

Arts and Crafts

Award Information, Rules and Regulations, Entry Information

To enter your art or craft, please read and review the Arts and Crafts Entry Information with Rules and Regulations at the bottom of the page.

Department D – Flowers

Requirements:

- Any amateur grower may exhibit in the listed sections.
- Entries must be fresh flowers only, grown by exhibitor, free of insects.
- Each exhibitor may have only one exhibit in each class.
- A specimen is a single blossom or single stem of blossoms.
- A collection consists of four or more different colors or different varieties.
- Exhibitors must furnish containers. (Containers must be clean, neat, with no labels, filled with water, and weight if necessary. [An excellent container for either a specimen or a collection is a clear glass bottle, no labels, approximately 2/3 the height of the flower or flowers to be judged.])
- Potted plants may not weigh more than 20 lbs.
- All flowers must be assembled and ready before 8 p.m. on Aug. 27, 2026.

Cut Flowers

Judging Criteria/Points:

- Overall plant health: (50%)
- Symmetry: (25%)
- Color and creative display: (25%)

Chrysanthemum

- D100. Specimen-Small or Button
- D101. Specimen-Regular
- D102. Specimen-Giant or Football
- D103. Collection

Cosmos

- D104. Specimen
- D105. Collection

Coxcomb

- D106. Specimen-Crested
- D107. Specimen-Plume
- D108. Specimen-Other (specify)
- D109. Collection

Dahlias

- D110. Specimen-Miniature (under 2")
- D112. Specimen-Small (2"-4")
- D113. Specimen-Large (4"- 8")
- D114. Specimen-Giant (over 8")
- D115. Collections-Miniature (under 2")
- D116. Collections-Small (2"-4")
- D117. Collections-Large (4"- 8")
- D118. Collections-Giant (over 8")
- D119. Collections-Combination

Gladiola

- D120. Specimen
- D121. Collection

Marigolds

- D122. Specimen
- D123. Collections

Petunias

- D124. Specimen-Single
- D125. Specimen-Double
- D126. Collections-Single
- D127. Collections-Double
- D128. Collections-Mixed

Roses

- D129. Specimen-Red varieties
- D130. Specimen-Pink varieties
- D131. Specimen-Orange/Peach varieties
- D132. Specimen-Yellow varieties
- D133. Specimen-White varieties
- D134. Specimen-Bi-Color varieties
- D135. Specimen-Other color varieties
- D136. Specimen-Miniature varieties
- D137. Collection-Regular varieties
- D138. Collections-Miniature varieties

Sunflowers

- D139. Specimen-Single
- D140. Specimen-Double

Zinnias

- D141. Specimen-Small varieties (under 1 ½")
- D142. Specimen-Medium varieties (1 ½" – 3")
- D143. Specimen-Large varieties (over 3")
- D144. Collections-Small varieties
- D145. Collections-Medium varieties
- D146. Collections-Large varieties
- D147. Collections-Mixed varieties

Any Other Flowers

- D148. Specimen-Any other annual
- D149. Specimen-Any other perennial
- D150. Specimen-Any grown from bulb
- D151. Specimen-Any shrub
- D152. Specimen-Any wildflower
- D153. Collection-Annuals
- D154. Collections-Perennials
- D155. Collections-Bulbs
- D156. Collections-Shrubs
- D157. Collections-Wildflowers
- D158. Collections-Garden Mixture

Potted Plants

Judging Criteria/Points:

- Overall plant health: (20%)
- Symmetry: uniform, smooth, even grain, not runny, holds shape (20%)
- Cleanliness of plant & container: (20%)
- Proportion of plant to container: (20%)
- Overall appeal: (20%)

- D200. African Violets-White
- D201. African Violets-Pink
- D202. African Violets-Purple
- D203. African Violets-Red/Rose
- D204. African Violets-Blue/Violet
- D205. African Violets-Variegated blossom
- D206. Begonia-Small leaf
- D207. Begonia-Large leaf
- D208. Ferns
- D209. Ornamental vegetable

- D210. Foliage-Small leaf
- D211. Foliage-Large leaf
- D212. Flowering
- D213. Dish Garden
- D214. Cactus/Succulents
- D215. Cactus Garden
- D216. Orchid
- D217. Any other potted plant (specify)

Arrangements

Requirements:

- Arrangements must consist of freshly grown materials.
- Container should be appropriate to class and should be deep enough to hold water for several days and should also contain an “oasis” and weights when needed.
- Arrangements will be judged on materials, design, and appropriateness to class.
- Remove any dead blooms and/or leaves before entering.

Judging Criteria/Points:

- Overall plant health: (20%)
- Symmetry: uniform, smooth, even grain, not runny, holds shape (20%)
- Creative design: (20%)
- Proportion of plant to container: (20%)
- Overall appeal: (20%)

D300. Summer Life

D301. Celebrate Independence

D302. End of summer

D303. Harvest Home

D304. Silent Night

D305. Happy New Year (1 blossom)

D306. Any other themed (specify

Rules and Regulations

Arts and Crafts Director: Sue Ellen Brown at artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org

The Chesterfield County Fair will be held on the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds located at 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, through Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026. The fairgrounds will close each night at 11 p.m., while buildings close at 10 p.m. and ticket gates close at 9 p.m. (subject to change).

The CCFA will work out a tentative program for the fair so there will be the least amount of conflict between entertainment and attractions. To that end, there may be continuous programs running throughout the nine days of the fair. The Chesterfield County Fair Association reserves the right to close or prohibit any feature of the fair that is deemed inappropriate or objectionable.

Judging Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to **all** interested parties. 4-H Club members will be allowed to make exhibits in any class under their age division or in the 4H division.
2. Registration will be **online only** using [CCFA FairEntry](#). If you are unable to submit using Fair Entry, please send your list of entries, including, Department, Class, Description and Age/Division (Senior, Adult, Youth (17-14), Youth (13-9), Youth (8 & under), 4H member) to artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org by 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026**.
3. **Quilts** are required to be delivered on **Tuesday, Aug. 25**, from 5 -8 p.m. judging on Wednesday, Aug. 26. **Quilts Only!**
4. **All other** entries are required to be delivered on **Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026**, from **3- 8 p.m.** with judging to begin on Friday, Aug. 28, 2026.
5. Exhibitors are to remove items entered for judging on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. No person or organization will be allowed to take down their exhibit before the stated hour.
6. All entries in all departments must be the work of the exhibitor. Farm crops, vegetables, flowers, etc. must have been grown and prepared under the personal supervision of the exhibitor. All entries must have been made, grown, produced, drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
7. No professionals will be allowed to compete in a department which is associated with their profession, except for Department A. A professional is a person who makes items for sale or who teaches others for profit.

8. Exhibitors will report to the superintendent of each department who will check in items. The superintendent will present the items to the judges and make the proper entry of prize winners.
9. No exhibit will receive a monetary prize. Awards will be given on exhibits that meet the rules and guidelines in each department. The CCFA will secure the best judges obtainable, and they will be experts in their line.
10. Ribbons will be placed by the judges at the time of judging in each department. Decisions of the judges are final.
11. CCFA assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to exhibits whatsoever. CCFA will provide sufficient security from Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, starting at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, until 1 p.m.

General Rules and Regulations for all Departments

1. All articles entered for exhibit must be the work of the persons exhibiting and must have been made/grown/produced/drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in any one class.
3. General rules for entry and removal of exhibits will apply to all departments.
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to place their own exhibits on display. The department superintendent will handle this in an impartial manner to all.