



2026 Entry Timeline

Registration opens..... June 15

Fair dates July 17 - Aug. 16 (*closed Mondays and Tuesdays*)

| Online Registration Deadline | | Competition Delivery Date | Check-in Time | Entry Pick Up | |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| July 15 | 2 p.m. | Thursday, July 16 | 7-9:30 a.m. | Tuesday, July 21 | 7-9:30 a.m. |
| July 20 | 2 p.m. | Tuesday, July 21 | 7-9:30 a.m. | Tuesday, July 28 | 7-9:30 a.m. |
| July 27 | 2 p.m. | Tuesday, July 28 | 7-9:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 4 | 7-9:30 a.m. |
| Aug. 3 | 2 p.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 4 | 7-9:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 11 | 7-9:30 a.m. |
| Aug. 10 | 2 p.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 11 | 7-9:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 18 | 9:30 a.m.-noon |

Final competition pick up..... Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m. - noon

We cannot guarantee items will be available for pick up after this date.
Ribbons will not be mailed.

BY ENTERING YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND RULES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDEBOOK

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RULES & GUIDELINES

1. [Local](#) and [state rules](#) govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and abiding by the competition guidelines and relevant supporting documents. There may be changes from the previous year. Relevant documents include:
 - [Horticulture Judging Criteria](#)
 - [Horticulture Glossary & FAQ](#)
 - [How to Prepare Your Container Plant](#)
3. This page provides only broad guidelines for this competition. More specific information is spread throughout pertinent sections in this guide.
4. **Size limits are strictly enforced.**
 - No entry may exceed 50 pounds; all items must be movable by staff.
 - No entry may exceed 36 inches in any direction.
 - Hanging entries may not exceed two (2) feet as measured from their mounting to the lowest point of the item (plant or container), and must include a secure hanger provided by the exhibitor. Wall-mounted entries will not be accepted.
5. **Entries shall not contain materials that may rot or cause unpleasant odors** (e.g., asphalt, fresh compost, burned items, cooked food).
6. Highly complex setups, particularly those containing many unconnected pieces, are strongly discouraged. Excessive entries may not be accepted. Consider that individual staff may be required to move your entries for final exhibit placement.
7. Small items should be securely fastened to their containers. Items of great or sentimental value should not be used.
8. All plants should come in clean containers and be well-established as evidenced by being firmly rooted (exceptions: air plants and plants grown hydroponically).
9. Entries incorrectly identified, or those which do not match their labels, will be disqualified.
10. **Hold harmless.** Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property, neither the State of California nor OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during OC Fair. Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
11. OC Fair reserves the right to refuse to accept or disqualify and remove from exhibit any entry considered ineligible for competition (e.g., entries with serious disease, insect problems, under quarantine as specified under the California Department of Food and Agriculture or endangers the staff and/or public).



ELIGIBILITY

Adult divisions:

Open to California residents age 18 and older.

Youth divisions:

Open to California youth ages 6-17 (by July 17).

ENTRY LIMIT

Entry limit.....One (1) entry per class, per competition date

- If multiple entries are submitted by the same exhibitor in the same class, all entries will be disqualified.

The same item cannot be re-entered in subsequent competitions, neither under the original nor a different exhibitor's name.

OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET

Exhibitors will receive one (1) OC Fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

- One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not per entry.
- Tickets are good any day during the OC Fair and do not require a reservation.
- Tickets are provided to participants to view the results of their efforts.
- Tickets must not be sold.
- Exhibitor must be present to receive a ticket.



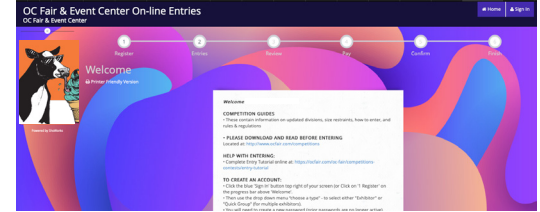
HOW TO ENTER

Click on the link to the entry homepage: ocgard.fairwire.com.

Step 1. Register

- Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Entries must be submitted under the name of the individual who prepared it. This also applies to youth entries.
- Do not use business, team or fictitious names.
- Provide the most complete information possible for each entry (e.g., species/cultivar if known). Enter the information carefully and proofread the name to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels. Severe errors may lead to disqualification.
- Email will be used to send important information. Check your spam folders and whitelist emails coming from @ocfair.com.

