



2024 FLOWER PLANTER CONTEST

Sponsored by: Oconto County Fair



The Fair invites county youth development and adult civic or other organizations to help dress up the grounds during the Oconto County Fair by participating in the annual Flower Planter Contest. **To participate, a group needs to pre-register by June 9.** Your club designs and plants the planter, delivers the completed planter to the Fair, and removes the planter after the Fair. A panel of judges evaluates the planters during the Fair and cash prizes are awarded for the top three entries. All other participating clubs will receive a \$10 honorarium from the Fair.

Rules for Planter Contest:

1. The contest is open to all youth and adult organizations in Oconto County.
2. The Fair will provide planters, if the club chooses. (They are large (about 3 ft in diameter) pressed fiber pots.) Clubs are open to being creative and providing their own planter, at their own cost.
3. One entry is allowed per organization.
4. Planters must be able to be moved – a suggestion is to pack the bottom of the planter with Styrofoam, “packing peanuts”, or other light material to reduce the weight of the planted display.
5. Planters must contain a minimum of 12" of soil or plant growing media.
6. Only live plants may be used in the design, other than the identification sign. Flowering or foliage plants or a combination may be used. Endangered wild plant specimens are not allowed.
7. Drip irrigation, or other watering hoses or connections cannot be included in the planter display while at the Fair.
8. No electrical applications (lights, fans, music, etc.) are allowed to be part of the planter display.
9. Participating organizations will be responsible to maintain their planter during the Fair.
10. Entries must include a sign with the sponsoring organization’s name on it.
11. Planter entries must be brought to the Fairgrounds between Tuesday and Wednesday of the Fair.
NEWWhen signing up for this contest, please enter the specific location that you will put your planter***
12. **All planter registrations must be in by June 9 to ensure that enough planters are ordered.**
13. Planters may be removed by the organization responsible for them after 6 p.m. Sunday evening of the Fair, and must be removed by noon on the Monday following the Fair if they want their planter, plants, or sign. The Fair will dispose of planters not removed by that time.
14. Planters will be judged between Friday morning and Saturday morning. Winners will be announced at the Buyers Banquet.
15. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be awarded respectively, for the top three placing planter displays. All other participating clubs will receive a \$25 honorarium for participating.
16. Judging criteria include the following:

Criteria	Description	Total Points Possible
Overall Appearance	Pleasing combination of plant texture, form and color	20
Originality	Creative use of plant material and/or expression of a theme, such as color, logo, etc.	10
Maintenance of display during the Fair	Planter maintained during the Fair - watered as needed, spent blooms deadheaded, broken stems removed, etc	10
Sign with name of organization included	Neatly done, fits display versus appearance of being an after thought	5
Follow Contest Rules		5

Entry Process:

- Fill out the online entry form by June 30, 2024, **by clicking this [LINK](#)** and completing the online form.
- **Delivery:** Have you completed the cutout set up on the Fairgrounds between August 20 and August 21, 2024.
Removal: All cutouts need to be removed by noon on Monday, August 26, 2024.