

SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR
GARDEN LANDSCAPE
DEPARTMENT
2023 CONTEST BOOK



ENTRY DEADLINE

**TUESDAY, MAY 2
AT MIDNIGHT**

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Specific information on entry content is provided in each Section & Division and all dates on the calendar below.

2023 EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE				1 3:30-7:30 PM Entry Preparation	2 7:30-9:30 AM Entry Completion Judging	3
4	5 Fair closed to public	6 Fair closed to public	7 7:00-9:00 AM Entry Maintenance	8	9	10
11	12 2:00-7:00pm Entry Release	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Online Entry Deadline Tuesday, May 2 at midnight

Entry Fees: \$5.00 per entry

Remember: Online entries only (no processing fee) reserves your choice.
Confirmation of entry is available with online process.

The contests in this Department are large displays designed for group participation to showcase the work of the organization and require planning, generous amounts of material and installation cooperation to complete a prize-winning exhibit, though individuals may also enter. For Garden Design planning by individual exhibitors, see Floral Arts Department Div. 470 and Agriculture Department Div. 108.

Deliver entries for this Department to **Expo Hall** using the designated door. Convenient access is available through Gate 8. Alternate delivery or set-up time may be available ONLY with the prior approval of the Department Supervisor.

IMPORTANT:

Each entry will be assigned a specific, measured area. You must notify the Coordinator as soon as possible if you will be unable to bring or construct an entry so that 'your' designated space will not be left vacant during the show.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION & RULES:

1. All state rules and local rules apply.
2. This Department is open to amateur organizations and associations, to student groups, and individual hobbyists. Listed exhibitor or group must have designed and had the major role in installing the display. Groups must indicate the group name and the responsible contact person.
3. Size of Entries:
Garden Tableau size – approximately 8'x8'
Community Beautification Displays, Division 530– 50 square feet of visual space, including vertical elements installed within 4' x 4' space on floor.
4. No artificial plant material is permitted in exhibits, except as an illustrative model.
5. A rough plan of each Tableau Garden including major features & type of plants used should be emailed to Garden Coordinator by one week before installation. Gardens will be located indoors, remembering that shade-tolerant plants have a better chance of remaining healthy while on display there. Replacement of deteriorating plants may be done during maintenance time, June 7. (See calendar.)
6. The purpose of the Tableau Division is to showcase a portion of a garden for maximum visual impact, while showing practical usage concepts. Each entry should act as an ideal settled garden area with attractive plant materials and should provide local homeowners with landscape ideas they can visualize in their own yards. Display Gardens rely heavily on exaggeration of visual design elements, while still displaying practical garden design:
 - More and tighter spacing of plants enhances the effectiveness of the display.
 - Large shapes and a variety of textures create interest.
 - Clustering similar elements makes a greater effect—mass for impact.
 - Repetition of colors, elements & groups helps visually organize the whole.
 - Enclosing groups of plants with a continuous border gives the impression of a raised bed.
 - Use a variety of foliage forms & colors—round, spikey, frilly—both grouped & juxtaposed for interest.
 - Neatness and the appearance of permanence are essential.
 - Educational elements may be featured in the garden, as long as they do not detract from its beauty.
7. Exhibitors must label plants with common and/or botanical name or display a sign identifying and locating all plant material used in the garden.
8. Entry cards identifying exhibitor will be provided by Fair Management. Exhibitor provided signs crediting sponsors or exhibitor group name must be tasteful and appropriate to the exhibit. Management reserves the right of final approval and may remove any signs deemed unacceptable.
9. Please notify the Coordinator as soon as possible if you are unable to bring your entry, so that the reserved display area may be reassigned or alternately used.
10. Exhibits must be maintained in a fresh state with adequate care of plant material. Replacement of all dead or deteriorating materials must be made to the satisfaction of the Fair Management. Award may be reduced or withheld on any exhibit not maintained at peak show quality for the duration of the Fair.
11. Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to plant or other materials used.

AWARDS:

Per State Rules, classes will be combined for judging if fewer than three are entered in each numbered class.

GARDEN SCORECARD	
Landscape Design and Appropriateness to Class	30
Workmanship	25
Quality of Materials (plants and construction)	20
Adaptability to Home Usage	15
Overall Beauty	10
Total	100

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best in Show- Landscape

Rosette

AWARDS OFFERED – DIVISION 510

1 st Place	\$1500
2 nd Place	Ribbon
3 rd Place	Ribbon

DIVISION 510 - AMATEUR GARDEN DISPLAY TABLEAU

A small, full-scale re-creation of a garden scene in a limited area, like a patio, shady nook, flower bed, or potting area. The exhibitor will create an attractive garden in an 8'x8' indoor 'free-standing' space on concrete floor defined with actual paving, groundcover or a painted 'floorcloth' and/or suitable edge definition. Plants may be shown in decorative containers or integrated within bounded groupings to simulate planted beds.

CLASS:

1. **Garden Party** – An attractive garden setting with some extra embellishment for a celebration
2. **Hobby Garden** – Showing evidence of a garden-related hobby or activity
3. **Lunch in the Garden** – A garden setting designed for informal dining
4. **Personal Interest Garden** – A garden meant to satisfy the special interest or pastime of the designer/gardener
(e.g., topiary, attracting butterflies or a particular type of terrain).
5. **Relaxing Haven** – An attractive, low maintenance space to enjoy after work

IN OUR COMMUNITY

INFORMATION & RULES:

1. Judging will be based on design and workmanship of the entire display, as well as evaluation of the actual project as shown by materials displayed. A minimum square footage of 50 square feet of visual display surface is required, including vertical. A 4'x4' floor space will be reserved for placement and evaluated for design.
2. Department rules 5 & 6 do not apply to these Divisions. Backgrounds, stands, trellising, etc. are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Deceptive artificial plant material (e.g. silk flowers) is not allowed, although exhibitor-created representational plant forms (models) may be used.

DIVISION 530 – COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION

An attractive display documenting an area re-designed/renovated with plantings, in the previous year, as a philanthropic project in cooperation with a community organization or public agency. Photos of the completed project should be supplemented with site design, examples of materials used and signage providing information on location, previous condition, vision or intention and special considerations. This exhibit should document the change in a park or garden space in San Mateo County and may include material samples to enhance the display.

AWARDS OFFERED – DIVISION 530

1 st Place	\$600
2 nd Place	Ribbon
3 rd Place	Ribbon

CLASS:

1. Community Beautification Display

Division 530 Scorecard

Information Presentation	50
Conformance	25
Craftsmanship	25
TOTAL	100