

2020 FLOWER GARDENING FACT SHEET

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Project Numbers

✎ ☐ 671 - How Does Your Garden Grow

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Evaluation Times & Places

Projects will be judged Tuesday, July 21st after 5pm at the Erie Co. Fairgrounds. **Specific** judging times for each project will be posted on our website in July.

Announcement of results will begin after 7:00pm.

General Exhibit Requirements

Project check-in: Bring your exhibit to the fairgrounds on Monday, August 10, 2020 between 5-8pm.

Project check-out times are:

Supervised - Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 7-8pm

Unsupervised - Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 8-9pm

Monday, August 17, 2020 during the day, after that projects will be at the Extension Office until September 18.

1. Completed project books and Member Project Guides are required at all judgings. If book and/or guidelines are not complete or not present, the letter grade will be lowered and the member is not eligible to place.
2. Appropriate attire is required for judging. Appearance should be neat, clean, and respectful. No shorts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, midriff tops, or low rise jeans should be worn for judging or for the small project auction.
3. All projects displayed at the fair must be identified with name, age, and project. Display must be for the current year's project.
4. Junior division includes ages 13 and younger. Senior division includes ages 14 and older as of January 1 of that judging year. If numbers in a project warrant it, the junior class will be split to include a Beginner class. 14 year olds will stay with Senior Class.

☐ Denotes Small Project Auction Eligibility for first place winners. 4-H'er must make the sale item and it must relate to the project. Read Small Project Auction Rules. **Sign up by Friday, August 7, 2020**

No checks from the Livestock Sale or the Small Project Auction will be mailed! All checks will need to be picked up at the Erie County Fair Sr. Fairboard Office on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9am to 1pm. Checks can be picked up by the exhibitor or immediate family member with a valid form of ID. **If the exhibitor or an immediate family member cannot pick up, anyone presenting a signed letter from the exhibitor or the exhibitor's legal guardian can pick up the check. All checks will require a signature of the person picking up the check. All sale checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.**

✎ Designates projects that are eligible for the state fair, if the member is selected.

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✂️ **671 How Does Your Garden Grow?** - Bring completed project book to judging and exhibit a display representing your learning experience of the project, and flowers. Learning experience exhibit not to exceed 30"x30". **Members must exhibit at least 3 varieties of annuals**, but are free to exhibit up to 7 varieties. **Bring two specimens of each variety.** They will be arranged in a vase that is provided.

Follow the Project Guidelines on page 4 of your book for requirements. In the "Your Project Guidelines" everyone completes step 1, step 2, step 3, and step 4. Please notice on page 3 the activities are divided in two groupings, first year and second year, this means years in this project, not years in 4-H. First year members complete first year activities, second year members should have already completed the first year activities and should be completing the rest of the activities (listed as second year). **This book is designed to be completed in two years, if a member feels capable and has the desire; this book may be done in one year. It is up to the member. In that case, the member would complete all activities, both first and second year member's activities.

For Fair Exhibit – Member is to display their learning exhibit and flower specimen as referenced above.

For Flower:

1. All fresh plant materials must be homegrown by exhibitor.
2. NO ARTIFICIAL, DYED, OR PAINTED MATERIALS ARE PERMITTED.
3. Evidence of dirt, dust, or spray residue should be washed off before flowers are brought in. Do not immerse foliage in water.
4. Exhibit in clear glass container, which will be provided.

*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions.
For sale signs may not be posted on projects.