

# Lexington Lions Club Bluegrass Fair



## Show What You Grow!

The Bluegrass Flower & Vegetable Show

### *Annual Horticulture Contest and Standard Flower Show*

July \_\_\_\_, 2016

MASTERTON STATION PARK

Sponsored by

THE FAYETTE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

*and*

THE LEXINGTON COUNCIL GARDEN CLUBS

See videos on our website for helpful hints on preparing for the show and to access portions of the referenced Handbook for Flower Shows: [www.bgflowershow.com](http://www.bgflowershow.com)

### **HORTICULTURE CONTEST AND FLOWER SHOW CONTACTS**

**General Chairmen**

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LCGC – The Lexington Council Garden Clubs

MGA – The Fayette County Master Gardener Association

## FLOWERS, FRUITS, HERBS, PLANTS, & VEGETABLES

Entering the Horticulture Contest gives you the opportunity to show off your green thumb! Are you proud of your peppers? Is your bee balm becoming? Do you spend a lot of time on your thyme? By entering them in the fair, you can enjoy a little friendly competition, and help to educate the public on the joys of gardening!

Section A – Fruits and Vegetables

Section B - Herbs

Section C – Flowering Container Grown Plants

Section D – Foliage Container Grown Plants

Section E – Combination Plantings *New this year - Fairy Gardens!*

Section F – Rosaceae, Roses

Section G – Perennials

Section H – Annuals

Section I – Bulbs, Corms, & Tubers

Section J – Arboreal

## FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS & DESIGNS

You've grown all those beautiful flowers and demonstrated your green thumb – now is the time to show off your artistic side! There's an opportunity for everyone – beginners and advanced alike.

**"Primary (Colors)"** A design using flowers and/or other plant material locally sourced – your own or a friend's backyard, the Farmer's Market, etc. Open to novices only (those who have never won a blue ribbon in design).

**"Red State/Blue State"** A design of fresh and/or dried plant material.

**"The Inauguration"** A design suggesting celebration.

**"The Stump Speech"** A rustic design incorporating decorative wood.

**"The "Tea" Party"** A Small Design, no more than eight inches in height, width, or depth.

## YOUTH: FLOWERS, FRUITS, PLANTS, & VEGGIES

Horticulture entries open to youth under 18 as of August 1.

Section A - Fruits and Vegetables –

Section B - Container-Grown Plants

Section C - Cut Specimens

Section D – Herbs

## YOUTH: DESIGN

**"My Favorite Things"** A floral design incorporating a favorite object – toy, book, etc..

## INVITATIONAL EXHIBITS

We invite many organizations to provide an invitational exhibit, to instruct and inform the public on their goals and objectives. Previous Exhibitors: *Master Gardeners, Lexington Council Garden Clubs, Blue Grass Pride, LFUCG Recycling Division, Arboretum, Seedleaf*

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

**Fayette County Master Gardener Association** [www.fcmga.org](http://www.fcmga.org) The Fayette County Master Gardener program was created in 1987 by the UK Cooperative Extension Service to develop a group of volunteers who could assist in the educational mission of the Extension Service. These volunteers provide consumers with up-to-date, reliable knowledge so that they can enjoy and protect the horticultural plantings in their home environment. **Master Gardeners who have successfully completed their classroom training and fulfilled their volunteer requirements are actively involved in the community in projects such as:**

- Demonstration Herb and Vegetable Gardens projects at the Arboretum
- Growing Community
- Cardinal Hill Accessible Gardening Project
- Farmers Market Information Booth
- Bluegrass Fair
- Speaker's Bureau
- Extension Office Horticulture Helpline

**Lexington Council Garden Clubs** <http://lexgardencubs.org> Take advantage of programs in gardening, flower arranging and landscape design sponsored by garden clubs. Discover what grows best in your soil, how to fertilize and keep moisture in. Profit from the experience of experts, get new ideas for outdoor plants that compliment your home and neighborhood. **JOIN A GARDEN CLUB!** LCGC major projects include Lexington in Bloom, Bi-Annual Garden Tour, & the Standard Flower Show. Proceeds from the Garden Tours have been used to fund Scholarships; Landscaping at Hope Lodge Patient Garden, Area Community Gardens, Ronald McDonald Butterfly Garden, Alzheimer's Garden at Best Friends Center, Lexington Women's Garden at Wellington Park; Historic Preservation at Waveland State Historic Site, Wallis House, State Headquarters for the Garden Club of Kentucky; Education - UK/Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Arboretum, Seminars for floral design and Horticulture, Junior Master Gardener Program, Kentucky Children's Garden at the Arboretum