



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.
Email: entryoffice@metrapark.com (406)256-2400
Questions: Contact Heritage Arts Department Director Vonni Casey at 254-8584 or 208-4451 for individual class or division questions.

ENTRY FORMS DUE: Pre-entry is strongly encouraged by Thursday, August 11th. 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 12, 2011, between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm. **NO EXHIBITS ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th, 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 12, 2011, 8:00 pm – Judging is closed to public.

EXHIBIT HOURS: August 13-19, 2011 - 12:00 - 9:00 pm & Saturday, August 20th - 12:00-6:00 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 \$20.00 or one day gate admission passes for \$5.00 each, if purchased at time of entry on or by 6:00 pm Friday, August 12, 2011. Exhibitor discount tickets will not be sold after that time.

EXHIBITS RELEASED:

Sunday, August 21, 2011, 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 21nd, 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.

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-1-102 Bachelor Buttons
J-1-103 Begonia
J-1-104 Carnations
J-1-105 Calendulas
J-1-106 Chinese Lantern
J-1-107 Cockscomb (Celosis)
J-1-108 Coneflower
J-1-109 Coreopsis
J-1-110 Cosmos
J-1-111 Dahlia, large, over 8"
J-1-112 Dahlia, medium 4 to 8"
J-1-113 Dahlia, small, not over 4"
J-1-114 Day Lily (Hermerocallis)
J-1-115 Dianthus
J-1-116 Daisy – single
J-1-117 Daisy – double
J-1-118 Gailardia
J-1-119 German Statice
J-1-120 Gladiolus - blues, purples or lavenders
J-1-121 Gladiolus – creams, whites, smokey or bi-colors
J-1-122 Gladiolus – peach, salmon, oranges or yellow
J-1-123 Gladiolus – pinks, reds, rose or maroons
J-1-124 Hollyhock – Single
J-1-125 Hollyhock - Double
J-1-126 Larkspur
J-1-127 Any Lily
J-1-128 Marigold, miniature
J-1-129 Marigold, American Standard
J-1-130 Pansy
J-1-131 Petunia, single
J-1-132 Petunia, double
J-1-133 Petunia, ruffled
J-1-134 Phlox, annual
J-1-135 Phlox, perennial
J-1-136 Queen's Anne's Lace
J-1-137 Rose, miniature, any variety or color
J-1-138 Rose, Peace
J-1-139 Rose, blend or bi-color
J-1-140 Rose, pink
J-1-141 Rose, red
J-1-142 Rose, white or cream
J-1-143 Rose, yellow
J-1-144 Rose, orange
J-1-145 Rose, peach
J-1-146 Rose, lavender
J-1-147 Any other Rose (Polyantha, Climber, Shrub)
J-1-148 Rose, 1 bloom in exhibitor's own bowl, limited foliage
J-1-149 Miniature Rose, 1-3 blooms and/or buds in exhibitor's own bowl, limited foliage
J-1-150 Any other Rose
J-1-151 Strawflowers, fresh cut
J-1-152 Statice
J-1-153 Snapdragons, standard
J-1-154 Snapdragons, butterflies

J-1-155 Shasta Daisy, double
J-1-156 Shasta Daisy, single
J-1-157 Sun Flower
J-1-158 Sun Flower on stock
J-1-159 Sweet Peas
J-1-160 Sweet William
J-1-161 Zinnia, orange
J-1-162 Zinnia, pink to rose
J-1-163 Zinnia, red
J-1-164 Zinnia, yellow
J-1-165 Zinnia, white
J-1-166 Any other annual
J-1-167 Any other perennial
J-1-168 Any novelty, cut plant material

Potted Plants

J-1-169 Cacti or Succulents
J-1-170 Dish Gardens or planters
J-1-171 Foliage Dish Garden or Planter, non-flowering
J-1-172 African Violet
J-1-173 Any other blooming plant
J-1-174 Miniature Rose
J-1-175 Terrariums-plants grown in closed containers
J-1-176 Terrariums-plants grown in open containers
J-1-177 Geraniums
J-1-178 Potted Begonia
J-1-179 Any Novelty

Collections

J-1-180 Dahlias
J-1-181 Roses
J-1-182 Snapdragons - stems of different blooms
J-1-183 Zinnias - stems of different blooms
J-1-184 Gladiolus - stalks of different blooms

Hanging Plants

J-1-185 Ivy
J-1-186 Ferns
J-1-187 Philodendron & Pothos
J-1-188 Flowering Plant
J-1-189 Any other hanging plant

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-2-107	"Scarecrow's Delight" - fresh and/or dried materials with fruit and/or vegetables
J-2-102	"Then and Now" - Children Design, stuffed animals, fresh flowers, container of choice.	J-2-108	"Christmas Wishes" - Christmas design with limited amounts of spray, glitter, etc. may be used
J-2-103	"Sweet Memories" - a wreath arrangement of dried materials designed as a wall hanging	J-2-109	"Big Sky Country" Western or Native American motif) - Designer's choice
J-2-104	"Back to the Good Ole Days" - Designers choice of dried materials with real flowers	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-2-105	"Oro y Plata" (Montana's Flag slogan) using all white flowers with silver and or gold containers and or silver or gold accent	J-2-111	"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.
J-2-106	"American Spirit" - Your choice center piece, designer's choice of components - only real flowers to be used - Red, White and Blue		

Note: Designer's Choice - anything can be used except for noxious weeds.

DIVISION 3 – Horticulture by Youth – 12-18 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 American" – Designer's Choice of elements using red, white and blue.	J-3-106	Vegetable Pant (Seed potato, asparagus fern, etc.)
J-3-102	"Big Sky Country" – Western or Native American Motif – Designers Choice	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 in any direction.
J-3-103	"All I Want for Christmas" – Limited Spray (glitter can be used)	J-3-108	"Scarecrow's Delight" – Fresh flowers and/or dried materials with fruit and/or vegetables.
J-3-104	"A Tiskit, A Taskit Gift Basket" – Specialty gift basket using container of choice, not to exceed the measurements of 12x18x10, about the size of a small laundry basket. Includes item used as a gift, (i.e. cut flowers, plant vase, ribbon, figurine and/or decorative picks according to the season).	J-3-109	"Sweet Memories" – A wreath arrangement of dried materials designed as a wall hanging.
J-3-105	"Garden Gala" – Designer's Choice	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 - 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.		glitter can be used.
J-4-102	"Big Sky Country" (Western or Native American motif) - Designer's choice.	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-4-103	"All I Want for Christmas" - limited spray,		

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| J-4-105 "Garden Gala" - Designer's Choice | container of foot wear – real shoe or shoe-shaped vase. |
| J-4-106 "Scarecrow's Delight" – fresh flowers and/or dried materials with fruit and/or vegetables. | J-4-109 Vegetable Plant - (seed potato, asparagus fern, etc.) |
| J-4-107 "Sweet Memories" – a wreath arrangement of dried materials designed as a wall hanging. | 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-4-108 "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 | |

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 careless. 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 Pavilion – Friday, August 12, 2011 – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Welcome to MontanaFair