

# 2009-10 Rules

## Pasco County Fair

### Youth Plant Show

### And Auction

All functions will occur in the Joe Herrmann Greenhouse on the Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City, FL unless stated otherwise.

All entries must be completed online at [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com). **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 is the DEADLINE for entries to completed online and the deadline to mail a copy of your plant receipts, online entry receipt and entry fee to 12218 Elkins Road Dade City, FL 33525. There will be no exceptions for late entry forms, fees or receipts, Cloverbud or otherwise.** If your plants are donated make sure you send a copy of a letter from the person who donated them with the date they were donated on it. Remember the entry fee is \$5.00 per entry. (Checks should be made out to Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show) **Example: 1 entry = \$5, 2 entries = \$10, 3 entries = \$15, 4 entries = \$20**

#### Important Dates:

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM:** **Mandatory Educational Seminar** for ALL exhibitors, cloverbuds and parents. The seminar will be in Clayton Hall at the IFAS Extension building, Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36702 S. R. 52, Dade City. You will be awarded bonus points on the score for the Garden Center Display for attendance.

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009:** Deadline to purchase plants for **Class A: Woody Ornamentals, Class B: Groundcovers & Herbaceous Perennials, Class C: Foliage Plants.** Be sure to save your plant receipts and take photos.

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009:** Deadline to purchase plants for **Class D: Liners, Rooted Cuttings, Seedlings and Class E: Miscellaneous.** Be sure to save your plant receipts and take photos.

**Monday, Jan. 18th, 2010, 9:00 to 10:00 AM:** Workday for exhibitors (except 4-H Cloverbuds). Exhibitors that attend will receive bonus points on their score for Garden Center Display. Exhibitors that are more than 15 minutes late will not receive bonus points.

**Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 8:00 to 10:00 AM:** Plant exhibitor check in. Garden Center Display questions will begin after all check in procedures has been completed.

**Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 10:30 AM:** Exhibitor meeting, including Cloverbuds

**Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, 12:00 to 1:30 PM:** Buyers Luncheon  
**1:30 PM:** Exhibitor Meeting  
**1:45 PM:** Exhibitor Awards  
**2:00 PM:** Plant Sale

**Tuesday, Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 6:30 PM:** Spring Seminar and Exhibitor Check Distribution, Clayton Hall

## Plant Entry Classes

**Class A: Woody Ornamentals:** Deadline to purchase plants is September 1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in this class. Each entry will be judged and sold together. Each entry shall be **one species** and must be: 10 to 15 plants in one gallon containers, OR 2 to 4 plants in 3 to 5 gallon containers, OR 1 to 2 plants in 7 gallon or larger containers. Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to:

