

DEPARTMENT 41 - FLORICULTURE

To be shown in the Illinois Building
Superintendent: Alexandria Bryant (#217-720-3888)
Premiums Offered: \$3,406.00

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$2.00 per exhibit Entry Fee and a \$3.00 per exhibitor Office Fee. Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 31, 2026. Fees will not be refunded. Exhibitors are highly encouraged to bring a copy of their entry receipt to check-in.

Deadlines and Check-in

Entry Deadline	Friday, July 31
Entry Check-in	See Division instructions
Exhibit Pick-up	See Division instructions

General Requirements & Criteria for Competition

1. General rules apply to all divisions in this department.
2. Exhibitors must take notice and carefully observe each show date, time changes, classified headings and all rules governing each class.
3. Classes are open only to residents of Illinois (unless specified otherwise) who grow plants through personal effort for pleasure and whose sales, if any, do not equal the outlay for seeds and plants. Members of commercial growers, employees, florist families, or anyone who has been employed by a commercial grower or florist within the past year is not eligible to enter. The arrangements must be the original work of the designer, but plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry per class in the Department. For all classes except the Table and Arrangement divisions the exhibitor may bring up to four specimens for the judge to select from to be entered in the class.
5. The exhibit must be constructed and entered by the exhibitor of record. Only the exhibitor can and must arrange and place all his/her exhibit. Only exhibitors are allowed in the staging area.
6. An exhibit that has been awarded a ribbon in any previous class at the Illinois State Fair cannot be repeated.
7. In arrangements, choice of plant material (fresh-dried or fresh and dried) will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor unless otherwise stated, but plant material must be used. No artificial plant material may be used. Fresh material may not be painted. No cut food is permitted. No material on the Illinois conservation endangered list should be used. Slight embellishment (glitter, artificial snow, etc.) of plant material is permitted in classes.
8. Background material will be permitted in all classes except Pedestal classes unless otherwise stated. Backgrounds and staging may be incorporated into the design. Accessories and features are permitted unless otherwise stated.
9. Exhibitors are required to list plant materials used in design on a separate card.
10. Exhibitor tags are prepared for each class entry. Exhibitors must check in no later than 30-minutes prior to the staging times to receive exhibitor tags.

11. Exhibitors should enter the fairgrounds through Gate 12. Exhibitors will be received at the south or west entrance of the Illinois Building.
12. Judging will follow standards developed by the National Garden Clubs or individual plant societies.

Definitions

Exhibition Table – An exhibition table is not related to the actual service of food, exhibited in a triptych. The decorative unit should be in good scale and proportion to the exhibit space allowed. An exhibition table is composed of at least one place setting to include dishes, glassware, linen (place mat or cloth) and a decorative unit.

Tables – Tables shall contain service for four and a design.

Buffet Tables – The buffet table is informal in character and functional. At least one serving dish is required. Tables shall contain service for four and a design.

Card Tables – Two place settings are required and a design. Exhibitor must furnish the table.

Tray – One place setting is required and a design. Exhibitor must furnish the tray.

Dimensions

Niche – lighted, 46” high by 31” wide by 22” deep, 4 feet from the floor. *Limited to the first six entries. Standby list will be maintained by Superintendent.

Pedestal – 40” cube, 18” square top painted black. Pedestals may be laid horizontally with advanced permission of Superintendent.

Mantel – shelf 10” deep, 23” from top to shelf, 47” long, neutral color

Triptych – 36” tall, 29” wide with side wings attached. Exhibitors permitted to attach additional background not to exceed a total maximum height of 48”.

Tables – 42” by 62”

Petite Design – 3” to 12”

Specific Rules for Horticulture

1. Specimen flowers are foliage that are exhibited for quality only. Exact number of stems or branches are essential.
2. All potted plants exhibited must have been in the hands of, and grown by, the exhibitor for at least three months.
3. Commercially grown flowers or plants will be disqualified, and exhibitor barred from further shows for five years.
4. When more than one stem, spray or stalk is specified, all specimens shall be identical.
5. Containers and wedges will be furnished.
6. No artificial coloring or florists’ greens will be allowed.
7. All exhibits become the property of the Fair and may be disposed of at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors are not permitted to retrieve their specimens once they have been entered. Potted plants are excluded from this rule and may be retrieved the day following judging but no later than Friday, August 14 by 5:30 p.m.

