DEERFIELD FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

603-463-7421

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to all in each department unless otherwise stated.
2. Online entries are preferred, but paper entries are still accepted. Online entries can be made at http://deerfieldfairnh.fairentry.com. Paper entries may be mailed to the Fair Office Manager, P.O. Box 156 Deerfield, NH 03037-0156, or can be dropped off at the Administration Building at 34 Stage Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037. Entries must be **RECEIVED** by the Deerfield Fair Association no later than **September 10, 2026**.
3. Premiums will not be paid on articles or animals removed from exhibition prior to the official closing time of the Fair, which is 7:00 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2026.
4. If entries are received in excess of accommodations available, the Association reserves the right to reject entries at its discretion.
5. The Association reserves the right to pro-rate or defer premiums if necessary.
6. Exhibitors have the right to sell their exhibits but they may not be removed during the Fair without forfeiture of premiums.
7. **Special department regulations will apply as specified at the heading of each department.**
8. The Association will employ security personnel and exercise due care, but it assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage from any cause that may occur to any animal or article on exhibition, and upon this condition only are entries received.
9. No vehicle may enter or move on the grounds after 8:00am daily or prior to the official closing time of the Fair or at any time that security deems it unsafe.
10. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds.
11. No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.
12. All animals must be vaccinated for rabies.
13. The Association assumes no responsibility for injuries caused by any animal during the Fair.
14. Decisions of the judges and/or Fair officials are final in all matters.

INFORMATION

Hay, grain and bedding are available on the grounds at current prices. No person 13 years of age or older shall be allowed to enter upon the fairgrounds without being in possession of a pass or paying the admission price. Parking will be allowed only in designated areas. Vehicles improperly parked are subject to be towed at owner's expense.

All campers must be PRE-REGISTERED for a space inside the fairgrounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.

FREE PARKING
GENERAL ADMISSION TO GROUNDS: $12.00 DAILY
CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND UNDER: FREE
SENIOR CITIZEN DAYS: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY: $9.00 (Sold at Gate *only* NOT Sold in Advance)
MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH CURRENT ID: FREE

SAVE TIME & AVOID THE LINE!

BUY YOUR ADVANCE TICKETS *ONLINE* OR AT THE OFFICE.
CALL THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR DETAILS AT 603-463-7421.

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COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AWARD FOR AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE

Criteria

1. Awards shall recognize exhibits which promote a better understanding of agricultural/rural life.
2. Awards may be given to individuals, farms, businesses or organizations.
3. Awards shall be given based upon assessment of the following:
    a. Organization and neatness;
    b. Ability to convey clear information or message;
    c. Conformity to generally accepted practices such as animal cleanliness, proper preparation of produce, adherence to state or Federal grade and quality standards, etc.;
    d. Clear identification of exhibitor - name and home town;
    e. Integration with overall goals of the individual fair;
    f. Originality.
4. Awards shall not be given to an exhibitor more than once in three years.
5. Awards shall be determined by judges appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food.

DEPARTMENT V
FLOWER BUILDING

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1. Entrys **must be RECEIVED** by the Deerfield Fair Association **ON** or **BEFORE September 10, 2026**, or they will **not be eligible for entry in the Flower Building**.
2. Exhibitors should be familiar with the GENERAL RULES located in the front of this section.
3. Use one entry form for each individual. For entries in Section 2-Children Exhibit (13 and younger), please specify age of child on entry form. All other Sections are open to all entrants 14 and older (Sections 9 and Section 10.)
4. Indicate clearly if the entry is PROFESSIONAL (NOTE: **Professional exhibitors must call to notify the Superintendent of intent to exhibit in PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES prior to August 31, 2026**. This is necessary to accommodate space for professional exhibits.
5. Any exhibit submitted for judging may be rejected by the Superintendent of the flower department if deemed inappropriate for display.
6. ALL EXHIBITS will be accepted on Monday, September 28, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and Tuesday September 29, 2026 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Professional exhibitors are encourage to contact the Superintendent prior to September 18, 2026 to arrange for time to set up exhibits if outside the times provided above.
7. Exhibits **MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 7:00 pm AND 9:00 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2026**. Claim checks must be presented to retrieve exhibits. Items not picked up by the end of the fair will be disposed of unless explicit arrangements have been confirmed with the Superintendent prior to **Saturday, October 3, 2026.**
8. Professional exhibitors (only) may remove exhibits on Monday October 5, 2026 with special arrangement made in advance with the superintendent.