- Trees:**
- Acer rubrum* (Red Maple)
  - Betula nigra* (River Birch)
  - Butia capitata* (Pindo Palm)
  - Callistemon* spp. (Bottlebrushes)
  - Carpinus caroliniana* (Hornbeam)
  - Carya* spp. (Pecans and Hickories)
  - Celtis laevigata* (Sugarberry)
  - Cercis canadensis* (Redbud)
  - Chionanthus virginicus* (Fringe Tree)
  - Citrus* spp. (Oranges, Tangerines, etc)
  - Cornus* spp. (Swamp, Flowering Dogwood)
  - Cupressocyparis leylandii* (Leyland Cypress)
  - Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress)
  - Eriobotrya japonica* (Loquat)
  - Gordonia lasianthus* (Loblolly Bay)
  - Illex* spp. (East Palatka, Dahoon,  
Or American Holly)
  - Juniperus silicicola* (Red Cedar)
  - Koelreuteria elegans* (Golden Rain Tree)
  - Lagerstroemia indica* (Crape Myrtle)
  - Liquidambar styraciflua* (Sweetgum)
  - Liriodendron tulpifera* (Tulip Poplar)
  - Magnolia* spp. (Sweetbay, Southern,  
Or Japanese Magnolia)
  - Myrica cerifera* (Wax Myrtle)
  - Nyssa sylvatica* (Tupelo)
  - Parkinsonia aculeata* (Jerusalem Thorn)
  - Persea borbonia* (Redbay)
  - Phoenix* spp. (Pygmy, Canary Island,  
Or Date Palms)
  - Pinus* spp. (South Florida Slash Pine,  
Or Longleaf Pine)
  - Platanus occidentalis* (Sycamore)
  - Prunus* spp. (Plums, Peaches, Nectarines)
  - Pyrus* spp. (Pears, flowering or fruit)
  - Quercus* spp. (Laurel Oak, Shumard Oak,  
Or Live Oak)
  - Salix babylonica* (Weeping Willow)
  - Sabel palmetto* (Cabbage Palm)
  - Tabebuia* spp. (Trumpet Tree)
  - Taxodium distichum* (Bald Cypress)
  - Trachycarpus fortunei* (Windmill Palm)
  - Ulmus* spp. (Winged Elm, American Elm,  
Or Chinese)
- Shrubs / Vines:**
- Abelia grandiflora* (Abelia)
  - Agarista populifolia* (Pipestem)
  - Allamanda cathartica* (Allamanda)
  - Aster carolinianus* (Climbing Aster)
  - Bambusa* spp. (Bamboo)
  - Bignonia capreolata* (Cross Vine)
  - Bougainvillea* spp. (Bougainvillea)
  - Buddleia* spp. (Butterfly Bush)
  - Buxus microphylla* (Boxwood)
  - Calliandra* spp. (Powderpuff)
  - Callicarpa americana* (Beauty Berry)
  - Calycanthus floridus* (Sweet Shrub)
  - Camellia* spp. (Sasanqua, Common Camellia)
  - Campsis radicans* (Trumpet Vine)
  - Chamaerops humilis* (European Fan Palm)
  - Clethra alnifolia* (Summersweet)
  - Cleyera japonica* (Cleyera)
  - Coccoloba uvifera* (Sea Grape)
  - Codiaeum variegatum* (Croton)
  - Crataegus aestivalis* (Mayhaw)
  - Cycas* spp. (King, Queen Sago)
  - Cyrilla racemosa* (Ti-Ti)
  - Duranta repens* (Golden Dewdrop)
  - Elaeagnus pungens* (Silverthorn)
  - Fatsia japonica* (Fatsia)
  - Feijoa sellowiana* (Feijoa)
  - Foresteria segnegata* (Florida Privet)
  - Galphimia* spp. (Thryallis, Shower of Gold)
  - Garberia fruticosa* (Garberia)
  - Gardenia* spp. (Gardenias)
  - Hamelia patens* (Firebush)
  - Hibiscus* spp. (Hibiscus, Rose of Sharon)
  - Hydrangea* spp. (Oakleaf, Mophead, Lacecap)
  - Illex* spp. (Gallberry, Yaupon, Burford,  
Or Schellings, Rotunda Holly)
  - Illicium* spp. (Florida, Ocala, Japanese Anise)
  - Itea virginica* (Virginia willow)
  - Leucophyllum frutescens* (Texas Sage)
  - Ligustrum japonicum* (Ligustrum)
  - Lonicera sempervirens* (Coral honeysuckle)
  - Loropetalum chinense* (Chinese Witch Hazel)
  - Lyonia* spp. (Fetterbush, Rusty Lyonia)
  - Mahonia* spp. (Leatherleaf, Chinese Mahonia)
  - Myrcianthes fragrans* (Simpson Stopper)
  - Nerium oleander* (Oleander)
  - Osmanthus fragrans* (Tea Olive)
  - Philadelphus inodorus* (Mock Orange)
  - Photinia* spp. (Redtop )
  - Pittosporum tobira* (Pittosporum)
  - Plumbago auriculata* (Plumbago)
  - Podocarpus* spp. (Nagi, Yew)
  - Pyracantha coccinea* (Firethorn)
  - Raphiolepis indica* (Indian Hawthorn)
  - Rapidophyllum hystrix* (Needle Palm)
  - Rhapis excelsa* (Lady Palm)
  - Rhododendron* spp. (Azaleas)
  - Rosa* spp. (Roses)
  - Rubus* spp. (Blackberries, Raspberries)
  - Serenoa repens* (Saw Palmetto)
  - Styrax americana* (Snowbell)
  - Tibouchina urvilleana* (Princess Flower)
  - Trachelopermum jasminoides* (Confederate  
Jasmine)
  - Vaccinium* spp. (Blueberries)
  - Viburnum* spp. (Walters, Haw, Sweet,  
Or Sandankwa, Bigleaf)

