



2010 4-H/FFA FNGLA Ornamental Horticulture
Project Plant Show & Sale at the Manatee County Fair
OFFICIAL SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS



This program is co-sponsored by the Manasota Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscapers Association and Manatee County Cooperative Extension Service, Horticulture Department, with support from the Manatee County 4-H Youth Program and the Manatee County FFA Chapters in local middle and high schools.

- 1. WHO** - Any registered Manatee County 4-H or FFA member ages 8 -18* as of 9/1/09 is eligible.
- 2. PURPOSE** - To encourage the production of high quality ornamental plant material and to allow young growers the enjoyment, satisfaction and reward of a successful completion of their objective. *Exhibitors are required to contact potential buyers for their plants. At least three personal letters must be sent no later than Friday, January 2, 2010 to recruit these prospective buyers and also notify advisor of intent to show.*
- 3. HOW** - Participants will grow their plants *at their home or group location* between the months of June 2009 and January 2010.
- 4. DATE AND PLACE** - The FNGLA Ornamental Horticulture Plant Show & Sale will be held in Palmetto at the Manatee County Fair on **Saturday, January 16, 2010.**
- 5. MANDATORY REGISTRATION, TAGGING, AND SCREENING** - Plants must be bought and **REPOTTED** (using commercial potting soil) in a LARGER SIZE CONTAINER (Industry size container) **BEFORE** Mandatory Registration and Tagging. **PLANTS NOT REPOTTED CANNOT BE REGISTERED.** Plants not repotted in commercial potting soil will not be tagged. Plants will be registered and tagged in their FINAL CONTAINER. *Plants transferred to new containers following mandatory tagging will be disqualified.* Only tagged plants will be exhibited at the fair.

ALL PLANTS must be in your possession and named by **both common and scientific names before these registration dates.**

There will be no changing of any registration information – such as plant types or container size after registration. Plants must be in containers that will be used at the January Sale at time of mandatory tagging.

CLASSES A, B & C - Registration must be done on **Thursday, September 10, 2009** at tagging.

CLASSES D & E - Registration must be done on **Thursday, December 3, 2009** at tagging.

6. RECORD BOOKS - An Ornamental Plant Production Project **Record Book MUST BE COMPLETED and INCLUDED with plants AT FAIR CHECK-IN TIME** for the Show & Sale in January. Books may be obtained from the 4-H Office or your Vocational Agriculture teacher. Record books **ARE PART OF THE JUDGING...** make them as neat and complete as possible. **EXHIBITS WITHOUT RECORD BOOKS WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE WHITE RIBBONS.** A poorly prepared book can change a blue ribbon to a white ribbon.

7. DIVISIONS:

JUNIOR DIVISION: Ages 8-10 as of 9/1/09

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: Ages 11-13 as of 9/1/09

SENIOR DIVISION: Ages 14-18* as of 9/1/09

8. AWARDS AND PREMIUMS –

Grand Champion Junior/Intermediate/Senior - Plaque & Savings Bond from Manasota FNGLA Chapter.

Reserve Junior/Intermediate/Senior - Plaque & Savings Bond from Manasota FNGLA Chapter.

Showmanship Junior/Intermediate/Senior - Plaque and Monetary Award from Manasota FNGLA Chapter.

- Blue Ribbon Award Premium - \$7.00
- Red Ribbon Award Premium - \$6.00
- White Ribbon Award Premium - \$5.00

Premiums will be awarded to exhibitors at conclusion of Plant Sale.

9. EXHIBITS - Participants may enter and sell a **MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) SPECIFIC LOTS OF PLANTS**. One specific lot is considered one entry. All participants **MUST indicate botanical name, including variety name, AND common name** on registration form. **REGISTRATION FORMS WITH MISSING INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. See TABLE 1.**

It is recommended that exhibitors **prepare and tag at least the maximum** number (or even 2-3 more) of plants permitted per class so that a selection of the best can be made at the time of Fair Entry. **ALL plants must be tagged at Mandatory Registration and Tagging.**

At auction, both classes entered may be sold as one lot at the discretion of the auctioneer. Students will be expected to know the correct common and botanical names and container size of plants entered. One entry consists of one of the following:

TABLE 1

CLASS A (Woody Ornamentals), CLASS B (Groundcovers), and CLASS C (Foliage Plants)			
Container Size	Diameter	Minimum # in lot	Maximum # in lot
1 gal	6 - 8 ½ inches	10	15
3-5 gal	9 - 12 inches	02	05
7 gal	12 ½ - 14 inches	01	02
10 gal	15 - 17 inches	01	01
CLASS D (Liners, Rooted Cuttings, Seedlings)			
Container Size	Minimum # in lot		Maximum # in lot
Flats	01		04
CLASS E (Miscellaneous) See Class description for number of plants			

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that you grow **MORE PLANTS** than are permitted to be exhibited. This will allow you to **SELECT ONLY THE VERY BEST** of your plants for exhibit. Inspection of plants will be made at Fair Check-in and any exhibit not deemed **TOTALLY** exhibit worthy **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to be exhibited. Minimum and maximum number of plants to be exhibited per class **WILL** be observed.