WHEN SELECTING CONTAINERS FOR ARRANGEMENTS OR CONSIDERING SUBMISSION OF SPECIAL/VALUABLE PLANTS, BE AWARE THAT THE DEERFIELD FAIR ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LOST OR DAMAGED. ONLY FRESH OR NATURALLY DRIED MATERIALS SHALL BE USED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, AND ALL EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL 7:00pm, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

SECTION 1—GARDEN FLOWERS

Garden flowers with 2–5 leaves from actual plant or other suitable material to make a more attractive display in the container. Please do not use flowers purchased in store. ***LIMIT: <u>One entry per Class</u>; no more than 10 Section 1 entries per exhibitor***

ALL FLOWERS MUST BE LABELED WITH COMMON NAME

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	GLADS, any size, single spike	$3	$2	$1.50
2.	DAHLIAS, Large single bloom/dinnerplate 6" across	$3	$2	$1.50
3.	DAHLIAS, Ball Type, single bloom	$3	$2	$1.50
4.	DAHLIAS, Cactus Type, single bloom	$3	$2	$1.50
5.	DAHLIAS, Arrangement of at least 3 stems, any type of dahlia	$10	$7	$5
6.	ASTERS, single or double type; one stem (several blooms allowed on stem)	$3	$2	$1.50
7.	CALENDULA, 2 of any color	$3	$2	$1.50
8.	CELOSIA- Single stem, any variety	$3	$2	$1.50
9.	CELOSIA- Arrangement of at least 3 stems, single or mixed varieties	$3	$2	$1.50
10.	Zinnia- single bloom any variety	$3	$2	$1.50
11.	Zinnia- 3 or more stems, any variety	$5	$3	$2
12.	Marigold, 3 or more stems any variety/varieties	$3	$2	$1.50
13.	MUMS, 1 individual stem	$3	$2	$1.50
14.	ROSES, Any Variety (Hybrid/Floribunda/Climbing) single stem, may have buds (please specify variety)	$3	$2	$1.50
15.	ANY OTHER SPECIMEN NOT LISTED; 1 single specimen/spray allowed per exhibitor	$3	$2	$1.50
16.	BOUQUET OF SINGLE VARIETY (any variety not already listed in Section 1), 3 or more stems	$3	$2.50	$1.50
17.	MIXED FLOWERS BOUQUET, 3 or more stems	$10	$7	$5
18.	MIXED BOUQUET OF DRIED FLOWERS (Can include everlasting flowers in addition to dried flowers)	$5	$3	$2

SECTION 2—CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT (Ages 1–13 years only)

Please state age of child on entry. All work done in this section must be done by the child alone. (Adults may help label exhibit for child.)

LIMIT: <u>One entry per Class</u>

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	SINGLE STEM WITH 1 OR MORE FLOWERS	$3	$2	$1
2.	SPRAY ON SINGLE STEM	$3	$2	$1
3.	ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS, an arrangement of fresh or dried flowers	$3	$2	$1
4.	ANIMALS MADE OF SEEDS, animals made from seeds, gourds, or vegetables	$3	$2	$1
5.	DISH GARDENS, dish gardens, berry bowls, or terrariums	$3	$2	$1
6.	WREATHS, made of evergreens, dried cones, nuts, or straw	$3	$2	$1
7.	PUMPKIN FACES (ages 1–5) Faces Happy or Sad **Do Not Carve**	$3	$2	$1
8.	PUMPKIN FACES (ages 6–13) Faces Happy or Sad **Do Not Carve**	$3	$2	$1
9.	DIMUNITIVE ARRANGEMENT, using fresh or dried flowers. Not to exceed 6" overall from the framework	$3	$2	$1
10.	Fairy Garden	$3	$2	$1

SECTION 3—HOUSE PLANTS

Flowering plants must be in bloom. Containers must be clean. Plants shall have been in the possession of exhibitor for at least three months. Please label variety of plant.

