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*Online registration opens March 1st.*

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RULES

1. **Local** and **State Rules** govern this competition.

2. **Exhibitors are responsible to read the Competition Guidelines and to abide by them.**

3. See registration and competition dates on the cover page. No reminder cards will be sent.

4. Exhibitors must select one skill level at which to compete and submit all entries within that skill level classification:
   - **AMATEUR**
     Those engaged in flower-arranging as a hobby and do not engage in this work for a livelihood.
   - **PROFESSIONAL**
     Anyone who now, or ever has been, involved in flower arranging as an occupation for pay or a means of livelihood. In this sense, the definition of “pay” is any compensation that results in a profit above and beyond the cost of the material. This includes teachers, lecturers and judges.
   - **OPEN**
     Open competitions are open to all California residents, ages 16 and up, regardless of skill level.

5. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**

6. If multiple entries are submitted by an individual within the same class, entries will be disqualified.

7. The same item cannot be re-entered in subsequent competitions, neither under the original or a different exhibitor’s name.

8. The OC Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry that has a serious disease or insect problem.

9. If spoilage occurs prior to the pickup date, the entry will be discarded.

10. The OC Fair is not responsible for lost, damaged or dead items. **Small items should be securely fastened to their containers.**

11. Items of great or sentimental value should not be used.

12. Entries must be picked up during the designated pickup time (see cover page of this guide) or entries become the property of the OC Fair and may be discarded.

13. **Setting Up:**
   - Set-up Time: Floral Arrangement 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.
   - Business cards may be shown with arrangements after judging.

14. Entry not to exceed 2’ x 2’ x 4’ (length x width x height) **Oversized designs will be disqualified.**
ELIGIBILITY
Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.
See specific competition details and “Skill Levels” in the rules.

ENTRY LIMIT
• 1 entry per class, per competition date
If multiple entries are submitted within the same class, additional entries will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER
1. Go to ocgard.fairmanager.com or click on the button and register online before the deadline.
2. Choose from among the divisions and classes listed.
3. Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Amex). Entry fees are specific to each competition. See divisions for more detail.

Exhibitor Name
• Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.
• Do not use business or fictitious names.
• There are no team entries.
• Enter using the exhibitor’s name as it will appear on the display tag.
• Last year’s accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.

Entry Confirmation
• An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received
• If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your Spam/Junk folder before contacting the OC Fair.

OC EXHIBITOR FAIR TICKET
• Exhibitors will receive one (1) 2017 OC Fair admission ticket, at time of entry delivery.
• One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not one per entry.
• Tickets are valid any day the Fair is open.
• Exhibitor must be present to receive ticket.

HELP WITH ENTERING
In-Person Help Days
• Wednesday, July 12 …… 10 am - 2 pm
• Monday, July 17 …………. 10 am - 2 pm
• Monday, July 24 …………. 10 am - 2 pm
• Monday, July 31 …………. 10 am - 2 pm
• Monday, August 7 ………. 10 am - 2 pm

Enter through Gate 1 off Fair Drive, Park in Lot B and enter through the Centennial Farm Gate.
ENTRY DELIVERY
Bring your entry(s) to the Centennial Farm on competition day (See cover page)

- Enter Gate 1 off Fair Drive.
- Check in is 7 - 9:30 am. Exhibitors must check in by 9:30 am without exceptions.
- Claim checks will be provided when exhibits are delivered.
- Exhibitor must be present to receive an admission ticket.

To download this entry delivery map click here.

ENTRY PICKUP
Pick up your entry(s) at Centennial Farm on Pickup Day (See cover page)

- Claim Check or 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 and are selected from local professionals who are the top in their field. The judges are professionals and their decision is final.

Classes & Divisions
Placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked one against another.
• 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each class if judges so determine.
  More than one Honorable Mention per class may be awarded.
• 1st Place winners will compete for Division Winner
• Division Winners will compete for Best of Show.

Judging
Judging is not open to the public. Judges have the authority to disqualify any entry that does not meet the requirements specified. Judges are not obligated to award a place unless an entry merits a place.

AWARDS

Best of Show
Division Winner
1st/Blue .........................5 points each
2nd/Red ..........................3 points each
3rd/White ..........................1 points each
Honorable Mention

Premiums vary by competition.

Sweepstakes
Sweepstakes in Floral Arrangement will be tallied based on the accumulated points (see above) for all 5 judging days. Sweepstakes awards are as follows:

Floral Arrangement Sweepstakes - Professional............................Ribbon & $50
Floral Arrangement Sweepstakes - Non-Professional ..................Ribbon & $50

Judging Results
Results can be viewed online at ocfair.com/results. We post results online as soon as possible. Please do not call or email for competition results.

Ribbons
Ribbons may be picked up on the following Competition Dates listed on the cover page and on Final Pickup Day on Monday, August 14, 7 am - 12 pm.

