

# FLOWER SHOW

Superintendent: Peter Gibney

Co-Chairpersons: Virginia Roaf, Peabody; Dot Gibney, Peabody

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **All entry forms must be received by Monday, September 26th, 2011. Pre-register by mailing the form to the Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983.**
2. **Exhibits may be brought in Thursday, September 29, between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**
3. No exhibit may be offered for competition in more than one class.
4. No exhibitor may make more than one entry in each class.
5. Flowers must be grown, selected and arranged by exhibitor.
6. The Committee cannot be held responsible for breakage or loss of plant material or containers.
7. Commercial exhibits may be marked with signs not larger than 9 in. by 12 in. and of natural color. Labels for plants and flowers must not exceed 1-1/2 in. by 2 in. Artificial backgrounds and accessories must be approved by the Committee Chairman.
8. No exhibit may win a prize unless deemed worthy by the Judges.
9. The rulings of the Judges shall be final.
10. Exhibitors will kindly furnish their own suitable containers.
11. The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit that tends to lower the standard of the exhibition.
12. **Safety regulations require that plants be picked up Tuesday, October 11, 2011 between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.** The Fair is not responsible for any articles left after that time.
13. Only fresh or dry natural materials. Silk or plastic flowers NOT allowed.
14. Juniors are exhibitors 16 years or under.
15. **MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, THE FLOWER BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:00 P.M. IN PREPARATION FOR THE FLOWER AUCTION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING AT 7:00 P.M.**

## AMATEURS AND JUNIORS

Juniors are exhibitors 16 years and under

Only One Entry in Each Class - May be mixed varieties.

To be judged for culture 75%, effect 25%.

### SECTION CLASS

**Awards:** FIRST \$5.00 SECOND \$4.00

- AA 1. Four vases of annuals, each vase different species

**Awards:** FIRST \$4.00 SECOND \$3.00

2. Dahlia, Large (1 bloom)
3. Dahlia, Medium (5 blooms)
4. Dahlia, Small (5 blooms)
5. Everlasting (5 stems)
6. Chinese Lantern (5 stems)
7. Silver Dollars (5 stems)

8. Chrysanthemums, (5 stems)
9. Zinnias, large flowered (5 blooms)
10. Zinnias, medium flowered (5 blooms)
11. Zinnias, small flowered (5 stems)
12. Asters, Any Type (5 stems)
13. Marigolds, French (5 stems)
14. Marigolds, African (5 blooms)
15. Petunias (5 stems)
16. Sunflowers, small varieties (5 stems)
17. Vase of Roses (3 stems)
18. Celosia plumosa (5 stems)
19. Celosia christata (5 stems)
20. Any other worthy entry (5 bloom/stems)

**Awards:** FIRST \$5.00 SECOND \$4.00

21. Best Hanging House Plant
22. Best House Plant
23. Arrangement of Garden Flowers
24. Any other worthy entry

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Please state age of child on entry blank

**Flowers must be arranged by child**

**Awards:** FIRST \$2.50 SECOND \$2.00 THIRD \$1.50

- BB
1. Child 5 to 8 years of age - Vase
  2. Child 5 to 8 years of age - Pot Plant
  3. Child 8 to 12 years of age - Vase
  4. Child 8 to 12 years of age - Pot Plant
  5. 12 to 15 years of age - Vase
  6. 12 to 15 years of age - Pot Plant

## DAHLIA GROWERS

Display must be kept fresh throughout the fair.

**Awards:** FIRST \$50.00 SECOND \$35.00

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1. Display of any and/or all kinds, 40 sq. ft.  
40 blooms minimum; 1 bloom in each vase  
**Awards:** FIRST \$30.00 SECOND \$15.00
  2. Display of any and/or all kinds, 20 sq. ft.  
20 blooms minimum; 1 bloom in each vase  
**Awards:** FIRST \$15.00 SECOND \$10.00
  3. Display of any and/or all kinds, 12 sq. ft.  
12 blooms minimum; 1 bloom in each vase

## FEATURES

For display and decoration, and for educational purposes. The exhibitor of each feature to receive a special cash award if deemed worthy by the judges, and to be eligible for Awards and Premium Money, Special Trophies, Certificates and Ribbons.

