

# DEPARTMENT #5 – ADULT GARDENS

Theme: “Seasons of Sonoma”

**Designer-Director:** Greg Duncan  
**Hall of Flowers 2018 Dedication:** Romeo Abueg

## Rules

1. Judging will be conducted using the Danish System, which is a comparison of each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard and awarded as many first or second placing as merited. First place gardens must receive an average score of 90 points or above. Second place gardens must score average of 80 to 89 points.
2. Designer must approve all props used in gardens.
3. Please be prepared to meet with the show designer during the month of July, prior to planting. Exhibitors will have the chance to verify the square footage of the garden and consult with the designer regarding props, lighting, height restrictions, soil, etc. **All exhibitors must approve the square footage of their garden by July 9th.**
4. Water features:
  - a) **All water features must be installed and operating in garden space by Wednesday, July 25.**
  - b) Failure to complete water feature by the deadline will result in exhibitor not being allowed to compete for best use of water feature. (Check with the designer to allow enough time for installation.)
  - c) Any water features must be lined with 40 mil EPDM Pond Liner or better. Polyethylene sheeting is NOT acceptable.  
(Any other form of containment must be approved by the designer.)
5. Exhibits that do not meet established standards of workmanship, rules and maintenance will be reviewed by the Management. All garden square footage must be utilized to be eligible for premiums. This policy is available in the entry office.
6. Care should be taken to cover all containers in the garden. Judges will be directed to mark down gardens with containers showing.
7. Exhibits to be maintained in fresh state with care of plant and floral material and replacement of any and all dead or deteriorating material to the satisfaction of the Exhibit Supervisor. Daily checking by exhibitor will help maintain quality of exhibit. Final decision concerning maintenance shall be with the Flower Show committee.
8. Designer must approve props used in gardens. Mannequins NOT allowed.
9. Backdrops and construction of props should be done ahead of time; construction or painting in building will not be permitted. No props can exceed the height of the backdrop. **ALL PROPS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY THE DESIGNER BEFORE BEING INSTALLED IN GARDEN SPACE.** Check with the designer to arrange dates and times to have access to Hall of Flowers to allow for enough time for installation.
10. Each garden will have a designated amount of compost (fill) provided by Fair. (Exhibitors may augment their own.) The Fair cannot accommodate requests for additional compost material. Please inform designer what you prefer before planting.
11. All garden square footage must meet the following requirements:
  - A minimum of 40% flowers. (*Flowers are defined as any flowering plant with at least 40% of that plant in bloom.*) No 6 pack size flowers
  - 40% other living plant material.
  - 20% to be utilized for other materials (*pathways, ponds, rocks, patios, etc.*)
12. **ABSOLUTELY NO DYED, ARTIFICIAL OR PAINTED FLOWERS.** Materials used must be in their natural LIVING form. **NO CUT PLANT MATERIAL. NO POISONOUS PLANTS.** Designer must approve any exceptions.
13. All walks and/or paths with open access to the public must be roped off. Care should be taken not to place fragile plants close to garden edge, where they may be damaged. You may want to incorporate a barrier into your design to surround the whole garden. Roping off the garden can be accomplished after Preview night.

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14. Exhibitors must strive to promote Sonoma County. If you use any display material that shows a label, the label must be a Sonoma County product. If you choose to acknowledge donations it must be contained to one (1) 8 ½ x 11 sign.
15. Exhibits will be adequately and correctly labeled by tags furnished by the Entry Office and placed by the building superintendent.
16. The following passes will be issued to each garden exhibitor: 11 single day admission passes and 11 daily parking. Parking will be in lot E and admission passes will be accepted at any gate. Vehicle access to the grounds will be through Gate 2 (*Administration*) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. daily. All vehicles must be off the grounds by 9:00 a.m. daily.
17. Coins and debris must be removed on a daily basis. If live fish or aquatic life is used, water must be changed regularly. All coins must be removed prior to plant sale.
18. No taxidermy specimens are to be used as props.
19. No spray painting will be allowed in the building
20. Any heavy equipment brought in by exhibitor (ex. tractors) must first be cleared with the designer. North and East access doors for large material will be available through Thursday evening, July 26. Exhibitors using electrical cords should note that they must be THREE-PRONGED (grounded) cords.
21. All plants/props must be kept within the confines of the garden space during the plant sale. No aisle space may be used.
22. SALE IDENTIFICATION BADGES OR RIBBONS must be picked up from the clerk at the door before the sale and must be worn for the duration of sale by all sales staff.
23. Exhibitors should remove all props from their exhibits following the plant sale. The building will be closed immediately after 1:00 p.m. closing. Exhibitors may resume dismantling on Tuesday, August 14 and Wednesday August 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Security will be provided by the fair until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Premium checks will be issued only after all props and remaining plant material have been removed from gardens.
24. Exhibitors must have sales receipt books (***two each will be issued by the Fair***) for the PLANT SALE so that each purchase is accompanied with a sales slip as a release to leave the Hall of Flowers.