The numbered steps along the top of page are clickable and show the current section you are on.



fairwire.com welcome page

Step 2. Entries

- Input your entry (or entries) in the proper department, division and class along with other required information.

Step 3. Cart review

- Review your entries. You can add, edit, delete or save your entries.
- When satisfied, click the "CHECK OUT" button.

Step 4. Confirmation

- Sign by typing "YES" in the "Agreement to Terms" box.
- Click the "SUBMIT" button.
- On the resulting confirmation page you can print a receipt.

**You can log back into your account to see your entries.
For any changes, contact gardenfloral@ocfair.com.**

HELP ENTERING

For additional help, review this detailed step-by-step guide:

- [Entry tutorial](#)

Phone: 714-708-1619

Email: gardenfloral@ocfair.com

Please contact us as early as possible with any questions or difficulties regarding the entry process. We ask that you review all relevant materials before inquiring, including:

- [Horticulture Judging Criteria](#)
- [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#)
- [Horticulture Glossary & FAQ](#)

Although there will be a help desk available during entry delivery to fix mistakes, this service will only be available to exhibitors who have already registered to enter that competition week.



ENTRY DELIVERY

Delivery time: 7-9:30 a.m. (See cover page for delivery dates.)

- One (1) participation ribbon will be given to each exhibitor on entry delivery day.
- Late deliveries will not be accepted.
- Exhibitors will not be admitted to the Farm before 7 a.m. and must be checked in and inside the Farm gate by 9:30 a.m. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.
- Check-in tables will be located at the Centennial Farm gate for you to pick up your entry tags, tickets and/or ribbons. All exhibitors must check in and enter through the Farm gate.

Entry delivery

Enter Gate 1 off of Fair Drive and park in Lot B in front of Centennial Farm.



Please bring other individuals or tools, like wagons, if you need assistance transporting your entries, especially if large in size or quantity. Centennial Farm has a few push carts available for exhibitor use on a first-come, first served basis, but we cannot guarantee assistance. If you are unsure what is appropriate to enter or what you are allowed to bring to transport your item(s), please contact us before delivery day to confirm.

ENTRY DISPLAY

After judging, entries will be on display for one (1) Fair week in the Millenium Barn. Images of ribbons will be printed on the entry tags to identify awards given.

Items will be discarded if they deteriorate. There are no guarantees that an entry will be displayed.

ENTRY PICK UP

See cover page for pick up dates and times.

- Final entry pick up: Tuesday, Aug. 18.
- If you are unable to pick up your ribbon(s), please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. Unclaimed ribbons become the property of OC Fair and will be discarded. We will not provide reminders via phone or email.



JUDGING

Qualified judges will be selected by the program coordinator. The program coordinator may choose new judges each year, or judges may judge different divisions from year to year. The judges are professionals and their decisions are final.

Judging is not open to the public.

Adult divisions

Entries are placed using the American Judging System, where exhibits are ranked one against another.

- First, second, third place and honorable mention(s) may be awarded in each class if judges so determine.
- First place winners will compete for "Division Winner."
- Those chosen for Division Winner will compete for "Best of Show."

Youth divisions

Entries are placed using the Danish Judging System, where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries.

- Entries are judged first, second or third place.
- There may be more than one first, second or third place award per class.
- All first place awards will then compete, using the American Judging System, for "Best of Class."
- Those chosen for Best of Class will compete for "Division Winner" and Division Winners will compete for "Best of Show."

Judging criteria

All criteria for judging the horticulture competitions are listed in a separate document: [Horticulture Judging Criteria](#).

Comment sheets

Comment sheets are notes from the judges regarding the entry's performance. Comments from the current competition week will be made available on the relevant entry pick up date. They are also available for viewing or pick up any day of the competition week when OC Fair is open; ask the staff member at the exhibit's information table.

Disqualified entries

- If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.
- Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste or not in accordance with the competition standards.
- No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award that has been disqualified as the result of their own error.

Reassignment of entry division or class

The judges and program coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate division or class or combining divisions or classes to create an adequate judging pool. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of exhibitors to enter work in the appropriate class. Failure to enter the appropriate class may result in disqualification.



