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Horticulture Show

MEMORANDUM TO: All County Extension Agents - District 10

SUBJECT: District 10 4-H Horticulture Show - May 24, 2008

The 2008 District 10 4-H Horticulture Show will be held in San Antonio on Saturday, May 24 at The Festival of Flowers Garden Show, located at the spacious Alzafar Shrine Temple at 901 North Loop 1604 (between Stone Oak Parkway and Blanco Road). David Rodriguez, Bexar CEA-HORT will be the superintendent.

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Horticulture Show Schedule

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12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own at the Festival of Flowers Garden Show
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Floral Design Contest
2:30 p.m.	Pick up vegetables before awards program
Approx. 3:00 p.m.	Awards program for Vegetable Show and Floral Design Contest

Vegetable Show Rules & Registration Information:

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4. 4-Hers may enter one entry in each of the 35 classes.
5. **A \$5 entry fee will be collected per 4-H member at the event for the Vegetable Show to cover awards and insurance.**
6. Each 4-H member must complete the entry form and submit with the entry fee.
7. 4-H members may enter the Vegetable Show **and** the Floral Design Contest or just compete in one event.



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A copy of the Entry Form and the class description giving the kind, variety and specifications of vegetables the 4-H member may enter is your information. 4-H'ers should bring the entry form with their vegetables on May 24.

4-H members and their families are encouraged to come and enjoy the Festival of Flowers Garden Show while judging is being conducted. The cost for entry into the show is \$5 per person above the age of 10 and admittance is free for children under age 10. We are working on getting the 4-H participant's entry fee into the Garden Show waived but have not confirmed that yet.

Listed below are the classes (35) of vegetables to be judged at the District 10 4-H Horticulture Show. Please share the list of classes with adult leaders, 4-H'ers and parents so that 4-H'ers will plan to have high quality vegetables for the show on May 24. ***Pay close attention to preparation guidelines as the onions are always trimmed too heavily.***

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If you have any questions about the Vegetable Show or Floral Design Contest, please contact Cheryl Newberry or David Rodriguez.

Sincerely,



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District Extension Administrator



Cheryl Newberry
Extension Program Specialist-4-H

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. Larry Stein

SAMPLE LETTER

4-H 3-3

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4-H Club Presidents

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2008 District 10 VEGETABLE SHOW ENTRY FORM
Saturday, May 24, 2008 – San Antonio
Festival of Flowers Garden Show

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AWARDS

- * Each entry will receive a blue, red, white or green ribbon.
- * 4-H'er exhibiting the best entry of the show will receive a medal.
- * Counties need to designate someone to pick up vegetables and ribbons for their county. Ribbons will not be mailed.

NOTE: Refer to the handout giving KIND, VARIETY AND SPECIFICATIONS OF VEGETABLES THAT 4-H MEMBERS MAY ENTER.

Remember, take the completed entry form and your vegetable entries to the San Antonio Festival of Flowers Garden Show, located at Alzafar Shrine Temple on 901 North Loop 1604 (between Stone Oak Parkway and Blanco Road), between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and you will be directed to the room where the vegetable show will be held. David Rodriguez, Bexar County Extension Agent-Hort, is the superintendent of this year's 4-H Horticulture Show.

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE!!!

2008 DISTRICT 10 HORTICULTURE SHOW ENTRY FORM
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008- SAN ANTONIO
Festival of Flowers Garden Show

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4-H Member's Name _____

Address, City, State Zip Code _____

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Description of Horticulture Show Categories

