

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
2012 YOUTH PLANT SHOW AND SALE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
 *Agricultural Tent*
Gulf Coast Turf & Tractor

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES FOR PARTICIPANTS:

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| October 1, 2011 | Students who wish to participate as 4-H members must have current enrollment forms on file in the Hillsborough County 4-H office |
| November 1, 2011 | All plants for classes 1-47 (Sections A, B, and C,) must in the participant's possession. It is recommended that students should have plants before this deadline. |
| November 29, 2011,
December 2, 2011 | Mandatory Entry Seminars. All entry forms must be turned in at these events. Each participant must attend one of these seminars. |
| January 1, 2012 | All plants for classes 48-63 (Sections D and E) must in the participant's possession |
| February 29, 2012 | All plants in show must be brought to tent and properly entered and displayed. |
| March 4, 2012 | Plant Sale. All participants must be present at 2:00 pm |
| April 1, 2012 | Copies of all Thank You letters to buyers must be received by the Florida Strawberry Festival office to avoid forfeiture of funds. |

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Youth Plant Show and Sale is to encourage the production of high quality plant material among students of Agriculture and 4-H Club members and to reward junior growers for their efforts. The general public is invited to support this event. Exhibitors must contact potential buyers for their plants.

The Youth Plant Show and Sale is an activity which enables students to showcase their production project. The activity limits the student to exhibiting a small number of plants. These plants should not be the extent of the production project. In most instances, students should have their own small nursery and select representative plants for entering in the Youth Plant Show and Sale. Purchasing a small number of plants before the deadline each year for exhibiting is discouraged.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: The Youth Plant Show and Sale will be held in conjunction with the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City, **February 29-March 4, 2012**. The exhibits will be housed in a large tent on the Festival Grounds. Plants shall be entered between **12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.**

Plants will be graded and inspected by a volunteer screening committee upon entry on, **February 29, 2012**. Only Florida No. 1 and Florida Fancy plants as described in Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be eligible for auction. Florida No. 2 and Cull plants must be taken back to the student's nursery. Strict quality standards have been

established for the Show and Sale to encourage the production of quality plants

Each exhibitor will choose one lot of plants to be entered into the live auction. All plants will compete for all awards. All live auction plants will be sold to the highest bidder at the sale, scheduled to start at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2012.** An awards presentation will be held immediately before the start of the auction. **Additional plant lots, one or two per exhibitor, will be sold at a silent auction at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 4, 2012. The Silent auction will close 30 minutes after the live auction.**

AUCTIONEERS

Higgenbotham Auctioneers International of Lakeland, Florida has contributed their time and talents since 1999 to auction plants for the Youth Plant Sale.

ENTRIES

The deadline for all entries to the Plant Show and Sale is **December 2, 2011.** Entry forms will be provided to Agriculture Education Instructors and 4-H Leaders. Additional entry forms will be available from the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service and may be also accessed on the Florida Strawberry Festival web site <http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com/>. Entry forms will also be available at the entry seminars. Please keep in mind that entry forms **must be signed by the student and their Ag teacher or 4-H leader before submission. Teachers and Leaders are encouraged to attend the entry meeting.**

Mandatory entry seminars will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Plant City Expo Hall of the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City, located on Woodrow Wilson Street between Reynolds and Oak Ave., Plant City, Florida and Friday, December 2, 2011 in the Auditorium of East Bay High School, at 6:00 p.m. 7710 Big Bend Road, Gibsonton, Florida. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Each exhibitor and/or a parent or guardian must attend and turn in their entry form at the meeting. No exceptions will be made and entry forms must be complete including all necessary signatures. Only one of the two offered meetings must be attended.

SPONSORSHIP: The Hillsborough County Youth Plant Show and Sale is co-sponsored by the Tampa Bay Chapter, Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association, the Florida Strawberry Festival, and the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service. The event will be administered by members of the Ornamental Horticulture Youth Advisory Committee/Tampa Bay Chapter FNGLA Educational Committee: Steve Davis-- Chair, Greg Shiver, Glenn Harrell, Jim Dyer, Peter Goodwin, Doug Holmberg, Erin Elsberry, Scott Pierce, Brian Shepherd, Audie Ham, Jason Steward, Eddy Watkins, Buddy Coleman, Michele Cesario, Kim Willis, Will Womack, Frank Surrency, Kimberly Turner, Diane Cannon, Staci Clark, Susan Haddock, Pam Walden, and Roger Newton.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER EXHIBITS: Any FFA or 4-H member attending a Hillsborough County School or 4-H club and not having graduated from the 12th grade is eligible to participate. 4-H members must be 8 years old prior to **September 1, 2011.** All ornamental plants must be purchased and paid for by the student and be in his or her possession by **November 1, 2011, except bedding plants, woody ornamental and foliage liners, and vegetable seedlings which must be in possession by January 1, 2012.** The plants may be grown at home or personally cared for in the school or other nursery. Each student is eligible to enter and sell in a maximum of three classes. However, to encourage students to try growing a variety of plants, only one entry in each class is permitted, except, in the broadly defined classes 29,30, 45, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63, where up to three entries may be made as