LIMIT: <u>One entry per Class</u>; 3 exhibits per person for Section 3

ALL PLANTS MUST BE LABELED WITH COMMON NAME

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	HOUSE PLANT, FOLIAGE, plant grown primarily for foliage (may be in bloom)	$3	$2.50	$2
2.	HOUSE PLANT, BLOOM, plant grown primarily for bloom	$3	$2.50	$2
3.	HANGING PLANT, in flower or vine and foliage type	$3	$2.50	$2
4.	AFRICAN VIOLET, SINGLE or DOUBLE FLOWER, trailing, miniature	$3	$2.50	$2
5.	BEST DISPLAY OF ROOTED HERBS, at least 4 plants/different varieties; no cuttings	$3.50	$3	$2
6.	SUCCULENT, single specimen	$3	$2.50	$2
7.	SUCCULENT GARDEN, 3 or more specimens arranged in single container	$3	$2.50	$2
8.	UNUSUAL PLANTS, no cuttings	$3	$2.50	$1.50

SECTION 4—TERRARIUMS AND BONSAI

Terrariums must be in glass container WITH a cover; OBSERVE CONSERVATION PRACTICES (PARTRIDGE BERRIES ARE ALLOWED) May include mosses, small plants, and ceramic figurines. ***LIMIT: <u>One entry per Class</u>***

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	TERRARIUM	$6	$5	$3
2.	BONSAI	$6	$5	$3

SECTION 5—DISH GARDENS, BERRY BOWLS, FAIRY GARDENS

LIMIT: <u>One entry per Class</u>

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	DISH GARDENS, same regulations as for terrarium, WITHOUT a cover	$3	$2	$1.50
2.	BERRY BOWLS, figurines may be used, WITH a cover	$3	$2	$1.50
3.	FAIRY GARDENS	$10	$8	$5

SECTION 6—MY WINDOW BOX

No silk flowers; must include at least 3 different varieties of flowers/plants.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	MY WINDOW BOX, not to exceed 5' long boxes, must be CLEAN	$6	$5	$3

SECTION 7—OUTDOOR CONTAINER

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	OUTDOOR CONTAINER, with one or more varieties of plants	$4	$3.50	$3

SECTION 8—ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

All items in Section 8 are for exhibitors 14 years and older

No silk flowers. Each class in section 8 must contain at least three different varieties of flowers.

LIMIT: *<u>One entry per Class</u>* and no more than 3 exhibits per person for Section 8.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	HORN OF PLENTY, using fresh flowers; may include veggies and/or fruit in cornucopia	$5	$4	$2
2.	KITCHEN TABLE, arrangement using kitchen utensil and fresh or dried flowers	$5	$4	$2
3.	UNUSUAL CONTAINER, using wild or garden flowers	$5	$4	$2

4.	DRIFTWOOD, using dried flower arrangements	$5	$4	$2
5.	SHADOWBOX, using fresh or dried flowers. The design should not be crowded nor protrude from the framework	$5	$4	$2
6.	DIMINUTIVE ARRANGEMENT, using fresh or dried flowers. Not to exceed 6" overall from the framework	$5	$4	$2

SECTION 9—SPECIAL COMPOSITIONS –

All items in this section are for exhibitors 14 years and older

Natural decorations and accessories allowed. **Fresh flowers or Dried flowers/plant material only.** (Entrants can use garden-grown or store-purchased flowers for Section 10 items, however, no plastic or silk flowers will be permitted). Each class must contain at least three different varieties of flowers - fresh or dry. Arrangements must not exceed dimensions 12 inches long x 10 inches wide x 18 inches high.

LIMIT: One entry per class and no more than **5** exhibits per person for Section 10.

