



FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPETITION GUIDE

2022 OC FAIR

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OC Fair runs July 15- August 14, 2022

Competition	Online Registration Deadline	Competition Delivery Date	Check-In Time	Entry Pickup Date
Dry & Silk Arrangements	Monday, July 11 2 p.m.	Tuesday, July 12	7-9:30 a.m.	Monday, August 15 7-9:30 a.m.
Fresh Arrangements	Monday, July 25 2 p.m. Monday, August 8	Tuesday, July 26 Tuesday, August 9	7-9:30 a.m.	Tuesday, August 2 7-9:30 a.m. Monday, August 15

Final Competition Pickup: Monday August 15, 7 – 9:30 a.m.

We cannot guarantee that items will be available for pickup after this date. Ribbons will not be mailed.

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RULES

1. **Local and State Rules** govern this competition.
2. **Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.**
3. For any questions or concerns regarding this competition, please contact the Garden & Floral Department at GardenFloral@ocfair.com.
4. Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it – do not use business, fictitious, or group names. Multiple entries submitted by the same individual within the same class will be disqualified.
5. The same item cannot be re-entered in subsequent competitions, neither under the original or a different exhibitor's name.
6. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
7. The OC Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry that has a serious disease or insect problem.
8. Exhibitors must submit all entries in the correct division/class according to their skill level:
 - **AMATEUR:** For exhibitors who arrange flowers as a hobby or pastime, do not regularly present or promote their work for sale, and/or are students of the art.
 - **PROFESSIONAL:** For exhibitors who are actively and regularly exhibiting and selling their product(s) or employed in the field.
 - **OPEN:** These competitions are open to all California residents aged 16+ regardless of skill level.
9. Judges have the authority to disqualify or transfer to the correct class any exhibit which does not meet the requirements of the division and class in which it is entered. Judges are not obligated to reevaluate a class after moving an entry.
10. **Setting Up:**
 - Exhibitors have a maximum of **5 minutes** to set up each arrangement.
 - Exhibitors may only take photos of their own arrangement(s) and must do so within the 5-minute set-up time.
 - Staff maintains the right to ask exhibitors to leave the set-up area at any time.
11. **Items of great or sentimental value should not be used.**
12. All exhibitors and entries must be checked in and inside the farm gate by the end of the drop off period (9:30 a.m.) Late entries will not be accepted.
13. Claim checks will be provided after exhibits are delivered. Tickets will be provided upon exit.
14. **Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property, neither the State of California nor the OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the OC Fair. Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of entries.**
15. If spoilage occurs prior to the pickup date, the entry will be discarded; the container and any accessories used will be saved and available for pick up.
16. Ribbons and entries will be available to pick up during the Entry Pickup dates listed on the cover of this guide. Items not picked up by the final Entry Pickup day become the property of the OC Fair and may be discarded.



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ELIGIBILITY

Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older (by July 15, 2022).
See specific competition details and "Skill Levels" in the rules.

ENTRY LIMIT

Exhibitors may enter in multiple Divisions and/or Classes each competition date but are limited to **one entry per Class per competition date**.

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

HOW TO ENTER

- Review the Floral Arrangements Rules and OC Fair Guidelines.
- Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Click on the "Enter Here" button above or go to: ocgard.fairwire.com and submit your entry(s) online by the online registration deadline (see cover page for deadlines).
- For more detailed information on the online entry process, visit:
<https://ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/entry-tutorial/>

Exhibitor Name

- Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it. This also applies to all youth entries.
- Enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.
- Do not use team, business or fictitious names.
- Provide the most complete information possible for each entry (i.e., Species/Cultivar if known).
- *Enter your information carefully and proofread everything for punctuation, capitalization and spelling to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels.*

Entry Confirmation

- An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after your submission.
- If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly, please check your Spam/Junk folder before contacting the OC Fair.

Entry Fees

- Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Amex).
- No refunds will be issued.
- Fees vary by division; see the division sections later in this guide for specifics.



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OC EXHIBITOR FAIR TICKET

- Exhibitors will receive one (1) 2022 OC Fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.
- **One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not one per entry.**
- **Tickets are valid on Wednesdays & Thursdays only and do not require a reservation.**
- Exhibitor must be present to receive a ticket.
- Tickets are provided to participants so they may come back and view the results of their efforts. Tickets should not be re-sold.

HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: (708) 714-1619

Email: GardenFloral@ocfair.com

There will be a Help Desk at the farm office during competition delivery (see cover page for delivery dates & times) to fix entry mistakes. We recommend that you arrive early to avoid long wait times.

****No longer offering help hours on Mondays****

For more guidance, a short document clarifying some of the terms used in this guide and addressing several Frequently Asked Questions can be accessed here: [Horticulture Glossary and FAQ](#)

ENTRY DELIVERY

Competition Delivery: 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (see cover page for dates)

Exhibitors will not be admitted to the farm before 7:00 a.m. and must be checked in and inside of the farm gate by 9:30 a.m. with all of their items for their entries to be accepted – no exceptions.