long as the entries are of different plant species. Members must be present with their plants at the sale and must remain with their exhibit after the sale until the plants have been picked up by buyers. The student is also expected to assist in loading plants after the sale.

At the conclusion of the sale, exhibitor receipts with buyers' names and addresses will be issued. Students and/or leaders and advisors should remain in the plant sale tent to pick these up after all buyers have had an opportunity to check out.

THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYERS: Students must thank all the buyers who purchase their plants. Verbal thanks should be expressed and thank you notes also sent or delivered to buyers at the sale. **Gifts for buyers other than thank you cards are not permitted.** Buyer addresses will be available at the conclusion of the sale. **The Florida Strawberry Festival office, P. O. Drawer 1869, Plant City, FL 33564-1869, must receive a copy of a written thank you to each buyer before exhibitors' checks will be sent.** Failure to provide copies of thank you letters to the Festival office before April 1, 2012 will result in the forfeiture of sale funds.

4-H MEMBERSHIP: All 4-Her's who wish to participate in the Florida Strawberry Festival Plant Show and Sale must be a bonafide member on or prior to **October 1, 2011.** All enrollment forms and other pertinent information must be on file in the County 4-H Office.

RESTRICTIONS: Although the Florida Strawberry Festival will provide security for the plant exhibits, the committee shall not be held responsible for loss or damage of plants. Chapters, departments or clubs are responsible for maintaining plants while on exhibit and to designate individuals to watch plant material while on exhibit. Patented plants must be accompanied with the proper patent tag.

The committee reserves the right to reject exhibits of inferior quality and diseased plants. A plant grading and screening committee will determine if each exhibit meets quality standards. The committee also has the power to interpret the Rules and Regulations and settle any disputes.

The plant grading and screening committee will use the Florida Grades and Standards in determining the appropriate grade for the plant. The following and other criteria will be the basis for arriving at the plant grade or rejecting entries: A) Freedom from insects, disease, nutritional stress and excessive cold injury, B) Sufficiently rooted in the container, C) Acceptable size for the container according to Florida Grades and Standards, (D) Correct pruning techniques, (E) Proper number of plants to comprise an entry.

Students will be expected to know the correct common and botanical names and container size of the plants entered. **Each plant must be labeled with the student's name, and the correct common name of the plant on labels provided by the committee at the mandatory entry seminars.**

COMMISSION: A 5% sales commission will be charged to cover exhibit area tent rental. This amount will be deducted from the sales amount of plant material by the Florida Strawberry Festival. If necessary, each participant will be charged a plant handling fee to hire labor.

SALE ORDER: Order of sale will be determined as follows: All **live auction** lot numbers will be

placed in a box. One lot number will be drawn to determine the first lot sold of all lots that do not win special awards. The sale order will proceed in numerical order until all lots are sold. There will be no advantage for early entry on **February 29th**. The champion (award winning) exhibits will be sold at the beginning of the auction in the following order: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Champion - Woody Ornamental, Champion - Foliage Plants, Champion - Hanging Planters, Champion - Miscellaneous, Champion - Liners/Rooted Cuttings/Seedlings, and Awards of Distinction.

DRESS: Participants should wear white shirts, black pants and official FFA or 4-H accessories on Sunday, March 4, 2012 while participating in the sale.

PAYMENT: Individual checks will be sent directly to the exhibitors as soon as possible. The Florida Strawberry Festival will require proof of thank-you letter to buyers in the form of a copy of the letter before the check will be written. **Failure to provide copies of thank you letters to the Festival office before April 1, 2012 will result in the forfeiture of sale funds.** All checks issued to students should be deposited within 60 days of issue date.

