



Let The Good Times Roll
June 4-8, 2025

35th District Agricultural Association



Floriculture

Roses, Succulents & Perennials – Oh My!

The beautiful Floriculture exhibit features a variety of amazing floral and plant displays, plus additional creative arrangements that are sure to surprise and please Fairgoers! Whether you are a gardener, simply have a love for fresh flowers or are looking to take in the beautiful landscapes and arrangements, there is something for everyone at this year's Floriculture Exhibit – and more interactive activities than ever!

"Chopped Gone Floral" FFA Floral Arrangement Competition

A play on the popular Food Network's reality cooking show "Chopped," nine FFA competitors will receive a box with undisclosed elements and all must be used to construct an award-winning floral arrangement. Competitors are given 1 hour to create their masterpiece. Competition is held on Friday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

"Small Engine" FFA Competition

Two high school teams will compete in the Small Engine Competition! Teams will compete in two classes, Trouble Shooting – where they fix an engine to get it up and running; and Timed Tear Down – to see who can get the engine teared down in the quickest time. And now, family and friends can watch the competition take place! Competition will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

"Bee Theater" is Back!

Do you know how bees communicate? They come into the hive and do a dance; the different dances signal different locations of nectar to help direct the hive. This is witnessed in one of the videos through small cameras placed on the backs of the bees to give you a rare glimpse into the hustle and bustle of a beehive!

Continuing to build awareness of the importance of bees and how you can help curb their decline, the Fair will be showing a bee documentary in the popular "Bee Theater!" "Bees are vital to our survival....to our ability to grow the nation's food supply. This is our way to contribute to the educational push while providing Fairgoers a nice spot to sit down and relax," said Bunnie Becker, Floriculture Building Superintendent

Garden in a Wheelbarrow

Don't have much green space? No problem! Enter the "Garden in a Wheelbarrow" exhibition and show off your green thumb by transforming a standard-sized, operable wheelbarrow into a vibrant garden. This year's classes include "Innovation," where entries feature unique designs filled with beautiful annuals, and "Patriotism," showcasing creative displays using perennials. There's no entry fee, but each exhibitor may submit only one entry. A Best in Division Rosette will be awarded if entries are submitted in two or more classes.

Amateur Gardens

Gardening is a therapeutic activity for anyone to enjoy! This year's floriculture Amateur Gardens features two themes: "Yesteryear" – a garden that uses repurposed items, as they did after World War II, influenced by the 1950's; and "Love Me Tender" – a romantic garden influenced by the 1950's.



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Professional Gardens

Sit back, relax and enjoy the view! This year's floriculture Professional Gardens inspires contestants to create an upscale patio for entertaining in the theme of "Rock Around the Clock." These gardens are incredible and make you feel like you've transported back to the 1950's!

Dried/Silk Arrangements

These arrangements are far from ordinary and provide a unique twist on fresh arrangements that wilt. This year's categories feature "Drifting Along" and "Be Bold," the latter of which must include branches and flowers. Discover how creative our exhibitors really are when strolling through the gardens!

Decorated Wreath or Swags

These decorations must include an amount of dried, silk or fresh flowers or foliage. Exhibitors will create a decoration in the themes "Energetic Swag" and "Almost Natural" that actually hangs on the door!

Wind Chimes

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of wind chimes outside your window. This year's Wind Chimes theme is "How Unique". This year we have an incredible 21 wind chime entries, which is three times the amount from last year.

"The Floriculture Building is truly a feast for the senses – from stunning floral arrangements and imaginative gardens to interactive exhibits and exciting FFA competitions. Each year, our exhibitors raise the bar with their creativity and passion for plants. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply appreciate natural beauty, this building offers something for everyone. Be sure to stop by and experience the vibrant world of floriculture – you'll be inspired by what our community has grown and created."

- **Bunnie Becker, Floriculture Building Superintendent**