

Horticulture

Horticulture Superintendent: Lynda Harvey

1. Entry Deadline - **Saturday, February 21, 2015 9 a.m. – Noon**

Location: **Agrilife Extension Office - Joseph A Carroll Building
401 W Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201**

All entries in all divisions must be submitted on an official entry blank available from 4-H leaders, FFA, or FCCLA leaders. All entries must be completed and signed.

No Late Entries Accepted

2. An individual may enter one item per class, and the entry fee is \$5.00 per entry. Entry fee must accompany the entry.

Show Dates and times:

1. Entries are to be checked in between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. **No late projects will be checked in after 6:30 p.m.** *Entry number must be attached and visible on each item.*

2. Judging for all departments will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015. The building will be closed during the judging and will not re-open until Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. **No results will be available until Thursday.**

3. Entries for all departments will be released Friday, March 27, 2015 between 3 and 4 p.m. **ITEMS NOT PICKED UP WILL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DCLA.**

4. Entries are subject to the general rules. **The Tag-in plant is the same plant at Show.**

5. The first place winner will receive a rosette in each class for their department and will be judged for Grand and Reserve Champion of the department in each age group.

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1. All plants must be living. No artificial plants will be accepted.

2. All entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor on or before February 21, 2015.

3. Entries will be photographed at Tag-in. You do *not* need to bring a photo with you.

4. All entries must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor.

5. The show will be judged in two divisions: Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and over) as of January 1, 2015.

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6. Plants may be dusted or wiped clean by the exhibitor before entry. No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage other than soap and water.

7. All plants should be watered prior to entry.

8. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show.

9. The Horticulture Superintendent will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries.

10. Entries that meet all the show rules will be placed in one of the following classes:

Classes:

1. Foliage

2. Flowering

3. Succulents

4. Trailers / Vines

5. Bulbs

6. Herbs

7. Ferns

8. Hanging Basket (one or more plant species) Must be in same container at Tag-in for Show.

9. Dish Gardens (one or more plant species) Must be in same container at Tag-in for Show.

10. Terrarium (one or more plant species) Must be in same container at Tag-in for Show.

11. Fruit / Vegetable (a plant that produces a fruit or vegetable, or can be eaten itself.)

12. Seed / Cutting (a plant started from seed or a cutting between January 1 of current year and Tag-in date. Must be in soil / medium at Tag-in.

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Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for the species, with the following qualities generally considered.

1. Size for age and species
2. Vigor
3. Maturity
4. Freshness
5. Symmetry
6. Balance
7. Fullness
8. Insect damage
9. Disease damage
10. Mechanical damage
11. Leaf color
12. Flowering
13. Other factors being equal, preference will be given to rarity of species and /or level of difficulty in growing.