

## **4-H PLANT SCIENCES**

### **4-H STILL EXHIBIT & ACTIVITY AREA – EXHIBIT HALL C**

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Each 4-H member showing in this department is responsible for reading and complying with the **General Rules** for the Fair, the 4-H rules and regulations (the Fair General Rules and the 4-H General Rules documents are available on the Fair website [www.clarkcofair.com](http://www.clarkcofair.com)), and the special rules and regulations of this department.

### **ONLINE ENTRIES**

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### **IN PERSON ENTRIES**

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### **ENTRY DROP OFF**

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Items entered on display must stay in the 4-H Designated Area the entire time of the Fair (August 7-16, 2026). Members can pick up their exhibit after 10 pm on the last day of Fair or the Monday following Fair from 9 am to Noon. **If you are unable to be there at that time, please make arrangements to have your exhibits picked up. Parents must pick up remaining exhibits at the Clark County Fair (check in Fair Office for location) on the afternoon of Monday, August 17. Some 4-H exhibits will be taken back to the 4-H Office check first 564-397-5730.**

2. Entries will be accepted for the **Plant Science Divisions Only** in the 4-H Still Exhibit Area in Exhibition Hall C:

- **Thursday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (first half 4-H exhibits of Fair)**
- **Wednesday, August 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (second half 4-H exhibits of Fair)**

Interview judging will be available to 4-H members at the time exhibits are entered if a judge is present in that department. Interview judging is a learning opportunity for 4-H members through feedback on his/her exhibit. Members may select one item per department for interview judging. For further information, (i.e. times and dates), about interview judging in various departments, contact the superintendent listed in the Exhibitor Handbook.

**3. 4-H members may only exhibit items in 4-H projects in which they are enrolled. (Superintendents will consult with the 4-H Office in the case that 4-H projects and 4Honline project categories are not clearly connected.)**

4. Members will participate in activities at assigned times, bringing all materials and supplies needed. Participants must arrive at the activity and be prepared to participate at the assigned time. Failure to start at the assigned time may result in forfeiture of time slot, being moved to another time allocation, and/or having the final ribbon lowered at least one placing. Judges will evaluate member at the time of the activity. Judges' decision is final.

5. Prior to Clark County Fair 4-H participants will be emailed date and time of chosen activity and directed to the site for 4-H worksheets required by some 4-H Activities, once pre registration is completed. These worksheets must be completed and handed to the superintendent before the start of the activity. **They are to be completed in members' handwriting or typed by youth.** Incomplete or missing worksheets may result in the lowering of ribbon color at least one placing for the activity. Any photos required for the activity will be attached to the worksheet when it is turned in.

**6. Building Security - Any parent and/or leader, whose child is enrolled in projects displayed or activities in the 4-H Building, MUST sign up for a two-hour security shift.** Sign up on Thursday, August 6 (Plant Science Entry Day Only) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**4-H STATE FAIR**

**4-H Still Exhibits/4-H Activities** are required to sign up online and all projects to State Fair Coordinators no later than Monday, August 17 by noon. Coordinators will be present from 9 am - Noon on Monday.

4-H State Fair paperwork is done online once judging is complete and exhibit qualifies.

Deadline for 4-H Still Exhibit entries exhibiting at 4-H State Fair: Monday, August 17 by Noon! Entries are received in the Clark County Event Center, Exhibit Hall C, State Fair Coordinator

No entries will be accepted after Noon.

<http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/>

## **4-H HOME GARDEN/RAISED BED**

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A 4-H member must be enrolled in the 4-H Garden Project GCC to enter the following classes.

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### **DIVISION 950: EXPERIMENTAL GARDEN– Educational Display**

**Points: Blue 24, Red 18, White 13.**

CLASS: 4 photos required on poster

1. Experimental Vegetable Garden - teaching display showing experimental gardening results.
2. Experimental Container Garden – teaching display showing results of experimental container gardening project.
3. Experimental Ornamental Garden – teaching display showing results of one ornamental garden experiment.
4. Ornamental Maintenance - visual display showing and explaining results.

### **DIVISION 952: CLUB/COMMUNITY GARDEN/RAISED BED**

(Premium to be paid to club who is responsible for division between team members) Points: Blue 25 Red 20 White 15

### **DIVISION 954: VEGETABLE GARDEN/RAISED BED**

Points: Blue 25 Red 20 White 15

### **DIVISION 956: FLOWER GARDEN/RISED BED**

Points: Blue 25 Red 20 White 15

### **DIVISION 958: CONTAINER GARDEN**

(Herbs, Vegetables, Flowers or all three)

**Points: Blue 25, Red 20, White 15**

CLASS: (Divisions 954, 956, 958)

- A. Junior: 8-10 years of age as of October 1 of current 4-H year  
B. Intermediate: 11-13 years of age as of October 1 of current 4-H year  
C. Senior: 14- to less than 19 years of age as of October 1 of current 4-H year

Emails will be sent in May to 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Garden Project with instructions about how to sign-up for the 4-H Home Garden Project. Registrations must be completed and sent to WSU/Clark County Extension – 4-H Office, 1919 NE 78 Street, Vancouver, WA 98665 no later than the last business day of June.

