St. Joseph County 4-H

Flower Gardening Project Guidelines



Rules:

- 1. Colored photograph(s) of Flower Garden should accompany exhibit.
- 2. Exhibitor may exhibit in only one class.
- 3. Flowers must have been grown by exhibitor.
- 4. All flower specimens must be exhibited in pint-sized or quart-sized glass jars. Coordinated size of jar with size of flower(s). Containers are not judges. (EXCEPTION: Exhibitors exhibiting in Class 67027 may use decorative container.)
- 5. All flower gardening exhibits must be accompanied by a **Project Notebook** containing the following information:
 - <u>Diagram of Flower Garden</u> (see examples attached) containing the information about each flower grown:
 - kind and variety
 - location in garden plot
 - <u>Flower Garden Record</u> (see record forms attached) containing the following information:
 - Kind and variety
 - Annual, perennial or bulb
 - Date planted
 - Number of plants, seeds or feet in a row
 - Date first harvested
 - Color(s) of flower
 - Average height
 - Date of first blossom
 - Brief One-Page Summary of what you have learned this year in your 4-H Flower Gardening Project
 - Any other information collected from newspapers, magazines, garden centers, etc. regarding plant varieties; planting, fertilizing and cultivating techniques, pest/insect control methods, etc.
- 6. A first year exhibitor 15 years or older may exhibit as either a Junior or Senior Gardner.
- 7. Exhibitor should replace flowers toward the middle of fair week to keep exhibit looking attractive.
- 8. Specimen exhibits may contain one or more colors of flowers.
- 9. Notebook may be added to each year. Exhibitor must indicate starting paint of new information each year.

Project Resource Materials

4-H Flower Gardening bulletin available in the 4-H Office (note: This is a combined member/leader bulletin.)

Back of Flower Bed (Tall Plants) Front of Flower Bed (Short Plants) Back **Tall Plants Medium Plants** Short plants Front Back Sunflower Cosmos Spider Flower Marigold Zinnia Sweet Alyssum Ageratum Portulaca

Front