DISPLAY: All plant material must be high quality, free from insects and diseases and of a marketable size. Containers shall be attractive and clean. Buckets, tin cans and other types of salvage containers are not acceptable. Agriculture Education Instructors and 4-H Leaders are encouraged to screen inferior quality plants before entering time.

Each individual exhibitor will be assigned a space in the plant show tent. It will be the student's responsibility to arrange the plants in a manner attractive to viewers. Only plants to be sold can be used in the exhibit (no support plants). However, other support items such as poles, driftwood, blocks, backgrounds, props and other items may be used. All support items must be removed from the exhibit tent immediately following the auction. It is also the student's responsibility to properly water plants until they are removed from the tent.

The students must be present and participating at the time of exhibit set up. Parent and/or leader support is acceptable; however, the student must take an active part in exhibit set up. Please allow time to arrange your display. Early arrival is strongly encouraged. Due to limited space, no student's exhibit shall exceed a space of 4 linear feet in size. The committee reserves the right to adjust space of each student's exhibit.

JUDGING: All exhibits and plants will be judged on **Thursday, March 1, 2012 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.**

RECORD BOOKS: All participants in the Youth Plant Show and Sale are required to keep records of their production project.

Vocational Agriculture students with ornamental plants must use the Project Record Book provided by the Vocational Agriculture Supervisor. 4-H members with ornamental plants must use the Project Record Book provided by the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service.

All participants in the Youth Plant Show and Sale will be required to turn in a **complete** Record Book at the time plants are entered for the Show and Sale. **Participants will not be allowed to leave the staging area to enter their plants unless the record book is complete.**

RECORD BOOK CONTEST: Participants in the Youth Plant Show and Sale must submit their Record Book to be judged. The Record book must be submitted on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012 before** plants are entered for the Plant Show and Sale. Prizes will be awarded in the following divisions.

FFA Division

Senior Division

First Place Record Book

Second Place Record Book

Third Place Record Book

Junior Division

First Place Record Book

Second Place Record Book

Third Place Record Book

4-H Division

Senior Division

First Place Record Book

Second Place Record Book

Third Place Record Book

Junior Division

First Place Record Book

Second Place Record Book

Third Place Record Book

The Record Book Judging Scorecard provided by the Vocational Agriculture Supervisor will be used by judges as criteria for selecting award winners in the FFA Division. Criteria for selecting the award winners in the 4-H Division is contained in the 4-H Ornamental Plant Production Project Record Book.

SECTION A - WOODY ORNAMENTALS: An entry in each class shall consist of 10-15 plants in #1 or #2 containers, 7-10 plants #3 or #5 containers, or 3-10 plants in #7, or 3-5 plants in #10 or #15 containers. No containers larger than #15 may be entered. Mixing of species in an entry is prohibited. Each entry will be sold as one lot. Entries containing less than the minimum number of plants will not be accepted.

Class 1 - Buxus microphylla japonica (Japanese Boxwood)

Class 2 - Callistemon spp. (Bottlebrush)

Class 3 - Camellia japonica (Camellia)

Class 4 - Camellia sasanqua (Sasanqua Camellia)

Class 5 - Codiaeum variegatum (Croton)

Class 6 - Cycas spp. (Sago)

Class 7 - Elaeagnus pungens (Silver Thorn)

Class 8 - Gardenia jasminoides (Gardenia)

Class 9 - Gardenia jasminoides 'Radicans' (Radicans Gardenia)

Class 10 - Hibiscus rosa-sinensis (Hibiscus)

Class 11 - Ilex cornuta 'Dwarf Burford' (Dwarf Burford Holly)

Class 12 - Ilex vomitoria (Yaupon Holly)

Class 13 - Jasminum spp. (Jasmine)

Class 14 - Juniperus spp. (Juniper)

Class 15 - Ligustrum spp. (Ligustrum)

Class 16 - Liriope spp. (Liriope)

Class 17 - Loropetalum chinense (Loropetalum)

Class 18 - Nerium oleander (Oleander)

Class 19 - Philodendron selloum (Selloum)

Class 20 - Pinus spp. (Pine)

Class 21 - Pittosporum spp. (Pittosporum)

Class 22 - Podocarpus spp. (Podocarpus)

- Class 23 - Quercus spp. (Oak)
- Class 24 - Raphiolepis indica (Indian Hawthorn)
- Class 25 - Rhododendron spp. (Azaleas)
- Class 26 - Trachelospermum jasminoides (Confederate Jasmine)
- Class 27 - Ulmus spp. (Elm)
- Class 28 - Viburnum spp. (Viburnum)
- Class 29 - Palms
- Class 30 - Other Woody Ornamentals

No citrus or orange jasmine *Murraya paniculata!*

SECTION B - FOLIAGE PLANTS - An entry in each class shall consist of 3-10 plants in same size containers. Mixing of species in an entry is discouraged. Each entry will be sold as one lot. Entries containing less than the minimum number of plants will not be accepted.

