

Garden Competition 2016

Chair: Mark House & Dolly Deluca

Volunteer: Sandy Jacobs.

Do you have a green thumb? Do you want to display your gardening talents at the Fair? Then we invite you or your group to participate in our fourth annual garden competition at the Hamilton County Fair. This event has been a great success since its inception in 2009, and we have 23 different gardening areas and pots for planting. The Fairgrounds have never looked so good. Entering this competition can earn you a lot of respect, and possibly; a ribbon!

Each group can choose from a variety of beds and large pots to plant in a manner that displays their interpretation of the floral show theme: Continuing the Tradition. Exhibitors may also bring pre-planted boxes from home to participate in the competition. The goal of the competition is to continue to beautify the Fairgrounds and showcase the talented gardeners who reside in Hamilton County.

Remember, this is the County Fair; ribbons and monetary premiums will be awarded! We have four categories:

1. Professional: includes local garden-based businesses, greenhouses, landscapers, etc. First prize is \$50, second; \$30, third; \$20.
2. Amateur: includes local garden clubs and individuals. First prize is \$50, second: \$30, third: \$20.
3. Portable pots and boxes: The pots are currently on site and measure approximately 30 inches in diameter. The boxes are pre-planted and delivered to the fairgrounds before the start of the Fair. First prize is \$20, second: \$15, third: \$10.
4. Juvenile: one award for the "Best in Show" rosette will be given along with a \$15 premium.

We encourage everyone to participate! Please contact Mark House at Mark.house@cincinnati-oh.gov, or, 513-421-5707. He is happy to answer questions and assign planting areas.

There is no entrance fee for the garden competition. Exhibitors may plant from May 15th until July 30th.