**Class B: Groundcovers and Herbaceous Perennials:** Deadline to purchase plants is September 1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in this class. Each entry will be judged and sold together. Each entry shall be **one species** and must be: 10 to 15 plants in one gallon containers, OR 2 to 4 plants in 3 to 5 gallon containers, OR 1 to 2 plants in 7 gallon or larger containers. Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to:

<i>Agapanthus africanus</i> (Lily of the Nile)	<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> (Shrimp Plant)
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> (Bugleweed)	<i>Liatris tenuiflora</i> (Blazing Star)
<i>Alocasia</i> spp. (Elephant Ear)	<i>Liriope</i> spp. (Border Grass, Aztec Grass)
<i>Asclepias</i> spp. (Milkweed)	<i>Mimosa strigillosa</i> (Sensitive Plant)
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i> (Cast Iron Plant)	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> (Muhly Grass)
<i>Aristida stricta</i> (Wiregrass)	<i>Nephrolepis</i> spp. (Boston, Giant Sword, Fishtail Ferns)
<i>Bacopa caroliniana</i> (Lemon Bacopa)	<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> (Mondo Grass)
<i>Caladium x hortulanum</i> (Caladium)	<i>Osmunda</i> spp. (Cinnamon Fern, Royal Fern)
<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i> (False Heather)	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i> (Pentas)
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp. (Tickseed)	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> (Black Eye Susan)
<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i> (Holly Fern)	<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i> (Firecracker Plant)
<i>Dietes</i> spp. (African Iris)	<i>Sabal minor</i> (Blue Stem Palmetto)
<i>Eragrostis</i> spp. (Lovegrass)	<i>Salvia</i> spp. (Tropical, Bog, Pineapple Sage)
<i>Evolvulus glomeratus</i> (Blue Daze)	<i>Saururus cemuus</i> (Lizard Tail)
<i>Ficus pumila</i> (Creeping Fig)	<i>Setcreasea pallida</i> (Purple Heart)
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> (Blanket Flower)	<i>Spartina bakeri</i> (Cord Grass)
<i>Hedera</i> spp. (English, Algerian Ivy)	<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i> (Porterweed)
<i>Helianthus debilis</i> (Beach Sunflower)	<i>Thelypteris kunthii</i> (Wood Fern)
<i>Heliconia</i> spp. (Parrot Flower)	<i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i> (Asian Jasmine)
<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp. (Daylilly)	<i>Tripsacum</i> spp. (Fakahatchee, Gama Grass)
<i>Juniperus</i> spp. (Parsonii, Blue Rug, Shore Juniper)	<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i> (Society Garlic)

**Class C: Foliage Plants:** Purchase deadline is September 1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in this class. Each entry shall be one species and must be: 5 to 7 plants in six inch diameter containers, OR 3 to 5 plants in eight inch diameter containers, OR 2 to 4 plants in 10", 14", 17" diameter containers or larger. Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to:

<i>Aglaonema</i> spp. (Chinese Evergreen)	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i> (Pothos)
<i>Anthurium</i> spp. (Lady Jane, Flamingo Flower, etc.)	<i>Ficus</i> spp. (Weeping Fig, Fiddleleaf Fig, Rubber Tree)
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island Pine)	<i>Maranta leuconeura</i> (Prayer Plant)
<i>Asplenium nidus</i> (Birdnest Fern)	<i>Peperomia</i> spp. (Peperomia)
<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i> (Ponytail Fern)	<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i> (Nun's Orchid)
<i>Begonia</i> spp. (Tuberous or Rex Begonia)	<i>Philodendron</i> spp. (Heartleaf, Splitleaf, etc.)
<i>Chamaedorea</i> spp. (Parlor, Bamboo, Reed Palms)	<i>Pilea cadierei</i> (Aluminum plant)
<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i> (Spider Plant)	<i>Radermachera sinica</i> (China Doll)
<i>Chrysalidocarpus lutescens</i> (Areca Palm)	<i>Schefflera</i> spp. (Schefflera)
<i>Dieffenbachia</i> spp. (Dumbcane)	<i>Spathiphyllum</i> spp. (Peace Lilly)
<i>Dizygotheca elegantissima</i> (False Aralia)	<i>Sphaeropteris cooperi</i> (Tree Fern)
<i>Dracaena</i> spp. (Dracaena, Corn Plant, Red Edge)	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i> (Nephtytis)

**Class D: Liners, Rooted Cuttings, Seedlings:** Deadline to purchase seeds or stick cuttings is December 1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in this class. Each entry will be judged and sold together. Each entry shall be **two full flats with one species per flat**. Do not mix species in a flat. Flats should be standard nursery size with a maximum container size of 4.5 inches. Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to: Woody Ornamental, Groundcover or Foliage Liners; Annual or Perennial Bedding Plant Liners; Vegetable and Herb Liners or Seedlings.

**Class E: Miscellaneous:** Deadline to purchase plants is December 1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in this class. Each entry will be judged and sold together. **Mixing species** in an entry is acceptable, so scientific names are not required in this class. Plants in this class may include, but are not limited to:

Dish Gardens or Color Bowls, 2 of any size	Hanging Planters, 4 the same size	Terrariums, 2 of any size
Orchids, 4 of any size	Bonsai, 2 of any size	African Violets, 6 of any size
Herb Gardens, 5 herb plants of any size	Topiary, 2 of any size	Aquatic Plants, 6 of any size
Driftwood or Natural Planters, 2 of any size	Bromeliads, 6 of any size	Window Boxes, 2 of any size
Cacti and Succulents, 6 of any size	Staghorn Ferns, 4 of any size	
Water Gardens, 1 with at least 5 aquatic plants		

# Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show and Auction

## 2009-10 Rules

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Youth Plant Show and Auction is **educational**.

Students should learn to properly produce an agricultural product. Plant projects require the daily management skills used by all landscapers, wholesale and retail nurseries. Students learn to water, fertilize and control pests on schedule to meet the needs of their plants.

Students keep a Plant Production Record Book and learn to keep records that are similar to those needed in any business.

Part of the educational process is also learning to market a product. Students participate in the plant sale in order to learn how to market their product and how an auction works. They are required to write marketing letters to five bidders and to post flyers to promote their product.

As part of marketing, Garden Center Display awards are based on the student's knowledge of their plants and the way they are displayed, since growers and landscapers must have basic knowledge of their plants and use attractive displays to market them.

**Eligibility:** Independent youth, school groups, youth garden clubs, girl scouts, boy scouts, FFA or 4-H members in Citrus, Hernando, Pasco or Sumter Counties, not having graduated from 12th grade are eligible to participate. All exhibitors, regardless of organization, must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better for the previous grading period. (Public High Schools are based on cumulative grade point average). Proof of grade point must be submitted on the enclosed form and attached to the record book at the time of check-in. Record books will not be accepted without proof of eligibility.

\*\*This rule is superseded by any school eligibility.

\*\*Cloverbuds are exempt from this requirement.

**All Exhibitors must submit a completed Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show Record Book.**

**4-H Cloverbuds** (5 to 7 years old as of Sept. 1, 2009)

- 4-H clubs are encouraged to do group exhibits with the Cloverbuds in their club.
- Will receive all across the board add-ons.
- Will compete for Cloverbud Grand Champion.
- **Do not compete in Garden Center Display, Overall Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Class Winners, or Plant Production Record Book.**
- **Must attend the mandatory exhibitor seminar.**
- Must submit a correctly completed entry form.
- Must turn in the Cloverbud record book at check in.
- Must send five (5) buyers letters, regardless if you are going to sale your plants or not, and attach a copy in the record book.
- Parents are allowed to assist Cloverbuds with their record book and setting up their display.
- Cloverbuds are excused from the exhibitor workday.