Division 4101 – Thursday 8/13 - Arrangements

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Friday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Pedestal Untitled	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Mantel Art Deco	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Niche Waterfall (hanging design)	\$30-\$27-\$24
04	Triptych Autumn	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Arrangement will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4102 – Thursday 8/13 - Tables

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Friday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Table Newlywed	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Exhibition Table Wine & Dine	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Card Table Picnic	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Table will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4103 – Thursday 8/13 - Horticulture

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:30 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Friday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Bulb, tuber, rhizome or corm perennial	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Coleus - 1 stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Day Lily (Hemerocallis) - 1 stalk	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Foliage house plant	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Hardy Phlox - 1 stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
06	Petunia - single, 2 bloom stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
07	Salvia - 2 bloom stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
08	Shasta Daisy	\$6-\$5-\$4
09	Zinnia - miniature	\$6-\$5-\$4

Best Horticulture Exhibit will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4104 – Monday 8/17 - Arrangements

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Tuesday, August 18, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Pedestal Down the Rabbit Hole	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Mantel Untitled	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Niche Spinning	\$30-\$27-\$24
04	Triptych Big & Bold	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Arrangement will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4105 – Monday 8/17 - Tables

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Tuesday, August 18, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Exhibition Table Mix Match	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Buffet Table Around the World	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Tray Untitled	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Table will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4106 – Monday 8/17 - Horticulture

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:30 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Tuesday, August 18, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Coneflower (Echinacea)	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Foliage branch (tree, shrub)	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Impatiens - 1 bloom stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Rudbeckia (Gloriosa Daisy, Black-eyed Susan)	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Sunflowers - greater than 7 inches	\$6-\$5-\$4
06	True Fern Frond	\$6-\$5-\$4
07	Zinnia - large, over 3 inches in diameter	\$6-\$5-\$4
08	Any other perennial flower	\$6-\$5-\$4

Best Horticulture Exhibit will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4107 – Wednesday 8/19 - Arrangements

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Thursday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Pedestal Duo Design Side A: Day	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Pedestal Duo Design Side B: Night	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Niche Untitled	\$30-\$27-\$24
04	Triptych Steppingstones	\$30-\$27-\$24
05	Petite Design Yellow	\$30-\$27-\$24
06	Mantel Minimalism	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Arrangement will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4108 – Wednesday 8/19 - Horticulture

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:30 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through Thursday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately after and must be completed by 6:15 p.m.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	American Marigold - 2 stems	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Blooming Shrub (other than Hydrangea)	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Bulb, corm or tuber	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Geranium bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Succulent, house plant - pot less than 10-inch diameter	\$6-\$5-\$4
06	Sunflower - less than 7 inches in diameter	\$6-\$5-\$4
07	Zinnia - medium, flowers 1-3 inches in diameter	\$6-\$5-\$4

Best Horticulture Exhibit will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4109 – Friday 8/21 - Arrangements

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately and must be completed by 6:15p.m. the same night.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Pedestal Enchanted	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Mantel Seeing Double	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Niche Wood	\$30-\$27-\$24
04	Triptych Untitled	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Arrangement will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4110 – Friday 8/21 - Tables

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:00 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately and must be completed by 6:15p.m. the same night.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Table Holiday	\$30-\$27-\$24
02	Exhibition Table Harmony	\$30-\$27-\$24
03	Tray Peachy Keen	\$30-\$27-\$24

Best Table will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4111 – Friday 8/21 - Horticulture

* Exhibits must be staged by 10:30 a.m. Exhibits will remain in place through 5:00 p.m. Tear down will begin immediately and must be completed by 6:15p.m. the same night.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Annual Foliage Plant (non-coleus) - 1 stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Cacti	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Cleome	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Cosmos - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	French Marigold	\$6-\$5-\$4
06	Hydrangea	\$6-\$5-\$4
07	Petunia - single	\$6-\$5-\$4
08	Salvi - 2 bloom stem	\$6-\$5-\$4
09	Verbena	\$6-\$5-\$4

Best Horticulture Exhibit will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

Division 4112 – Christmas Trees and Products

*Exhibits must be staged on Friday, August 14, by 10:00 a.m.