- Enter Gate 1 off Fair Drive and park in Lot B. Check-in tables will be located next to the Centennial Farm Gate for you to pick up your entry tags, claim check, and/or ribbons.
- Claim checks will be provided after exhibits are delivered.
- Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.

Please bring other individuals or tools like push carts if you need assistance transporting your entries, especially if large in size or quantity. If you are unsure what is appropriate to enter, or what you can bring to transport your item(s), please contact the farm office prior to the delivery day.

[Download entry delivery map](#)

ENTRY PICKUP

Entry Pick-up dates are listed on the front page of this guide.

Final Entry Pickup: Monday August 15, 7 – 9:30 a.m.

- Photo ID is required for pick up.
- If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- Unclaimed items and ribbons become the property of the OC Fair and will be discarded.
- No additional phone calls or email notifications will be made.
- ***The OC Fair & Event Center is not responsible for exhibits left after this date.***



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JUDGING

Qualified judges will be selected by the Program Coordinator from local professionals who are at the top in 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.

Judging is not open to the public. 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. If an entry is disqualified or moved after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.

Ranking System

Placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked one against another.

- First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit.
- First Place Winners will compete for Division Winner.
- Division Winners will compete for Best of Show.

Judging Criteria

All criteria for judging the Horticulture Competitions are listed in this document: [Horticulture Judging Criteria](#)

Comment Sheets

Comment sheets are notes from the judges regarding the entry's performance in the competition.

To view or pick up your comment sheets, visit the competition exhibit during the Fair and ask the staff member at the exhibit's info table. They are available for pickup, with claim check or photo ID, any day of the competition week when the Fair is open. Comment sheets from previous weeks may not be saved.

Display

- After judging, entries will be displayed for one Fair week in Farmhouse at Centennial Farm.
- An image of a ribbon will be printed on the entry card for entries that placed.
- Items will be discarded when they deteriorate. Containers and accessories will be available for pick-up on the scheduled pick-up day (see cover page for more details).



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AWARDS

Best of Show	Ribbon
Division Winner	Ribbon
First/Blue	Ribbon & Cash Premium*
Second/Red	Ribbon & Cash Premium*
Third/ White	Ribbon & Cash Premium*
Honorable Mention.....	Ribbon

Judging Results

Results can be viewed online at ocfair.com/results, within a week of the competition date.

Please do not call or email for competition results.

Entry & Ribbon Pickup

Entries and ribbons may be picked up during the Entry Pickup Days (see cover page). If you are unable to pick up your item(s), on these dates, arrange for someone to pick them up for you.

Note that the final pickup date is **Monday, August 15th from 7 – 9:30 a.m.**; items and ribbons left unclaimed after the final pickup date become the property of the OC Fair and may be discarded. Ribbons will not be mailed.

Premiums

**Premiums vary by competition; see the divisions/classes pages later in this guide for details.*

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



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DRY, SILK & MINIATURE ARRANGEMENTS

Eligibility Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.

Entry Limit 1 per Class, per date

Entry Fee \$5 per entry

Premiums First Place \$30 • Second Place \$25 • Third Place \$20

• **Setup Time:** *Floral Arrangement exhibitors have a maximum of five minutes to set up each arrangement.*

- Staff maintains the right to ask exhibitors to leave the setup area at any time.
- Floral arrangements may use commercially grown materials.
- Entries should weigh less than 25 lbs.
- Professional floral designers are encouraged to display business cards with their entry(s).
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare your Entries](#)

DIVISION 501

DRY ARRANGEMENT (OPEN)

Competition Date: July 12,

- No fresh or silk flowers.
- Acceptable dry materials include: silica gel flowers, freeze-dried flowers, everlasting, glycerinized materials, pressed and air-dried materials.
- Acceptable fillers include: grasses, herbs, grains, woods, pod, raffia, cones and mosses.
- Entries are not to exceed 2 ft. in length, height, or breadth and must be movable by fair staff.

Class 01: Wreath

Class 02: OC Fair Theme, "Feel the Sunshine"

Class 03: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.

DIVISION 511

SILK ARRANGEMENT (OPEN)

Competition Date: July 12

- No fresh or dried flowers or foliage allowed.
- Acceptable items include: decorative wire, stones, glass and sticks.
- Flowers may be painted.
- Entries are not to exceed 2 ft. in length, height, or breadth and must be movable by fair staff.

Class 01: Fairy Garden

Class 02: OC Fair Theme, "Feel the Sunshine"

Class 03: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.

DIVISION 523 & 525

MINIATURE ARRANGEMENT (OPEN)

Competition Dates: July 26, August 9

- Entries should not exceed 6 inches in length, height, or breadth.
- No fruits, vegetables (fresh or canned), or candy may be used.
- All materials should be secured to a base or container.
- Except Class 06, all miniature arrangements should be over 50% fresh materials.

