

# AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



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Important information on entry content is provided at the beginning of each section and dates on the calendar below.

Listings include a variety of fresh produce entries, both growing and harvested, and some related craft & educational projects which can be completed well before entries are to be delivered for display.

## 2022 EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JUNE</b>			1	2 5:30- 7:30 PM Entries Received:	3 7:30-9:30 AM Entries Received: Entry Maintenance Judgings	4
			5	6 Expo closed to public	7 Expo closed to public	8 7:00-9:00 AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Entries Received Entry Maintenance
12 8:00- 10:00 PM Entry Release	13 8:00 AM -Noon Entry Release	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Online Entry Deadline Tuesday, May 10—midnight

**Department Code: AG**

### **Do-Ahead before the summer harvest!!!**

**Edibles Garden Plan & Agricultural Crafts/Decorations**

**INDIVIDUAL YOUTH** entries listed in **Floral Department (Div 464 & 490-497)**

**YOUTH PRODUCE ENTRIES** please see the Youth Exhibits: Creative Kids Department

*Entry Fees: \$5.00 per entry*

### **NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS:**

Deliver entries for this Department to **Expo Hall** using the designated door. Convenient access is available through Gate 7. Alternate delivery time may be available ONLY with the prior approval of the Department Coordinator.

## **DEPARTMENT INFORMATION & RULES:**

1. All [state rules](#) and [local rules](#) apply.
2. Competition is open to amateur gardeners, crafters and clubs. An amateur is someone who grows and shows for pleasure, rather than as a profession.
3. All exhibits must have been grown, produced, designed and/or created by the exhibitor within the current Fair year (since June 2021), except where stated.
4. Only herbs, fruits and/or vegetables unless otherwise noted. Non-edible flowers may be used for decoration only. Artificial plant material in displays is **not allowed**. (For floriculture competition, please consult the Floral Arts Department listings.)
5. American system of judging will be used in all Divisions of this Department. Awards will be given only for exhibits showing quality growth & show-worthy presentation. Cleanliness/neatness of plants and containers is expected.
6. All entries will remain for the duration of the Fair.
7. Exhibits (except individual produce 110-114) must be maintained in fresh, "show" condition for the duration of the Fair. Spoiled produce will be discarded. Exhibits grown in containers with drainage must be provided with suitable saucers. Entries which are deemed too heavy or fragile to be moved may not be accepted. Maintenance/refreshing may be done on receiving days or by previous arrangement with Coordinator.
8. Ribbon Awards will be given for first, second and third place. Honorable Mention ribbons will be given in Classes where warranted. Exhibitor may pick up ribbons at Entry Release or provide a stamped, self-addressed mailing envelope to the Coordinator at the time of Entry Receiving.

## **URBAN GARDENER CONTAINER COMBINATIONS**

If you are one of the thousands of Bay Area residents who grow herbs, fruits, and/or vegetables in pots on your balcony or patio, here is your chance to show off your "green thumb" in these Container Contests. This Division is open to any group or individual, including families and youth, this year offering more placings and higher value prizes.

### **AWARDS OFFERED DIVISION 100**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ribbon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ribbon
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon

### **AWARDS OFFERED DIVISION 101**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ribbon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ribbon
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon

### **DIVISION 100 – LARGE CONTAINER GARDENS**

An attractive produce garden in well-integrated large containers (one or several) using approximately 6 - 12 square feet of growing surface, (comparable to area of top of soil in eight 12 inch pots or a 3 ft by 2-4 ft container) which may be grouped on several levels. Suitable containers might be large flowerpots, barrels, 5 gallon containers, etc. or a vertical structure. Use your imagination. Each display will be staged within a 4'x4' area on the floor; so, exhibitor must provide any stand(s) and saucers needed. A minimum of 3 varieties of herbs, fruits, and/or vegetable plants must be used. Containers must be well-filled with mature, well developed plants, though produce need not be ready for harvest.