1. Trees for competitive exhibit must have been grown in Illinois on land owned or operated by the exhibitor.
2. Trees to be exhibited shall be within the 5 ft to 7 ft height range, measuring from the bottom of the handle to the top of the tip.
3. No trees may be exhibited with limbs or foliage added that did not grow naturally in place.
4. Trees may be naturally grown or sheared and shaped by the exhibitor.
5. An exhibitor may only enter one tree per class.
6. Entries must be delivered to the Illinois Building by 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2026. All Christmas trees must be set up by the exhibitor, in holder, and put in place on the floor. Exhibitors are permitted to furnish their own holders.
7. Trees will remain in place until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, and then disposed of by the Fair.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Fir (Abies)	\$9-\$8-\$7

02	Pine - Scotch	\$30-\$20-\$15
03	Pine - any other	\$30-\$20-\$15
04	Spruce	\$30-\$20-\$15
05	Undecorated fresh wreath	\$30-\$20-\$15

Grand Champion Tree will receive a Rosette and \$50.00.

Division 4113 – Hostas

*Exhibits must be staged on Saturday, August 16, by 10:30 a.m. and will remain in place until 5:00 p.m.

1. Cultivar/variety name must be written on the back of the exhibitor tag.
2. All specimens must be outdoor grown by the exhibitor.
3. All leaves shown should be representative of the mature plant as a whole and shall be groomed and properly staged.
4. Bottles will be provided. Some wooden wedging is available, but exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own.
5. Naming and judging standards of the American Hosta Society will be used in all classes.
6. Exhibits not placed in proper class are subject to reclassification by the Superintendent at the recommendation of the judges.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Miniature and Dwarf-Leafed Species	\$12-\$10-\$8
02	Small and Medium-Leafed Species	\$12-\$10-\$8
03	Giant and Large-Leafed Species	\$12-\$10-\$8

Best Hosta will receive a Rosette and \$25.00

END OF DEPARTMENT 41 – FLORICULTURE

DEPARTMENT 42 – GLADIOLUS

To be shown in the Illinois Building
Superintendent: Alexandria Bryant (217-720-3888)
Premiums Offered: \$906.00

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$25.00 Entry Fee and \$3.00 per exhibitor Office Fee. Exhibitors **must** enter Division 4200 prior to making any other entries. Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 31, 2026. Fees will not be refunded. Exhibitors are highly encouraged to bring a copy of their entry receipt to check-in.

Deadlines and Check-in

Entry Deadline	Friday, July 31
Entry Check-in	Saturday, August 15, 11:00 a.m.
Exhibit In Place	Saturday, August 15, 12:00 p.m.
Exhibit Pick-up	Sunday, August 16, 5:00 p.m.

General Requirements & Criteria for Competition

1. All rules from Department 40 – Floriculture, apply to this department unless otherwise stated.
2. All gladiolus exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor in all classes.
3. All entries must be classified and shown in accordance with the North American Gladiolus Council.
4. An exhibitor may make any number of entries in any division, but it is not permissible to make more than three entries of any one variety within the same division. Exhibitors will only receive the premium award for their top place in each class.
5. No entry may compete in more than one division except those chosen for a special award.
6. Exhibitor tags are prepared for each class entry. Exhibitors must check in 30 minutes prior to the staging times to receive exhibitor tags.
7. Containers for blooms in all one and three spike classes will be furnished by the Show Committee. Containers for baskets and five spike entries must be provided by the exhibitor.
8. No more than three (3) lower florets may be removed from specimen spikes without disqualification. However, such removal will be discounted by the judges. No florets will be removed by the judges.
9. Sports are to be handled in the same way as seedlings. Sports must show a definite color change to be considered for judging.
10. Stem length, measuring from the calyx, must not exceed 20" on 300-400 size varieties and 17" on 100-200 size varieties. To qualify for an award in the 300, 400 and 500 size divisions, all spikes must have at least 12 buds and at least 3 florets open at judging time. Spikes in 100 and 200 size division must have at least 9 buds and at least 2 open florets.
11. Three spike entries will be judged on the basis of 65 points for quality of bloom and 35 points for artistic staging in single containers provided by the show committee or by the exhibitor. Staging in more than one container will result in forfeiture of artistic points.