- 1 **GREEN SNAP BEANS** - 10 TO 12 PODS
Green snap beans are prepared and displayed like wax beans. There are flat pod and round pod varieties. All pods must be the same length with at least ¼ to ½ inch of stem on each pod. Insect damage, disease and poor trimmings are faults.
- 2 **BEETS** - 1 standard bunch, 3 to 5 roots
Beets should be smooth, uniform in size, free of cracks and rough spots and free of worm tunnels. A diameter of 1½ to 2½ inches is desirable. The color should be dark red and free of white streaks. Tops should be cut cleanly at a point of 1 to 1½ inches above the shoulder of the root and the tap root is left intact.
- 3 **CANTALOUPE** - 2 fruits
Cantaloupes should be fully matured and at prime eating stage. Fruits must be uniform in size, shape, color and maturity. Fruits picked 1 to 2 days before the show at ½ to ¾ inch slip, and kept dry at room temperature will be near their prime quality. The stem scar must be dry and free from decay. The melon must have a rich, sweet aroma.
- 4 **BUNCHED CARROTS** - 1 standard bunch
There should be 6 to 8 roots, ¾ to 1½ inches in diameter in the bunch. The roots must be uniform in length and diameter, smooth and bright orange. Rootlets and ripples in the flesh are undesirable. Tops must have good color and be free of insect and disease damage. Carrots with cut tops are a separate class. Cut tops ½ inch from shoulder or flush with shoulder. Processing varieties should be 1½ to 2½ inches in diameter.
- 5 **TOMATO, CHERRY** - 6 fruits
Stems (calyx) may be left on, but must be green and fresh. Stems are often removed. Uniformity in size, color, shape and maturity are important. Fruits must be free of cracks and damage.
- 6 **SWISS CHARD** - 1 standard bunch
The bunch should contain 5 to 8 cut leaves and be 2½ to 3½ inches in diameter at the point of tie. Large, deep green, tender leaves free of insect and disease damage are desirable.
- 7 **CORN, Sweet** - 6 marketable ears
Ears should be well filled out to the tip, with outer loose husks removed; butts trimmed cleanly and silk intact. Tight, dark green husks are desirable. Kernels must be at prime young milk stage, not doughy or watery.
- 8 **CORN, Field** - 6 marketable ears
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- 9 **CUCUMBER, SLICING** - 3 fruits
Should be an average of 7 to 8 inches in length and 1½ to 2¼ inches in diameter. Dark green, straight, symmetrical fruit with rounded ends are desirable. Cut stem ¼ inch from fruit shoulder. Fruits must be free of yellow color and flabbiness.
- 10 **CUCUMBER, PICKLING** - 3 fruits
Pickling cucumbers should be uniform, straight with blunt ends, free of yellow color, not more than 2 1/16 inches in diameter and not more than 6 inches in length. Cut stem ¼ inch from fruit shoulder. Curved or tapered fruits are undesirable.
- 11 **EGGPLANT** - 2 marketable fruits
The green calyx should be clean and free of brown edges or patches. Trim stem to 1 to 1½ inches below the calyx base. Fruit must be free of green or white streaking.
- 12 **OKRA** - 6 pods
Pods should be uniform in diameter, length and color, and should be young and tender, not over mature and leathery. Pods may have young seeds, but must be tender. Cut stems ½ inch from pod shoulder.

- 13 ONIONS, GREEN - 1 standard bunch
The bunch should be 1½ to 2 inches in diameter at point of tie, with full tops and roots clipped to within ½ inch of bulb. Bulbs should be ½ to ¾ inches in diameter.
- 14 ONIONS, DRY YELLOW - 3 bulbs
Bulbs should be uniform in size, shape and color. Ideal bulb diameter is 2 to 4 inches. Cut tops cleanly ½ to 1 inch above shoulder of bulb. Cut rootlets completely off. Leave one dry, high colored outer leaf scale.
- 15 ONIONS, DRY WHITE - 3 bulbs
Bulbs should be uniform in size, shape and color. Ideal bulb diameter is 2 to 4 inches. Cut tops cleanly ½ to 1 inch above shoulder of bulb. Cut rootlets completely off. Leave one dry, high colored outer leaf scale.
- 16 ONIONS, DRY RED - 3 bulbs
Bulbs should be uniform in size, shape and color. Ideal bulb diameter is 2 to 4 inches. Cut tops cleanly ½ to 1 inch above shoulder of bulb. Cut rootlets completely off. Leave one dry, high colored outer leaf scale.
- 17 PEAS, SOUTHERN - 10 to 12 marketable pods
Pods should be true to color, shiny, long, straight and well-filled. One-fourth inch of the stem should be left on each pod.
- 18 PEPPER, BELL, GREEN - 3 marketable fruits or pods
Green peppers should have the same number of lobes (3 or 4). Stems should be cut cleanly and level with shoulder of fruit. Size, shape and color of fruit should be uniform.
- 19 PEPPER, JALAPENO - 3 marketable fruits or pods
Fruits should be true to shape for variety and free of cracks and blemishes. Cut stems ½ to 1 inch from shoulder of fruit.
- 20 PEPPER, OTHER HOT - 3 marketable fruits or pods
Fruits should be true to shape for variety and free of cracks and blemishes. Cut stems ½ to 1 inch from shoulder of fruit.
- 21 PEPPER, BANANA - 3 marketable fruits or pods
Fruits should be true to shape for variety and free of cracks and blemishes. Cut stems ½ to 1 inch from shoulder of fruit.
- 22 PEPPER, SWEET - 3 marketable fruits or pods
The exhibitor must state variety. Fruits should be true to shape for variety and free of cracks and blemishes.
- 23 POTATO, IRISH (white) - 3 marketable tubers
Tubers should be uniform in size, shape and maturity. Size range should be 6 to 12 ounces, with minimum tuber diameter 1 7/8 inches. Skin must be firm, well-curved, not peeling and free of soil.
- 24 POTATO, RED - 3 marketable tubers
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- 25 RADISH, BUNCHES - 1 standard bunch
Radishes should be 5/8 to 1 inch in diameter with tops on. The bunch should contain 8 to 10 radishes. Tops should be tied in a neat bunch. Leaves should be fresh, green and free of damage.
- 26 SQUASH, ZUCCHINI - 3 marketable fruits under 9" in length
Fruit must be true to variety and uniform in size, shape and color. Fruit must be picked young while skin is very tender and should be free of scratches and bruises.
- 27 SQUASH, SUMMER, YELLOW, CROOKED* OR STRAIGHT NECK**
3 marketable fruits less than 6" in length. Fruits must be true to variety and uniform in size, shape and color. Fruits must be picked young while skin is very tender, and should be free of scratches and bruises.