You can also sign-up by calling the WSU/Clark County Extension office (564-397-5730) for

an entry packet. (Or online at FairEntry.com; call 564-397-5730 with questions).

Each member is required to sign-up for a two-one hour Stewardship shifts. Stewardship requires each member entering a 4-H Home Garden to have a visual presentation in the form of a poster(s). Minimum Poster(s) sizes 28"x22". Information on the poster should include:

1. Diagram of garden/raised bed
2. Information about what type of plants were planted
3. Photos of the garden/raised bed at different stages of growth
4. Information about successes and/or failures

If you choose not to do stewardship, you will not receive your 4-H garden premiums. Stewardship hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 16.

A qualified Judge will visit each home garden/raised bed in the week prior to opening of Clark County Fair to judge the 4-H member's garden. The judges will ask to see your Record Book, or more specifically, the Garden Record - C0833 (8/1997). A copy of the Garden Record C0833 can be printed from the 4-H website <https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=C0833> If you are turning in your Record Book in for judging be sure to keep an extra copy of your Garden/Raised Bed Record C0833. You can receive Fair premiums for a container garden, flower, herb, and/or vegetable garden or raised bed. For an herb container, you must have a minimum of four varieties in the container or garden. Judging of gardens/raised beds is considered showmanship in the garden project.

**Curriculum:**

Publications can be found at the following WSU web site:

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=Garden>

OR

[www.4-hmall.org/curriculum](http://www.4-hmall.org/curriculum)

OR

Publications on file can be picked up at the WSU/Clark County Extension office (564-397-5730 or 1919 N. E. 78 Street, Vancouver, WA).

Down-To-Earth: Enriching Learning through Gardening (6-8 grades)

Suggested 4-H Garden Exhibits

Guidelines For 4-H Gardens

Outline for Judging 4-H Gardens

Selecting, Preparing, and Judging Quality Vegetables

Home Gardens

Vegetable Gardens

4-H Member Flower Garden project

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Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Plant Science or 4-H Garden Projects to enter this class. To participate in Interview Judging read the beginning of the 4-H Plant Science General Information section (#2).

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

All produce and flowers must be grown by the 4-H member. Due to the limited holding time of fresh produce and cut flowers 4-H members may choose to enter one or both exhibitions. Exhibition I is the first half August 7th-11th and Exhibition II is the second half of Clark County Fair August 12th-16th. First half of fair ends on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

Premium points will be awarded for both displays. Exhibits that have visually degraded will be discarded. Members may exhibit in classes in which they are enrolled.

Immature melons, pumpkins, or winter squash are not acceptable for exhibit unless otherwise noted below. Containers should be appropriate to the plant. **Containers cannot be exhibited if they have been prejudged in the Home Garden Division as container gardens.**

WSU Extension publications with helpful tips:

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Misc. publications

**DIVISION 960: INDIVIDUAL VEGETABLE EXHIBITS**

**Points: Blue 8, Red 6, White 4**

Exhibitors may enter one entry per Class.

CLASS:

1. Artichoke, (Globe) one bud
2. Artichoke, (Jerusalem) three tubers
3. Asparagus, one bunch 2"- 3" diameter
4. Beans, (dry or shelled) one pint
5. Beans, (snap) ten pods
6. Beans, (lima) ten pods
7. Beets, (baby or pickling) five roots
8. Beets, (table) five roots
9. Broccoli, one head
10. Brussels sprouts, ten sprouts
11. Cabbage, (any type) one head
12. Carrots, five roots
13. Cauliflower, one head
14. Celery, one plant
15. Chard, one plant
16. Cucumbers (slicing & large pickling) three fruits
17. Cucumbers (pickling 3-1/2" or less) three fruits
18. Dill, one bunch 1" diameter
19. Eggplant, one fruit
20. Garlic, three bulbs
21. Horseradish, one root
22. Kale or Collards, one plant
23. Kohlrabi, three stems
24. Leeks, three plants
25. Lettuce, one plant or head
26. Melon, (any type), one fruit
27. Mustard Greens, one plant
28. Okra, five pods
29. Onions, (dry) three bulbs
30. Onions, (green bunching) five plants
31. Parsley 1" diameter bunch

