

# HORTICULTURE SPECIAL CONTESTS, EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

## GCFM Standard Flower Show



## ROARING TWENTIES!

is the theme for this year's Standard Flower Show, 8/21 thru 8/25. Come and see what our creative designers do with flowers to represent this opulent time of cultural change. This is a NGC sponsored Standard Flower Show. This judged show will include both Horticulture and Design Divisions.

Exhibitors, for this show only, need to be members of a NGC Garden Club, yet any amateur grower may enter the Horticulture Division. Pre Registration is required for Design. For a schedule/info, contact Chair Lisa Patinson at [marshfieldfairdesign@gmail.com](mailto:marshfieldfairdesign@gmail.com).

## The Nora Delano Award



The **Nora Delano Award** will go to the exhibitor who wins the most blue ribbons in Horticulture. The winner will receive a gorgeous **rosette** and **\$50!**

## Ikebana at the 2026 Fair!

Three schools of Ikebana will be featured in Horticulture on Wednesday 8/26 through 8/30.

Come enjoy this fascinating 500 year old approach to flower design.



## Special Flower Shows



**Hydrangea Show**  
Sunday, August 23

**Sunflower Show**  
Tuesday, August 25



**Zinnia Show**  
Thursday, August 27



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# GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS

**ENTRY:** Thursday, August 20, 12 pm - 7 pm  
**Please remove all displays on either removal day.**

**REMOVAL:** Monday, August 31, 8 am - 4 pm  
Tuesday, September 1. 2 pm - 6 pm

**LOCATION:** Entered and displayed inside and outside bottom floor of Agricultural Hall

**Adult and junior entries will be judged separately unless noted**

Check appropriate group on entry form.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. All entries must be grown, selected and arranged by exhibitor except wild flowers in arrangements and unless otherwise noted.
2. Exhibitors are requested to restore and freshen exhibits.
3. **One entry per class per exhibitor.**

4. The committee reserves the right to reject any entry.
5. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
6. **Do not use an expensive container.** The Fair is not responsible for loss of items. Containers will be provided for the Garden Flower category C 1 – C 24 only.
7. Potted plants must have been owned by the exhibitor for six weeks prior to the Fair.
8. Collect blooms in their prime. Do not include buds, seed pods, artificial material or any evidence of insects, disease or spray injury. Place plant material in a cool place, out of drafts in deep water for a few hours.
9. Conditioning plant material is recommended.
10. **Excellence in Horticulture Award and Popular Choice Awards Award**  
A **\$10** prize will go to 1 adult and 1 junior in each category. Winners will be announced on Sunday, 8/30.

## DEPARTMENT 117 GARDENING/FLOWERS AND PLANTS

### GARDEN FLOWERS

**C1 - C24: Enter 5 blooms unless otherwise noted  
Containers provided for these entries only.**

**No leaves in water, just stems**

**PRIZES: \$8, \$7, \$6**

- C1 Agastache
- C2 Asters
- C3 Cosmos
- C5 Dahlia (1 giant bloom)
- C7 Dahlias
- C8 Echinacea (cone flowers)
- C10 Gladioli (3 best spikes)
- C11 Hydrangea (1 large bloom)
- C12 Hydrangea (3 blooms)
- C13 Marigold (small)
- C14 Marigold (large)
- C17 Roses, must be grown by exhibitor
- C18 Salvia
- C19 Sunflowers, 1 flower head
- C20 Snapdragons
- C21 Zinnias
- C22 All Other

Conservation Education Exhibit space  
available for non-profits

**All Shows - Entry Time 11:30 am thru Gate E**

### HYDRANGEA SHOW

**Entry:** Sunday, August 23, 11:30 am -1pm

**Judged:** 2 pm **PRIZES: \$15, \$10, \$5**

- A117 Best 3 macrophylla (mophead) flowers, same color
- A118 Best 3 serrata (lacecap) flowers
- A119 Best 3 flowers, different species (above species plus quercifolia, arborescens & paniculata)

### OPEN SUNFLOWER

**Entry:** Tuesday, August 25, 11:30 am - 1 pm

**Judged** by 2 pm **PRIZES: \$15, \$10, \$5**

- A124 Best 3 flower heads, no buds
- A125 Best 1 flower head, no buds
- A126 Best single lg. flower head, no buds, variety named

### ZINNIA SHOW

**Entry:** Thursday August 27, 11:30 am - 1 pm

**Judged** at 2pm **PRIZES: \$15, \$10, \$5**

- A130 5 Blooms, Zinnia, single flowered
- A131 5 Blooms, Zinnia, cactus flowered
- A132 5 Blooms, Zinnia, dahlia flowered