#### **CLASS:**

1. Large Container Garden – individual exhibitor
2. Large Container Garden – group project

### **DIVISION 101 – SMALL CONTAINER GARDENS**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Hanging Basket Garden - An attractive grouping of at least 3 kinds of fruit, vegetable and/or herb plants growing in a 10-12" container suitable for hanging. Edible flowers may be included
2. Salad Jardinière – An attractive grouping of at least 3 kinds of salad vegetables &/or edible flowers in a 10-12" container. Think leaf lettuce, cherry tomatoes, nasturtium, basil, chilies, etc. Stand is optional.
3. Kitchen Herb Jar – A mixed grouping of at least 3 kinds of herbs growing together in a 10-12" container as might be used for gathering cooking herbs outside the kitchen door. Stand is optional.

# AGRICULTURAL CRAFTS & DO-AHEADS

## AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 108 -109

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$55  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

### DIVISION 108 – AGRICULTURAL WALL OR DOOR DECORATION

A shaped vine or straw wreath or similar organic material form at least 16” wide attractively decorated by the exhibitor with real produce, grains, etc. which will remain attractive for several weeks. Think garlic, dried peppers, &/or nuts. Shape need not be round, but must be provided with a ring/hook for hanging. Materials may be purchased.

#### CLASS:

1. Agricultural Wall/Door Decoration

### DIVISION 109 – MY EDIBLES GARDEN PLAN

A display illustrating an **exhibitor-designed** real or imagined small ‘edibles’ garden, including a sketch showing position of features, locations & names of plants, with sun/wind orientation & site conditions that affect your choice of plantings and simple drawings or photos of the ‘look’ of the garden. Any special considerations such as companion planting, water conservation and pest management should be briefly noted. Elements should be mounted together on poster board or foam board (approx. 20”x30”) and arranged with sturdy hook or loop for hanging or self-supporting stand. The actual garden may never be built, but it shows how you imagine it should be. Judging will be based on appropriate overall design and choice/placement of plant material. (See also Garden Plan in Floral Div 472)

#### CLASS:

1. Edibles Garden Plan

Special Contests Scorecard	
Creativity & Condition	45
Craftsmanship	35
Functionality	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# HORTICULTURE/PRODUCE

## FIRST JUDGING

### AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 110-114

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

#### RULES:

1. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. Items will be judged only once, but retained on view as long as viable throughout the Fair.

### DIVISION 110 - VEGETABLES

#### CLASS:

##### FRUIT & POD

1. Beans, Peas, or any other fruit/pod variety, specify - 3-5 pods

##### LEAFY & STEM

2. Cabbage or Lettuce 1 head
3. Rhubarb or any other leafy/stem variety-specify

ROOT, BULB & TUBER

- 4. Garlic or elephant 1 bunch
- 5. Any tuberous crop (e.g. potatoes)
- 6. Any root crop (e.g. beets, carrots) 1 bunch
- 7. Any other bulb crop (e.g. onions, fennel) 3 bulbs

VINE CROPS.

- 8. Any vine crop variety - specify 3

**DIVISION 112 – FRUIT**

Varieties must be written on entry card.

CLASS:

- |                                     |   |                              |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Citrus fruits, other than lemons | 3 | 3. Stone fruits              | 3 |
| 2. Lemons                           | 3 | 4. Any other variety specify | 3 |

**DIVISION 114 - FRESH HERBS**

Herbs must be bunched with 6"- 8" stems and ready to place in a container provided by Fair.

CLASS:

- |            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Basil   | 6. Parsley                     |
| 2. Bay     | 7. Rosemary                    |
| 3. Chive   | 8. Sage                        |
| 4. Mint    | 9. Any other variety - specify |
| 5. Oregano |                                |

**Second Judging Period**

**DIVISION 110 B - VEGETABLES**

CLASS:

FRUIT & POD

- 21. Beans, Peas, or any other fruit/pod variety, specify - 3-5 pods

LEAFY & STEM

- 22. Cabbage or Lettuce 1 head
- 23. Rhubarb or any other leafy/stem variety-specify

ROOT, BULB & TUBER

- 24. Garlic or elephant 1 bunch
- 25. Any tuberous crop (e.g. potatoes)
- 26. Any root crop (e.g. beets, carrots) 1 bunch
- 27. Any other bulb crop (e.g. onions, fennel) 3 bulbs

VINE CROP

- 28. Any vine crop variety - specify 3

**DIVISION 112B - FRUIT**

Varieties must be written on entry card.