SPECIAL AWARD GIVEN TO THE BEST "FAIR SPECIAL"

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	WILDFLOWERS	$5	$4	$3
2.	CELEBRATION CENTERPIECE	$5	$4	$3
3.	BEE THANKFUL FOR POLLINATORS	$5	$4	$3
4.	A SINGLE SHADE (Monochromatic display)	$5	$4	$3
5.	PLAYTHINGS (Incorporate a toy into your display)	$5	$4	$3
8.	"FAIR SPECIAL" – CELEBRATING YOUR FAIR HISTORY: In honor of the 150th Deerfield Fair, along with a flower display, share a story of why exhibiting at the flower building is part of your personal history and special to you. Please share your story in a way that can be visible to visitors during the fair.	$8	$7	$6

SECTION 10—EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

Specify if child or adult (age 14 and older) on entry form

No previously exhibited articles accepted.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	COLLECTIONS, cones, ferns, seeds, shells, twigs, moss, etc. Label entries carefully	$5	$4	$3
2.	CONSERVATION, to illustrate conservation practice	$5	$4	$3

SECTION 11—NATURAL CRAFTS

Specify if child or adult (age 14 and older) on entry form

Exhibitors may use natural, plastic, silk in this section. No previously exhibited articles accepted. Entries in this section may include such things as wreaths, centerpieces, door swags, etc.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	OUTDOOR CONE CRAFT- Use of pinecones for wreaths, door pieces, etc.	$6	$5	$4
2.	INDOOR CONE CRAFT- Use of pinecones for table pieces, etc.	$6	$5	$4
3.	SWAG- String of natural/artificial foliage and/or flowers; must be between 36-48" long for indoor or outdoor decoration	$6	$5	$4
4.	HERBAL/DRIED FLOWER WREATH	$6	$5	$4
5.	HERBAL / DRIED FLOWER DOOR PIECES	$6	$5	$4
6.	STRAW WREATH	$6	$5	$4
7.	GRAPEVINE WREATH	$6	$5	$4
8.	WREATH: OTHER (**NO CANDY OR WREATHS MADE OF FOOD PLEASE**)	$6	$5	$4
9.	OTHER CRAFTS INCORPORATING FLOWERS	$6	$5	$4

SECTION 12—PROFESSIONAL EXHIBIT

Professional Florists Only*- *Please Contact Superintendent if you have questions about eligibility for this Section.

All displays must be in place NO LATER **than Tuesday, September 29, 2026,** at 8:00 pm. **SPACES ARE LIMITED**. Professional exhibitors **must call to notify the Superintendent of intent to exhibit in PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES prior to August 31, 2026.** Exhibit areas are 10 feet wide by 5 feet deep. Business name must be included on entry blank. Contact superintendent to coordinate a time for setup.

Exhibitors are to have the following:

AT LEAST THREE arrangements—Fresh, dried or silk, with a sign depicting what each arrangement represents
AT LEAST TWO flowering, foliage, or hanging plants must be used
Include "THEME" sign in exhibit
Label plants and variety of flowers used
Professional sign may be displayed **after judging only**.

Judging will be based on:
General effect—40 points
Suitability of plant materials—20 points
Quality and condition of plant and non-plant materials—40 points

SPECIAL AWARD GIVEN TO THE BEST EXHIBIT

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	FRESH ARRANGMENTS – choose your own theme	$600	$500	$400

SECTION 13—PROFESSIONAL ARRANGEMENT- DRY

Professional Florists Only- Please Contact Superintendent if you have questions about eligibility for this Section

- The exhibit will be judged on color coordination, harmony, balance, quality, and condition of plant materials.
- Arrangement must be made from dried materials. **AT LEAST FIVE** dried floral varieties shall be displayed in a container of choice in the one arrangement.
- Business name must appear on entry blank.
- Dried materials may be used in natural form or may be dyed.
- Natural occurring forms may be manmade into new horticultural shapes for use in exhibit. Accessories may include metal objects or figurines. **Plastic materials are excluded**.
- List on display card contents of arrangement. Include a diagram indicating names of flowers in arrangement.
- Professional sign may be displayed **after judging only**.
- Fabric background to be provided by exhibitor. Exhibit area is 5 feet wide by 3 feet deep.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	ONE DRIED ARRANGEMENT	$85	$70	$60