- DD
1. Large Florist Assoc. display-approx. 100 sq. ft. \$200.00. See rule #13.
  2. Large garden - \$325.00
  3. Medium size garden - \$250.00
  4. Border Garden - \$200.00
  5. Horticultural display - approx. 100 sq. ft. - \$175.00. See rule.
  6. Florist Display - 20-25 ft. - \$125.00
  7. Florist Display in Shadow Box - \$125.00
  8. Outside Garden Display - \$250.00

## DAHLIAS AND ZINNIAS

To be judged for effect 50%, culture 50%. Exhibits to be used in vases or baskets.

**Awards:** FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$7.00

**Must include at least 15 stems.**

- EE
1. Dahlias, Cactus or Semi-cactus (not over 25 stems)
  2. Dahlias, formal or informal (not over 25 stems)
  3. Dahlias, Pompom (not over 25 stems)
  4. Zinnias (not over 25 stems)

## HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

To be judged for cultural perfection, 30%; freedom from insects and diseases, 15%; quality of flowers and foliage, 10%; distinctiveness, 5%; proportion (relationship of plants to size and shape of container), 30%; correct and suitable labeling, 10%.

## FLOWERING DIVISION (HANGING BASKETS)

**Awards:** FIRST \$15.00 SECOND \$10.00

- FF
1. Impatiens
  2. New Guinea Impatiens
  3. Fuchsia
  4. Scavola
  5. Begonia
  6. Lantana
  7. Geranium
  8. Million Bells
  9. Chrythemums
  10. Any Other

## FOLIAGE DIVISION (HANGING BASKETS)

**Awards:** FIRST \$15.00 SECOND \$10.00

- GG
1. Swedish Ivy
  2. Wandering Jew
  3. Grape Ivy
  4. Pilea
  5. Columnea

6. Chlorophytum (spider)
7. Coleus
8. English Ivy
9. Any other

## EXHIBIT DIVISION

**Awards:** FIRST \$20.00 SECOND \$15.00

- HH
1. Window Box, no larger than 36".
  2. Any hanging plant or mixed plants in a pot larger than 12", or at the discretion of the judges.

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

**Awards:** FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$8.00 THIRD \$6.00

- II
1. Grapevine wreath - decorated
  2. Cone Wreath, under 16" frame
  3. Cone Wreath, 16" and over frame
  4. Novelty, cones must predominate
  5. Green Wreath, freshly cut greens not to exceed 18" O.D. in diameter - plain or decorated
  6. Door Swag

## HOUSE PLANTS

Plants should be labeled with type & variety.

**Awards:** FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$8.00 THIRD \$6.00

- JJ
1. Fern
  2. Foliage
  3. Topiary
  4. Flowering
  5. Succulent
  6. Cactus
  7. Zygo (Christmas) Cactus
  8. Herbs
  9. Any Other

**Please note: 14" pot or larger plants must be put into exhibit by exhibitor at the discretion of the committee.**

## NATURAL MATERIALS - DRIED

Nuts and cones may be used, but flowers MUST predominate. Materials do not have to be grown by exhibitor.

**Awards:** FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$8.00 THIRD \$6.00

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1. Basket Arrangements
  2. Arrangements in glass or metal container
  3. Swags
  4. Decorated hats
  5. Decorated brooms
  6. Novelty Arrangement
  7. Nosegays
  8. Flowers to wear
  9. Pressed dried flowers
  10. Wreath, under 8" frame
  11. Wreath, 8" - 16" frame
  12. Topiary

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## OPEN CLASSES

To be judged for effect 10%, culture 90%.

