 12x18x10, about the size of a small laundry basket. Includes items used as a gift, i.e. cut flowers, plant, vase, ribbon, figurine and/or decorative picks according to season.
- J-3-105 "Garden Gala" - Designer's Choice
- J-3-106 Vegetable Plant (Seed potato, asparagus fern, etc.)
- J-3-107 Decorate a Vegetable - may be as elaborate as you choose; feel free to decorate more than one vegetable and create a design; cannot be larger than 2 feet any direction
- J-3-108 "Scarecrow's Delight" – fresh flowers and/or dried materials with fruit and/or vegetables.
- J-3-109 "Sweet Memories" – a wreath arrangement of dried materials designed as a wall hanging.
- J-3-110 "Put Your Best Foot Forward" – arrangement using only fresh flowers and foliage in a container of foot wear, real shoe or shoe-shaped vase.

DIVISION 4 - Horticulture by Lil Sprouts–Up to 11 Years

Exhibitors who enter Division 4 will be eligible to enter Division 1 or 2 of Department J.

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J-4-101	"Celebrate America" - Designer's choice of elements using red, white and blue.	J-4-107	"Sweet Memories" – a wreath arrangement of dried materials designed as a wall hanging.
J-4-102	"Big Sky Country" (Western or Native American motif) - Designer's choice.	J-4-108	"Put Your Best Foot Forward" – arrangement laundry basket. Includes items used as a gift, i.e. cut using only fresh flowers and foliage in a container of foot wear – real shoe or shoe-shaped vase.
J-4-103	"All I Want for Christmas" - limited spray, glitter can be used.	J-4-109	Vegetable Plant - (seed potato, asparagus fern, etc.)
J-4-104	"A Tiskit, A Taskit Gift Basket" – A specialty gift basket using container of choice, not to exceed the measurements of 12x18x10, about the size of a small flowers, plant, vase, ribbon, figurine and/or decorative picks according to season.	J-4-110	Decorate a Vegetable - may be as elaborate as you choose; feel free to decorate more than one vegetable and create a design not to be larger than 2 feet any direction
J-4-105	"Garden Gala" - Designer's Choice		
J-4-106	"Scarecrow's Delight" – fresh flowers and/or dried materials with fruit and/or vegetables.		

DIVISION 5 – Fruits & Vegetables - Lil' Sprouts – Up to 11 Years

DIVISION 6 – Fruits & Vegetables - Youth – 12 to 18 Years

DIVISION 7 – Fruits & Vegetables - Adults (over 18 years)

Rules:

1. Cutting an entry is at the discretion of the Judge.
2. Leave one inch of stem on most vegetables. Circular "Harvesting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibits" is available at the County Extension Office to assist in proper preparation.
3. It is encouraged that exhibitors identify/name the variety on the entry tag.
4. Judging fruits and vegetables will be based on the following:
 - A) Prime Culinary Quality - 50 % - (Taste, texture, smell, maturity, substance, color, (inside or out), weight for size, type or variety)
 - B) Form - 25 % - (Little waste, meaty, typical)
 - C) Condition - 15 % - (Limp, degree of maturity, blemished, groomed, clean)
 - D) Uniformity - 10 % - (Shape, size, color, stage of maturity, length)

The outstanding points to consider in selecting a vegetable are quality and condition. The judging of a vegetable exhibit is generally based on the readiness of the product for immediate use. The quality of the product is determined by actual test. Medium sizes are generally preferred to the very large sizes. Uniformity, a point which applies to exhibits that include more than one specimen, is particularly important. Uniformity largely determines the appearance of the exhibit. Avoid specimens that are over ripe, immature, stringy, pithy, woody, corky, pulpy, irregular, wilted, cracked, discolored, coarse, sunburned or diseased. All specimens should be free of dirt, decay, rust spots, blemishes and insect damage.

Vegetable entry requirements:

BEETS - 2 to 1 ½" in diameter are best. Can be washed; leave 1" of green above crown.

BEANS - should be long and straight. Do not break the end off when picking. Seed in the pods should appear to be ¼ to ½ grown.

BROCCOLI - cut stems before the first whorl of leaves. The length of stems not over 5".

CABBAGE - leaves should not be peeled too closely. The heads should be firm and heavy in proportion to size. Stems should not be cut off.

CARROTS - leave top on, should be nearly carefree. Half longs 2 to 4". Longs 6" over.

CAULIFLOWER - should show no discoloration.

CUCUMBERS FOR SLICING - A small seed cavity undesirable, leave short stem, 4" to 8" long.

CUCUMBER FOR PICKLING – Cucumbers for dills should be 2" to 4" long. For pickling 4" to 6" long. Leave short stem on each.