**Entry Forms:** Entry forms should be filled out correctly online at [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com).

**Reference books for this project:**

- **Betrock's Reference Guide to Florida Landscape Plants** by Timothy Broschat and Alan Meerow
- **Betrock's Guide to Landscape Palms** by Alan Meerow
- **Betrock's Florida Plant Guide** by Edward Gilman
- **Florida Landscape Plants** by John Watkins and Thomas Sheehan
- **Native Florida Plants** by Robert Haehle and Joan Brookwell
- **FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional Manual** by Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association

### Reference websites for this project:

- Florida Cooperative Extension Service at <http://edis.ufl.edu>
- All About Lawns at <http://turf.ufl.edu>
- Featured Creatures at <http://creatures.ifas.ufl.edu>
- Florida Yards & Neighborhoods at <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/fyn>
- Master Gardeners at <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/mg>
- Florida Department of Agriculture at <http://doacs.state.fl.us>
- Florida Exotic Plant Pest Council at [www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org)
- Florida Nursery and Growers at [www.fnga.org](http://www.fnga.org)
- National Gardening Association at [www.garden.org](http://www.garden.org)
- Garden Web at [www.gardenweb.com](http://www.gardenweb.com)
- Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants at <http://www.plantatlas.usf.edu/default.asp>
- Southwest Florida Water Management District at [www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org)
- Native Florida at [www.nsis.org](http://www.nsis.org)
- Hort World at [www.hortworld.com](http://www.hortworld.com)
- Pasco County Landscape & Tree ordinances at [www.pascocountyfl.net](http://www.pascocountyfl.net)

**Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 8:00 to 10:00 AM: Plant Show Exhibitor Check In** at the Coastal Springs Greenhouse, Pasco County Fairgrounds.

#### **Check In Procedures:**

- Step 1: Plants will be inspected by an Department of Plant Inspector for insects or disease and will be rejected if there is an insect or disease problem.
- Step 2: Plants will be inspected for sufficient rooting. If rooting is not sufficient the plants will be rejected. (Sufficient rooting = roots growing to the outside walls of the container)
- Step 3: Exhibitors turn in completed Plant Show Record Books
- Step 4: Exhibitors receive their assigned place in the greenhouse.
- Step 5: **After** exhibitors complete Step 4, they may begin to move plants into the greenhouse and set up their exhibit.
- Step 6: Once exhibitors have set up their exhibit, the Garden Center Display Questions will begin. **Exhibitors must wear black pants and a white collared shirt.**

**Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 10:30 AM:** Exhibitor meeting will be held under the tent at the greenhouse. Exhibitor passes will be handed out following the meeting. **ONLY exhibitors will receive a pass, parents are strongly encouraged to purchase a family pass from the Pasco County Fair Association.**

**Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 10:30 AM:** Coastal Springs Greenhouse will be closed for judging of plants. Plant awards will be posted in the greenhouse by the next day at 7:00 p.m. All other awards will be posted the day of the auction.

**Feb.16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 3:00 PM:** The greenhouse will open each day at 3:00 PM for exhibitors to water and maintain their plant exhibit as needed. Youth Plant Show Committee members will **NOT** water plants for exhibitors unless prior arrangements have been made.

#### **Award and Auction Procedures:**

- Step 1: **11:45 AM to 12:00 PM:** Exhibitors must check in at the greenhouse prior to helping at the buyer's luncheon. Exhibitors that check in after 12:15 PM may be moved to the end of the sale. **Exhibitors must wear black pants and a white collared shirt. (NO shorts, t-shirts, bare mid-riffs, tank tops or flip-flops).**
- Step 2: **1:30 PM:** Exhibitor and Parent Meeting in greenhouse
- Step 2: **1:45 PM:** Youth Plant Show Awards
- Step 3: **2:00 PM:** Auction begins in the tent next to the greenhouse

### **Check Out Procedures:**

Step 1: **Immediately following the auction:** Exhibitors must return to their displays.

