

Las Animas County Fair

Open Youth & Adult Garden Show

July 28, 2023

Las Animas County Fair Grounds – Expo Center
2200 N. Linden Ave.

Vegetable Show

Flower Show

Fairy Garden Show

Registration: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Judging: Starts at 2:00 PM

Awards: 6:00 PM



Sponsored By:
Nicol's Cottonwood Corner

**SRG's Landscaping &
Growing Supply**

Trinidad Greenhouses

Vegetable Show

Youth: \$1/entry (under 18) • Adults: \$2/entry

1st & 2nd places per class receive ribbons

Division champions and reserve champions will receive rosettes and a monetary prize based on entries.

There may be an option to donate vegetables to a local food bank if you do not want to take them home.

Judging Criteria

- 1) The entrant is responsible for entering vegetables into the correct class. The class name of the item must be on the tag, and any incorrectly labeled vegetables will be disqualified.
- 2) Uniformity in size, shape, color, and maturity is important.
- 3) Specimens should be free of blemishes and show no sign of insect, disease attack, or mechanical injury.
- 4) Stems and roots should be either all on or all off. Tops should be trimmed evenly.
- 5) Specimens should be of prime eating quality.
- 6) Entries must have been grown and harvested by the exhibitor in the current year.
- 7) Leafy stemmed vegetables should be in water.
- 8) Variety name must appear on the entry form.
- 9) It will be up to the judge to decide whether or not to divide the class.

DIVISION: CUCURBITS

Collection of 3 specimens of 1 variety

- Cucumbers
 - Standard
 - Pickling
 - Other
- Gourds (ornamental)
- Squash
 - Zucchini
 - Yellow
 - Other

Collection of 1 specimen of 1 variety

- Melon
- Pumpkin
- Other

DIVISION: EGGPLANT

Collection of 2 specimens of 1 variety

- Eggplant
 - Standard
 - Other

DIVISION: LEAFY VEGETABLES

Collection of 1 head of 1 variety

- Cabbage
 - Red
 - Green
 - Other
- Broccoli
- Lettuce
- Kohlrabi
- Other

Collection of 3 stems of 1 variety in water (you will be able to pick up your vase/glass at the conclusion of awards)

- Swiss Chard
- Lettuce
- Kale
- Other

DIVISION: PEPPERS

Collection of 3 specimens of 1 variety

- Bell
- Hot
- Sweet
- Other

DIVISION: ROOT VEGETABLES

Collection of 3 specimens of 1 variety

- Beets
- Carrots
- Turnips
- Radishes
- Potatoes
 - Red
 - White
 - Gold
 - Other
- Other

DIVISION: OTHER VEGETABLES

Collection of 6 pods of 1 variety

- Okra

Collection of 3 ears of 1 variety

- Corn

DIVISION: LEGUMES – SHELL BEANS

Collection of 6 pods of 1 variety

- Black Eyed Peas
- Pinto Beans
- Other

DIVISION: LEGUMES – SNAP BEANS

Collection of 6 pods of 1 variety

- Yellow Beans
- Green Beans
- Other

DIVISION: ONIONS

Collection of 3 specimens of 1 variety

- Onions
 - Red
 - Yellow
 - White
 - Other
- Leeks
- Shallots
- Garlic
- Other

DIVISION: TOMATOES

Collection of 3 specimens of 1 variety

- Standard red or yellow
- Small tomatoes (cherry, pear, grape – no green tomatoes)
- Large tomatoes 6” or more (only one specimen required)
- Other

DIVISION: HERBS

One bunch of 5 stems in water, minimum length 5” (you will be able to pick up your vase/glass at the conclusion of awards)

- Basil
- Thyme
- Oregano
- Rosemary
- Mint
- Parsley
- Salvia (sage)
- Other

Flower Show

Youth: \$2/entry (under 18) • Adults: \$3/entry

1st & 2nd places per class receive ribbons

Division champions and reserve champions will receive rosettes and a monetary prize based on entries.