10. SHOW & SALE QUALIFICATIONS –

NO CITRUS or SAGO PALMS EXHIBITS PERMITTED.
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- Exhibitors will be assigned a space (approx 2 ½ X 5 ft. diameter) for their exhibit. Both classes entered will be exhibited together in one space. It will be the **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to arrange the plants in an attractive manner. **Exhibit area must be set up at the time of check-in.** No additional time will be allocated for exhibit display set up.
- All plants must be officially checked in, inspected, and recorded.
- All plant material must be of high quality, free from insects and diseases, and of a marketable size.
- Containers shall be attractive and clean. Buckets, tin cans, and other types of salvage containers are discouraged.
- Each entry must be assembled, designed, planted, and grown by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor.
- Only plants to be sold can be used in the exhibit - **no support plants or artificial plants/blooms inserted in exhibited plants.** Other support items such as poles, driftwood, blocks, backgrounds, props, and other items may be used but must be removed from the exhibit area immediately following the sale.
- The Manasota Chapter, FNGLA Education Committee **reserves the right to reject exhibits of inferior quality and diseased plants.** The Committee shall interpret the Rules and Regulations and settle any disputes.
- At the time of Fair Check-in a Plant Quality Screening Committee Member will determine if each exhibit meets quality standards. Inspection of plants will be made at Fair Check-in time and any exhibit not deemed **TOTALLY** exhibit worthy **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to be exhibited.
- The Plant Quality Screening Committee shall use the following criteria for accepting or rejecting entries: 1) freedom from insects, disease, nutritional stress and excessive cold injury; 2) sufficiently rooted in the container; and 3) acceptable size for the container according to Florida Grades and Standards. Minimum and maximum number of plants to be exhibited per class **WILL** be observed.
- Entry to Fairgrounds information is available on the Manatee County Fair website, located at <http://www.manateecountyfair.com/>.

11. SALE AND SALE ORDER -

- **Exhibitors are responsible for contacting potential buyers** for the Sale. No buyer passes will be issued to exhibitors for distribution. Exhibitors may buy passes for their buyers out of their own funds.
- The **Grand Champion in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Categories will be sold as the first sale items**, followed by the Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior winners.
- Other exhibits (including Showmanship Junior, Intermediate & Senior) will be **sold in alphabetical order (A-Z).**
- Exhibitors are **REQUIRED to attend the Sale and must be in proper attire. (FFA Jacket, 4-H Jacket/Shirt, or Neat and Clean Clothes)** Any exhibitor not in attendance at the sale will be disqualified from the sale.
- Exhibitors must remain with their exhibit during the sale and until the plants have been picked up by the buyers.
- Exhibitors should hold up for display purposes one pot of the class being sold at auction so buyers can better see the items.
- All plant material exhibited will be sold to the highest bidder.
- Exhibitors must help load plants in buyers' vehicles and must remove all props from their exhibit area and assist with barn clean-up following the sale.
- Exhibitors are **REQUIRED to send buyers thank you letters** within three weeks of the Sale.
- **Premium money will be distributed** to exhibitors at the **end of the sale after plants have been removed by buyers and area has been cleaned up.**
- Manasota Chapter of FNGLA will issue **checks to exhibitors for sale of plants.** Checks will be sent to the 4-H Office for distribution via School FFA programs or mailed directly to 4-H member participants. **(Allow 6-8 weeks.)**
- Manasota Chapter of FNGLA will purchase Savings Bonds for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions. These **Savings Bonds will be presented directly** to the winners from the FNGLA at the awards ceremony on January 23, 2010.

12. JUDGING - The following factors will be considered in judging:

✓**RECORD BOOK** - Content (completeness of records from beginning of project to plant check-in at Fair) and part of score on judging sheet.

✓**QUALITY** - "Florida State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Grades and Standards" will be the guideline for quality.

✓**SHOWMANSHIP** - An intangible property to be determined by judges which meets the theme of the fair: "Growing Again in 2010". Showmanship can be compared with displays in a retail store.

13. QUESTIONS?? - Plants, Classes, Rules –Sylvia Shives, Extension Horticulture Agent, 722-4524; or Darien Diem, FNGLA Education Committee Chair, 722-3285.

Registration, Premiums - Diana L. Smith, Ph.D., Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent, 722-4524.

*May be older than 18 years as of September 1, 2009 if showing as FFA member and still enrolled in high school.

**ENTRIES MUST BE ON
ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM
OR A PHOTOCOPY OF THE FORM.
Entries on Index Cards, Notepaper, Etc., Will Not Be Accepted.**

PLANT ENTRY CLASSES

Maximum of two (2) specific lots.