- Class 31 - Aglaonema spp. (Aglaonema)
- Class 32 - Araucaria heterophylla (Norfolk Island Pine)
- Class 33 - Brassaia spp. (Schefflera)
- Class 34 - Chamaedorea spp. (Bamboo Palm)
- Class 35 - Dieffenbachia spp. (Dieffenbachia)
- Class 36 - Dracaena deremensis (Dracaena)
- Class 37 - Dracaena fragrans (Corn Plant)
- Class 38 - Dracaena marginata (Red-edged Dracaena)
- Class 39 - Epipremnum spp. (Pothos)
- Class 40 - Ficus benjamina (Weeping Fig)
- Class 41 - Ficus elastica (Rubber Plant)
- Class 42 - Philodendron spp. (Philodendron)
- Class 43 - Spathiphyllum spp. (Spathiphyllum)
- Class 44 - Ferns
- Class 45 - Other Foliage Plants

SECTION C - HANGING PLANTERS - An entry in each class shall consist of 3-5 hanging planters or hanging baskets. Macramé or other hangers displayed with plants must be sold with plants. Mixing species in a class is accepted. Each entry will be sold as one lot. Entries containing less than the minimum number of plants will not be accepted.

- Class 46 - Hanging Baskets
- Class 47 - Other Hanging Plants or Planters

SECTION D - MISCELLANEOUS - Entries containing less than the minimum number of plants will not be accepted. Each entry will be sold as one lot. Class 59 will not be judged on being fully rooted.

Quantities of Plants (No.)

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| Class 48 – Orchid, Bromeliad, House Plant, Cactus Liners | 2-3 (Flats) |
| Class 49 - Terrariums | 2-5 |
| Class 50 – Driftwood or Other Planters | 2-5 |
| Class 51 - Staghorn Fern | 2-5 |
| Class 52 –Topiary | 2-5 |
| Class 53 - Water Gardens | 2-5 |
| Class 54 - Dish Gardens | 2-5 |

Class 55 – Orchids	5-10
Class 56 – Bromeliads	5-10
Class 57 – Flowering House Plants	5-10
Class 58 - Cactus	5-10
Class 59 – Mixed Plant Arrangement and Other Miscellaneous Plants	5-10

SECTION E - LINERS/ROOTED CUTTINGS/SEEDLINGS - An entry in each class shall consist of 2 trays or flats. Maximum container size is 4-1/2" and maximum flat or tray size is 18" x 18".

- Class 60 - Woody Ornamental Liners (Rooted cuttings, seedlings, divisions)
- Class 61 - Foliage Plant Liners (Rooted cuttings, seedlings, divisions)
- Class 62 - Vegetables (Seedlings)
- Class 63 - Annual or Perennial Bedding Plants (Rooted cuttings, seedlings)

JUDGING AND AWARDS: Plants will be judged soon after they are placed on exhibit. **All exhibits will receive a blue ribbon.** The following special awards will be presented to exhibits: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Champion Woody Ornamental Exhibit, Champion Foliage Plant Exhibit, Champion Hanging Planter Exhibit, Champion Miscellaneous Exhibit, Champion Liners/Rooted Cuttings/Seedlings Exhibit, and five (5) Awards of Distinction.

<u>AWARD CATEGORY</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Grand Champion Exhibit	Rosette + \$75 + Plaque	Florida Strawberry Festival
Reserve Champion Exhibit	Rosette + \$35 + Plaque	Florida Strawberry Festival
Champion Entry - Each Section (5)	Rosette + \$25	Florida Strawberry Festival
Awards of Distinction (5)	Rosette + \$20	Florida Strawberry Festival
Each Exhibit	Ribbon	Florida Strawberry Festival

Record Book Awards

Senior Division

First Place - Record Book-FFA Div.	\$75	J-SLAC Nursery
Second Place - Record Book-FFA Div.	\$25	Tampa Wholesale Nursery
Third Place - Record Book-FFA Div.	\$15	Tampa Wholesale Nursery