### RELEASE/DISMANTLE

25. Main Hall to close on last day of the Fair (*Sunday*) at 6:00 p.m.
26. Gardeners may augment the last Sunday morning during watering provided material is hidden within garden space or 5:00 to 6:30 a.m. Monday.
27. Plant sale Sunday 8:00-10:00 p.m. and Monday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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<b>Entries Close:</b>	Friday, March 30 – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$200.00
<b>Entry Limit :</b>	One entry per exhibitor
<b>Work Schedule:</b>	July 21-29, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	July 30 & 31, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
<b>Water Feature Completion:</b>	July 25, 8:00 p.m.
<b>Gardens Completion Deadline:</b>	Tuesday, July 31 – midnight July 31
<b>Watering Completion Deadline:</b>	Wednesday, August 1, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
<b>Exhibitor Choice Award:</b>	Completed by 7:00 a.m. Wed., August 1
<b>Judging:</b>	Wednesday, August 1 – 8:30 a.m.
<b>Preview:</b>	Wednesday, August 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Refurbishing:</b>	Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Gate 2

## Division 501 – Professional Gardens

Open to persons or organizations conducting an established business or allied with any of the following related professional fields in California: nurseries, landscape architects, professional gardeners.

Danish system of Judging  
90 - 100% = 1st ; 80 - 89% = 2nd

*All gardens that meet the minimum square footage requirement (as determined by fair management) will be paid \$9.00 per square foot. Gardens that don't meet minimum will automatically receive 2nd place and be paid \$8.00 per square foot.*

### Class

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|-----|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | Redwood Grove.....         | 1,100 sq. ft. |
| 2.  | Vista Vineyard .....       | 950 sq. ft.   |
| 3.  | Oak Meadows .....          | 800 sq. ft.   |
| 4.  | Russian River Ramble ..... | 950 sq. ft.   |
| 5.  | Laguna De Santa Rosa ..... | 1,100 sq. ft. |
| 6.  | Spring Lake .....          | 1,100 sq. ft. |
| 7.  | Bodega Bluffs .....        | 1,200 sq. ft. |
| 8.  | Coastal Charisma .....     | 1,200 sq. ft. |
| 9.  | Petaluma Pastures .....    | 1,000 sq. ft. |
| 10. | Valley Of The Moon .....   | 850 sq. ft.   |

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<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$50.00 – non-refundable
<b>Entry Limit :</b>	One entry per exhibitor
<b>Work Schedule:</b>	July 21-30, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Gardens Completion Deadline:</b>	Monday, July 30 by 8:00 p.m. <i>This will be strictly enforced</i>
<b>Watering Completion Deadline:</b>	Tuesday, July 31– 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
<b>Exhibitor Choice Award:</b>	Completed by 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 31
<b>Judging:</b>	Tuesday, July 31– 8:30 a.m.
<b>Preview:</b>	Wednesday, August 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Refurbishing:</b>	Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Gate 2

## Division 502 – Amateur Gardens

Entries in Amateur gardens are open to amateur gardeners, garden clubs, and florists.

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90 – 100% 1st ; 80 – 89% = 2nd

*All gardens that meet the minimum square footage requirement (as determined by fair management) will be paid \$6.75 per square foot. Gardens that don't meet minimum will automatically receive 2nd place and be paid \$6.00 per square foot.*

### Class

1. Spring Lake	230 sq ft	7. Redwood Grove	180 sq ft
2. Laguna De Santa Rosa	230 sq ft	8. Valley of the Moon	180 sq ft
3. Russian River Ramble	230 sq ft	9. Coastal Charisma	197 sq ft
4. Luther Burbank's Legacy	230 sq ft	10. Healdsburg Hideaway	180 sq ft
5. Oak Meadow	180 sq ft	11. Vista Vineyard	180 sq ft
6. Petaluma Pastures	180 sq ft	12. Bodega Bluffs	180 sq ft