32. Parsnips, three roots
33. Peas, ten pods
34. Peppers, (bell), three fruits
35. Peppers, (other types), five fruits
36. Potatoes, three tubers
37. Pumpkin, one fruit
38. Radish, (summer), five roots
39. Radish, (winter), three roots
40. Rhubarb, three petioles
41. Rutabaga, three roots
42. Spinach, one plant
43. Spinach, (New Zealand), three tips
44. Squash, (summer), three fruits
45. Squash, (winter), three fruits
46. Tomatoes, (slicing), one fruit
47. Tomatoes, (cherry or salad), ten fruits
48. Turnips, three roots
49. Watermelon, one fruit
50. Herbs – any variety (in water)- 3 stems/leaves same variety per entry  
 18" 51. Bouquet of herbs (3-5)
52. Gourde (decorative)
53. Other, specify
54. Other, specify
55. Other, specify

**DIVISION 961: LARGEST VEGETABLE**

(Three placing in each Category, not all entries may receive ribbons)

**Points: Blue 8, Red 6, White 4.**

**CLASS:**

1. Largest onion
2. Largest pumpkin must not have more than 50% green color
3. Largest ripe tomato
4. Largest zucchini

**DIVISION 965: CONTAINER GARDENING EXHIBIT**

Plants grown by exhibitor from seed or small transplants in suitable containers, minimum 6" pots. Plants must be mature when entered. Please provide saucers or trays for drainage with the containers during the stay at the Fair. Along with Entry Form, include a 3"x 5" card with leader's signature and stating date when planted, and how propagated.

If transplanted rather than seeded, state the size of original container. Hanging plants may be entered. Container plants cannot have been part of the garden pre-judging done during Friday, July 31st – Thursday, August 6th, 2026.

Plants must be under the exhibitors care for a minimum of 45 days.

One entry per Class, including Combination Pots.

| <b>CLASS:</b>                                  | <b>Blue</b> | <b>Red</b> | <b>White</b> |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. Fruiting tomato (patio or determinant type) | 15          | 10         | 7            |
| 2. Fruiting pepper (Bell/Sweet)                | 15          | 10         | 7            |
| 3. Fruiting pepper (chili type)                | 15          | 10         | 7            |
| 4. Fruiting Eggplant (any variety)             | 15          | 10         | 7            |
| 5. Leaf lettuce                                | 8           | 6          | 4            |

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| 6. Head lettuce   | 8  | 6  | 4 |
| 7. Chives   | 8  | 6  | 4 |
| 8. Parsley  | 8  | 6  | 4 |
| 9. Begonia  | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 10. Fuchsia   | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 11. Geranium  | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 12. Marigold  | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 13. Petunia   | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 14. Zinnia  | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 15. Flowers   |    |    |   |
| A. combination of perennials                            | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| B. combination of annuals                               | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| C. combination of corms, tubers, bulbs                  | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| D. any combination of A, B, C                           | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 16. Herb  |    |    |   |
| A. one  | 8  | 6  | 4 |
| B. collection of 3 or more in one pot – minimum size 8" | 8  | 6  | 4 |
| 17. Combination vegetables - minimum size 8"            | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 18. Experimental  | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| 19. Other, Vegetables                                   | 8  | 6  | 4 |
| 20. Other, Flowers                                      | 15 | 10 | 7 |

### **DIVISION 966: FRUITS**

The plants from which fruits are selected for exhibit must have been under the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least one year. The record book must be brought for inspection at the time of entry and must show a record of annual care (spraying, pruning, fertilizing, and other necessary care).

Exhibits should be free of disease, blemish, and malformation. Judging will be based on uniformity and a grading system aimed at market quality. Unripe fruits will be acceptable. Exhibitors may enter one entry per class for fruits.

Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6

#### **CLASS:**

1. Crabapples, ten apples with stems and from same tree
2. Apples, three apples with stem, from same tree
3. Pears, three pears with stem, from same tree
4. Peaches, three peaches with stem, from same tree
5. Nectarines, three nectarines with stem, from same tree
6. Apricots, three apricots with stem, from same tree
7. Quince, three quinces with stem, from same tree
8. Plums, ten plums
9. Cherries, ten cherries with stems, from same tree
10. Currants, one pint
11. Gooseberries, one pint
12. Raspberries, one pint
13. Blueberries, one pint
14. Strawberries, one pint
15. Blackberries, one pint
16. Marionberries, one pint

17. Boysenberries, one pint
18. Loganberries, one pint
19. Blackcaps, one pint
20. Tay, one pint
21. Kiwi, three
22. Filberts, ten nuts, must be shucked
23. Walnuts, ten nuts, must be shucked
24. Beechnuts, ten nuts, must be shucked
25. Chestnuts, ten nuts, must be shucked
26. Other

### **FLOWER GROWING AND ARRANGING**

**Flowers will be accepted on Thursday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, August 12, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. only.**

Flowers must be grown and maintained by the 4-H Member.