First Place - Record Book-4-H Div.	\$75	FNGLA Sponsors
Second Place - Record Book-4-H Div.	\$25	Tampa Wholesale Nursery
Third Place - Record Book-4-H Div.	\$15	Tampa Wholesale Nursery

Junior Division

First Place - Record Book-FFA Div.	\$75	Sun Coast Plant Nursery
Second Place - Record Book-FFA Div.	\$25	Tampa Wholesale Nursery
Third Place - Record Book-FFA Div.	\$15	Tampa Wholesale Nursery

First Place - Record Book-4-H Div.	\$75	Camarra's Landscape Nursery
Second Place - Record Book-4-H Div.	\$25	Tampa Wholesale Nursery
Third Place - Record Book-4-H Div.	\$15	Tampa Wholesale Nursery

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2012 YOUTH PLANT SHOW AND SALE
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
February 29 – March 4, 2012**

ENTRY FORM

Please refer to the 2012 FFA/4-H Ornamental Horticulture Plant Show and Sale Rules and Regulations for eligibility, restrictions on number of entries, class numbers and names, and other details. Additional entry forms will be available from the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service and may be also accessed on the Florida Strawberry Festival web site <http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com/>.

A mandatory entry seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in the Expo Hall of the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City, on Woodrow Wilson St. between Oak and Reynolds, and Friday, December 2, 2011 in the Auditorium of East Bay High School, 7710 Big Bend Road, Gibsonton, Florida at 6:00 p.m. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Each exhibitor and/or a parent or guardian must attend and turn in their entry form at the meeting. No exceptions will be made and entry forms must be complete including all necessary signatures. Only one of the two offered meetings must be attended.

For more information contact your 4-H leader or Ag science instructor.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER EXHIBITS (*Maximum 3 Entries* - No more than 1 in each class) any lot of plants you may bring to the Show and Sale must be listed on this form.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

FFA Chapter or 4-H Club Name _____ Grade _____
(please circle either Chapter or Club)

ENTRIES

Section A - Woody Ornamentals

	<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Plant Size</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Section B - Foliage Plants

	<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Class Name</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Section C - Hanging Planters

	<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Class Name</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Section D - Miscellaneous

	<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Class Name</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Section E - Liners/Rooted Cuttings/Seedlings

	<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Class Name</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

I certify that I purchased and paid for the plants entered and they were in my possession as of November 1, 2011. Bedding plants, woody ornamental liners, and vegetable seedlings will be purchased, paid for, and in my possession as of January 1, 2012. I have personally cared for the plants during the time they are in my possession. I have read the 2012 Plant Show and Sale Rules and Regulations and have complied with them. I understand that one lot of my plants will be sold in the live auction and any other lots that I enter up to a total of three will be sold in a silent auction.

Signature _____
Participant

Signature _____
Instructor or Club Leader

Signature _____
Parent or Legal Guardian

SAFETY RULES CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND PLANT AREAS

The following rules govern all livestock shows including the plant show. It includes all areas in the festival deemed as agricultural and where animals are housed.

The rules concern all participants, their families and any visitors to these areas.

These rules are based on The Center for Disease Control Guidelines for the safe operation of livestock shows.

These rules have been made policy by the Board of Directors of the Florida Strawberry Festival® and as such will be strictly enforced so to ensure the festival's continued ability to provide livestock exhibitions at the Florida Strawberry Festival® in future years.

1. Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick and have actually done so.
2. Any contact with animals should always be followed by washing of your hands.
3. **There can be absolutely, NO FOOD or DRINK in any form in the livestock areas. This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.**
4. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to educate visitors and report food and drink violations to appropriate parties.
5. No animal can be fed anything but livestock feed in appropriate containers. If you are feeding an animal food other than livestock feed, you have already violated Rule #3.
6. No one but the exhibitor or his or her duly appointed designee can have direct contact with the animals.
7. All animal areas will be set up so that the general public cannot directly touch the livestock.
8. These rules may change from time to time and it is the exhibitors and guardians responsibility to verify the rules prior to entering the show.

Each exhibitor and their legal guardian must sign a copy of these rules agreeing to be bound by them. Furthermore these rules will be enforced uniformly and without exception. **Any exhibitor with their exhibit not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the livestock or plant show.**

We have read and understand these rules and we agree to the following as stated above.

_____ Exhibitor's Signature	_____ Please Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Legal Guardian	_____ Please Print Name	_____ Date

