

Magnolia ISD Livestock Show Floral Build-Off

Purpose: To give Magnolia ISD Livestock Show exhibitors an opportunity to showcase their skills in floral design. The exhibitors will be given a bucket with an assortment of flowers, a container, and floral foam. Floral teachers from each campus are responsible for providing tools and mechanical aids to their exhibitors. The exhibitors will be asked to create a design and complete it within 1 hour. The arrangements will then be used at the Magnolia ISD Livestock Show Buyers' Dinner as centerpieces.

Time/Place: The floral build off will take place on the Wednesday afternoon of the week of the livestock show. We will use the cafeteria at Magnolia High School. Floral teachers and committee member volunteers will set up at 3. Check in will start at 3:30pm. exhibitors will be in place and the contest meeting will be at 4:00pm. Contest starts at 4:10pm. Turn in and judging will start at 5:10pm. Results will be announced at 6pm.

Judges: There will be up to 3 judges. Floral professionals and community members may be asked. This is a volunteer position. No paid judges at this time.

To Enter: This contest will be open to high school exhibitors only. Grades 9th-12th. Exhibitors will follow the same eligibility as stated by the Livestock show rule book. To enter they will complete an entry form. They will pay a \$25 entry fee. They must check in by 4pm to be able to compete. Exhibitors will be required to wear official show dress stated in the show rules.

Prizes: Top 3 exhibitors will receive a rosette and 4th-10th will receive a standard ribbon.

Contest Rules: The exhibitors will be given a bucket of flowers, a container, and floral foam provided by the livestock show. Floral teachers from each campus are responsible for providing tools and mechanical aids to their exhibitors.

The approved tools that can be brought into the contest are: floral shears, floral scissors, wire cutters, stem strippers, anchor tape, floral stem tape, floral wire, clear tape, hot glue gun, hot glue sticks, oasis glue, wooden picks, apron, floral knife, glue dashes, a ruler or tape measure, and needle nose pliers.

The list of flowers will be determined by the current floral design teachers from both high schools. The entry fee plus an approved amount determined and voted on by the livestock committee will be used to purchase floral materials, containers, and prizes.

- Arrangements will be made in 1 hour by the exhibitors alone.

- Exhibitors will not be allowed to interact with other exhibitors . There will be no sharing of tools or materials.
- There will be no talking once time has started.
- Headphones will be allowed for exhibitors to listen to music, but exhibitors will not be allowed to use their phone to change songs.
- There will be a 10 minute timeframe for exhibitors to make sure they have all of their items in their buckets and they do not have damaged or broken flowers. A floral teacher will announce the list with the exhibitors and volunteers will help exhibitors who need replacement flowers. If an exhibitor breaks a flower once time has started, it can be replaced while supplies last.
- Once the contest has started exhibitors will be allowed to use the restroom but at the risk of losing design time.
- There will be a limit on the size of the finished arrangement. The design can not be any larger than 18” long X 12” wide X 18” tall.
- Exhibitors will be reminded of the rules and told they are making a centerpiece arrangement for our buyers dinner prior to the start of the contest.
- No paints, ribbon, or decorative accessories of any kind may be supplied by the exhibitor. Only the materials supplied by Magnolia ISD Livestock Show will be allowed.
- Final arrangements should not include any identifying information (name, school, FFA / 4H program etc...)
- Judges' decisions are final.