Class 01: Bouquet

Class 02: Brooch

Class 03: Holiday, any

Class 04: OC Fair Theme, "Feel the Sunshine"

Class 05: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.

Class 06: Dry or Silk Mini

- Entries in this class should follow the rules of either the Dry or Silk Arrangement divisions to the left (Division 501 or 511) in a miniature scale.



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IKEBANA ARRANGEMENTS

Eligibility Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.

Entry Limit 1 per Class, per date

Entry Fee \$10 per entry

Premiums First Place \$70 • Second Place \$60 • Third Place \$50

• **Setup Time:** *Floral Arrangement exhibitors have a maximum of five minutes to set up each arrangement.*

- Staff maintains the right to ask exhibitors to leave the setup area at any time.
- Entries are not to exceed 2 ft. in length, height, or breadth and must be movable by fair staff for final placement.
- Entries should weigh less than 25 lbs.
- Floral arrangements may use commercially grown materials.
- Competitions are open to all California residents, ages 16 and up, regardless of skill level.
- Professional floral designers are encouraged to display business cards with their entry(s).
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare your Entries](#)

DIVISION 533 & 535

IKEBANA (OPEN)

Competition Dates: July 26, August 9

- Use of artificial flowers and foliage is prohibited.
- Accessories are permitted, but emphasis should be on the creative use of natural floral and plant materials to symbolically represent specific themes rather than on the excessive use of props.
- No fruits, vegetables (fresh or canned), or candy may be used.

Class 01: Ikenobo

Class 02: Ohara

Class 03: Sogetsu

To learn more about Ikebana, visit:

[Ikenobo](#)



[Ohara](#)



[Sogetsu](#)





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AMATEUR FRESH ARRANGEMENTS

Eligibility Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.

Entry Limit 1 per Class, per date **Entry Fee** \$10 per entry

Premiums First Place \$70 • Second Place \$60 • Third Place \$50

AMATEUR: divisions are intended for exhibitors who arrange flowers as a hobby or pastime, do not regularly present or promote their work for sale, and/or are students of the art.

• **Setup Time:** *Floral Arrangement exhibitors have a maximum of five minutes to set up each arrangement.*

- Staff maintains the right to ask exhibitors to leave the setup area at any time.
- Entries are not to exceed 2 ft. in length, height, or breadth and must be movable by fair staff for final placement.
- Entries should weigh less than 25 lbs.
- Floral arrangements may use commercially grown materials.
- No fruits, vegetables (canned or fresh), or candy may be used.
- Small items should be securely fastened to their containers.
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare your Entries](#)

DIVISION 553

Competition Date: July 26

Class 01: Greek Gods and Goddesses

Class 02: Corsage & Boutonniere Set

Class 03: Pretty in Pink

Class 04: The Roaring 20s

Class 05: OC Fair Theme, *"Feel the Sunshine"*

Class 06: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.

DIVISION 555

Competition Date: August 9

Class 01: Rose Garden

Class 02: Picnic at the Park

Class 03: Golden Hour

Class 04: Chinese Zodiac – 2022 Year of the Tiger

Class 05: OC Fair Theme, *"Feel the Sunshine"*

Class 06: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.



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PROFESSIONAL FRESH ARRANGEMENTS

Eligibility Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.

Entry Limit 1 per Class, per date **Entry Fee** \$15 per entry

Premiums First Place \$125 • Second Place \$100 • Third Place \$75

PROFESSIONAL divisions are intended for exhibitors who are actively and regularly exhibiting and selling their product(s) or employed in the field.

• **Setup Time:** *Floral Arrangement exhibitors have a maximum of five minutes to set up each arrangement.*

- Staff maintains the right to ask exhibitors to leave the setup area at any time.
- Entries are not to exceed 2 ft. in length, height, or breadth and must be movable by fair staff for final placement.
- Entries should weigh less than 25 lbs.
- Floral arrangements may use commercially grown materials.
- No fruits, vegetables (canned or fresh), or candy may be used.
- Small items should be securely fastened to their containers.
- Professional floral designers are encouraged to display business cards with their entry(s).
- For more information, read our recommendations for [How to Prepare your Entries](#)

DIVISION 563

Competition Date: July 26

Class 01: Graduation Day

Class 02: Greek Gods & Goddesses

Class 03: Bridal Bouquet & Boutonniere Set

Class 04: Ombre

Class 05: OC Fair Theme, *"Feel the Sunshine"*

Class 06: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.

DIVISION 565

Competition Date: August 9

Class 01: Cultural Folklore & Mythology

Class 02: Wreath

Class 03: Afternoon Tea Party

Class 04: Chinese Zodiac – 2022 Year of the Tiger

Class 05: OC Fair Theme, *"Feel the Sunshine"*

Class 06: Exhibitor's Choice, specify theme

- Entries may only be entered as "Exhibitor's Choice" if a class for the chosen theme does not exist.