

DEPARTMENT #14 – YOUTH GARDENS

THEME: “Salute To Heroes”

Designer-Director: Greg Duncan

Open to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, Youth Organizations, 4-H Individuals, and Independent Juniors from Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Limited to exhibitors 9 to 19 years old as of January 1st of the current year

Entries Close:	Friday, March 30 – 5:00 p.m.
Entry Fee:	\$15.00 – non-refundable
Entry Limit :	One entry per exhibitor
Work Schedule:	July 21 thru 30, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Gardens Completion Deadline:	Monday, July 30 by 8:00 p.m. <i>This will be strictly enforced</i>
Watering Completion Deadline:	Tuesday, July 31 – 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
Exhibitor Choice Award:	Tuesday, July 31 by 7:00 a.m.
Judging:	Tuesday, July 31 – 8:30 a.m.
Refurbishing:	Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.- Gate 2

2017 Best Junior Garden by a Group:

Elsie Allen FFA

2017 Best Junior Garden by an Individual:

Haley Rogina

2017 Exhibitors Choice:

Elsie Allen FFA

Division 1401 – Youth Gardening Awards

1. Best Jr. Garden by a Group *in memory of Mary & Walter Rogina, Jr.* by Matt Rogina
2. Best Jr. Garden by an Individualby Ashton Smith, Will & Drew Pratt
3. Best Use of Color in a Junior Gardenby Ashton Smith, Jim & Kristy Pratt
4. Best Planting Designby Nancy And Bob Higham
5. Best Use of Summer Annuals.....
.....by Sonoma Mission Gardens Nursery & Landscaping
6. Exhibitors' Choice.....by Sonoma Valley 4-H
7. Best Water Feature.....by Sonoma County Fair
8. Best Backdrop by a Group – \$25by Marty & Debbie Thorsson
9. Best Backdrop by an Individual – \$25.....by Marty & Debbie Thorsson
10. Most Effort to Maintain Garden, Group – \$50by The Borck Family
11. Most Effort to Maintain, Individual – \$50by The Paul Wittke Family
12. Best Representation of Sustainable Gardening Practices \$250 & Plaque
.....by Sonoma Ag Art
13. Best Use of Plants from the Sonoma County Garden Sense List, – \$50 & Plaque.....
.....by UC Master Gardeners Sonoma County & Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Program

A note about Thank You notes.....

Please take a moment to thank the sponsor of the award you receive. It means a lot to the sponsor and often makes the difference as to whether they will keep supporting the fair!

The information is supplied on each award.

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Rules

1. *Design Reviews are Mandatory for all exhibitors. They will be scheduled in June.*
2. **All work must be done by the exhibitor(s). No leader or parent assistance will be permitted. Other junior exhibitors may help.** (A junior exhibitor is defined as any youth currently exhibiting in any capacity at the Sonoma County Fair.) Master Gardeners will be available to give assistance to exhibitors.
3. Eligibility for group entries shall be defined as follows: clubs, chapters & youth organizations shall have preference over independent groups or pairs of individuals.
4. Individuals who participate in a group garden may not have an independent garden as well. Group entries must list all participating members on the entry form.
5. Back wall space for each garden is 6' high by 8' wide, 6 ft measurement is determined by measuring from the height of the asphalt, not the planter bed. All backdrops must be completed and installed in garden space by July 23rd. No construction or painting will be permitted on site. All backdrops must withstand weather (*no paper, plastic, fabric, or like materials, may be used other than as minor accessory.*) A 4' x 8' sheet of plywood works best. Side walls are prohibited. Any props used cannot exceed the height of the backdrop.
6. 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.
7. All garden square footage must meet the following requirements:
8. A minimum of 40% flowers.
9. 40% other living plant material.
10. 20% to be utilized for other materials (*pathways, ponds, rocks, patios, etc.*)
 - a. Flowers defined as: any flowering plant w/ at least 40% of that plant in bloom.
11. Gardens MUST be in place and completed by Monday, July 30 – 8:00 p.m..
12. Exhibits, which do not meet established standards of workmanship, rules and maintenance, will be reviewed by the Management. A copy of the policy is available in the entry office.
13. 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 Premium and Exhibit Supervisor. Daily checking by exhibitor will help maintain quality of exhibit. Final decision concerning maintenance shall be with the Flower Show committee.
14. **ABSOLUTELY NO DYED, ARTIFICIAL, POISONOUS OR PAINTED FLOWERS.** Materials used must be in their natural LIVING form. NO CUT PLANT MATERIAL. Designer must approve any exceptions.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Exhibits will be adequately and correctly labeled by tags furnished by the Entry Office and placed by the building superintendent.
18. The following passes will be issued to exhibitors and may be picked up at the Entry Office: 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. and 9:00 a.m. daily.
19. Coins and debris must be removed on a daily basis. If live fish or aquatic life are used, water must be changed regularly.
20. No taxidermy specimens are to be used as props.
21. No spray painting on site will be allowed.
22. Exhibitors using electrical cords should note that they must be **THREE-PRONGED (grounded)** cords. Please waterproof all electrical connections, don't bury plugs in dirt, etc. to avoid short-circuiting.

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23. No part of the exhibit is to be removed until after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Aug 12. Adults can assist with dismantling.
24. Any exhibitor not participating in the Plant Sale MUST remove all plant material and props from their garden location. The Fair is not responsible for ANY loss of material during the Plant Sale.
25. All plants/props must be kept within the confines of the garden space during the plant sale. No aisle space may be used.
26. 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 the sale by all sales personnel.
27. Exhibitors should remove all props from their exhibits following the plant sale. Area will be closed immediately following the plant sale. Exhibitors can resume dismantling on Tuesday. Security will be provided by the fair until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday. Premium checks will be issued only after all props and remaining plant materials have been removed from gardens.
28. 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.
29. No free plants may be advertised during the plant sale.

Release/ Dismantle

30. Main Hall to close on last day of the Fair (*Sunday*) at 6:00 p.m.
31. 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.
32. Plant sale Sunday 8:00-10:00 p.m. and Monday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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All Gardens are approximately 8' x'10'

Danish system of Judging	
90 – 100%	80 – 89%
1st	2nd
\$475.00	\$450.00

Division 1402 – Youth Gardens

Class

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safari West 2. Petaluma River 3. Riverfront Regional Park 4. Cloverdale Citrus Fair 5. Sea Ranch 6. Rose Parade 7. Rio Nido Retreat 8. Lake Sonoma | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Armstrong Woods 10. Salmon Creek 11. Jack London Park 12. Pepperwood Preserve 13. Apple Blossom Time 14. Howarth Park 15. Forestville Fun 16. Luther Burbank's Legacy |
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JUNIOR GARDENS – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Appearance	40%
Aesthetic quality (overall eye appeal)	10
Creative Expression	10
Proportion.....	10
Contrast of Color, Form & Texture	10
Design	30%
Layout.....	10
Color Harmony.....	15
Conveyance of Theme.....	5
Plant Material	20%
Quality of Bloom.....	10
Variety	10
Accessories	10%
Choice & Value to Exhibit.	5
Lighting, Water, etc.	5
TOTAL	100%