

*Department K*

# PROFESSIONAL FLORISTS

## 2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

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### DATE OF JUDGING

Tuesday, October 6

### DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

**Winston-Salem Florist Association**

**President:** Derek J. Wood, Young's Florist

**Vice President:** Evelyn Mino, Lhmil Wholesale

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Susi Gordan, Hawks Florist



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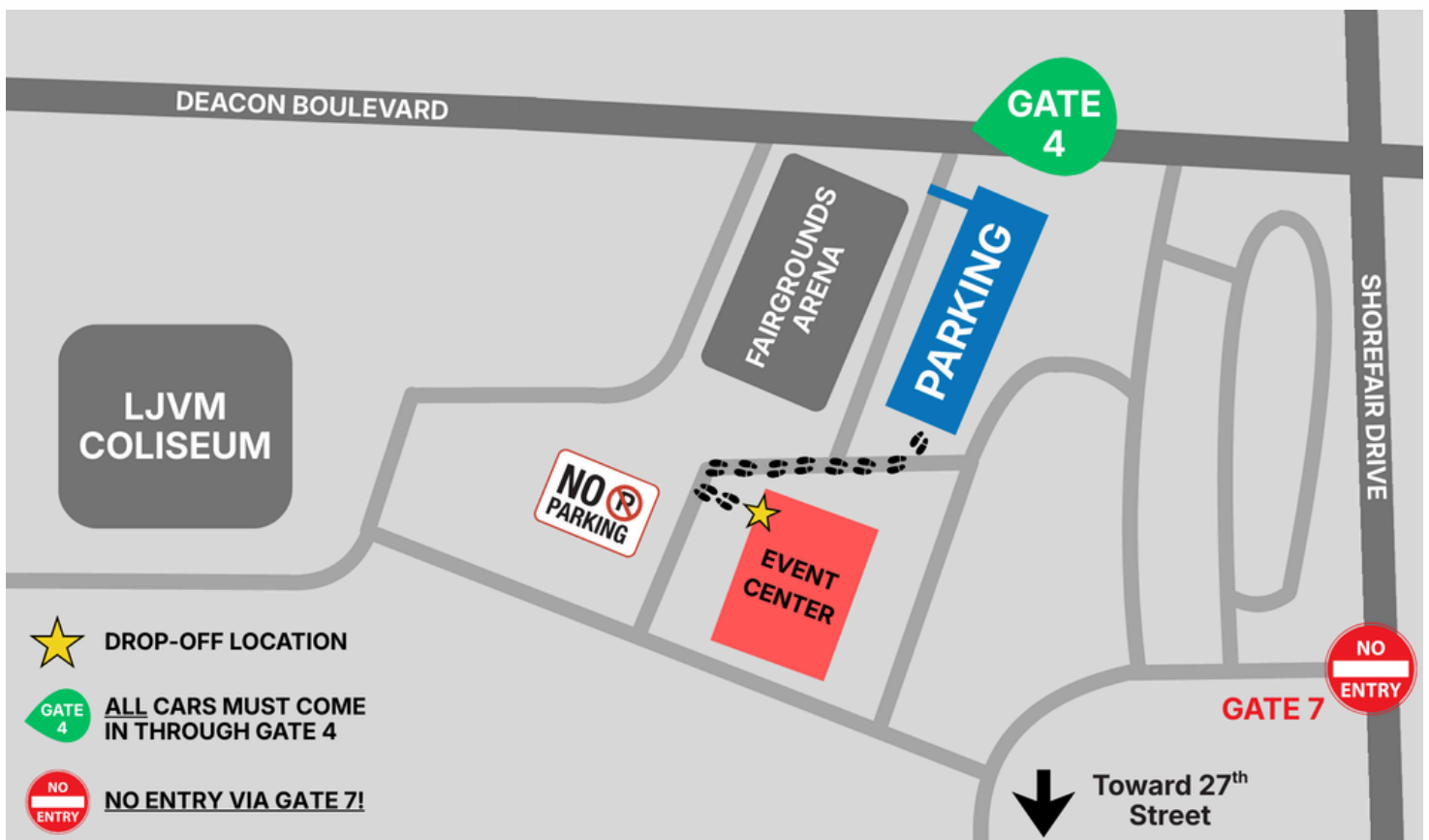
# SET UP & TEAR DOWN

## SET UP INFORMATION

- Set-up for **PROFESSIONAL FLORIST** exhibits is:
  - **Friday, October 2 from 6 to 7 p.m.**

## TEAR DOWN INFORMATION

- Pick-up for ALL exhibits is **(NO EXCEPTIONS):**
  - **Monday, October 12 before 12 pm.**
- Exhibits cannot be removed prior to October 12.