AWARDS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Best of Show | Ribbon |
| Division Winner..... | Ribbon |
| Best of Class..... | Ribbon |
| First Place..... | Ribbon (5 points each) |
| Second Place..... | Ribbon (3 points each) |
| Third Place..... | Ribbon (1 point each) |
| Honorable Mention | Ribbon |

- Ribbons can be picked up along with entries on the entry pick up days listed on the front page of this guide. If you are unable to pick up your item(s) on these dates, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- Note that the final pick up date is Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Items and ribbons left unclaimed after the final pick up date become the property of OC Fair and may be discarded. Ribbons will not be mailed.

Judging results

- Results will be posted online as soon as possible at ocfair.com/results.
- Please do not call, email or message OC Fair via social media for competition results. We receive a high volume of inquiries daily.*

Sweepstakes & Premiums

Adult and Youth Sweepstakes are tallied based on the accumulated points (see above for award point values) for all container plant competitions across all five judging days. Sweepstakes awards are as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adult Sweepstakes | Ribbon & \$50 |
| Youth Sweepstakes (ages 6-12) | Ribbon Only |
| Youth Sweepstakes (ages 13-17) | Ribbon Only |

Sweepstakes awards and premiums will be made payable to the name of the winning exhibitor as indicated on their online entry account and mailed within 30 business days of the final day of OC Fair. Signed judging sheets will be used as evidence for payment of premiums; ribbons and tags will not be accepted.





Adult Divisions: Specimen Plant

Eligibility Open to California residents age 18 or older.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Limited to a single plant or multiple plants of the same species/variety.
- Entries should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISION 401

Classic Indoors

Competition date: July 16.

- Class 01: African violet
- Class 02: Anthurium
- Class 03: Arrowhead plant (*Syngonium* species)
- Class 04: Caladium
- Class 05: Fern (not bird's nest)
- Class 06: Peace lily
- Class 07: Peperomia
- Class 08: Pothos
- Class 09: Snake plant (*Sansevieria* species)
- Class 10: Any other indoor plant

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.

DIVISION 402

SoCal Cottage

Competition date: July 21.

- Class 01: Asparagus fern
- Class 02: Boxwood
- Class 03: Coleus
- Class 04: Coral bells (*Heuchera* species)
- Class 05: Lavender
- Class 06: Garden geraniums (*Geranium* or *Pelargonium* species)
- Class 07: Rose (miniature)
- Class 08: Rosemary
- Class 09: Verbena
- Class 10: Any other cottage plant

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.

DIVISION 403

Tropical Vibes

Competition date: July 28.

- Class 01: Alocasia
- Class 02: Begonia
- Class 03: Bird nest fern
- Class 04: Bromeliad
- Class 05: Cycad (includes sago palm)
- Class 06: Orchid
- Class 07: Philodendron
- Class 08: Plumeria
- Class 09: Ti plant
- Class 10: Any other tropical plant

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.



Adult Divisions: Specimen Plant

Eligibility Open to California residents age 18 or older.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Limited to a single plant or multiple plants of the same species/variety.
- Entries should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISION 404

Succulents

Competition date: Aug. 4.

Class 01: Aeonium

Class 02: Agave

Class 03: Aloe

Class 04: Jade (*Crassula Ovata*)

Class 05: Echeveria

Class 06: Euphorbia

Class 07: Kalanchoe

Class 08: Sedum

Class 09: Any other succulent

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.

DIVISION 405

Other Waterwise Plants

Competition date: Aug. 11.

Class 01: Air plant (*Tillandsia* species)

Class 02: California native

Class 03: Cactus

Class 04: Cast iron plant (*Aspidistra Eliator*)

Class 05: Hoya

Class 06: Ponytail palm

Class 07: Spider plant

Class 08: Umbrella tree

Class 09: Any other waterwise plant

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week



Adult Divisions: Miniature Tree

Eligibility Open to California residents, ages 18 and older.

Entry limit One (1) per class per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Overall height, including stands, no more than three feet.
- One (1) rooted trunk at ground level
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISION 411

Specimen Plumeria: Cultivar

Competition date: July 16.