# DEPARTMENT 111 – HORTICULTURE CONTESTS


**ENTRY:** Thursday, August 20  
Large Exhibits - 9 am – 7 pm  
All Others 12 pm – 7 pm


**(or in advance by prior arrangement)**

## **CONDITION OF ENTRY:**

1. Mail entries to : Roni Lahage, Marshfield Fair, Box 5, Marshfield, MA 02050 or to [rlahage@marshfieldfair.org](mailto:rlahage@marshfieldfair.org)
2. Entries are limited & will be accepted in order of receipt.
3. Space provided on bottom floor of Agi Hall or outside.
4. No names will appear on the exhibit until after judging
5. Entry cards will be supplied.
6. The exhibits are inspected daily and need to be kept fresh and clean by the exhibitor.


**Adult and Junior entries will be judged separately unless noted**

A350 **Amateur Garden Exhibits– Over 18 Only**   
**PRIZES: \$200 awarded to each participant!**  
**3 entries only– Reserve space in advance**  
Open to individuals, families or groups - electricity provided. 7' length x 8' width frame on floor, mulch provided. This year's theme is "**Celebrate Historic Farms**". Using an 1850s cultivator (provided) create any of the following; a prairie garden, a wildflower garden or a colonial garden.

A351 **Small Space Container Garden**   
**PRIZES: \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25**  
**4 entries only – Reserve space in advance**  
Open to individuals, families and groups.  
Theme - "**America's 250<sup>th</sup>!**"  
Create a patriot display of red, white and blue flowers in red, white and blue containers. May use accessories. Displayed in a 4x4 frame on the ground outside hort.  
*Adult or Junior NOT judged separately.*

A353 **Environmental Educational Exhibit**  
**PRIZES: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20**  
Tabletop - Space Limited  
*Adult or Junior NOT judged separately*

A354 **Decorated Door Contest**  
**PRIZES: \$25,\$20,\$15, \$10**  
Artist can paint a scene on a door!  
One door per contestant, bring your own door or use one supplied. If you need a door, please email [rlahage@marshfieldfair.org](mailto:rlahage@marshfieldfair.org)

A356 **Decorate a Garden Hat**   
**PRIZES: \$10,\$8,\$6, \$4**  
Decorate a hat out of fresh and/or dried plant material, firmly attached to a frame.

A357 **Handmade Garden Ornament**  
**PRIZES: \$15, \$10, \$5**  
*Adult and Junior NOT judged separately.*


## Creative Horticultural Displays


### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:**

1. For display, decoration, and educational purposes.
2. Exhibitors are eligible for ribbons and prize money.
3. Fresh, dried or rooted plants & accessories allowed.
4. Some maintenance (watering) will be provided.
5. Judged on conforming to theme.
6. Pre-registration is encouraged. Reserve space by emailing [rlahage@marshfieldfair.org](mailto:rlahage@marshfieldfair.org)

A358 **Fresh Flower Arrangement in Paul Revere's Lantern**  
**PRIZES: \$15, \$10, \$5**

A361 **Landscape/Environmental Diorama**  
**Awarded: \$250 awarded to each of 2 entries only – Reserve space in advance**  
Space size: 7.8' wide, 4' deep, 4' sides & back  
Groups will assemble a scene or habitat (ex. wooded farmland, coastal marsh or wetlands), accompanied by a narrative with relevant environmental or conservation information. Include some fresh plants.

A362 **Mantel – Theme: "Early Americana"**   
(ex. old flags, clocks, candlesticks etc.)  
**Adult Only - PRIZES: \$50, \$40,\$30,\$20**  
**4 entries only – reserve space in advance**  
Must include some plant material. Mantel provided, attached to wall, 40"long, 9"deep, 40" usable backspace.

A363 **Challenge: Celebrate American Ingenuity**   
**PRIZES: \$50, \$40,\$30, \$20**  
An arrangement or a potted plant with an element that represents an American invention.  
May display information on invention.  
*Adult or Junior NOT judged separately*

A364 **Botanical Photography**  
**PRIZES: \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8**  
Taken by exhibitor, must be framed or matted and ready to hang. 1 entry per person.

Join us for our **garden lectures and demonstrations daily.**

See complete list under Special Events on page 7.