** 3 marketable fruits less than 9" in length. Picking and preparation time is the same as for crooked neck squash. Necks must be straight.

- 28 OTHER SUMMER SQUASH - 3 marketable fruits
Squash should be 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Freedom from scratches, bruises and insect or disease damage is important. Skin should be glossy.
- 29 TOMATO - 3 marketable fruits
All fruits must be uniform in every way. Firm crack-free, and smooth fruits are desirable. If calyx is left intact, it must be fresh and green. The green calyx adds to the fruit's appearance only if it is fresh.
- 30 TOMATO, GREEN - 3 marketable fruits
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- 31 TURNIP GREENS - 1 standard bunch
The bunch should be 1½ to 2 inches at point of tie, well-trimmed, with roots removed or intact. With roots, they should not exceed 1 inch in diameter. Leaves must be free of damage from insects, disease or mishandling.
- 32 TURNIPS - 1 standard bunch
The bunch consists of four to five roots, with each root 2 to 3 inches in diameter. The tap root is left intact. Roots must be clean and free of insect damage.
- 33 HERBS - 1 bunch
- 34 Other - Any entry that does not fit in the above 33 classes. For Example, this may include one entry from one of the selections below.

GREEN CABBAGE - 2 heads

Heads must be uniform in symmetry, size and firmness. Firm heads with 3 to 4 wrapper leaves that curl just slightly at the edge are best. Stem must be cut cleanly at the exact base of the last wrapper leaf. Yellow, wilted or bruised leaves are not permitted.

CAULIFLOWER - 2 marketable heads

Heads should be uniform in size and maturity with tight, white buds free of protruding leaves. Heads should be 4 to 6 inches in diameter. Leaves should be neatly trimmed level with the top surface of the head. The base should be trimmed cleanly. Yellowed buds and discolored or injured leaves are faults.

COLLARDS - 1 standard bunch

The bunch should be about 1½ to 2 inches at point of tie with roots removed. Oval leaves 8 to 10 inches in span are desirable. Leaves must be free of insect and mechanical damage.

PATTY PAN SQUASH - 3 marketable fruits

Freedom from scratches, bruises and insect or disease damage is important. Skin should be glossy.

PUMPKIN - 1 marketable fruit

Fruit should be well formed, thick fleshed, mature and well cured. Freedom from scratches and soil are important.

BROCCOLI - 1 bunch of three clusters

Broccoli heads should be uniform and properly matured. Tight buds, free of protruding leaves, are desirable. Large clusters or heads with deep blue-green color and tight buds are preferred. The stem of each head should be cut straight across to given an over-all length of 6 to 7 inches. Cut leaf petioles flush with the surface of the main stem.

- 35 Most Creative - use of an unusual vegetable. Visit this link for possible candidates at: "Specialty Vegetables in Texas" at <http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/extension/specialty/index.html>