CLASS:

- |                                     |   |                              |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Citrus fruits, other than lemons | 3 | 3. Stone fruits              | 3 |
| 2. Lemons                           | 3 | 4. Any other variety specify | 3 |

### **DIVISION 114B - FRESH HERBS**

Herbs must be bunched with 6"- 8" stems and ready to place in a container provided by Fair.

**CLASS:**

- |            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Basil   |                                |
| 2. Bay     | 6. Parsley                     |
| 3. Chive   | 7. Rosemary                    |
| 4. Mint    | 8. Sage                        |
| 5. Oregano | 9. Any other variety - specify |

<b>Produce Scorecard</b>	
Size, shape, color & texture standard for variety	40
Freshness - vigorous & turgid	40
Clean & free from blemish	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## **APIARY**

### **AWARDS OFFERED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

### **RULES:**

1. All entries of extracted, infused and/or chunk honey must be submitted in two identical clear glass or plastic containers of at least 1 lb. (16 oz.) capacity (such as "queenline" and "chunk" honey jars) with clean lids and one small sample in a clean, disposable, closed container (e.g. 'take-out' dipping sauce, pill bottle) for tasting.
2. Attach label or tape with matching entry number on the bottom of each product (jar) & tasting sample comprising each class of your entries. (Division & Class # on label is advisable to make it easier for you, especially if you are entered in several classes). Online entries will have entry number printed for each entry on your receipt. If you do not know the entry number, please notify us when you arrive with your entry, so that we can give you that information. No other labels or marks should be affixed to the containers or lids.

### **DIVISION 140 - APIARY**

**CLASS:**

1. USDA "water or extra white"
2. USDA "white"
3. USDA "light or extra light amber"
4. USDA "amber"
5. USDA "dark"
6. Creamed honey
7. Chunk pack, surrounded by extracted honey, any color.
8. Comb honey - any type (round, cut chunk). Two appropriate packs & testing sample.
9. Honey gift pack - containing at least 1 lb. of honey in an attractive gift package
10. Extracting frame - Frame may be of any depth, but must be displayed in a protective mounting covered by glass.
11. Beeswax - a single block, minimum weight 1 lb.
12. Beeswax candles, molded
13. Beeswax candles, dipped - 1 pair
14. Beeswax based cosmetic - two display containers & one disposable sample container. (Include list of ingredients)
15. Any other handmade wax or honey-based product (identify) or design - include items(s) for display & one testing sample if appropriate. (Include list of ingredients)

<b>Honey Scorecard</b>	
Viscosity/Density	25
Clarity	25
Uniformity (honey, container, volume)	20
Flavor & Aroma (freshness)	15
Color & Brightness	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# SPECIAL EXHIBITS

## IMPORTANT:

⊗ Please notify the Coordinator as soon as possible if you are unable to bring any entry in this group which will have assigned, reserved full table or floor spaces so that 'your' space will not be left vacant during the show.

## DIVISION 150 – EDUCATIONAL FEATURE EXHIBIT

Feature Exhibits should show an agricultural product, related service, or procedure to attractively inform the public of the value and interest of that product to the consumer, producer and community. This **informational** Division is open to horticultural organizations, community agencies & interest groups.

