

## GENERAL RULES

1. Classes are open to everyone. Counties other than Dutchess are welcome.
2. All entries must be grown by the exhibitors, except plant material used in gardens and in the Design Section.
3. **ALL ENTRIES IN CLASSES 223-227 FOR FLORISTS & LANDSCAPERS MUST BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN 10 A.M. MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH AND REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL 10:00 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH.**
4. Failure to comply with the General Rules will cause forfeiture of prize money.
5. **ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS THROUGH THE MAIN GATE. WE SUGGEST ARRIVING BY 7:00 A.M.**
6. Judges may withhold awards from exhibitors or exhibits at their discretion in cases of three or less in a class.
7. PEPPERS AND POTTED ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE EXHIBITOR for at least 8 weeks prior to the show and exhibited in the container in which they are grown.
8. **Exhibits are shown AT THE EXHIBITORS OWN RISK. The committee and the Fairgrounds are not responsible for the loss or damage to any containers or personal property. Reasonable precautions will be taken by the Horticulture Department, and the Fairgrounds.**
9. **RIBBONS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**
10. **RIBBONS OR CARDS HAVE NO VALUE AS TO PAYMENTS, SINCE AWARDS ARE PAID ONLY FROM THE RECORDS OF THE JUDGE'S BOOKS.**
11. **THE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND EXHIBITORS WHILE JUDGING IS IN PROGRESS. TUES, THURS, SAT UNTIL 11AM.**

**\*\*\*HELPFUL HINT\*\*\*\***

**CONDITIONING OF FLOWERS AND PLANT MATERIALS — TRY TO PICK YOUR FLOWERS EARLY IN THE MORNING THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOW. PLACE THEM IN WARM WATER AND KEEP THEM IN A COOL ROOM OR BASEMENT. THE DAY OF THE SHOW, MAKE A FRESH CUT UNDER WATER. ALSO TRY TO USE FLORAL PRESERVATIVE IN THE CLEAN WATER.**

## JUDGES / CONSULTANTS

All categories will be judged by a panel of judges qualified in each field. The building will be open to the general public immediately after judging.

## EXHIBITOR TICKETS

One free ticket will be issued for every \$12.00 in entry fees. Not more than 8 free tickets will be issued to an exhibitor.

## ENTRY PROCEDURE FOR 2019 HORTICULTURE SHOWS

**YOU MUST PRE-ENTER!** - We recommend doing your entries online, go to our website [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com) and click the Competitions tab, scroll down to Horticulture show. Be sure to enter flower variety in the description area.

Mailed entries can be sent to:  
DCAS Entry Office, PO Box 389, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

### **Entries close two days prior to the Horticulture Show**

Tuesday Horticulture Show Entry Forms are due Sunday, August 18th.  
Thursday Horticulture Show Entry Forms are due Tuesday, August 20th.  
Saturday Horticulture Show Entry Forms are due Thursday, August 22nd.

Day of entries will NOT be accepted. You will not be able to add classes. However, you may switch an entry from one class to another class not entered.

Payment for your classes will be accepted when you confirm your entries the morning of the show. You will not be charged for entries that are not confirmed. Enter all classes you may have flowers for.

**This year you will not need an exhibitor number.**  
You will not have to write out tags!

Your Entry Forms must be filled out completely or it will be returned to you.  
Please list flower variety in description area, this will print on your entry tag for judging!

### **NEW PREMIUM SCHEDULE**

1st: \$8.00; 2nd: \$5.00; 3rd: \$3.00; 4th: \$2.00; 5th: \$1.00; 6th: \$1.00

**ONE PLACING PER CLASS**

If you have any questions regarding this new entry procedure, please e-mail [entries@dutchessfair.com](mailto:entries@dutchessfair.com) or call 845-876-2789.