

**ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR
OPEN CLASS FLOWER SHOW
August 20 - 23, 2026**

For more information, call the Otero County Extension Office, 254-7608 or a superintendent:

SUPERINTENDENTS: Linda Fenter – 468-7184

ENTRY DATE & TIME: **Thursday, August 20, 2026** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ENTRY LOCATION: Round Building, Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds

EXHIBIT MONITOR: If you are interested in helping to watch the exhibit hall during the fair, please contact a superintendent or let her know when entering your projects.

NOTE: PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SOME DEPARTMENTS AND CLASSES HAVE CHANGED

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Carefully READ all rules BEFORE completing the entry form.

- ✿ Exhibitors are required to complete their own entry blanks before entry time. Closing date of entries will be Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. All items entered must be in place before that time.
- ✿ All arrangements must be accompanied by a completed official entry blank.
- ✿ All specimen entries must be grown by exhibitor. Material used in all other classes need not be grown by the exhibitor.
- ✿ No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one item in each class. (Exception: Dept. 2 Class p, Dept. 5 Class p)
- ✿ Competition is open to all persons, male or female.
- ✿ Because of limitation of space, we can guarantee only award-winning entries display space.
- ✿ There will be no replacing flowers in original entry during fair week.

JUDGING & AWARDS:

- ✿ Judging will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026.
- ✿ Prize money in the amount of \$15.00 will be awarded to the Grand Champion. Prize money in the amount of \$10.00 will be awarded to the Reserve Champion. All entries in the Flower Show are eligible for the People's Choice Award, and the winner will receive \$50.00 and a rosette.
- ✿ Ribbons will be given in all classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- ✿ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Arrangement awards will be chosen from first place entries.
- ✿ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Specimen awards will be chosen from first place entries.

- ❁ In those classes in which no competition exists or, if in the opinion of the judges, an exhibit is not worthy of a first award, the judge may award second, third or no award.
- ❁ Assisted Living/Nursing Home class entries will each receive an award.
- ❁ The public will vote for the entry of their choice, from any entries in the Flower Show, for the "People's Choice Award" from the opening of the Round Building Thursday afternoon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 16th.

ROUND HOUSE OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Round House will be open to the public to view the exhibits as follows:

- ❁ Thursday, August 20 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- ❁ Friday, August 21 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- ❁ Saturday, August 22 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT TIME - Sunday, August 23, 2026 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. no exceptions

- ❁ All care possible will be used to ensure the safety of the entries. However, under no circumstances will the Arkansas Valley Fair or superintendents be responsible for items not picked up by 3:00 p.m. They will be left unattended in exhibit building.



Thank You to our Financial Sponsors!

The following businesses have provided funding for the 2026 Arkansas Valley Fair Flower Show. Feel free to reciprocate by using them as a source for your entry supplies.

Fairchild Florist – Rocky Ford

Kari's Insurance

Promenade Floral Design



Arkansas Valley Fair Flower Show
2026 Theme – “Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights”

DEPARTMENT 1: ARRANGEMENTS – may be purchased or grown by exhibitor

Class:

- a. FAIR THEME: Fresh flowers – any size; container of choice; may include accessories
- b. MINIATURE: Fresh flowers – not to exceed 4 inches; container of choice
- c. SMALL: Fresh flowers – not to exceed 8 inches; Cup & Saucer or other container of choice
- d. TABLETOP: Fresh flowers - may include accessories
- e. FRESH FOLIAGE: container of choice; may include accessories
- f. DRIED ARRANGEMENT: container of choice; may include accessories
- g. ARTIFICIAL ARRANGEMENT (silk or other): container of choice; may include accessories

DEPARTMENT 2: SPECIMENS GROWN BY EXHIBITOR TO INCLUDE FOLIAGE & BUDS – bud vases provided **NO HOUSE PLANTS**

Class:

- a. ROSE: 1 bloom on 1 stem; may have buds
- b. ROSE: multiple blooms and buds on 1 stem
- c. GLADIOLUS: 1 stem with multiple florets
- d. ROSE OF SHARON
- e. DAHLIA: any variety; 1 bloom on 1 stem
- f. SNAPDRAGON: 4 stems with multiple florets
- g. ZINNIA: large variety; may have blooms with buds
- h. ZINNIA: small variety; may have blooms with buds
- i. COSMOS: multiple blooms on stem
- j. DAISY-LIKE FLOWERS: such as black-eyed Susan, coreopsis, coneflower, etc.
- k. MARIGOLD: large variety; may have blooms with buds
- l. MARIGOLD: small variety; may have blooms with buds
- m. SUNFLOWER
- n. PETUNIA: 1 stem with multiple blooms
- o. PHLOX: 1 bloom head
- p. WILDFLOWER: flowers grown along roadways
- q. ANY OTHER NON-SPECIFIED FLOWERS: exhibitor may have multiple entries

DEPARTMENT 3: SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Class:

- a. ARTIFICIAL ARRANGEMENT: Assisted Living Center and Nursing Home Center



JUNIOR ENTRIES – may be purchased or grown by exhibitor

DEPARTMENT 4: ARRANGEMENTS EXHIBITORS 16 YEARS AND UNDER; please indicate age on entry form

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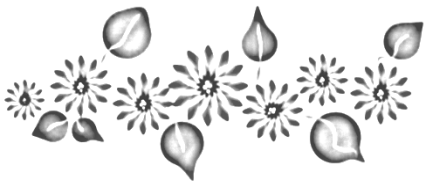
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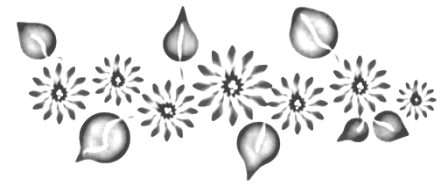
Class:

- a. 10 & under
- b. 11 - 16





**ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR
OPEN CLASS
COMPETITION
Flower Show**



Name _____ List Age if Jr. _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

	Dept.	Class	Item

Additional items may be listed on the back.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS:

All care possible will be used to ensure the safety of the entries. However, under no circumstances will the fair be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any article on exhibition or when left after check-out time.

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SIGNATURE

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Name: _____ Number of items entered: _____