Sweepstakes Award Checks and Premiums
Will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within 30 days after the close of the 2017 OC Fair. Signed judging sheets will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags will not be accepted.
**DIVISION 601**

**DRY ARRANGEMENT (OPEN)**

Competition Date: July 13

Dry Arrangement Rules:
- No fresh or silk flowers.
- Acceptable dry materials include: silica gel flowers, freeze-dried flowers, everlasting, glycerinized materials and air-dried materials.
- Acceptable fillers include: grasses, herbs, grains, woods, pod, raffia, cones and mosses.

**Class 01:** Wreath
**Class 02:** Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
**Class 03:** OC Fair Theme – “Farm Fresh Fun”

**DIVISION 611**

**SILK ARRANGEMENT (OPEN)**

Competition Date: July 13

Silk Arrangement Rules:
- No fresh or dried flowers or foliage allowed.
- Acceptable items include: decorative wire, stones, glass and sticks.
- Flowers may be painted.

**Class 01:** Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
**Class 02:** Carnival
**Class 03:** OC Fair Theme – “Farm Fresh Fun”

**DIVISION 631-635**

**MINIATURE ARRANGEMENT (OPEN)**

Competition Dates: July 13, 18, 25, August 1, 8

Miniature Arrangement Rules:
- Arrangements are not to exceed 6 inches in length, height or breadth.

**Class 01:** Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
**Class 02:** Simply Mini
**Class 02:** Special Occasion, any
**Class 04:** OC Fair Theme – “Farm Fresh Fun”

**ELIGIBILITY**

Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.

**ENTRY LIMIT**

1 per class, per date

**ENTRY FEE**

$5 per entry

**PREMIUMS**

1st Place $30 • 2nd Place $25 • 3rd Place $20
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IKEBANA ARRANGEMENTS (OPEN)

ELIGIBILITY  Open to all California residents, ages 16 and older.
ENTRY LIMIT  1 per class, per date
ENTRY FEE  $10 per entry
PREMIUMS  1st Place $70 • 2nd Place $60 • 3rd Place $50

DIVISION 621-625

Competition Dates: July 13, 18, 25, August 1, 8

Ikebana Arrangement Rules:
• Floral arrangements may use commercially grown materials.
• 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 to create scenes.
• No fruits, vegetables (canned or fresh) or candy allowed.

Class 01: Rikka
Class 02: Shoka
Class 03: Freestyle
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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  1st Place $70 • 2nd Place $60 • 3rd Place $50

DIVISION 641

Competition Date: July 13
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: OC Fair Theme – “Farm Fresh Fun”
Class 03: 4th of July
Class 04: Tea Party

DIVISION 642

Competition Date: July 18
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Bridal Shower
Class 03: Sticks and Stones

DIVISION 643

Competition Date: July 25
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Carnation Celebration
Class 03: Live, Laugh, Love

DIVISION 644

Competition Date: August 1
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Carnival
Class 03: Mum Madness

DIVISION 645

Competition Date: August 8
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Picnic
Class 03: Welcome Baby

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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  1st Place $125 • 2nd Place $100 • 3rd Place $75

DIVISION 661

Competition Date: July 13
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Dance
Class 03: Fair Play
Class 04: Under the Sea

DIVISION 662

Competition Date: July 18
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Garden Party
Class 03: High Style
Class 04: Fair Frenzy

DIVISION 663

Competition Date: July 25
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Sea of Succulents
Class 03: Fun with Foliage
Class 04: Going to Prom
(corsage & boutonnière set)

DIVISION 664

Competition Date: August 1
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: Graduation Day
(retail under $40)
Class 03: Tropical Paradise
Class 04: The Big Game

DIVISION 665

Competition Date: August 8
Class 01: Exhibitor’s Choice, specify theme
Class 02: OC Fair Theme – “Farm Fresh Fun”
Class 03: Bridal Bouquet
Class 04: Dream
An one-hour contest to create an impromptu Fresh Floral Arrangement in front of a live audience at the 2017 OC Fair.

HOW TO ENTER - Space is limited, so sign up early!
- Go to oegard.fairmanager.com and register online before the deadline.
- Receive verbal confirmation from OC Fair Garden & Floral staff.
- Arrive one half-hour before the contest. If contestants arrive less than 10 minutes early, their position will be given to an alternate, so don’t be late!

LIVE FLORAL DESIGN CONTEST RULES
- Each contestant will be supplied with an assortment of fresh flowers and foliage, two containers to choose from, floral foam, floral tape, floral wire and accessories.
- Contestants will be given 10 minutes to prepare their container and materials. No flowers may be placed in the arrangement during this time.
- Contestant will have 45 minutes to construct an arrangement of their choice. At the conclusion of the allotted time, all work must cease.
- Each contestant is responsible for bringing his/her own tools.
- No other decorations or accessories will be allowed.
- Exhibitor must choose either amateur or open floral design contest.

JUDGING CRITERIA & AWARDS
- Design distinction and flowers used; creativity; technical skill; and appropriateness to theme.
- An award ceremony will immediately follow judging.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded as well as a 1st Place plaque.
- Finished arrangements will be on display in Gallery 15 at Centennial Farm.

SUGGESTED TOOLS TO BRING:
- Wire cutters, florist knife, scissors and pruning shears.