- Class 01: Birch
- Class 02: Elm
- Class 03: Ginkgo
- Class 04: Japanese winterberry
- Class 05: Magnolia
- Class 06: Malus (Apple family)
- Class 07: Maple
- Class 08: Oak
- Class 09: Pomegranate
- Class 10: Prunus (Cherry family)
- Class 11: Wisteria
- Class 12: Any other deciduous tree

DIVISION 412

Broadleaf Evergreen

Competition date: July 21.

- Class 01: Bougainvillea
- Class 02: Boxwood
- Class 03: Citrus
- Class 04: Eugenia (Brush cherry)
- Class 05: Ficus
- Class 06: Gardenia
- Class 07: Holly
- Class 08: Myrtle
- Class 09: Olive
- Class 10: Privet
- Class 11: Any other broadleaf evergreen

DIVISION 413

Evergreen Conifers

Competition date: July 28.

- Class 01: Cedar (Cedrus)
- Class 02: Cypress (Chamaecyparis)
- Class 03: Cypress (Cupressus)
- Class 04: Cypress (Taxodium)
- Class 05: Fir (Abies)
- Class 06: Japanese cedar (Cryptomeria)
- Class 07: Juniper (Juniperus)
- Class 08: Pine, Japanese black
- Class 09: Pine, Japanese white
- Class 10: Pine, mugo
- Class 11: Pine (other)
- Class 12: Any other conifer



Adult Divisions: Miniature Tree

Eligibility Open to California residents, ages 18 and older.

Entry limit One (1) per class per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Overall height, including stands, no more than three feet.
- One (1) rooted trunk at ground level
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISION 414

Bonsai by Form or Style

Competition date: Aug. 4.

- Class 01: Broom
- Class 02: Upright
- Class 03: Slanting/windswept
- Class 04: Cascade/semi cascade
- Class 05: Growing on/in a rock
- Class 06: Miniature
- Class 07: Crash
- Class 08: Graveyard

DIVISION 415

Other

Competition date: Aug. 11.

- Class 01: Baobab
- Class 02: California native
- Class 03: Chili pepper
- Class 04: Grevillea
- Class 05: Liquidambar
- Class 06: Ponderosa pine
- Class 07: Any other not listed



Adult Divisions: Container Garden

Eligibility Open to California residents, ages 18 and older.

Entry limit One per class per date

Entry fee Free.

- Featuring THREE (3) OR MORE plant varieties in the same container.
- Entries should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).
- Size requirements
 - Micro: less than 6 inches in all dimensions (height, length and width)
 - Mini: more than 6 inches in at least one dimension (height, length and width) and less than 16 inches in all dimensions
 - Standard: more than 16 inches in any dimension (height, length and width)
- Container gardens should not exceed 36 inches in any dimension - size includes container.

DIVISION 421

Container Garden 1

Competition date: July 16.

- Class 01: Cacti/succulents, micro
- Class 02: Cacti/succulents, mini
- Class 03: Cacti/succulents, standard
- Class 04: 2026 OC Fair theme "Your Adventure Awaits"
- Class 05: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISION 422

Container Garden 2

Competition date: July 21.



- Class 01: Fairy garden, micro
- Class 02: Fairy garden, mini
- Class 03: Fairy garden, standard
- Class 04: Celebrating America's 250th birthday
- Class 05: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISION 423

Container Garden 3


Competition date: July 28.

- Class 01: Gnome garden, micro
- Class 02: Gnome garden, mini
- Class 03: Gnome garden, standard
- Class 04: OC Fair theme, specify year

DIVISION 424

Container Garden 4

Competition date: Aug. 4.

- Class 01: Witch's garden, micro
- Class 02: Witch's garden, mini
- Class 03: Witch's garden, standard
- Class 04: Celebrating America's 250th birthday 
- Class 05: 2026 OC Fair theme "Your Adventure Awaits"

DIVISION 425

Container Garden 5

Competition date: Aug. 11.

- Class 01: Rockscape, micro
- Class 02: Rockscape, mini
- Class 03: Rockscape, standard
- Class 04: Moon garden
- Class 05: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme



Adult Divisions: Miniature Landscape

Eligibility Open to California residents, ages 18 and older.

Entry limit One per class per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Entries should not exceed 24 inches in any dimension (height, length or width).
- Entries should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISION 431

Miniature Landscape 1

Competition date: July 16.



Class 01: Beach landscape

Class 02: America the Beautiful, specify any U.S. state

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISION 432

Miniature Landscape 2

Competition date: July 21.