12. An entry obviously out of its proper division may be correctly placed by the judges at the direction of the Superintendent.
13. Amateur Divisions 4201-4203 are for exhibitors who have never won a Grand Champion Award in competition. Exhibitors showing as Amateurs may not enter Divisions 4209-4211. Exhibitors winning Amateur Class may continue to exhibit in Amateur Class in future Illinois Gladiolus Society Shows.
14. Divisions 4209-4211 are for exhibitors who have won a Champion Award in competition. Exhibitors that show here may not show in Division 4201-4203.

Special Awards

The following awards will be given:

Grand Champion – Single Spike \$50.00

Grand Champion – Three Spike \$50.00

Small Champion – Single Spike \$50.00

Division 4200 – REQUIRED for entry.

*All exhibitors in this show must make entry into this class before entering any other class.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Required Entry Class	N/A

Division 4201 – Amateur Single Spike – Miniature/Small

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(100-201) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(102-204) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(110-219) Pale, light, medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(120-229) Pale, light, medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(130-239) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(140-242) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(144-249) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(150-252) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(154-256) Medium and deep red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(160-266) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(170-276) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(180-286) Pale, light, medium and deep violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
13	(190-298) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will be awarded a Rosette.

Division 4202 – Amateur Single Spike – Medium

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(300-301) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(302-304) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(310-312) Pale and light yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(314-319) Medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(320-329) Pale, light medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(330-339) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(340-342) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(344-349) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(350-352) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(354-359) Medium, deep red and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(360-366) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(370-376) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
13	(380-389) Pale, light, medium and deep violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
14	(390-398) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will be awarded a Rosette.

Division 4203 – Amateur Single Spike – Large/Giant

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(400-401, 500-501) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(402-404, 502-504) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(410-412, 510-512) Pale and light yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(414-419, 514-519) Medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(420-429, 520-529) Pale, light, medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(430-439, 530-539) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(440-442, 540-542) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(444-449, 544-549) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(450-452, 550-552) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(454-459, 554-559) Medium and deep red	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(460-469, 560-569) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(470-479, 570-579) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
13	(480-489, 580-589) Pale, light, and medium violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
14	(490-498, 590-598) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will be awarded a Rosette.

Division 4204 – Baskets

* Entries may contain one variety or mixed varieties. Baskets will be judged based on 60 points for artistic arrangement and 40 points for quality of bloom. In case of a tie, the quality of bloom will be the deciding factor. Paper-mâché or other type vase will not be considered a basket. No tips are to be removed from spikes. Other foliage and ribbons are permitted, but no artificial material is permitted. Gladiolus and greens may touch the table, stand or floor depending on the type of arrangement.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(100-200-300) Miniature and small types, medium flowered types	\$12-\$10-\$8
02	(400-500) Large flowered types, giant flowered types	\$12-\$10-\$8
03	(1-1) Mixed Basket- mixed varieties, all one size	\$12-\$10-\$8

Champion Basket will receive a Rosette and \$25.00.

Division 4205 – Corsages

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Corsage - Christmas	\$12-\$9-\$7
02	Corsage - Wedding	\$12-\$9-\$7

Champion Corsage will receive a Rosette.

Division 4206 – Five Spike

* Entries of five spikes must be limited to one variety with greens. Exhibitor must furnish his own vase and greens. Entries to be judged on basis of 65 points for quality of spikes and 35 points for artistic arrangement.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(100-200) All colors combined	\$6-\$4-\$2
02	(300) All colors combined	\$6-\$4-\$2
03	(400) All colors combined	\$6-\$4-\$2
04	(500) All colors combined	\$6-\$4-\$2

Champion Five Spike will receive a Rosette.