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**Awards:** FIRST \$5.00 SECOND \$4.00

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1. Asters (5 stems)
  2. Cleome (5 balloons)
  3. Cosmos (5 stems)
  4. Marigolds, African (5 blooms)
  5. Marigolds, French (5 stems)
  6. Petunias (5 stems)
  7. Zinnias, large flowered (5 blooms)
  8. Zinnias, medium flowered (5 blooms)
  9. Zinnias, small flowered (5 stems)
  10. Garden Rose (1 stem)
  11. Floribunda (1 stem)
  12. Miniature Rose (1 stem)
  13. Sunflowers, small varieties (5 stems)
  14. Celosia Plumosa (5 stems)
  15. Celosia Cristata (5 stems)
  16. Snapdragons (5 stems)
  17. Chrysanthemums (5 stems)
  18. Vase of Salvia (5 stems)
  19. Silver Dollars (5 stems)
  20. Chinese Lantern (5 stems)
  21. Everlastings (5 stems)
  22. Any other worthy entry.
  23. Arrangement of Garden Flowers, vase or basket.  
No dahlias or gladiolus allowed.
  24. Arrangement of garden flowers in a teacup.

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## TERRARIUMS

**Awards:** FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$8.00

- MM
1. Terrarium
  2. Dish Garden

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## BONSAI NOVICE

Novice, open to anyone that has not placed first or second in Bonsai entry at Topsfield Fair. Massachusetts Horticultural Society judges handbook rules apply.

**Awards:** FIRST \$5.00 SECOND \$3.00 THIRD \$2.00

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1. Any Bonsai
  2. Novice Saikei (landscape planting)

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## BONSAI HOBBYIST - AMATEUR

**Awards:** FIRST \$15.00 SECOND \$10.00 THIRD \$8.00

- QQ
1. Mame, Shohin, (small, up to 6")
  2. Komono, (medium, 6" to 12")
  3. Chin, (large, 12" to 24")
  4. Dai, (x-large, 24" to 48")
  5. Saikei (landscape planting)  
(Tree measurement only).



## *Special Awards*

HORTICULTURAL CLUB OF BOSTON AWARD for horticultural perfection, to be awarded by their judges.

ALEX SWINIARSKI AWARD for large garden features, center of hall and corners.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD for most outstanding educational exhibit.

A CHALLENGE AWARD donated by the ESSEX COUNTY COOPERATIVE FARMING ASSOCIATION, Topsfield, MA, to be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit. Special award scale of Mass. Horticultural Society will be used in judging.

JOHN J. COLE AWARD to be awarded for garden displays, medium size garden.

GEORGE M. ROAF AWARD - Best Florist Display in Shadow Box.

TOPSFIELD FAIR AWARD to be awarded for the most outstanding display of cut flowers and/or dry materials.

TOPSFIELD FAIR FLOWER COMMITTEE AWARD to be awarded for the most outstanding collection of potted plants.

PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARD (Topsfield Fair) to be awarded for a border garden.

THOMAS GALVIN AWARD for Best Display of Dahlias.

FLOWER COMMITTEE DAHLIA AWARD - Best Bloom of Dahlia in Show.

PAST SUPERINTENDENT AWARD - Best potted plant in show

NORTHEAST BONSAI ASSOCIATION AWARD - For excellence in the living art of Bonsai. Given to Best Bonsai - Hobbyist entry.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - Chosen by the public. Two will be awarded.

## *Special Notice*

WE INVITE EXHIBITORS

TO ENTER OUR FLOWER SHOW AMATEUR CLASSES. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EXHIBIT FLOWERS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE.

EXHIBITS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE SCHEDULE SHALL RECEIVE SUCH RECOGNITION AS THEIR MERITS MAY WARRANT.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONS IN BUILDING AT TIME OF JUDGING.**

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS: Pick up time:  
Tuesday, October 11th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**







**Everyone is invited to Come See Us on Opening Day- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. All exhibits will need to be in place on Thursday, September 29th, EXCEPT POULTRY. Please refer all questions regarding this change to the Department Chairperson or the Fair's Administration Office.**

## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

**\*\* *Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.***

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Departments designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits are received upon express condition that **THE SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE** that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks with providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & INFORMATION

1. All animals must be checked by the State Veterinarian and/or the department head or his designee, upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Please review and comply with all health regulations as they pertain to individual departments. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture rules regarding animal health must be adhered to.
3. All out-of-state livestock must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Health.
4. **EXHIBITOR PARKING WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IF PARKING PROBLEMS ARISE.**