Members must furnish own clear glass bottle for display appropriate to flower size. Name of flower needs to be on the entry form.

Flower Hints:

1. Cut your flowers in late afternoon of day before they are exhibited, place immediately in deep lukewarm water, keeping out of drafts and in dark place.
2. Select material in its prime and pest free, cutting stems as long as possible.
3. Foliage and stems count in judging, as well as blossoms; groom plants well.
4. Flowers must carry own attached foliage. All stems should be in proportion to flower.
5. Flower shows are meant to be educational as well as beautiful, so NAME varieties if possible; it increases value of exhibit and adds extra points in judging.
6. Roses should be named. They should have healthy stems and foliage. Bloom should be half inch to three quarters open. Hybrid tea must be grown disbudded.
7. Gladiolus should be straight (may wedge with piece of own stem), have one leaf and be 1/3 bud, 1/3 half open, 1/3 fully open
8. Dahlias should have 2 or 4 leaves. No leaves in water. No buds. Varieties over 4" must be grown disbudded. Center should show ONLY in single or collaret varieties.
9. Pots and containers MUST be clean.
10. African violets must be single crown.
11. Removal of pistillate bloom optional in Tuberous Begonias.

### **DIVISION 968: CUT FLOWERS**

**Entries will be accepted on Thursday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, August 12, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. only.** All specimens must be of same variety and same color. Foliage must be attached to each specimen, except where noted.

Each exhibitor may enter 10 classes only. One entry per class except Classes 15, 16, 17 that are limited to three (3) entries each of different varieties (not colors).

**Points: Blue 8, Red 6, White 4.**

CLASS:

1. Aster (3 stems)
2. Cosmo (any color, 3 sprays, 10" to 15" long)
3. Marigold (3 blooms)
4. Petunia (3 sprays)
5. Tuberous Begonia (1 bloom)
6. Zinnia (3 blooms)

- A. Small – 3 blooms
- B. Large – 1 bloom
- 7. Carnation (3 blooms)
- 8. Chrysanthemum (1 spray)
- 9. Pansy (foliage attached, 1 or more varieties, 3 stems)
- 10. Poppy
  - A. Small – 3 blooms (leaves not required)
  - B. Large – 1 bloom (leaves required)
- 11. Phlox (1 stem)
- 12. Delphinium (1 spike)
- 13. Rose (1 stem)
- 14. Gladiolus (one spike, approx. 1/3 open)
- 15. Dahlia (small up to 4", one bloom, one stem with a pair or set of leaves, may leave 2 sets of leaves, disbudded)
- 16. Dahlia (medium, 4" to 8", one bloom, one stem with a pair or set of leaves, may leave 2 sets of leaves, disbudded)
- 17. Dahlia (large, 8" and over, one bloom, one stem with a pair or set of leaves, may leave 2 sets of leaves, disbudded)
- 18. Sunflower Small
- 19. Sunflower Large
- 20. Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower – 1 stem)
- 21. Hydrangea
- 22. Nasturtium (3 stems – leaves not required)
- 23. Lily (1 stem)
  - A. Asiatic
  - B. Trumpet or Urelian
  - C. Hyrds
  - D. Oriental
- 24. Other, specify (if bringing Lavender, 3 stems required)

### **DIVISION 970: FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AND CORSAGES**

Classes 1 through 9 are open to 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H garden or 4-H foods project. Classes 12 and 13 are also open to members enrolled in 4-H Clothing & Textile projects. Exhibitors in this class need not grow flowers. Accessories may be used only where stated. Each exhibitor may enter 4 classes only, one entry per class.

**Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6.**

CLASS:

- 1. Bouquet of mixed flowers
- 2. Collection of annuals (eight stems)
- 3. Miniatures (under 5")
- 4. Coffee table - free standing (under 8")
- 5. Bedside (under 12")
- 6. Buffet (under 18")
- 7. Line arrangements: Hogarth upright, triangular, or horizontal.
- 8. All dry materials
- 9. Arrangement with figurine or driftwood feature
- 10. Arrangement with vegetables
- 11. Other specify
- 12. Corsages using fresh flowers
- 13. Corsages, (other)

**DIVISION 972: POTTED PLANTS**

Individual plants grown by exhibitor for a minimum of 90 days in pot that is being displayed along with Entry Form include a 3" x 5" card with Leader's signature and stating date when planted and how propagated. If transplanted rather than seeded, state the size of original container. Hanging plants may be entered but cannot have been part of the garden pre-judging done in the week before Clark County Fair.

Each person may enter five (5) classes, three varieties per class.

**Points: Blue 15, Red 10, White 7.**

**CLASS:**

1. Foliage plant
2. Fern
3. African Violet
4. Succulent
5. Dish Garden, 10" maximum
6. Terrarium
7. Ornamental/houseplant
8. Other