Division 4207 – Recent Introductions – Miniature/Small

* This division is open to all exhibitors

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(00-01) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(04) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(10-19) Yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(20-29) Orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(30-39) Salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(40-49) Pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(50-59) Red	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(60-69) Rose	\$5-\$3-\$2

09	(70-79) Lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(80-89) Violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(90-98) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4208 – Recent Introductions – Medium/Large/Giant

* This division is open to all exhibitors

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(00-01) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(04) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(10-19) Yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(20-29) Orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(30-39) Salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(40-42) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(44-49) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(50-52) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(54-59) Medium, deep and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(60-69) Rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(70-89) Lavender and violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(90-98) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4209 – Single Spike – Miniature/Small

* This division is not open to Amateurs

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(100-201) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(102-204) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(110-219) Pale, light, medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(120-229) Pale, light, medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(130-239) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(140-242) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(144-249) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(150-252) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(154-258) Medium, deep red and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(160-266) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(170-276) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(180-286) Pale, light, medium and deep violet	\$5-\$3-\$2

13	(190-298) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2
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The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4210 – Single Spike - Medium

* This division is not open to Amateurs

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(300-301) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(302-304) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(310-312) Pale and light yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(314-319) Medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(320-329) Pale, light medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(330-339) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(340-342) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(344-349) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(350-352) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(354-359) Medium, deep red and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(360-366) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(370-389) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender and violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
13	(390-398) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4211 – Single Spike – Large/Giant

* This division is not open to Amateurs

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(400-401, 500-501) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(402-404, 502-504) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(410-412, 510-512) Pale and light yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(414-419, 514-519) Medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(420-429, 520-529) Pale, light, medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(430-439, 530-539) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(440-442, 540-542) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(444-449, 544-549) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(450-452, 550-552) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(454-459, 554-559) Medium, deep red and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(460-469, 560-569) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(470-479, 570-579) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
13	(480-489, 580-589) Pale, light and medium violet	\$5-\$3-\$2

14	(490-498, 590-598) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2
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The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4212 – Single Spike - Seedlings

* This division is open to all exhibitors and is for undisseminated gladiolus derived from sexual reproduction.

Undisseminated sports may be entered in this division also.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(100-200) All colors combined	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(300-400) All colors combined	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(500) All colors combined	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(100-500) Illinois hybridized; all colors combined	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4213 – Three Spike – Miniature/Small

* This division is open to all exhibitors.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(100-201) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(102-204) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(110-219) Pale, light, medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(120-229) Pale, light, medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(130-239) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(140-242) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
07	(144-249) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(150-258) Pale, light, medium, deep and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(160-266) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(170-286) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender and violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(190-298) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

Division 4214 – Three Spike – Medium/Large/Giant

* This division is open to all exhibitors.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	(300-301, 400-401 500-501) White and white with markings	\$5-\$3-\$2
02	(302-304, 402-404, 502-504) Green	\$5-\$3-\$2
03	(310-319, 410-419, 510-519) Pale, light, medium and deep yellow	\$5-\$3-\$2
04	(320-329, 420-429, 520-529) Pale, light, medium and deep orange	\$5-\$3-\$2
05	(330-339, 430-439, 530-539) Pale, light, medium and deep salmon	\$5-\$3-\$2
06	(340-342, 440-442, 540-542) Pale and light pink	\$5-\$3-\$2

07	(344-349, 444-449, 544-549) Medium and deep pink	\$5-\$3-\$2
08	(350-352, 450-452, 550-552) Pale and light red	\$5-\$3-\$2
09	(354-359, 454-459, 554-559) Medium, deep red and black red	\$5-\$3-\$2
10	(360-369, 460-469, 560-569) Pale, light, medium and deep rose	\$5-\$3-\$2
11	(370-379, 470-479, 570-579) Pale, light, medium and deep lavender	\$5-\$3-\$2
12	(380-389, 480-489, 580-589) Pale, light, medium and deep violet	\$5-\$3-\$2
13	(390-398, 490-498, 590-598) Smokey, tan and brown	\$5-\$3-\$2

The division size champion will receive a Rosette.

END OF DEPARTMENT 42 – GLADIOLUS

DEPARTMENT 43 – SPECIMEN ROSES

To be shown in the Illinois Building
Superintendent: Alexandria Bryant (#217-720-3888)
Premiums Offered: \$755.00

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$25.00 Entry Fee and a \$3.00 per exhibitor Office Fee. Exhibitors **must** enter Division 4300 prior to making any other entries. Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 31, 2026. Fees will not be refunded. Exhibitors are highly encouraged to bring a copy of their entry receipt to check-in.

