



GLOSSARY

Amateur: An exhibitor who arranges flowers as a hobby or pastime, does not regularly present or promote their work for sale and/or is a student of the art.

Balance & Proportion: A judging phrase referring to how the size and shape of a bloom match the stem and foliage.

Claim Check: A receipt given to an exhibitor as proof of entry in one of the horticulture competitions. Claim checks may be used as proof of identity when picking up entries or ribbons.

Class: A subcategory of a division containing similar entries that are judged together.

Common Name: A plant or animal name as used in casual speech (e.g., peace lily or zucchini) which may vary by language or regionally. See Scientific Name for comparison.

Container Garden: Containers including *at least three (3) or more* different plant varieties.

Cultivar: Another word for variety (i.e., Double Delight is a specific cultivar of rose).

Division: A competition category with a specific theme (e.g., miniature trees) usually further subdivided into more specific classes.

Dominant Color: The first color you notice when you look at a bloom, regardless of what other colors are present. It should also cover the majority of the bloom.

Exhibit/Entry: An item entered online into an OC Fair competition intended for judging and display. These terms may be used interchangeably.

Exhibitor: Any person who has entered into a Fair competition and is the owner of the exhibit.

Foliage: A plant's leaves.

Inflorescence: A collection of multiple flowers that is often treated as a single unit (e.g., hydrangeas).

Miniature Landscape: A type of container garden intended to evoke a specific landscape on a small scale, often using miniature trees/dwarf plants.

Miniature Tree: Any woody plant purposefully cultivated to resemble a full-scale tree in a dwarf form (e.g., Bonsai, Penjing). Succulents trimmed in the shape of trees are NOT considered miniature trees.

Negative Space: Empty areas, often used in reference to arrangements to indicate areas without materials present. Negative space can be an integral part of an overall design.

Premium: Merit-based cash awards that vary by competition.

Professional: An exhibitor who is actively and regularly exhibiting and selling their product(s) or is employed in the field.

Program Coordinator: Manager of a competition and exhibit gallery.

Scientific Name: A name provided to a species, usually in Latin, which does not change in usage regionally or by language (e.g., *Spathiphyllum wallisii* or *Cucurbita pepo*).

Spike: A long inflorescence containing multiple, stemless blooms (i.e., *Salvia* or *Gladiolus*).

Spray: A type of inflorescence with multiple blooms branching from a single stem (i.e., plumerias or roses).

Succulent: A type of plant with thick, fleshy tissue adapted to store water (i.e., cacti, aloe and many others).

Substance: A judging term often used synonymously with "freshness."



Vine: A plant with climbing or trailing branches.

FAQ

Entering Online

When is the deadline to enter?

All online entry deadlines are listed on the front page of the relevant competition guide.

Why isn't my password/account from last year working?

Previous year's accounts have been deleted for security purposes. Please create a new exhibitor profile. You only need to do this once for all of your entries this year.

I am having technical problems entering online, what should I do?

Call 714-708-1618 or email GardenFloral@ocfair.com. Someone will get back to you within 72 business hours.

I'm not sure if my online entry form was processed correctly or I didn't receive an email confirmation.

Do not resubmit your payment or your credit card may be charged again (for competitions with an entry fee). Check your spam/junk folder for the OC Fair entry confirmation. If you don't see the confirmation, email GardenFloral@ocfair.com. To avoid this in the future, remember to click the "Finish" button at the bottom of the last page when registering your entries on ShoWorks.

I entered my child under my name and birthdate.

Parents should enter children and young adults under the child's name and birthdate. Call or email the program coordinator to update the entry accordingly. Otherwise, the child may be judged against adults due to the age provided. Every entry must be submitted under the name of the individual who prepared it. The exhibitor's name will be listed as it appears on the online entry form.

Why is my birthdate/age required?

Knowing your age ensures your item(s) are entered into the appropriate adult or youth divisions.

Competition Day

What date/time do I bring in my entries?

The competition delivery schedule is listed on the front page of each competition guide.

I entered something online, but it won't be ready by the competition date. Do I still need to bring it?

No, we understand that plants may fade more quickly than expected and/or may not mature as quickly as expected. You are not obligated to bring an item if you do not feel it warrants entry or display.

I realized I made a mistake when entering my items, what can I do?

If you notice before the competition delivery date, call 714-708-1618 or email GardenFloral@ocfair.com. We can help you change your entry.

Otherwise, we will have a help desk set up at the farm office during competition delivery where you can adjust your entries. Come early, if possible, to avoid long wait times.

I entered my item and now realize I will be out of town on delivery day, can I get a refund?

We are unable to issue refunds. You may arrange for a friend or family member to deliver your entry for you. We do not accept early or late delivery of entries. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Will my items be moved after I submit them?**

Entries may be moved by our trained staff members during judging or for final display. Many of our competitions have weight or size limits to ensure entries can be safely moved by staff; read the competition guides for specific restrictions. Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property, the OC Fair will not be responsible for lost, damaged or dead items.

I received one (1) admission ticket to the Fair but I entered four items. Shouldn't I receive four (4) tickets?

No. Each exhibitor receives one (1) OC Fair admission ticket per person for each competition date, regardless of the number of entries submitted.

When is judging?

Judging takes place around 10:30 a.m. on the competition delivery date to ensure entries are as fresh as possible.

Who is/are the judge(s)?

Qualified judges will be selected by the program coordinator from local professionals who are at the top of their field. Each year the program coordinator may choose new judges or judges may judge different divisions from year to year. The judges are professionals and their decisions are final.

Can I be present during judging?

Judging is closed to the public.

Post-competition**How do I know if I won?**

Come to the OC Fair! An award or ribbon will be printed on the display card or next to the entry. If you cannot make it to the Fair, results will be posted online within a week of the competition date at ocfair.com/results. Due to the large number of entries submitted to OC Fair, we are unable to answer individual phone calls or emails for competition results.

When can I pick up my ribbons/items?

You may pick up your ribbon on your entry pick up date along with your entry. Bring your claim check or photo ID. No early or late pick up is allowed. Pick up days vary per competition; see the first page of the competition guide for the schedule.

I am not available on my entry pick up date – can someone else pick up my items?

You may have a friend or family member pick up your entry on your behalf. They must provide your claim check to pick up your entry. Entries must be picked up during the designated pick up date/time or they become the property of OC Fair and may be discarded.