

Horticulture

- Each exhibitor is allowed to enter only one division, i.e. Youth, Adult Open, or Golden
- Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of 8 entries with no more than one per cultivar (variety). Only one entry **PER household** is allowed for any one class.
- Entries may be made by Chattooga County residents and surrounding counties.
- Entries entered in the CCAF in 2025 will not be eligible for future CCAF contests. Entries entered in previous Chattooga County Agricultural Fair competitions are not eligible for re-entry.
- All horticulture specimens must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor.
- Container grown plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least 90 days **except multiple plantings, which must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least six weeks.**
- Cut annual, biennials and perennials must have been in exhibitor's possession from seeds, cuttings and immature plants and grown to maturity. Bulbous blooms must have been in exhibitor's possession from planting of bulb, corm, tuber, or rhizome or it must have been cared for as a mature plant for at least 90 days.
- All horticulture specimens must be identified by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific identification. Common name may also be given in addition to the scientific name. Exhibitors are requested to research the botanical names for all entries prior to entering.
- Containers for container grown plants may not exceed 14" at the widest point of diameter. Double potting is allowed.
- Cut specimens must be exhibited in clean, clear glass bottles (no lettering), in size appropriate to the specimen, supplied by exhibitor. No plastic containers will be accepted.
- Cut specimens should not have any foliage below the water line.
- Entries of cut specimens may be staged with a small amount of **green Styrofoam** furnished by the exhibitor for inconspicuous wedging in the neck of the bottle to assure that the specimen stands straight.
- Cut specimens may not exceed 30" from cut end of stem to tip of specimen and must have several nodes (node: the place on a stem where a leaf, shoot, branch, or flower arises), and an apical tip.
- Only one specimen per container except where otherwise specified or one stem per cut specimen
- Utmost care will be taken in displaying entries. The CCAF and associates are not responsible for mishaps or damages.
- All classes will be received on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at the Chattooga County Agriculture Building between 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.** The only exception will be cut blooming specimens that last one day such as day lilies and roses.
- **ONLY CUT BLOOMING- day lilies and rose** specimens will be received on **Thursday, August 27, 2026** at the Chattooga County Agricultural Building between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. There are no exceptions.
- Upon registration, **each contestant will be required to fill out entry tags for each entry.**

- Judging will take place on August 27, 2026 and will not be open to the public.
- Three placings will be awarded in each category, 1st, 2nd, 3rd with one Grand Champion per division at the judging panel's discretion (all classes combined). Honorable mentions will be awarded at judging panel's discretion.
- **Any entry that does not meet the rules and regulations as specified for the category entered will not be eligible for judging and will be displayed as exhibition only.**
- Entries will remain on display at the CCAF for the duration of the fair. Any alterations or removal will result in forfeiture of premiums/awards forfeited and exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in future CCAF contests/exhibits.
- Entries and premiums will be available for pick up on **Monday**, August 31, 2026 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Receipt for your exhibits **MUST** accompany pick up. Any entry not picked up will become property of the CCAF and will be donated as the CCAF determines.

Divisions: One division entry allowed per exhibitor

- 1) Youth: 17 years and under
- 2) Adult Open: 18 and up
- 3) Golden: 65 and up

Classes

Section A – Bulbs, Tubers, Corms, and Rhizomes – cut specimen, one stem (*must be in bloom if grown for bloom*)

- A1) Caladium
- A2) Canna
- A3) Dahlia
- A4) Gladiolus
- A5) Lilium
- A6) Any other worthy named bulb, tuber, corm, or rhizome

Section B – Combination Plantings (container not to exceed 12")

- B1) Planter
- B2) Dish Garden
- B3) Fairy Garden
- B4) Terrarium

Section C- Container-Grown Flowering Plants (*must be in bloom, container not to exceed 14"*)

- C1) Begonia
- C2) Pelargonium (Geranium)
- C3) Phalaenopsis (Orchid)
- C4) Petunia
- C5) Saintpaulia (African Violet)
- C6) Any other worthy named flowering container plant

Section D – Container-Grown Foliage Plants (container not to exceed 14”)