# DEPARTMENT 117 GARDENING/FLOWERS AND PLANTS

**PRIZES: \$8, \$7, \$6 Unless otherwise noted**

## NEW CLASSES ADDED!

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

**Strip leaves OFF stems, bare stems only in water**

- A13 Living room flower arrangement, foliage permitted
- A14 Pastel flowers with foliage in pastel container
- A15 Arrangement in a tea pot or tea cup
- A16 Shades of pink & purple, foliage permitted in a black container
- A17 Arrangement in pocketbook-**Use Plastic Liner**
- A18 Arrangement in a blue & white container
- A19 Arrangement in an "animal" container
- A20 Arrangement in a watering can
- A21 Arrangement - creative, in an unusual container
- A22 **Grandparent & grandchild** arrangement flowers, wildflowers, herbs and/or foliage. Must be in/or using a toy. **NO Separate Junior Entry**  
**Size limit 2'x2' PRIZES: \$15, \$10, \$5**
- A24 All foliage arrangement
- A28 Arrangement in a recycled object
- A29 Seaside arrangement using beach material
- A32 Arrangement in a ginger jar

### WREATHS

- A33 **Fall Garden Wreath**, made out of all natural materials **PRIZES: \$20, \$15,\$10, \$5**

### INDOOR PLANTS

**Please, no plants entered from previous year.**

- E1 African violet
- E2 Begonia
- E4 Cacti
- E5 Fern
- E8 Foliage plant in a pot, labeled
- E12 Ivy
- E13 Orchid
- E14 Succulent
- E15 Topiary
- E16 Unusual houseplant
- E17 Plants grown from a cutting by exhibitor
- E18 All other

### DRIED ARRANGEMENTS

- A44 **Dried Flower Arrangement with a Harvest Theme**, all dried plant material  
**PRIZES: \$20, \$15,\$10, \$5**

### COLLECTIONS

*Adult and Junior entries displayed together*

- F1 Garden flowers in a vase - accompanied with names
- F2 Collection of named herbs in water
- F3 Collection of named herbs in one pot
- F4 Collection of fragrant flowers in water
- F5 Collection of 5 "favorite things" with flowers and/or foliage inside (ex. vases, bottles, tins etc)
- F6 Collection of 5 different hosta leaves
- F8 Collection of 3 different coleus **in one pot!**
- F9 Wild flowers in a vase, named
- F10 Collection of weeds (5)



### OUTDOOR CONTAINERS

*Containers must have adequate drainage.  
Adult and Junior entries displayed together*

**PRIZES: \$12, \$10, \$8**

- G1 Outdoor flowers, med. container-2 gal or less
- G2 Outdoor flowers in container over 2 gallons.
- G3 Window box, judged on creativity
- G4 Hanging outdoor plant
- G5 Fairy garden scene in a container- under 18" staged inside
- G6 Fairy garden scene in a container - over 18" staged inside
- G7 "Repurposed" chair as a planter
- G8 Most unusual garden container
- G11 Old boot or shoe as a planter
- G12 Bird house planter
- G13 Tropical Plant in a pot
- G14 Plants grown from seed by exhibitor
- G15 Fairy garden scene out of all natural materials. Not to exceed 12"x12"
- G16 Succulents grown in a frame, mounted outdoors
- G17 Strawberry Pot with any plants



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## DEPARTMENT 20 JUNIOR CONSERVATION

**PRIZES: \$8, \$7, \$6**

**All must be SECURELY mounted with names.**

- A150 Collection of at least 5 pressed flowers and/or leaves
- A151 Collection of at least 5 insects
- A152 Collection of at least 5 leaf prints
- A155 Collection of 5 shells
- A160 All other



## DEPARTMENT 17 JUST FOR KIDS

**Junior Gardeners only (age 18 & under)**

**PRIZES; \$8, \$7, \$6**

- A170 Favorite flower arrangement or plant
- A171 Plant a beach toy (15"x15" or smaller) with any herbs, flowers or foliage
- A172 Decorated flower pot (paint, marker etc), enter with a plant
- A173 Terrarium – Assemble your terrarium in a clear or glass container no bigger than 16"
- A174 Cardboard Flower – cover a cardboard flower cutout with beans, macaroni or any dried natural material. No bigger than 10"x10"  
2 prizes – Age up to 7 and age 8-12
- A175 Arrangement in a lego container, make it waterproof



## GARDENING/HORTICULTURE ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor # \_\_\_\_\_

To save time when entering (but not required), you can mail your entry form in advance to:

Roni Lahage, Marshfield Fair, Box 5, Marshfield, MA 02050

Your exhibit cards will then be filled out. You may add or delete entries when you arrive.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Group:    Adult                       Junior through age 18

**Only one entry per class per Exhibitor**

	Dept	Class	Description
	117	C2	Asters
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

**Please retrieve your entries on Monday, 8-4 and Tuesday 2-6 AFTER the fair.  
Not responsible for items left behind. Thank You**