Step 2: The buyer will present you with a copy of their receipts, you will then help the buyer load their plants.

Step 3: Once all of your plants have been loaded you must report to the exhibitor table to pick up your buyers information. **You need to bring your completed buyers letters and envelopes with stamps on them with you to the sale.** They can be written the day before with the exception of whom it is to. Once you receive the buyer's information you can address the letters and envelopes. You need to write a letter for every entry you will be selling. If you are selling four entries, then you will need four letters. **Cards inside the buyer's gifts do not count as your thank you letters.**

Step 4: Upon turning in your thank you letters you will be given your record books and you will be free to go.

Within the week following the fair you will receive a list containing information for all add-ons given. It is your responsibility to send them thank you letters.

### **Restrictions:**

- Patented plants must be accompanied with patent tags.
- Citrus must be accompanied with all nursery tags.
- **Category I Invasive Plants**, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council ([www.fleppc.org/01list.htm](http://www.fleppc.org/01list.htm)) cannot be exhibited.
- Plants will be inspected by the Division of Plant Industries for insects and diseases. Plants infested by insects or diseases will be rejected. DPI Inspector's decision is final.
- Only blue and red ribbon plants will be sold. White ribbon plants must be removed from the exhibit area after judging.
- All plants exhibited must be sold to the highest bidder at the Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Auction. Exceptions are for 4-H Cloverbuds that want to keep their plants.
- The Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show Committee reserves the right to interpret show rules.
- The Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show Committee reserves the right to adjust exhibitor spaces to accommodate all exhibitors.

**Judging:** Plants will be judged by the criteria set by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industries, Florida Grades and Standards for nursery stock. Plants are judged as Florida Fancy (blue ribbon), Florida #1 (red ribbon), or Florida #2 (white ribbon). Judges decisions are final.

Plants will be inspected by the Division of Plant Industries for insects and diseases. Plants infested by insects or diseases will be rejected. DPI Inspector's decision is final.

Only blue and red ribbon plants will be sold. White ribbon plants must be removed from the exhibit area after judging on Monday.

Plants should be free from insects or disease, sufficiently rooted, an appropriate size for the container, and correctly pruned. Judges are experienced members of Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association.

**Garden Center Display** will be judged by the criteria on the score card in the back of the Plant Production Record Book. **A second impartial judge will break any ties. Judge's decisions are final.**

**Plant Production Record Books** will be judged by the criteria on the score card in the back of the Plant Production Record Book. **A second impartial judge will break any ties. Judge's decisions are final.**

**Awards:** Plant awards will be posted in the greenhouse by 7:00 PM on the day after judging. All other awards will be posted the day of the auction.

**Grand Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$300

**Reserve Grand Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$200

**4-H Cloverbud Grand Champion:** Plaque & rosette

**Class A: Woody Ornamental Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$50

**Class B: Groundcover & Perennial Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$50

**Class C: Foliage Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$50

**Class D: Liners, Cuttings, & Seedling Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$50

**Class E: Miscellaneous Plant Champion:** Plaque, rosette, \$50

**4-H Cloverbud Participation:** Trophy

**Garden Center Display & Knowledge: Junior,** Grades 3 to 5; **Intermediate,** Grades 6 to 8; **Senior,** Grades 9 to 12

First Place: Plaque, rosette, \$100

Second Place: rosette

Third Place: rosette

**Plant Production Record Books: Junior,** Grades 3 to 5; **Intermediate,** Grades 6 to 8; **Senior,** Grades 9 to 12

First Place: rosette

Second Place: rosette

Third Place: rosette

**Chapter Participation:** Plaque, \$150 for the club or chapter with the largest number of entries.

**Garden Center Display & Knowledge:** Knowledge of the plants you grow is important in production and to help customers. Garden Center Display will be judged by criteria found on the score card in the back of the Plant Production Record Book.