### GARDENS – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Appearance.....	30%
Aesthetic quality (overall eye appeal) .....	10
Creative Expression .....	10
Contrast of Color & Texture .....	10
Design .....	20%
Layout .....	5
Color Harmony.....	10
Conveyance of Theme.....	5
Plant Material .....	40%
Quality of Bloom.....	30
Variety .....	10
Accessories .....	10%
Choice & Value to Exhibit .....	5
Water Feature, lighting or other special effects.....	5
TOTAL .....	100%

**Judges comments will be available in the Entry Office on opening day of the Fair.**

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### Division 503 – Awards

	<i>PRO</i>	<i>AMATEUR</i>
Best Use of Theme	1. \$250.00	15. \$150.00
Best Garden Design	2. \$250.00	16. \$150.00
Best Use of Mums	3. \$250.00	17. \$150.00
Best Use of Hydrangeas	4. \$250.00	18. \$150.00
Best Use of Dahlias	5. \$250.00	19. \$150.00
Best Use of Impatiens ( <i>Amateur</i> )	-----	20. \$150.00
Best Use of Geraniums ( <i>Amateur</i> )	-----	21. \$150.00
Best Use of Roses ( <i>Amateur</i> )	-----	22. \$150.00
Best Use of Summer Annuals ( <i>Amateur</i> )	-----	23. \$150.00
Best Use of Azaleas ( <i>Pro</i> )	6. \$250.00	-----
Best Use of Fibrous & Tuberous Begonias ( <i>Pro</i> )	7. \$250.00	-----
Best Use of Multi-Flower ( <i>Pro</i> )	8. \$250.00	-----
Best Use of Fuchsias( <i>Pro</i> )	9. \$250.00	-----
Best Use of Water Feature	10. \$250.00	24. \$125.00
Best of Show	11. \$500.00	25. \$250.00

Specialty flowers must be replaced with like flower.

Judges have the discretion to withhold any of the above if they deem an exhibit does not merit the award.

### Best of Show is determined by points.

Exhibitors Choice, no premiums offered

Best Representation of Sustainable Gardening Practices	14. \$1,000.00	28. \$500.00
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These awards will be based on a daily review and awarded on the last Sunday of the Fair.

Most Effort to Maintain Garden	1st place: 12. \$500.00	26. \$250.00
	2nd place: 13. \$300.00	27. \$150.00

### Additional Sponsored Plaques

Best Use of Theme, Pro.....	Wanda Tapia-Fair Board Director
Best Garden Design, Pro ( <i>Perpetual &amp; Plaque</i> ) .....	Sonoma County Fair
Best Use of Begonias, Pro.....	Sonoma Mission Gardens Nursery & Landscaping
Best Use of Mums, Pro .....	Joe & Maria Imwalle
Best Use of Hydrangeas, Pro .....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best Use of Multi-Flowers, Pro.....	Leslie & Lani Perry
Best Use of Fuchsias, Pro.....	Sonoma County Fair
Best Use of Dahlias, Pro.....	Fishman Supply Co.
Best Use of Azaleas, Pro.....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best of Show, Pro (perpetual).....	Wanda Tapia - Fair Board Director
Exhibitors Choice, Pro .....	Sonoma County Fair
Peoples Choice, Pro .....	Walt & Joan Ryan
Best Representation of Sustainable Gardening Practices, Pro.....	Sonoma Ag Art
Best Use of Water Feature, Pro ( <i>Perpetual &amp; Plaque</i> ).....	Wyatt Irrigation
Best Use of Theme, Amateur .....	Sonoma County Fair
Best Garden Design, Amateur.....	Sonoma County Fair
Best Use of Roses, Amateur .....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best Use of Geraniums, Amateur.....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best Use of Mums, Amateur.....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best Use of Hydrangeas, Amateur.....	Sonoma County Fair
Best Use of Summer Annuals, Amateur .....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best Use of Dahlias, Amateur.....	Parsons Homegrown
Best Use of Impatiens, Amateur.....	The Paul Wittke Family
Best of Show, Amateur ( <i>Perpetual &amp; Plaque</i> ).....	Sonoma County Fair
Exhibitors Choice, Amateur .....	A Better Way Gardens & Produce
Peoples Choice, Amateur .....	Sonoma County Fair
Best Representation of Sustainable Gardening Practices, Amateur .....	Sonoma Ag Art
Best Water Feature, Amateur ( <i>Perpetual &amp; Plaque</i> ) .....	Wyatt Irrigation