



JUNIOR PLANTS, FLOWERS, FRUITS & VEGETABLES

DEPARTMENT .108

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ENTRY DEADLINE: Saturday, June 20, 2026 - Entries may be submitted online or by mail

PREMIUMS: 1st \$1.50, 2nd \$1.25, 3rd \$1.00

ARRIVAL/JUDGING: June 30, 2026 from 1-3:30pm OR 5:30-7:30pm

SHOW DATE: Friday, July 3, 2026

RELEASE: Building will close July 5, 2026 at 5pm. Exhibits will be released Sunday July 5, 2026 5pm-8pm and Monday July 6, 2026 10am-12pm. Please bring claim tickets.

SECTION 1: CUT VEGETABLES

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

CLASS:

1. Asparagus- 5 stems- up to 7 inches long
2. Beans (Lima, snap, pole or vining) 5 pods
3. Beans, dry, shelled- ½ Cup
4. Beets- 3 tops trimmed to 1 inch, no green shoulders
5. Chard- 1 plant, roots and damaged leaves off
6. Cucumbers, slicing types 2, 5 inches or longer, 2 inches less in diameter
7. Cucumbers, pickling types 3, 3.5 inches
8. Dill- bunch of 3 seed heads tied or in transparent bag
9. Garlic- 3 bulbs, dried, braided together or tops trimmed to 1 inch, cleaned, not peeled
10. Herbs- any kinds- plant in pot or tied bunch, minimum 12 sprigs
11. Herbs- dried, show a minimum of 1 tablespoon. Herbs must be appropriately prepared for use 21. Kale, 1 plant, roots off
12. Leek- 3 large and trimmed
13. Lettuce, leaf or head- 1 plant, roots off market size
14. Mustard- 1 plant, roots off
15. Onions, bulb 3, tops trimmed to ½ inch, well cured and dried, not peeled
16. Onions, green bunching type 4 Tops on but trimmed evenly
17. Parsley- 1 plant, roots off, market size and quality
18. Peas, 5 pods
19. Potatoes 3 tubers, 5-10 inches
20. Radishes 4, tops trimmed to 1½ inch
21. Rhubarb- 4 stalks, tops trimmed off
22. Shallot- 3, tops trimmed to ¼ inch, dried, not peeled
23. Spinach, Common- ½ pound in transparent bag
24. Spinach, New Zealand ½ pound, bunch or tender tips 36 inches, tied or in a transparent bag
25. Squash, Summer- 2, young, skin tender, such as zucchini, yellow, scallop

26. Tomatoes- 2, ripe, stems off, medium and large fruit varieties including Roma
27. Tomatoes, Cherry- ½ Pint basket, stems off
28. Turnips2, tops trimmed to 1 inch
29. A Collection of 3 related types, such as 3 varieties of peppers, or 3 vegetables that appear in any ethnic cuisine
30. Miniature vegetables- 6, of any types, harvested at small or baby stage
31. Ornamental Vegetables3 of one type, such as miniature pumpkins, gourds, or decorative corn, ornamental kale (1)

SECTION 2: CUT FLOWERS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- Consist of 3 stems with same color blooms except as noted
 - Roses: One stem or the type entered
 - Dahlias: Three blooms of one color, or one bloom if over 6 inches
 - Any bloom over 6 inches or larger: Show one specimen, such as Dinnerplate Dahlia or Sunflower
- Stems should be at least 8 inches in length, except where type of flower makes this impossible
- Flowers that do not last as cut flowers (daylilies, hollyhocks, impatiens, etc) may not be entered
- Blooms of weeds, wild flowers and shrubs will not be evaluated
- All containers for flowers should be provided

CLASS:

1. Asters (annual)
2. Calendia
3. Cosmo
4. Iris- 1 stalk cut at base of plant
5. Ornamental Grass (foliage and fully developed seed head)
6. Rose
7. Rudbeckia (coneflowers/ black eyed susans)
8. Sweet Peas
9. Daisy
10. Carnation
11. Bachelor Buttons
12. Chrysanthemum
13. Dahlia (See above)
14. Larkspur
15. Asiatic Lily (one stem)
16. Petunia
17. Statice (fresh)
18. Pansy
19. Calla Lily- 3 stems
20. Cleome
21. Flowering Tobacco
22. Marigold
23. Nasturtium
24. Phlox- annual
25. Snapdragons
26. Sunflowers
27. Zinnia
28. Viola
29. Other Not Listed

SECTION 3: INDOOR GARDENING

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- All Items should follow recommended guides for balance, design, proportions and harmony
- Ribbons and bows as part of the design are allowed
- Flowering houseplants must be a single stem or crown in proportional container
- No artificial or plastic plant material allowed
- Entries must be grown in the display container prior to June 1st of the current year

CLASS:

1. Dish Garden
2. Terrarium

SECTION 4: INDOOR GARDEN HOUSE PLANTS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- Houseplants must be a single stem or crown in proportional container
- No artificial or plastic plant material allowed
- Entries must be grown in the display container prior to June 1st of the current year
- Hanging container may have more than one plant
- Miniature plants like violets, pot is 2¼" – 3" width only

CLASS:

1. Flowering
2. Foliage
3. Vine
4. Cactus
5. Succulents
6. Any other not listed

SECTION 5: CONTAINER GARDENS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- No artificial or plastic plant material allowed
- Appropriate plant and container combinations
- Entries must be grown in the display container prior to June 1st of the current year
- Perennial, Annual, vegetable or ornamental
- Theme gardens may only have some artificial material. These materials should not be a main focus of the exhibit. They should blend in. Plants should be prominent

CLASS:

1. Container Garden

SECTION 6: FRUITS AND NUTS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- All fruits and nuts must be cared for by exhibitor
- Nuts grown in the previous year may be entered
- Entries must be of the same variety

CLASS:

1. Apples, 2 ripe
2. Grapes, 1 bunch
3. Raspberries, ½ pint
4. Strawberries, caps on, 1 quart
5. Nuts, allripe, dry, unshelled, ½ pint
6. Blueberries, ½ pint
7. Any other not listed

SECTION 7: FLORAL DESIGN

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- Arrangements should be in a florist foam
- Ribbons and bows as part of the design are allowed
- No artificial or plastic plant material allowed
- List ID Sources

CLASS:

1. Dry or fresh flower corsage exhibited in transparent bag
2. Table arrangement of live or dry plant material- not over 12" in diameter and under 8" high
3. Plaque of dried or pressed plant materials: includes other craft projects made with real materials (ie. Floral pictures). Plaques and pictures need to be signed.
4. Large arrangement of live or dried plant materials- for arrangements of over 12" diameter and over 18" high
5. Any other not listed

SECTION 8: LANDSCAPE PICTURES AND PLANS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- All plans should be in a clear protective overlay and contain photos of the gardens or grounds
- Markers, colored pencils or paints may be used to embellish the plans
- Indicate direction of North on plan

CLASS:

1. Plan of annual and or perennial Flower Garden
 - Show varieties, common name, placement, height and color
 - Use scale no smaller than 1 inch equals 4 feet
2. Plan of home vegetable garden
 - Show varieties, common name, placement, height and approximate harvest time
 - Succession of plants may be indicated by a tracing paper overlay
 - Use scale no smaller than 1 inch equals 4 feet

3. Plan or map of Home Grounds or Apartment Dwelling
 - Drawn to scale, showing grounds as they currently are at the beginning of the project
 - A second map, with suitable and necessary notes, showing changes and improvements
 - In different colors or an overlay, show changes or improvements yet to be made
 - Where ground space is unavailable, a terrace or porch garden of containerized plants can be depicted
4. Plan of home orchard (tree fruit and/or berry crops)
 - Show varieties, common name, placement, height and time of fruiting
 - Use scale no smaller than 1 inch equals 4 feet
 - Exhibit should indicate current year's work
5. Garden Record Book
 - Show varieties and common name
 - List reason for selection
 - Garden design sketch including layout, dimensions, and spacing
 - Photos before and after are helpful

SECTION 9: MISCELLANEOUS GARDEN ENTRIES

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

1. Hydroponic Gardening
2. Oswego County Annual Fair Theme Arrangement
3. Dry Flower Bouquet
4. Vegetable Art
 - Vegetable Character or sculpture or geometric design
 - List plants used
5. Open Class Exhibits
 - Exhibits deemed worthwhile but fall outside the categories described above
 - List varieties or scientific and common names
 - Exhibits will be judged according to similar project criteria

SECTION 10: COLLECTIONS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- 10 or more specimens. All plant materials must be pressed, mounted and labeled with varieties and name
- All specimens mounted green will not be judged
- All collections, pictures and plants must have a protective picture overlay
- Collections should be one sided on poster board or like material 22"x 28" in size, or in notebook binder on 8.5"x11" pages with a single specimen per page
- Describe where found and habitat

Class:

1. Ornamental trees, leaf, twig (fruit, flower and seed if possible)
2. Ornamental shrubs, leaf twig (flower and seed if possible)
3. Weeds- common to lawns, flower beds and gardens
4. Annual Flowers
5. Perennial Flowers
6. Seeds (Single type- vegetable or ornamental)
 - Clean and dried
 - Must be harvested by exhibitor
 - Picture of plant, must accompany seeds
 - List of growing conditions required

SECTION 11: FIELD CROPS

Plant name and variety must be listed on entry form - Entries must be grown by exhibitor

- Sample of hay must be cured and not moist
- Grasses, legumes and silage crops will be judged on the basis of their values as forage or silage
- Exhibits should be displayed in either tightly packed, clean baskets or slice of bale with approximate dimensions 8"x10"x14" or as described
- Feeds suitable for a youth animal project- Project must be specified, feed sampler attractively displayed on a board
- Nutritional value and use of each sample must be described

CLASS:

1. Oats- 1 peck	7. Alfalfa
2. Wheat- 1 peck	8. Timothy
3. Any other small grains- 1 peck	9. Clover
4. Field Corn- 3 ears	10. Birdsfoot
5. Corn Silage- Quart Jar with mixture names on entry card	11. Mix Hay- state mixture on entry card
6. Haylage- Quart Jar with mixture on entry card	