Judging Criteria

- 1) The entrant is responsible for entering flowers and plants in the correct class. The class name of the item must be on the tag.
- 2) Specimens should be of uniform size and ideal for its cultivar. Oversized flowers are not a sign of superior culture.
- 3) Where multiple stems are required for an entry in a class, uniformity in size, shape, and color is important. Flowers should be shown at their peak of perfection.
- 4) Stems should be in balance with the bloom, roughly a 4:1 ratio (ex: if a flower is 3", the stem should be roughly 12").
- 5) Flowers should be free of blemishes, soil and signs of insects and disease. Unsightly petals may be removed if removal won't be noticed.
- 6) You are responsible for bringing your own vases/containers for your flowers and plants. You should choose according to color and size. You will be able to pick up these vases/containers at the conclusion of awards.
- 7) You must be able to carry all entries to the registration table. If you are unable to carry entries due to health reasons there will be assistance.
- 8) It will be the judge's decision whether or not to divide the class.

DIVISION: CUT FLOWERS, ANNUALS

Collection of 3 stems of 1 cultivar

- Marigolds
- Sunflowers
- Zinnias
- Giant sunflower (5" across the center, or greater – only one bloom needed for entry)

DIVISION: CUT FLOWERS, PERENNIALS

Collection of 3 stems of 1 cultivar

- Phlox
- Echinacea
- Rudbeckia
- Other perennial

DIVISION: BULBS, CORMS

Entry of 1 stem of 1 cultivar

- Gladiolus
- Any bulb or corm

DIVISION: RHIZOMES, TUBERS

Entry of 1 stem of 1 cultivar

- Dahlia
- Daylily
- Other rhizome or tuber

DIVISION: FLOWERING SHRUB

Entry of 1 stem or spray of 1 cultivar

- Rose (any)
- Hydrangea
- Other flowering shrub

DIVISION: CONTAINER PLANTS

- Container: foliage
- Container: flowering
- Container: cactus
- Container: succulent
- Container: gesneriads
- Terrariums and dish gardens
- Recycled container garden

Fairy Garden Show

Youth: \$5/entry (under 18) • Adults: \$10/entry

Champions and reserve champions will receive rosettes and a monetary prize based on entries.

Judging Criteria

- 1) Size – MUST BE PORTABLE. You must be able to carry your fairy garden from your car to the display area and back to car. If health issues keep you from carrying your display, there will be assistance available.
- 2) Judging will be completed by an assigned judge, day of event.
- 3) Fairy garden shall be planted, assembled and decorated by the entrant, not purchased pre-made in entirety at a garden center or other commercial venue.
- 4) Entrant submits fairy garden at own risk. The LAC Fair will NOT be responsible for any fairy garden entries, nor will be responsible for the care or return of any entries.
- 5) All fairy gardens must be picked up by owners no later than 6:00 PM on July 29th. Those not picked up by that time will be left in the display area at entrant's own risk.
- 6) One fairy garden per entry. Multiple entries allowed.
- 7) You can use any container of your choice (e.g. a gardening pot, large teacup, wicker basket, etc). Please ensure that the container you use is leak free.
- 9) The fairy garden can include elements such as fairy houses, small flowers and plants (living), toadstools and miniature gardening accessories, legos, furniture, etc.
- 10) Entry must be in good taste and pest free. The LAC Fair Board reserves all rights to reject any entry they deem inappropriate.



NEW to the Las Animas County Fair this year is a “Fairy” feature! In addition to our Flower and Vegetable Garden Contest, YOU are invited to plant, decorate and enter a mini-garden of your own in our contest! Plant and decorate a dish garden/tea cup garden/fairy garden, etc., bring it to the Las Animas County Fairgrounds Expo Center the day of the contest (Friday, July 29). Your creation must be small enough for YOU to carry from the car to the park. Look online for thousands of ideas. Buckets, old dish pans, sand pails, vintage suitcases, broken pots, etc. can be used as your container. It's a great opportunity for parents & grandparents to introduce the little ones to the wonders and fun of gardening. It doesn't have to be only “fairies”. Make a Lego garden, nursery rhyme garden, etc. Visit our local nurseries and garden centers for mini plants and decorations or make your own decorations. Go online.

The sky is the limit!