CLASS A – WOODY ORNAMENTALS

Mandatory Registration and Tagging - **Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:30-6:00 pm**, Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds

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Examples of plants in this class include, but are not limited to:

Trees

Acer rubrum

Bucida buceras

Callistemon spp.

Conocarpus erectus

Ilex spp.

Lagerstroemia indica

Quercus spp.

Red Maple

Black Olive

Bottlebrushes

Silver Buttonwood

East Palatka, Dahoon, Nellie Stevens Hollies

Crepe Myrtle

Oaks

Shrubs and Vines

Allamanda catártica

Codiaeum variegatum

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

Bambusa spp.

Plumbago auriculata

Gardenia augusta

Ilex spp.

Ixora coccinea

Allamanda

Croton

Hibiscus

Bamboo

Plumbago

Gardenia

Dwarf Burford, Carissa, Yaupon and Dwarf Yaupon

Hollies

Ixora



Palms and Palm-like Plants

<i>Acoelorrhape wrightii</i>	Paroutis or Everglades Palm
<i>Adonida merrillii</i>	Christmas Palm
<i>Chrysalidocarpus lutescens</i>	Areca Palm
<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	Cabbage Palm
<i>Zamia furfuracea</i>	Cardboard Plant

CLASS B – GROUNDCOVERS AND HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

Mandatory Registration and Tagging - **Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:30-6:00 pm**, Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds

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Examples of plants in this class include, but are not limited to:

<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>	Lily of the Nile
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Cast Iron Plant
<i>Caladium x hortulanum</i>	Caladium
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp.	Tickseed
<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>	False Heather
<i>Juniperus</i> spp.	Parsonii, Blue Rug, Shore Juniper
<i>Lantana</i> spp.	Lantana
<i>Liriope</i> spp.	Evergreen Giant, Aztec Grass
Ornamental Grasses	Muhly, Fakahatchee, Fountain Grasses
<i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i>	Asian Jasmine
<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	Society Garlic

CLASS C: FOLIAGE PLANTS

Mandatory Registration and Tagging - **Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:30-6:00 pm**, Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds

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Examples of plants in this class include, but are not limited to:

<i>Aglaonema</i> spp.	Chinese Evergreen
<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>	Spider Plant
<i>Dracaena</i> spp.	Dracaena, Corn Plant, Dragon Tree
<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>	Pothos
<i>Ficus</i> spp.	Weeping Fig, Fiddleleaf Fig, Indian Rubber Tree
<i>Philodendron</i> spp.	Heartleaf, Splitleaf, etc.
<i>Sphaeropteris cooperi</i>	Tree Fern

CLASS D: LINERS, ROOTED CUTTINGS, SEEDLINGS

Mandatory Registration and Tagging - *Thursday, December 3, 2009, 4:00-6:00 pm*, Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds

Seeds should be planted and cuttings stuck before November 6. Growth must be visible before the December 3rd tagging. Each flat must consist of one species. Flats must be standard nursery size with a maximum container size of 4.5 inches.

Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to:

Annual or Perennial Bedding Plant Liners
Foliage

Groundcover
Herbs

Vegetables
Woody Ornamental



CLASS E: MISCELLANEOUS

Mandatory Registration and Tagging - *Thursday, December 3, 2009 4:00-6:00 pm*, Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds.

Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to:

Hanging Planters

Dish Gardens

*Plants must be in containers that will be used at January Sale at time of mandatory registration and tagging. Plants **MUST** be bought **AND REPOTTED** to a **LARGER SIZE CONTAINER BEFORE** Mandatory Registration and Tagging. Plants transferred to new containers following mandatory tagging will be disqualified.*

In this class, mixing species in a dish garden, terrarium, planters, or hanging planters is acceptable. When species are mixed, scientific names are not required.

Entries in this class include, but are not limited to:

Plant	Maximum number
Dish Gardens	2 of any size
Terrariums	2 of any size
Driftwood or Natural Planters	2 of any size
Staghorn Ferns	4 of any size
Hanging Planters	4 of same size
Orchids	4 of any size
Herbs	5 of any size
Herb Gardens	2 with at least 5 herbs
Bromeliads	6 of any size
Cacti and Succulents	6 of any size
African Violets	6 of any size

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REGISTRATION

NOTE: Plants must be planned and arranged by the individual entering the display.

CLASSES D AND E: Liners, Rooted Cuttings, Seedlings and Miscellaneous

DUE: Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Mandatory Registration and Tagging, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds, Palmetto

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE

Complete All Information
Print Neatly Entry will not be accepted if it cannot be read.

Check one: { } 4-H Member { } FFA Member

Check one: { } Male { } Female

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Name _____

Print Clearly (We can't give you money if we don't know who you are!)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home _____ Age (9/1/09) _____

School _____

OR 4-H Club _____

Table with 5 columns: Class, Botanical Name, Common Name, Qty, Container Size. It contains three empty rows for data entry.