- D1) Begonia
- D2) Caladium
- D3) Fern
- D4) Ivy
- D5) Cacti
- D6) Succulents
- D7) Any other worthy named foliage container plant

Section E – Hanging Baskets – Flowering Plants (container not to exceed 14”)

- E1) Begonia
- E2) Pelargonium (Geranium)
- E3) Petunia
- E4) Any other worthy named flowering hanging basket

Section F – Hanging Baskets – Foliage Plants (container not to exceed 14”)

- F1) Begonia
- F2) Fern
- F3) Ivy
- F4) Mixed Specimens
- F5) Any other worthy named foliage hanging basket

Section G – Annuals- Cut specimens for bloom, one stem- *Must be in bloom*

- G1) Celosia
- G2) Cleomia
- G3) Cosmos
- G4) Geranium
- G5) Impatiens
- G6) Marigold
- G7) Petunia
- G8) Salvia
- G9) Zinnia
- G10) Any other named worthy annual

Section H – Annuals – Cut specimens for foliage, one stem

- H1) Amaranthus (Joseph’s coat)
- H2) Artemesia (Dusty Miller)
- H3) Coleus
- H4) Any other worthy named foliage annual

Section I - Flowering Perennials - Cut Specimens grown for bloom, one stem – *Must be in bloom*

- I1) Aster
- I2) Chrysanthemum
- I3) Coreopsis
- I4) Echinacea
- I5) Lantana
- I6) Phlox
- I7) Rudbeckia
- I8) Sedum
- I9) Verbena
- I10) Any other worthy named flowering perennial

Section J – Foliage Perennials – cut specimen - one stem

- J1) Aspidistra (cast iron)
- J2) Begonia
- J3) Equisetum (Horse tail)
- J4) Fern
- J5) Hedera (Ivy)
- J6) Heuchera (Coral Bells)
- J7) Hosta
- J8) Any other worthy named foliage perennial

Section K – Decorative Houseplant – cut specimen, one stem

- K1) Begonia
- K2) Euphorbia (pencil cactus)
- K3) Philodendron
- K4) Sansevieria (snake plant)
- K5) Any other named worthy decorative houseplant

Section L – Herbs - 1 stem

- L1) Basil
- L2) Dill
- L3) Rosemary
- L4) Oregano
- L5) Sage
- L6) Thyme
- L7) Any other worthy named herb

Section M – Shrubs – Needled Evergreen- cut specimen, one stem – not to exceed 30”

- M1) Juniper
- M2) Taxus
- M3) Thuja (Arborvitae)
- M4) Any other worthy named needled evergreen

Section N – Shrubs – Broad Leaf Evergreen- cut specimen, one stem – not to exceed 30”

- N1) Cleyera
- N2) Ilex (Holly)
- N3) Lorapetalum
- N4) Mahonia
- N5) Osmanthus
- N6) Pieris
- N7) Virburnum
- N8) Any other worthy named broad leaf evergreen shrub

Section O – Shrubs – Flowering Deciduous- cut specimen, one stem – must be in bloom

- O1) Buddleia (butterfly bush)
- O2) Cotoneaster
- O3) Hydrangea
- O4) Vitex (Chaste Tree)
- O5) Roses
- O6) Any other worthy named deciduous shrub

Section P - Broadleaf Evergreen Tree – cut specimen, one stem not to exceed 30”

- P1) Magnolia
- P2) Wax Myrtle
- P3) Any other worthy named broadleaf evergreen tree

Section Q – Trees – Deciduous- cut specimen, one stem – not to exceed 30”

- Q1) Acer (Maple)
- Q2) Lagerstroemia (crepe myrtle)
- Q3) Redbud
- Q4) Any other worthy named deciduous tree

Section R – Needled Evergreen Tree – cut specimen, one stem – not to exceed 30”

- R1) Cryptomeria japonica
- R2) Cypress
- R3) Pinus
- R4) Any other worthy named needled evergreen

Section S – Vines - one stem, maximum of 24" in length

- S1) Clematis
- S2) Ivy
- S3) Mandevilla
- S4) Honeysuckle
- S5) Any other worthy names vine

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