Class 01: Mountain landscape

Class 02: Cottage in the woods

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISION 433

Miniature Landscape 3

Competition date: July 28.



Class 01: Farmland

Class 02: Independence Day

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISION 434

Miniature Landscape 4

Competition date: Aug. 4.

Class 01: Resort

Class 02: Iconic movie scene, specify movie

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISION 435

Miniature Landscape 5

Competition date: Aug. 12.

Class 01: Forest landscape

Class 02: Famous ruins

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme



Youth Divisions: Specimen

Eligibility Open to youth ages 6-17 (by July 17) who live in California.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Youth competitions follow the same rules as the adult competitions; read through those sections of the guide for more details.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISIONS 9401

Classic Indoors

Competition date: July 16.

- Class 01: African violet
- Class 02: Anthurium
- Class 03: Arrowhead plant (Syngonium species)
- Class 04: Caladium
- Class 05: Fern (not bird's nest)
- Class 06: Peace lily
- Class 07: Peperomia
- Class 08: Pothos
- Class 09: Snake plant (Sansevieria species)
- Class 10: Any other indoor plant
Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.

DIVISIONS 9402

SoCal Cottage

Competition date: July 21.

- Class 01: Asparagus fern
- Class 02: Boxwood
- Class 03: Coleus
- Class 04: Coral bells (Heuchera species)
- Class 05: Lavender
- Class 06: Garden geraniums (Geranium or Pelargonium species)
- Class 07: Rose (miniature)
- Class 08: Rosemary
- Class 09: Verbena
- Class 10: Any other cottage plant
Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.

DIVISIONS 9403

Tropical Vibes

Competition date: July 28.

- Class 01: Alocasia
- Class 02: Begonia
- Class 03: Bird nest fern
- Class 04: Bromeliad
- Class 05: Cycad (includes sago palm)
- Class 06: Orchid
- Class 07: Philodendron
- Class 08: Plumeria
- Class 09: Ti Plant
- Class 10: Any other tropical plant
Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week.



Youth Divisions: Specimen

Eligibility Open to youth ages 6-17 (by July 17) who live in California.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Youth competitions follow the same rules as the adult competitions; read through those sections of the guide for more details.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISIONS 9404

Succulents

Competition date: Aug. 4.

Class 01: Aeonium

Class 02: Agave

Class 03: Aloe

Class 04: Jade (*Crassula Ovata*)

Class 05: Echeveria

Class 06: Euphorbia

Class 07: Kalanchoe

Class 08: Sedum

Class 09: Any other succulent

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week

DIVISIONS 9405

Other Waterwise Plants

Competition date: Aug. 11.

Class 01: Air plant (*Tillandsia* species)

Class 02: California native

Class 03: Cactus

Class 04: Cast iron plant (*Aspidistra Eliator*)

Class 05: Hoya

Class 06: Ponytail palm

Class 07: Spider plant

Class 08: Umbrella tree

Class 09: Any other waterwise plant

Items may only be entered in this class if there is no other class offered for the species/variety in any division, any week



Youth Divisions: Miniature Tree

Eligibility Open to youth ages 6-17 (by July 17) who live in California.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Overall height, including stands, no more than three feet.
- All general rules and guidelines apply.
- One (1) rooted trunk; at ground level.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISIONS 9411

Deciduous Trees

Competition date: July 16.

- Class 01: Birch
- Class 02: Elm
- Class 03: Ginkgo
- Class 04: Japanese winterberry
- Class 05: Magnolia
- Class 06: Malus (Apple family)
- Class 07: Maple
- Class 08: Oak
- Class 09: Pomegranate
- Class 10: Prunus (Cherry family)
- Class 11: Wisteria
- Class 12: Any other deciduous tree

DIVISIONS 9412

Broadleaf Evergreen

Competition date: July 21.

- Class 01: Bougainvillea
- Class 02: Boxwood
- Class 03: Citrus
- Class 04: Eugenia (Brush Cherry)
- Class 05: Ficus
- Class 06: Gardenia
- Class 07: Holly
- Class 08: Myrtle
- Class 09: Olive
- Class 10: Privet
- Class 11: Any other broadleaf evergreen

DIVISIONS 9413

Evergreen Conifers

Competition date: July 28.