**No mulch, pebbles, sand or plants other than those entered in the show are allowed in the displays.**

**Only exhibitors will be allowed in the display area at the Exhibitor Check In time.** Exhibitors may ask Youth Plant Show Committee members for help to set up, but other adults are not allowed in the greenhouse to help. **Only 4-H Cloverbuds will be allowed parental help.**

**Plant Production Record Books:** All exhibitors are required to keep a Plant Production Record Book. Record Books must be handwritten by the exhibitor, except the bidder letters and essay, which may be done by word processing, printed and added into the Record Book. 4-H Cloverbuds are allowed assistance from their parents.

Plant Production Record Books can be downloaded from [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com) or <http://pasco.ifas.ufl.edu>. Books will be judged by criteria found on the score card in the back of the Plant Production Record Book.

**Bidder Letters:** Exhibitors must mail five letters inviting their bidders to the Youth Plant Sale. Exhibitors must keep copies to include with their record book. Exhibitors **WILL** be fined \$25 per letter not enclosed in the record book. Exhibitors may want to include copies of the Bidders Guide (included at the end of this rule book) with their personal letters. Exhibitors may want to include photos with their letters. Marketing is an important skill for exhibitors to learn.

**Auction and Sale Order:** The auction will begin **at 2:00 PM on the last Sunday** of fair week in the tent next to the greenhouse.

***The Grand Champion will be sold first, followed by the Reserve Champion and 4-H Cloverbud Grand Champion. Class Champions will sell next. White ribbon plants will not be sold at the auction.***

***All other exhibitors will sell by randomly assigned numbers.***

***No re-sale of plants is allowed.***

**Exhibitors must stay with their plants and help to load them into the buyer's vehicle.**

**Commission:** The Pasco County Fair Association will charge a 5% commission fee deducted from all sales to cover the expenses of the show.

**Fines:** Exhibitors will be charged fines for the following:

\$25.00 per bidder's letter not in record book.

\$25.00 per plant for exhibitors that do not help load their plants at the end of the auction.

\$25.00 for Buyer Thank You Letters not turned in to the committee on the day of the sale.

**Payment: CHECKS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE SPRING SEMINAR BEING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 AT 6:30 PM IN CLAYTON HALL.**

PASCO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH PLANT SHOW AND SALE 2009-2010 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## **Bidder's Guide for the Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show and Auction**

Dear Youth Plant Show Bidder,

**The Youth Plant Show Awards and Auction will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010** in the tent next to the greenhouse on the southwest corner of the Pasco County Fairgrounds. A buyer's luncheon will be held from 12:00 PM to 1:30. If you would like to attend the luncheon prior to the auction please contact the exhibitor that you received this letter from or the plant committee.

**The purpose of the Youth Plant Show is educational.** We want our students to learn to properly produce an agricultural product. Plant projects require daily management just as any wholesale or retail nursery. Students started their projects last September and learned to water, fertilize and control pests on a schedule to meet the needs of their plants.

They also volunteer a day to clean and repair the greenhouse where their plant projects will be displayed at the Pasco County Fairgrounds.

Students are also required to keep a Record Book (16 pages) and learn to keep records that are similar to those needed in any business.

Part of the educational process is also learning to market a product. Students participate in the plant sale to learn how to market their product and how an auction works. They were required to write marketing letters to five bidders to promote their products.

As part of marketing, Garden Center Display (showmanship) awards are based on the student's knowledge of their plants and the way they display them, since nurserymen and landscapers must have basic knowledge of their plants and attractive marketing displays.

Plants are judged by FNGLA members with many years of experience. The plants must meet the grades and standards of our nursery industry (Florida Fancy, Florida #1, Florida #2). Their place in the auction is based on where the judges placed their plants in the show.

A Grand Champion is chosen from the most highly graded plants and is sold first at the auction. However there are **no restrictions** on bidders and buyers (i.e. relatives may bid / buy and there is no limit on prices). There will be no re-sale of plants.

**This year, we would like to encourage the buyers at the Youth Plant Show to donate their plants to East Pasco Habitat for Humanity as a tax deductible contribution to help landscape the new homes they are building for needy families in our area.**

Thank you for supporting our youth plant projects!

*Pasco County Fair Youth Plant Show Committee*