# ENTRY INFORMATION

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- This division is open to PROFESSIONALS ONLY! No Amateurs please!
- Pre-entry is required. On the Carolina Classic Fair entry blank at the back of the catalog, please include Federal ID number for Association.
- **IF YOU SIGN UP, YOU MUST COMPETE ALL CATEGORIES MUST BE FILLED.**
- Entries are open to members of the Winston-Salem Florist Association who: **A)** are in good standing (dues paid), and **B)** are employees or owners (Note: that if a shop is a Member all Employees of said shop are Members as well. **C)** One Shop per Category, Members of the same shop cannot enter the same category.
- Fresh Flowers are encouraged unless stated otherwise, other materials can be used such as Dried, Natural, Silk/Permanent Botanicals. An item considered a wearable must be able to be worn as a retail item and easily displayed for judging. (Ex: hat/headdress, jewelry, body flower, mask)
- Props, accessories, or any other part of the exhibit may not be removed until the end of the show as stated by the Carolina Classic Fair Handbook. **Such props and accessories are at your own risk.** The show superintendent, Fair Committee, and the WSFA will assume NO responsibility for loss and/or damage to personal property.
- All prize monies will be a donation to the Winston Salem Florist Association. Each entry will be given a prize ribbon 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. A Judge's Choice ribbon to be given to the highest scored entry.
- Each individual category may have its own additional set of rules and regulations. The WSFA will provide exhibitors with rules and regulations upon receipt of entry form. Judges and exhibitors will be advised of height and width restrictions. **As we are retail florists, the judging will reflect on how sell able your entry would be to potential clients. All entries must have a description of the inspiration of each item on a 3" x 5" card.**

# PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A ribbon is a badge of merit, and in no case should be attached to an article or animal where meritorious qualities are lacking.
- The following colors will be used to designate awards:
  - **Judge's Choice:** Red, White and Blue
  - **First Place:** Blue
  - **Second Place:** Red
  - **Third Place:** White
  - **Fourth Place:** Pink
- If awarded, all ribbons must be picked up following the Fair (October 12-13).
- Premiums will be paid only from the judging results records and **NOT** from the ribbon or tags on exhibits.
- Errors or omissions in premium payments not reported to the Fair Administrative Office by December 31, 2026, will **NOT** be paid.



# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 100

## PROFESSIONAL FLORISTS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$75 | 2ND: \$60 | 3RD: \$50 | 4TH: \$40**

**Each class will accept 4 entries.**

### **"Celebrating 250 Years of America and its Influence"**

- K-1 The Declaration of Independence:** A Della Stephens Interpretive Floral Design. Not to exceed the 3' x 3' x 8' perimeters. A 3" x 5" card must be displayed with a description/interpretation of your design. You must provide your own prop for display for this entry.
- K-2 Branches of the Military:** A sympathy design displayed on a 48-54" easel not to exceed 36" in diameter. A design of your choosing to represent one branch of the U.S. Military (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard). A 3" x 5" card must be displayed with a description/interpretation of your design. You must provide your own easel for display for this entry.
- K-3 Betsy Ross First Flag:** A jewelry design of your choosing that must be able to be worn. A 3" x 5" card must be displayed with a description/interpretation of your design. To be displayed on a 14" x 41" module.
- K-4 First Lady:** A bridal bouquet inspired by one of the first ladies of America. A 3" x 5" card must be displayed with a description/interpretation of your design. To be displayed on a 14" x 41" module.
- K-5 Mount Rushmore:** A plant and/or garden design of your choosing. A 3" x 5" card must be displayed with a description/interpretation of your design. To be displayed on an 18" x 24" module, not to exceed 36" in diameter.
- K-6 The 4th of July:** A wreath or swag design of your choosing. A 3" x 5" card must be displayed with a description/interpretation of your design. To be displayed on a 36" x 72" wall/door module, not to exceed 36" wide. A metal wreath hanger will be provided.