

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

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2017 Grand Champion Horticulture Project exhibited by Hunter Garcia – Sharyland 4-H. Purchased by Champs for Champs for \$1,750

Entry Deadline ----- January 12

Entry Fee ----- \$10.00

Check-In/Classifying ----- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 10

Judging ----- 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 10

Judging of Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion-- 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 10

Auction of Projects ----- 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 16

Release ----- 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 18

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 13, 2017, and must not have been rooted or seeded before the previous year's Livestock Show. Exception: Class seven.
2. Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from November 1, 2017, through the Show period.
3. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under twenty as of January 1, 2018.

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4. Plants must be wiped clean. No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage other than soap and water.
5. All plants must be watered prior to entry. Exhibitors must water their own plants during the show.
6. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the Show.
7. All plants must be living.
8. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter 3 plants, but bring only 1 plant to the Show.
9. No entry may be re-potted within sixty days of the Show. Pots showing evidence of this will be subject to removal from the Show. All pots are subject to a re-potting test. Pots will not be sold after January 12, 2018.
10. Deadline for entries will be January 12, 2018. Each entry will consist of a \$10.00 entry fee. A total of **two photos** must be submitted along with each entry. The first photo needs to be taken on or before December 15, 2017. The second photo needs to be taken within 1 (one) week of the entry date – January 12, 2018. All plants should be in the official show pots by the January photo, with the exception of bulbs. No student, student name, school name, or club name will be allowed in the photo. Plants only. **Please attach your photos to the RGVLS Horticulture Worksheet.** These can be found on the website, www.rgvls.com under "Exhibitor Forms". Please keep in mind that you will also need to attach the same two photos in your record books so make double copies.
11. An entry identification card must be attached to each project at check-in time.
12. Horticulture Record Books - Each exhibitor shall prepare a written record book of his or her entry to be submitted with each entry at check-in time.
 - a. Horticulture Record Books may be typed, printed or neatly written by the exhibitor.
 - b. Horticulture Record Book worksheets can be obtained from the Livestock Show Office or online at www.rgvls.com.
 - c. Record book is used for validation and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie.
 - d. At least three photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book. First photo should be taken before December 15, 2017, second photo before January 13, 2017, and the third photo to be taken at least two weeks prior to the March Show. Committee will meet to review and validate or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 19, 2018 entry deadline.
13. Check-in time will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturday, March 10. Judging of Horticulture entries will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Judging for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon by the Greenhouse
14. Entries will be classified upon arrival at the Show. The Horticulture co-chairmen will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries. Entries that meet all rules and regulations will be placed in one of the 10 Divisions.
15. All projects must be grown in a home or school facility under the supervision of an AST/4-H leader.
16. No accessories on the outside or inside of the pots or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse except for the trellises bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil except for succulent division. Aggregates no larger than 2 cm in diameter will be allowed.

Gravel larger than 2 cm will be disqualified. Judges discretion. See Show Container section of this book for more details.

17. Exhibitors must be responsible for getting their plants from greenhouse to judging area and back to greenhouse if they have a division winner.
18. All contestants need to be prepared, if necessary, to answer questions from the judge about planting dates, watering, fertilizing and/or other care and management questions about their projects at entry time.
19. After judging, all plants may be tagged for sale in the Greenhouse area. Plants will be released to students or buyers on Sunday, March 18 between 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. Any plants not picked up by this time will become the property of the Show.
20. Violation or failure to comply with any of these rules could cause a project to be sifted. The committee has the right to enforce that any sifted project must be immediately removed from the Show grounds.
21. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into mind in general.
 - A. Maturity stage
 - B. New growth
 - C. Symmetry, fullness, and balance
 - D. Insect damage
 - E. Disease
 - F. Leaf color
 - G. General appearance and size for age
 - H. Record Book, if good, could improve placing

SHOW CONTAINERS/TERRARIUMS/TRELLIS/TOMATO CAGES - All containers, terrariums, trellises, and tomato cages will be provided and sold by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Entries that arrive at the Show in anything other than the official show containers, terrariums, trellises, or tomato cages will not be accepted. Containers, terrariums, trellises, and tomato cages must be paid for by the exhibitor or the 4-H or FFA leader when they are picked up at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Container, terrarium, trellis, and tomato cage prices will be based on the actual cost of the containers when they are purchased by the Show.

CONTAINER AND SUPPLY PRICES

(Containers will not be sold after January 12, 2018)

10" Hanging Basket - \$2.00

10" Round Pot - \$3.00

14" Round Planter (edible plants only) - \$7.00

Tomato Cage - \$1.00

16" Oval Planter - \$4.00

Trellis - \$8.00

Terrarium - \$15.00

PLANT DIVISIONS

- Division 1 Foliage Plants
- Division 2 Succulents (no older than three years - judge's discretion)
- Division 3 Trailers/Vines
- Division 4 Flowering Plants
- Division 5 Ferns
- Division 6 Bulbs (Corn, Rhizome, Tubers & Pseudo Bulbs)
- Division 7 Terrariums (All terrariums must have a lid which can be removed. **No colored sand.**)
- Division 8 Collection of Herbs (three or more varieties)
- Division 9 Combination Plants (must contain 2 or more different plant species. Example: Ivy, Crouton and/or flowering plants.)
- Division 10 Edible Plants – **only one vegetable in a pot at a time** (any live plant classified as a vegetable or fruit plant. Example: Tomato Plants).

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Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from the 10 division champions only at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Greenhouse.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 1st and 2nd place from each division will go through the "Toasting Texas Talent" Auction Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Upstairs in the Event Center. At the time of sale these plants will become the property of the buyer and must be immediately given to the buyer before leaving the sale area.

Grand Champion ----- Belt Buckle, Plaque and Banner

Reserve Grand Champion ----- Plaque and Banner

Class Champions ----- Rosette

Reserve Class Champion ----- Rosette

Third place through tenth places will be awarded ribbons.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 40 also apply.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

Premium will be based on the number of head showing in each class:

1 - 10 Entries ----- To 5th Place
11 - 20 Entries-----To 10th Place
21 - 30 Entries-----To 15th Place
Over 30 Entries -----To 20th Place

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
1 -----	\$25
2 -----	\$24
3 -----	\$23
4 -----	\$22
5 -----	\$21
6 -----	\$20
7 -----	\$19
8 -----	\$18
9 -----	\$17
10-----	\$16
11-----	\$15
12-----	\$14
13-----	\$13
14-----	\$12
15-----	\$11
16-----	\$10
17-----	\$9
18-----	\$8
19-----	\$7
20-----	\$6