### AWARDS OFFERED

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$300
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

### RULES:

1. Entries for Feature Exhibits will be accepted according to date received.
2. Items displayed in Feature Exhibits area are not eligible for judging in individual competition.
3. Class of products desired is the uniform commercial grade, rather than overgrown.
4. Products entered in Feature Exhibits MUST be adequately and correctly labeled in regard to variety.
5. Judges will withhold awards where exhibits are not worthy of awards offered in accordance with the general rules.
6. Exhibits must be maintained for the duration of the Fair or premium may be reduced or withheld.
7. Display area to be used is approximately 50 square feet (e.g. using tabletop, with additional educational information/examples extending at least 4' vertically, but limited to space provided. Eight-foot table is supplied. Alternate placement on open floor must be reserved in advance with Coordinator.
8. One monetary prize per exhibitor group.

### CLASS:

1. Agriculture products or procedures in the community

Feature Exhibits Scorecard	
Educational Value	50
Design and Conformance	30
Craftsmanship & Creativity	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## DIVISION 153 – SKY PRODUCE GARDEN

### AWARDS OFFERED

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$300
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

### CLASS:

1. Space-saver/vertical garden – A single, innovative, self-standing vertical unit at least 5' tall holding food plants grown at several levels to maximize harvest in a small footprint. Stacked containers, living wall, planted pole design, or other exhibitor-devised system may be used. At least 3 square feet of planted growing surface (comparable to growing surface of nine 8 inch or three 14 inch pots) must be used. Maximum 4' x 4' space on ground will be reserved for each display.

## DIVISION 155 –GARDEN SCARECROW

A well-designed, self-supporting, traditional scarecrow figure with sturdy base. Visible elements should be of traditional, outdoor appropriate natural materials like work clothes & straw, though hidden support may use modern components. At least 30% of the visible surface should be dried plant material like straw, dried flowers or identifiable plant fibers. Think of it as fun, functional art for the garden.

### AWARDS OFFERED

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

### CLASS:

1. Scarecrow



# CLASSROOM GARDEN PROJECTS

## Open to San Mateo County Public Elementary and Middle School Classes

Entries must be submitted under the name of the School and Classroom number or Teacher Name for each entry. Entries are limited to two entries per classroom.

### **DIVISION 196 – LARGE CONTAINER SCHOOL PRODUCE GARDENS**

One large or a well-integrated collection of several containers attractively using 4-12 square feet of growing surface, which may be on several levels. Suitable containers might be large flowerpots & nursery cans, barrels, boxes, carts or a vertical structure. Each display will be staged within a 4'x4' area on the floor; so, exhibitor should provide stand(s) and saucers, if needed. A minimum of 3 varieties of herbs, fruits, and/or vegetable plants must be used. Produce need not be ready for harvest; but plants must be well developed. Exhibitor may purchase seedling plants, but must have grown them for at least 3 months. Flowers and non-edible plants may be added for beauty; but food plants must predominate.

#### **AWARDS OFFERED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

#### CLASS:

1. Large Container Garden

### **DIVISION 197 – SMALL CONTAINER SCHOOL PRODUCE GARDENS**

SALAD JARDINIÈRE – An attractive grouping of at least 3 kinds of salad vegetables &/or edible flowers in a 8-12" container. Think leaf lettuce, cherry tomatoes, nasturtium, basil, chilies, etc. Stand is optional.

KITCHEN HERB JAR – An attractive grouping of at least 3 kinds of herbs in a 8-12" container as might be used for gathering cooking herbs outside the kitchen door. Stand is optional.

#### **AWARDS OFFERED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

#### CLASS:

1. Salad Jardinière - Elementary Division (grades K-5)
2. Kitchen Herb Jar - Elementary Division (grades K-5)
3. Salad Jardinière - Middle School Division (grades 6-8)
4. Kitchen Herb Jar - Middle School Division (grades 6-8)

### **DIVISION 193 – SCHOOL GARDEN SCARECROW**

A student designed and built, self-supporting, traditional scarecrow figure on sturdy base. It should be approximately human size and suitable for outdoor display. Though modern materials may be used to make the sturdy structure inside, the visible parts should be natural materials like work clothes & straw with at least 20% showing dried plant material like straw, dried flowers or identifiable plant fibers. It may not scare the crows, but it can be a fun addition to the garden.

#### **AWARDS OFFERED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ribbon

#### CLASS:

1. School scarecrow