Deadlines and Check-in

Entry Deadline	Friday, July 31
Entry Check-in	Saturday, August 22, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Exhibit In Place	Saturday, August 22, 10:30 a.m.
Exhibit Pick-up	Saturday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.

General Requirements & Criteria for Competition

13. All rules from Department 41 – Floriculture apply to this department unless otherwise stated.
14. All specimens become the property of the Illinois State Fair and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors are not permitted to retrieve their specimens once they have been entered. The only exception pertains to materials used in the Grand Champion classes.
15. Specimen classes are open to any non-commercial exhibitor.
16. All specimens must be outdoor grown by the exhibitor.
17. Variety name must be listed on the exhibitor tag.
18. Exhibitor must provide their own unobtrusive wedging.
19. In color classes, if blended colors are not separated into their specific classes, specimens of blend varieties will be shown in parent color classes (e.g. a red blend grandiflora would be shown in a red class).
20. A "single"-petaled Hybrid Tea shall contain less than 13 petals.
21. No foliage will be permitted in any English Box or Floating Class.
22. Judging standards of the American Rose Society will be used in all classes.

Division 4300 – REQUIRED for entry.

*All exhibitors in this show must make entry into this class before entering any other class.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Required Entry Class	N/A

Division 4301 – Floribunda – 1 Spray

*2 or more blooms on a stem

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	White, near white, yellow, or yellow blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Orange, orange blend, orange-red or red	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Pink or pink blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Any other color	\$6-\$5-\$4

Division 4302 – Floribunda – Single Bloom Stem

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	White	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Yellow	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Pink or pink blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Orange, orange blend, orange-red or red	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Any other color	\$6-\$5-\$4

Division 4303 – Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – 1 Bloom

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	White or near white	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Yellow or yellow blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Apricot blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Orange or orange blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Orange red	\$6-\$5-\$4
06	Light or medium pink	\$6-\$5-\$4
07	Deep pink, light red or pink blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
08	Medium red	\$6-\$5-\$4
09	Dark red	\$6-\$5-\$4
10	Red blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
11	Mauve or mauve blend	\$6-\$5-\$4
12	Full Open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	\$6-\$5-\$4
13	Single Petal Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	\$6-\$5-\$4

Division 4304 – Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – 1 Spray

*2 or more blooms.

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Any color	\$6-\$5-\$4

Division 4305 – Miniatures

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	White - 1 bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	Pink or pink blend - 1 bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Yellow or yellow blend - 1 bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Red or red blend - 1 bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Orange, orange-red, or orange blend - 1 bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
06	Any other color - 1 bloom	\$6-\$5-\$4
07	White - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
08	Pink or pink blend - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
09	Yellow or yellow blend - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
10	Red or red blend - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
11	Orange, orange-red, or orange blend - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
12	Any other color - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
13	Full Open	\$6-\$5-\$4

Division 4306 – Other Types of Roses

Class No.	Class Description	Premiums
01	Climber, Pillar or Rambler - 1 bloom or spray, any color	\$6-\$5-\$4
02	David Austin	\$6-\$5-\$4
03	Polyanthus - 1 spray	\$6-\$5-\$4
04	Other Shrubs	\$6-\$5-\$4
05	Any other type not listed	\$6-\$5-\$4

Division 4307 – Grand Champion Challenge Classes

*1 entry per exhibitor.

Class No.	Class Description		Premiums
01	English Box, Miniature or Standard	6 specimen blooms, no more than two of the same variety exhibited in English style rose box	\$8-\$7-\$6
02	Floating	1 bloom, exhibition stage floating in a glass bowl	\$8-\$7-\$6
03	Miniature	3 specimen blooms, each of a different variety in separate containers (may be single blooms, sprays, or combination)	\$8-\$7-\$6
04	One Hybrid Tea, one Grandiflora and one Floribunda	To be shown in separate containers but as one exhibit	\$8-\$7-\$6
05	Standard	3 specimen blooms, each of a different variety in separate containers (may be single blooms, sprays, or combination)	\$8-\$7-\$6

The Champion Rose of Show will receive a Rosette and \$35.00.

The Reserve Champion Rose of Show will receive a Rosette and \$15.00.

END OF DEPARTMENT 43 – SPECIMEN ROSES