- Class 01: Cedar (Cedrus)
- Class 02: Cypress (Chamaecyparis)
- Class 03: Cypress (Cupressus)
- Class 04: Cypress (Taxodium)
- Class 05: Fir (Abies)
- Class 06: Japanese cedar (Cryptomeria)
- Class 07: Juniper (Juniperus)
- Class 08: Pine, Japanese black
- Class 09: Pine, Japanese white
- Class 10: Pine, mugo
- Class 11: Pine (other)
- Class 12: Any other conifer



Youth Divisions: Miniature Tree

Eligibility Open to youth ages 6-17 (by July 17) who live in California.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Overall height, including stands, no more than three (3) feet.
- All general rules and guidelines apply.
- One (1) rooted trunk; at ground level.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISIONS 9414

Bonsai by Form or Style

Competition date: Aug. 4.

- Class 01: Broom
- Class 02: Upright
- Class 03: Slanting/windswept
- Class 04: Cascade/semi cascade
- Class 05: Growing on/in a rock
- Class 06: Miniature
- Class 07: Crash
- Class 08: Graveyard

DIVISIONS 9415

Other

Competition date: Aug. 11.

- Class 01: Baobab
- Class 02: California native
- Class 03: Chili pepper
- Class 04: Grevillea
- Class 05: Liquidambar
- Class 06: Ponderosa pine
- Class 07: Any other not listed



Youth Divisions: Container Garden

Eligibility Open to youth ages 6-17 (by July 17) who live in California.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Featuring three (3) or more plant varieties in the same container.
- Entries should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).
- Size requirements
 - Micro: less than 6 inches in all dimensions (height, length and width)
 - Mini: more than 6 inches in at least one dimension (height, length and width) and less than 16 inches in all dimensions
 - Standard: more than 16 inches in any dimension (height, length or width)
- Container gardens should not exceed 36 inches in any dimension - size includes container.

DIVISIONS 9421

Container Garden 1

Competition date: July 16.

- Class 01: Cacti/succulents, micro
- Class 02: Cacti/succulents, mini
- Class 03: Cacti/succulents, standard
- Class 04: 2026 OC Fair theme "Your Adventure Awaits"
- Class 05: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISIONS 9422

Container Garden 2

Competition date: July 21.

- Class 01: Fairy garden, micro
- Class 02: Fairy garden, mini
- Class 03: Fairy garden, standard
- Class 04: Celebrating America's 250th birthday
- Class 05: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISIONS 9423

Container Garden 3

Competition date: July 28.

- Class 01: Gnome garden, micro
- Class 02: Gnome garden, mini
- Class 03: Gnome garden, standard
- Class 04: OC Fair theme, specify year

DIVISIONS 9424

Container Garden 4

Competition date: Aug. 4.

- Class 01: Witch's garden, micro
- Class 02: Witch's garden, mini
- Class 03: Witch's garden, standard
- Class 04: Celebrating America's 250th birthday
- Class 05: 2026 OC Fair theme "Your Adventure Awaits"



DIVISIONS 9425

Container Garden 5

Competition date: Aug. 11.

- Class 01: Rockscape, micro
- Class 02: Rockscape, mini
- Class 03: Rockscape, standard
- Class 04: Moon garden
- Class 05: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme





Youth Divisions: Miniature Landscape

Eligibility Open to youth ages 6-17 (by July 17) who live in California.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class, per date.

Entry fee Free.

- Entries should not exceed 24 inches in any dimension (height, length or width).
- Entries should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare Your Container Plants](#).

DIVISIONS 9431

Miniature Landscape 1

Competition date: July 16.



Class 01: Beach landscape

Class 02: America the Beautiful, specify any U.S. state

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISIONS 9432

Miniature Landscape 2

Competition date: July 21.

Class 01: Mountain landscape

Class 02: Cottage in the woods

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISIONS 9433

Miniature Landscape 3

Competition date: July 28.



Class 01: Farmland

Class 02: Independence Day

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISIONS 9434

Miniature Landscape 4

Competition date: Aug. 4.

Class 01: Resort

Class 02: Iconic movie scene, specify movie

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme

DIVISIONS 9435

Miniature Landscape 5

Competition date: Aug. 11.

Class 01: Forest landscape

Class 02: Famous ruins

Class 03: Exhibitor's choice, specify theme