ONIONS - thoroughly ripened with dry necks. Should be clean, smooth, and not peeled so as to be slick. Tops should be twisted off, leave 1" top.

DILL STALK - ripe with seeds, well formed.

KOHLRABI – 3" to 4" in diameter. Skins should be easily penetrated with the thumbnail. Clean but do not wash.

ONIONS – Thoroughly ripened with dry necks. Should be clean, smooth and not peeled as to be slick. Tops should be twisted off, leave 1" top.

PARSNIPS - should be small and of great length. Leave roots on, top 1" from crown and clean.

PEPPERS - Sweet peppers should show no red. Pimentos should be red.

POTATOES – Medium, 8 to 12 ounce. Shape and size should be typical of the variety.

PUMPKIN – Mature as shown by hardness of shell. Stem should be attached.

RHUBARB - should be solid.

RUTABAGAS - bright color, medium to large.

SQUASH - SUMMER - leave stems on. Pick when small. May be washed.

SQUASH - WINTER - hard shells. May be washed. Leave stem attached.

SWEET CORN - harvest ears when filled out to the tips. Display with husks and silk.

TOMATOES - must be solid. Remove stem and display with blossom end up. Display green tomatoes with the stem on and stem side up.

TURNIPS - remove tops 1" from the crown.

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J-__-101 Beans, 10 pods, any variety, snap beans	J-__-130 Squash, other summer, 1 specimen
J-__-102 Wax beans - 10 pods	J-__-131 Buttercup squash
J-__-103 Beets, table, 3 roots	J-__-132 Squash, winter, 1 specimen
J-__-104 Broccoli, 1 head	J-__-133 Tomatoes, large red, 1 specimen
J-__-105 Cabbage, 1 head - leave root on	J-__-134 Tomatoes, large green, 3 specimens
J-__-106 Cabbage, varieties such as napa, sale, red, Chinese - leave root on	J-__-135 Cherry tomatoes, 3 specimens
J-__-107 Corn, 3 ears	J-__-136 Tomatoes, any other, ripe, 3 specimens
J-__-108 Corn on the stock - no dirt	J-__-137 Turnips
J-__-109 Carrots, 5 roots	J-__-138 Any other vegetable
J-__-110 Cauliflower, 1 head	J-__-139 Apples, plate of 3, one variety
J-__-111 Cucumber, burpless, 3 specimens	J-__-140 Crab apples, 5 of one variety
J-__-112 Cucumber, other slicing, 3 specimens	J-__-141 Grapes, 3 bunches, one variety
J-__-113 Cucumber, pickling, 5 specimens	J-__-142 Raspberries – 15
J-__-114 Cucumber, dill, 3 specimens	J-__-143 Gooseberries – 15
J-__-115 Cucumber, sweet, 3 specimens	J-__-144 Berries, 15 of one variety
J-__-116 Eggplant, 1 specimen	J-__-145 Plums, 5 fruits, one variety
J-__-117 Garlic, 1 full head	J-__-146 Rhubarb, 5 stems, one variety
J-__-118 Kohlrabi, 3 specimens	J-__-147 Melon, 1 specimen
J-__-119 Lettuce or other green, cut at ground level	J-__-148 Herb, fresh specimen
J-__-120 Onions, 3 specimens- do not peel	J-__-149 Any other fruit, 3 if large, 10 if small
J-__-121 Peas in pod - 10 pods	J-__-150 Funniest
J-__-122 Pepper, green, 3 specimens	J-__-151 Longest
J-__-123 Pepper, any other variety, 3 specimens	J-__-152 Biggest
J-__-124 Potatoes, any variety, 3 specimens	J-__-153 Heaviest
J-__-125 Small or medium pumpkin, any variety	J-__-154 "Gardener's Delight" – A specialty gift basket using a container of choice. Includes items used in potting and/or growing plants, (i.e. potting soil, trowel, plant, or plants, decorative, rocks, watering can, pruning shears, etc.), all in a basket or container suitable for gift giving
J-__-126 Large pumpkin, any variety, 1 specimen	
J-__-127 Pumpkin, 1 of one kind for pies	
J-__-128 Rutabaga	
J-__-129 Squash, zucchini, 1 specimen	

"TEA PARTY CONTEST"

Designer's Choice of Dried with Fresh Plant Materials

Arranged in a Tea Cup or Small Tea Pot

Premiums: 1st - \$15.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$5.00

Indicate "Tea Party Contest on Entry Form - One Entry Per Person

Lil Sprouts – Class J-8-500

Youth 12 to 18 Years – Class J-8-501

Adult – Over 18 Years – Class J-8-502

Entries will be accepted at Montana Pavillion –Friday, August 13, 2010 – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm