

# **2025**

# **CHAIRPERSON BOOKLET**



**SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FLOWER  
& VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION**

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## History of the SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association

In the early 1920's, Park Superintendent, Adolf Jaenicke began organizing a program with the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce that would provide potted plants to school children. According to minutes from October 5, 1923, Board of Park Commissioners instructed Mr. Jaenicke that "plants be propagated in our greenhouse and later be distributed among school children throughout the city." The program officially began in 1926, and later, the first distribution took place in 1927 when a plant display by participating students was held at the courthouse. In 1928, flower seeds became available for purchase, and later in 1929, vegetable seeds were included as well. Mrs. John Memmewisch served as the first president of what eventually came to be known as the SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association. Under her leadership, the constitution was written to include all children in public and parochial schools.

Locations for an annual display changed over time as the number of plant entries grew. Following the first display, the location was moved to Central High School until 1954. It then moved to the Memorial Coliseum when challenges arose with each school wanting its own exhibit. In 1958, the association was disbanded with the "sincere hope that a new organization might be formed that would sponsor the continuation of the program." A re-organized SCFVA was formed after the Park Board maintained the program through 1961 when a new constitution was adopted, elections were held, and a new era of the plant show had begun! First made possible via volunteer efforts, plants and seeds were distributed to elementary school children in the spring. Come fall, each school held its own local plant show when all blue-ribbon winners became eligible to participate in a City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show. This annual recognition show has been held at Franke Park, Blackhawk Middle School, and at the McMillen Community Center as its most recent location.

The program purpose as stated in the by-laws is to "further education in the Nature Study Theory by growing plants and molding characteristics of worth in making citizens of the future." Current-day, it is managed by the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. More than 19,000 potted plants are grown and distributed each spring. An abundance of seeds is also distributed and sown by participating children. On average, there are more than 60 schools, including homeschool groups, who participate in the SCFVA program. Together, let us continue to enhance an interest in nature that is inherent in children!

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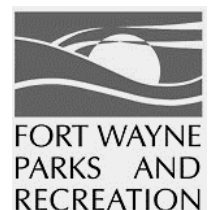
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# SCFVA SCHOOL SHOW: School Chairperson's Checklist

## Before School Begins

- ☐ Double-check your school show date with the principal &/or PTA president. Contact Botanical Conservatory staff with questions.
- ☐ Put a notice about the school plant show in registration packets, etc. for students Grades 1-5.
- ☐

## A Week Before the School Show

- ☐ Establish the location & table setup for displaying entries.
- ☐ As necessary, confirm show date, time & location with judges.
- ☐ Count ribbons to make sure there are enough; refer to prior Statistics Forms (pages 13-14).
- ☐ Announce the show & send home info/entry stubs (pages 9-11).
- ☐ Promote the show via posters, etc.
- ☐ Schedule helpers for the morning of the show. You may even allow students to bring entries after school the day before.
- ☐ Consider what might make the show even more fun! Create extra categories for the "goofiest" vegetable" or "smallest" plant, which could receive Green Thumb ribbons & special prizes. Get other students & teachers involved even if they did not grow anything or

their plant died; they could enter the existing "My Favorite Plant" category.

- ☐ Recall that each school receives a "Principal Plant" and letter for them to participate as well.
- ☐

## Day Before the Show

- ☐ Have copies of the information page & entry stubs available in the school office (pages 9-11)
- ☐ Prepare ½ cut copies of "Helpful Hints from the Judges" (page 15) for ribbons awarded 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Gather supplies such as extra copies, a stapler & tape for securing entry stubs; scissors for trimming; fabric tape measure for size categories. A watering can may also be useful.
- ☐ In case a student needs help displaying their entry, have misc. containers like paper plates, cups, or cans available.
- ☐

## Day of the Show

- ☐ As needed, offer copies of the entry stubs. Stay alert to all entries coming in, as it is the responsibility of the chairperson

& helpers to make sure all entries are correct. If a student has incorrectly entered a category, advise on entering correctly.

- ☐ Before judges arrive, be sure that each entry/category is properly tagged with an entry stub & the student's name is concealed.
- ☐ Recall that while students may enter more than 1 category, only 1 entry is permitted per category.
- ☐ Recall that only students Grades 1-5 are eligible to be judged & are qualified to take 1<sup>st</sup> place entries to the City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show.
- ☐ Be sure all Blue-Ribbon winners receive a copy of the Winner's Congratulations/Invite (page 12).
- ☐ Track entries/ribbons on the Statistics Form (pages 13-14).
- ☐ Congratulate the students/staff as well as yourself & your helpers! *Way to grow* on contributing to a valuable program that brings us together in the common goal of growing something special!
- ☐

*NOTE: Please do not hover around entries or comment on entries when the judges are present.*

## Important Dates 2025

### Thursday, January 16: 1<sup>st</sup> School Chairperson's Meeting

Pick 1 of 2 meetings at the Botanical Conservatory to ask questions & receive an updated booklet. Before or soon after, distribute student order form (page 5) to Grades K-4.

### Monday, February 3: Final Order Deadline

Submit **total # of plants, ribbons, pencils, seeds & t-shirts** (page 6) along with ONE check to name/address at bottom of page. This form is REQUIRED for each school to participate! Be sure to also include your requested show date. Note that if Blue Ribbon Winners wish to go on, School Shows must be completed prior to the City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show.

### Tuesday, April 1: Ordered Items Ready

Ordered items available for pickup during OPEN PUBLIC HOURS at the Botanical Conservatory; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 am-5 pm; Thursday 10 am-8 pm; Sunday 12-4 pm. Orders will be held only until April 27 once plants have been distributed.

### April 21-25: Plant Distribution to Schools

Plants distributed on designated dates (page 16). Provide students ¼ sheet (pages 7-8) along with ordered items.

### Thursday, August 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> School Chairperson's Meeting

Pick 1 of 2 meetings at the Botanical Conservatory to see examples of the plants & learn more about judging criteria. Also ask questions & discuss how to make it more fun.

### Late August/Early September: School Plant Shows

Remind students of your school's upcoming show being an opportunity to participate with prior distributed plants! Send home pages 9-10 with Grades 1-5. Also prepare pages 11-15.

### Friday, September 12 & Saturday, September 13

**City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show Registration** at the McMillen Community Center. Volunteers needed to help with entries. Refer to page 12 for more information.

### Saturday, September 13: Day of the Blue-Ribbon Show

Judging goes from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Volunteers needed to help the judges. Show opens to the public at 2:30 p.m.

### **FUTURE DATES:**

### Thursday, January 15, 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> Chairperson's Meeting

Meet back at the Botanical Conservatory to get reacquainted & receive the most up-to-date information/handbook.



## It's Time to Think Ahead & Order Seeds!

Dear Students & Guardians- Now is the time to order seeds for the coming spring. Below is a list of seed packets available from the SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association. In addition to a free plant you will be receiving, this is another option to participate in your School Plant Show come fall. When choosing seed categories, think of what you would like to grow & return with early next year to your School Plant Show. Your family & friends are also welcome to order. Seeds will be distributed by the end of April. Thank you!

Please return this order form with payment to your teacher by: \_\_\_\_\_.

SEED PACKETS		QTY
VEGETABLES	<b>Beet - Detroit Dark Red</b> <i>medium size; rounded &amp; deep red</i>	Beet
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	<b>Corn - Ornamental</b> <i>up to 10" ears with mixed kernels of yellow, red, white, blue &amp; purple</i>	Corn
	<b>Gourd - Small Ornamental Mix</b> <i>assorted size, colors &amp; shapes</i>	Gourd
	<b>Pumpkin - Jack-O'-Lantern</b> <i>medium-sized; up to 10 pounds; bright orange with round to oval shape</i>	Pumpkin
	<b>Sunflower - Giant Greystripe</b> <i>can get a flower up to 12" on a 10' plant; seeds are edible when roasted</i>	Sunflower, Giant
HERBS	<b>Basil - Sweet</b> <i>aromatic herb with edible, green leaves; grow in the ground or a container</i>	Basil
	<b>Parsley - Curly</b> <i>decorative herb with edible green leaves; grow in the ground or a container</i>	Parsley
FLOWERS	<b>Cleome - Queen Mix</b> <i>airy blooms in pink, purple, or white with spidery seed pods on 3-4' plants</i>	Cleome
	<b>Marigold - Crackerjack</b> <i>large double blooms of yellow, gold &amp; orange on 3.5' plants</i>	Marigold
	<b>Sunflower - Teddy Bear</b> <i>double, golden blooms on 1.5' plants; can be grown in the ground or container</i>	Sunflower, Teddy Bear
	<b>Zinnia - Dahlia-flowered</b> <i>abundant blooms up to 5" in assorted rainbow colors on bushy 2.5' plants</i>	Zinnia
Total # Seed Packets _____ x \$1.00 each = \$ _____		

YOUTH T-SHIRTS				\$10each
Color	YS Size 6	YM 10-12	YL 14-16	
Lt. Blue				
Lime Green				
Orange				
Bright Pink				
Salmon				
White*				

# Youth T-Shirts _____ x \$10 = \$ _____				
ADULT T-SHIRTS				
Color	S	M	L	XL
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Lime Green				
Orange				
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Salmon				
White*				
# Adult T-Shirts _____ x \$13 = \$ _____				
*Color your own SCFVA design! White shirts come with a box of 7 heat-activated fabric dye crayons.				

REPEAT TOTALS	
Seed Packets	\$
Youth T-Shirts	\$
Adult T-Shirts	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher, Grade & Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS? Contact your School Chairperson:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

# 2025 Order Form for Plants, Ribbons, Pencils, Seeds & T-Shirts

*Due Monday, February 3 with pickup April 1-27*

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested School Show Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Judging Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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PENCILS				\$0.25each
Multicolored with SCFVA logo as giveaways for plant show				
Total # Pencils _____				x \$0.25 = \$ _____

RIBBONS	\$0.25each	QTY
<b>Blue (1st)</b> <i>Maximum # blue ribbons possible is 57, though, rarely that many are awarded.</i>		
<b>Red (2nd)</b> <i>Usually 3x red ribbons are awarded than blue; reference Statistics Form.</i>		
<b>Yellow (3rd)</b>		
<b>Orange (4th)</b>		
<b>Green Thumb (optional)</b>		
Total # Ribbons _____		x \$0.25 = \$ _____

NO-COST ITEMS	QTY
<b>Potted Plants</b> <i>Grades K – 4</i>	
<b>River Birch Tree Seedlings</b> <i>For 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in addition to plants</i>	

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Check or Money Order Payable to  
Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

ATTN: SCFVA  
1100 South Calhoun Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

## Helpful Growing Tips For Your New Plant

Write your name on the tag that came with your plant & keep them together. Read the tag to see what kind of conditions it prefers. Most plants do best if replanted when they outgrow their current container; a way to tell is if roots are coming out the bottom. Replant into a pot no more than two inches larger than its current pot; if too large, it spends its time growing roots instead of flowers & leaves. Be sure the new pot has drainage holes in the bottom to avoid rotten roots; include a tray or saucer for it to sit on. It is also best to use potting soil mix, not dirt from the yard. Be sure to give it plenty of light, love & water.

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# Hey kids, it is time to bring your SCFVA potted plants, flowers, vegetables & herbs back to school!

Your SCHOOL PLANT SHOW will be held on: \_\_\_\_\_  
date

Deliver your entry/entries to: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
location at school time

Questions? Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Listed are all possible categories & display options for students, Grades 1-5. Two entry stubs are included below; please cut out & copy as many as you need. Only one entry is permitted per category. When delivering to school, be sure to fold the bottom of each entry stub where your name is written. Refer to the back page for more important information!

## OPTIONAL SEED CATEGORIES

### VEGETABLES

Beet for appearance	1 per display
Beets for appearance	3 per display
Beet for size	1 per display
Carrot for appearance	1 per display
Carrots for appearance	3 per display
Carrot, longest	1 per display
Corn for appearance	1 per display
Corn for appearance	3 per display
Corn, longest	1 per display
Gourd, single	1 per display
Gourds, 3 alike	3 per display
Gourds, 3 different	3 per display
Pumpkin, appearance	1 per display
Pumpkin, size	1 per display
Giant Sunflower Head, appearance of the seeds	1 per display
Giant Sunflower Head for size of the seed head	1 per display
Mixed Collection of Vegetables	5 or more from AT LEAST 2 categories

### CUT FLOWERS

Cleome, single	1 per display
Cleome, any 3	3 per display
Marigold, single	1 per display
Marigold, any 3	3 per display
Teddy Bear Sunflower	1 cut stem with one or multiple blooms
Giant Sunflower, immature cut flower	1 cut stem in water
Zinnia, single	1 cut stem in water
Zinnia, 3 alike	3 per display
Zinnia, 3 different	3 per display
Mixed Bouquet of Flowers	5 or more from AT LEAST 2 categories

### HERBS

Basil	1 cut stem in water
Basil	1 potted container
Parsley	1 cut stem in water
Parsley	1 potted container

## OPTIONAL POTTED PLANT CATEGORIES

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Potted Plants (sent home April 2025)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Iresine 'Brilliantissima', Begonia 'Senator Pink', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Multicolor', Geranium 'Pinto Orange'

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Potted Plants (sent home April 2024)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Iresine 'Brilliantissima', Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Begonia 'Super Olympia Bicolor', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Color Pride', Geranium 'Maverick Rose'

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Potted Plants (sent home April 2023)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Jacobinia, Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Begonia 'Party Red', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Festive Dance', Geranium 'Bullseye Red'

**4<sup>th</sup> + Year Plants** – Any SCFVA Plants sent home prior to 2023. A plant is never too old to enter!

**My Favorite Plant** – Any plant grown by the student throughout the summer.

<b>Potted Plant</b> _____	
<b>Variety</b> _____	
<b>Year</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>TH</sup> +
<b>Cut Flower</b> _____	
<b>Variety</b> _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Alike (Zinnia only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Any 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Different (Zinnia only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Bouquet	
<b>Vegetable</b> _____	
<b>Variety</b> _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Appearance
<input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Different
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Collection	
<b>Herb</b> _____	
<b>Variety</b> _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single cut stem	<input type="checkbox"/> Container
<b>My Favorite Plant</b> _____	
-----FOLD HERE-----	
_____	
Child's Name	
Teacher	Grade & Room #

<b>Potted Plant</b> _____	
<b>Variety</b> _____	
<b>Year</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>TH</sup> +
<b>Cut Flower</b> _____	
<b>Variety</b> _____	
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Child's Name	
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## HOW EACH ENTRY IS JUDGED

### Vegetables

- Should be clean & free of blemishes
- Tops of carrots & beets should be cut back to 1 inch
- Corn husks on ornamental corn should be pulled back & tied
- Giant sunflower seeds are judged in the vegetable category for maturity, symmetry & pattern; any yellow florets in the center of the flower head should be removed for seeds to be judged
- Entries for size are judged on size only
- When entering "3 Alike," the vegetables should be similar in size & color

### Cut Flowers

- Judged for freshness, richness of color, symmetry & health of foliage/petals
- Should be free of blemishes
- When entering "3 Alike," the flowers should be similar in size & color

### Cut & Potted Herbs

- Judged for well-developed & abundant foliage as well as freshness & color
- Should be free of blemishes
- Should be properly groomed with discolored, dead, or damaged flowers & leaves removed

### Potted Plants

- Should be properly groomed with discolored, dead, or damaged flowers & leaves removed
- Blooming Plants: Jacobinia, Begonia & Geraniums are judged first for health of the plant & overall growth; they are judged second for their flowers
- Foliage Plants: Asparagus Fern, Spider Plant, Umbrella Plant, Strawberry Begonia & Coleus are judged for well-developed & abundant foliage
- Coleus flowers as well as the "babies" of Strawberry Begonia & Spider Plants may remain as indicators of a healthy plant

## HOW RIBBONS ARE AWARDED

- A 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon is awarded in every category for which there is an entry. Only one 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon is awarded in each category. Multiple 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Ribbons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow Ribbons, and 4<sup>th</sup> Place Orange Ribbons may be awarded. All student entries receive a ribbon.
- Individual plant tags that came with your plant are not necessary to participate in the show, as a missing tag does not disqualify the plant from receiving a ribbon. However, students are encouraged to include the original tag to be sure their plant is placed in the correct category by distribution year. Know too that plant tags may be used for judging if there are two completely equal plants in competition for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon.
- Only an entry is judged and awarded per its category; not by the plant container or included décor.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. How many categories am I able to enter?

You may enter as many categories as you like, however, only one entry per category (does not apply to potted 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup>). You may also enter any or all seed categories depending on what you grew.

### 2. What if my plant died or did not do so well?

Even if you did not get the results you wished for, enter your plant anyway! Another option is to enter the "My Favorite Plant" category; this would be an alternative, different plant you have grown that is not listed as an individual category.

### 3. May I enter a plant that I received in another year when attending a different Fort Wayne School?

Yes, you are welcome to enter your plant(s) at the school you are attending now; even 4 + years!

**Potted Plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

Year: ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> ☐ 4<sup>TH</sup> +

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**Vegetable** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

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☐ Mixed Collection

**Herb** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

☐ Single cut stem ☐ Container

**My Favorite Plant** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Child's Name

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade & Room # \_\_\_\_\_

**Potted Plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

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# You are a SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association Blue-Ribbon Winner, 2025!

Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_  
*student's name*

Your entry, \_\_\_\_\_ received a  
*plant category*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon at the \_\_\_\_\_ Plant Show!  
*name of school*

**This means you are invited to bring your winning entry/entries to the**

**City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show**

**on Saturday, September 13, 2025**

**at the McMillen Community Center**

**3901 Abbott Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46806**

**BE SURE TO BRING & KEEP THIS FORM WITH YOU**

## Registration & Plant Drop-off Before the Show Begins

- Friday, September 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- *OR* Saturday, September 13 from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

*NOTE: It is OK to enter a different/fresh cut flower or vegetable as long as it is entered in the same category that won in your school show. Potted plants must be the same plant that won at your school show. SCFVA Youth & Adult T-Shirts will be available for purchase during registration.*

## Schedule for Day-of Show on Saturday, September 13

12:30-2:00 p.m. .... Judging of entries  
2:30 p.m. .... Open to the public  
*Please DO NOT pull your entries yet*  
2:45-3:00 p.m. .... Merit Awards presented  
& Door Prizes announced  
4:00 p.m. .... End, all entries collected by

*NOTE: At registration, each student is automatically entered to win a door prize per entry; must be present to win from 2:45-3:00 p.m. Entries not picked up by 4:00 p.m. will not be held.*

Questions about the Annual Blue-Ribbon Show? Contact Supervisor of Public Programming, Amanda Amstutz at [Amanda.Amstutz@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Amanda.Amstutz@cityoffortwayne.org)



# 2025 School Plant Show Statistics

This form is for your school's annual records, which helps to plan out the following year. This is true especially when it comes to ordering ribbons! You will thank yourself next year, plus your efforts of organization are much appreciated by future chairpersons.

Category	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Green Thumb	Blue Ribbon Winner/Grade/Teacher
<i>Indicate number of ribbons awarded in each category</i>						
<b>Vegetables, Flowers &amp; Herbs Grown from Seed</b>						
Beet 1 – Appearance						
Beet 3 – Alike						
Beet 1 – Size						
Carrot 1 – Appearance						
Carrots 3 – Alike						
Carrot 1 – Size						
Corn 1 – Appearance						
Corn 3 – Alike						
Corn 1 – Size						
Gourd 1 – Appearance						
Gourd 3 – Alike						
Gourd 3 – Different						
Pumpkin 1 – Appearance						
Pumpkin 1 – Size						
Sunflower, Giant 1 – Appearance Seed						
Sunflower, Giant 1 – Size Seed Head						
Mixed Collection Vegetable, 5 or more						
Cleome 1 – Single						
Cleome 3 – Alike						
Marigold 1 – Single						
Marigold 3 – Alike						
Sunflower, Teddy Bear 1 – Stem						
Sunflower, Giant 1 – Immature S.						
Zinnia 1 – Single						
Zinnia 3 – Alike						
Zinnia 3 – Different						
Mixed Bouquet, 5 or more in at least 2 categories						
Basil 1 – Cut Stem						
Basil 1 – Container						
Parsley 1 – Cut Stem						
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<b>Total # Ribbons</b>						

*All other entries continued on the other side*

# 2025 School Plant Show Statistics, Continued

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Umbrella Plant						
Asparagus Fern						
Strawberry Begonia						
Spider Plant						
Iresine 'Brilliantissima'						
Begonia 'Senator Pink'						
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Multicolor'						
Geranium 'Pinto Orange'						
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Plants (2024)</b>						
Umbrella Plant						
Asparagus Fern						
Strawberry Begonia						
Spider Plant						
Begonia 'Super Olympia Bicolor'						
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Color Pride'						
Geranium 'Maverick Rose'						
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Plants (2023)</b>						
Umbrella Plant						
Asparagus Fern						
Jacobinia						
Strawberry Begonia						
Spider Plant						
Begonia 'Party Red'						
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Festive Dance'						
Geranium 'Bullseye Red'						
<b>4<sup>th</sup>+ Year Plants</b>						
All Plants Judged Together						
<b>My Favorite Plant</b>						
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<b>GRAND TOTAL RIBBONS/ENTRIES</b>						

## Feedback from the Judges



### Plants & Potted Herbs

- ☐ Discolored, dead, or damaged flowers & leaves need removed.
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- ☐ Pots can sometimes be too small. When you see roots coming out of the bottom of the pot, this means it is time to repot your plant into a somewhat larger pot, no more than 2 inches.
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### Cut Vegetables, Herbs & Flowers

Judges look for the freshest & most clean-cut products with the least blemishes. Vegetables have the most requirements for judging.

- ☐ This is a beautiful Vegetable/Flower/Herb  
**It is**    \_\_\_ Very Fresh    \_\_\_ Very Clean  
**It has**   \_\_\_ Good Color    \_\_\_ No Blemishes  
             \_\_\_ Uniform Size
- ☐ Giant Sunflower: center florets should be removed in order for the seeds to be seen
- ☐ Ornamental Corn: husks should be pulled & tied back
- ☐ Carrots & Beets: leafy tops should be cut back to 1 inch

**WAY TO GROW, great effort with this year's entry!**  
**Keep potted plants by bringing them inside in winter.**  
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Abbett	Monday	4/21	Queen of Angels	Thursday	4/24
Aboite	Tuesday	4/22	Scott	Monday	4/21
Adams	Tuesday	4/22	Shambaugh	Wednesday	4/23
Arlington	Wednesday	4/23	Southwick	N/A	
Ascension	Wednesday	4/23	South Wayne	Monday	4/21
Blackhawk	Friday	4/25	St. Charles	Wednesday	4/23
Bloomington	Thursday	4/24	St. Elizabeth	Tuesday	4/22
Brentwood	Friday	4/25	St. Joe Catholic	Wednesday	4/23
Bunche	Tuesday	4/28	St. Joe Central	Wednesday	4/23
Canterbury	Tuesday	4/22	St. John the Baptist	Monday	4/21
Classical Roots	Thursday	4/24	St. Jude	Wednesday	4/23
Concordia	Wednesday	4/23	St. Michael	Tuesday	4/22
Covington	Tuesday	4/22	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wednesday	4/23
Croninger	Friday	4/25	St. Peter's	Friday	4/25
Deer Ridge	Tuesday	4/22	St. Therese	N/A	
Emmaus Lutheran	N/A		St. Vincent	Thursday	4/24
Emmanuel	Wednesday	4/23	Study	Wednesday	4/23
Fairfield	Monday	4/21	Suburban Bethlehem	Thursday	4/24
Forest Park	Wednesday	4/23	Timothy Johnson Ac.	Tuesday	4/22
Franke Park	Thursday	4/24	Towles	Monday	4/28
Glenwood	Wednesday	4/23	Unity	Monday	4/21
Haley	Wednesday	4/23	Washington	Wednesday	4/23
Harris	Wednesday	4/23	Washington Center	Thursday	4/24
Harrison Hill	Monday	4/21	Waynedale	N/A	
Haverhill	Tuesday	4/22	Weisser Park	Monday	4/21
Holland	Thursday	4/24	Whispering Meadows	Tuesday	4/22
Holy Cross	Wednesday	4/23	Young	Monday	4/21
Hopebridge	Friday	4/25			
Indian Village	Wednesday	4/23			
Irwin	Tuesday	4/22			
Lafayette Meadows	N/A				
Lindley	Tuesday	4/22			
Lincoln	Thursday	4/24			
Maplewood	Monday	4/21			
Most Precious Blood	Thursday	4/24			
Northcrest	Thursday	4/24			
Price	Thursday	4/24			
Prince Chapman	N/A				



## CHAIRPERSON'S NOTES

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