

# History of the SCFVA

School Children’s Flower and Vegetable Association  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

In the early 1920’s, Fort Wayne Park Superintendent Adolf Jaenicke began organizing a program with the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce that would provide school children with potted plants. According to minutes from October 5, 1923, Board of Park Commissioners instructed Mr. Jaenicke that “plants be propagated in our greenhouse and later be distributed among school children throughout the city”. The first distribution of plants took place in 1927, and the plant display by participating students was held at the courthouse. In 1928 flower seeds and in 1929 vegetable seeds were made available for purchase to be grown and included in the display. Mrs. John Memmewisch served as the first president of what eventually came to be known as the School Children’s Flower and Vegetable Association. Under her leadership the constitution was written to include all children in public and parochial schools.

After the first display of plants at the courthouse, the location was moved to Central High School where it was held until 1954. Because the number of entries grew considerably, the venue moved to the Memorial Coliseum. This change brought complications to the show as each school wanted their own exhibit. In 1958 the association was disbanded with the “sincere hope that a new organization might be formed that would sponsor the continuation of the program”.

The Park Board maintained the program through 1961 when a reorganized SCFVA was formed. A new constitution was adopted, elections were held, and a new era of the plant show had begun! Through volunteer efforts, plants and seeds are distributed to elementary school children in the spring and in the fall each school has their own plant show. All blue-ribbon winners from each school are eligible to participate in a City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Recognition Day Show. Over the years, this Blue-Ribbon show has been held at Franke Park, Blackhawk Middle School and its current location at McMillen Community Center.

More than 60 schools, including homeschool groups, participate in the SCFVA program. The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department grows and distributes more than 19,000 potted plants each spring and many packets of flower, vegetable and herb seeds are sown by participating children.

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SCFVA Executive Committee			
<a href="http://www.FortWayneParks.org">www.FortWayneParks.org</a>			
Get the 2024 Booklet online. Go to “Programs” then to School Children’s Flower and Vegetable Association” and the booklet is on that page.			
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The Executive Committee is here to help you. Feel free to call any one of us if you have a question, need help or have a suggestion.			

# Chairperson's Flower, Plant and Vegetable Show Checklist

## Before School Begins

- Double check your school show date with your school principal and/or PTA president. Contact the SCFVA president, flower show chairperson or the park board advisor if you have questions.
- Put a notice about the school flower show in the school registration packets for students in grades 1 – 5.

## A Week Before Your School Show

- Arrange with your principal the location of tables for displaying entries well in advance.
- Call judges before the show to confirm show date, time and location in the building.
- Count your ribbons to make sure you have enough. If the Statistics Form was used the previous year it is a good source for this information.
- Hang posters to announce show.
- Plan on having helpers. You could have many entries the morning of your school show. To make it easier on yourself, parents, and students you may want to allow students to bring in entries after school the day before your show.
- A few days before the show, announce the show and send home entry forms (page # 7)
- Make the show fun! Have a category for the "goofiest" vegetable or the "smallest" plant.

Get everyone involved! Even if they did not grow seeds or their plant died, let students and teachers bring in a favorite plant. All these categories can get Green Thumb ribbons or special prizes.

## Day Before the Show

- Leave copies of the information page and entry forms in the school office on pages 7 and 8.
- Have a designated space for each possible category on the tables. Label the categories. Separate the potted plants by 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year or more. Within each year, separate into groups of like plants.
- Have extra containers like paper plates, cups, or tin cans in case a student needs help in displaying his/her entry. A container like a milk jug from home for watering may be helpful. Other needed supplies include a fabric tape measure to measure size categories, scissors or pruners for trimming entries, stapler and tape for securing entry forms.

## Day of the Show

- Have copies for the Entry Form ready for students to complete. Try to be aware of all entries coming into the show. It is the responsibility of the chairperson and helpers to make sure entries are correct. If a child has incorrectly entered a category,

advise about how to enter correctly. Be sure that each entry is properly tagged and the child's name is concealed before the judges arrive. Entry categories are listed on page 7 of this handbook.

- A student may have only one entry in each category. However, a student may enter as many categories as desired.
- Only students in grades 1 – 5 are eligible to be judged by SCFVA judges and are qualified to take their entries to the City-Wide Blue Ribbon Show.
- Have copies of the Judging Comment Sheets (page 15 of Handbook) available for judges.
- Make sure every Blue Ribbon winner receives a copy of the Congratulations form (page 11 of Handbook).
- Please fill out the Statistics Form (pages 13-14 of the Handbook). This will be very helpful when ordering ribbons for the next year.
- Each school will receive a plant designated as a "Principal Plant" so that he/she can participate in the show.
- Congratulate yourself, your helpers, the students for helping with a program that brings together school staff, parents and children in the common goal of growing something special!

## Important Dates for 2024:

### Thursday, January 18 – Chairperson Meeting

Distribute Page 3 (It's Time to Order Seeds and Shirts!) to students in grades K – 4. Seed sales are not restricted to children. Encourage staff, family and friends to buy seeds.

### Monday February 12

Order deadline for seeds, T-shirts, pencils and ribbons. Send ONE check made out to SCFVA with Page 4 (Current year Order Form) completed to Lynda Heavrin at the address on the bottom of page. Keep a copy for your records. BE SURE to include the requested show date, as it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your school show must be completed prior to the Blue Ribbon Show.

### Monday April 1

Seed, ribbon, T-shirt and pencil pickup at the Lawton Park Maintenance Office, 1900 N. Clinton. Orders will be available beginning this day and will be held until plants are delivered. The office is open M – F 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and after hours by appointment.

### April 22-26

Plants delivered to schools (refer to schedule in handbook). Distribute Pages 5 & 6, the seeds, plants and any T-shirts ordered to students. It might be helpful to collect bread bags to use them to hold plants being sent home. Paper lunch sacks work well too.

### Thursday, August 8

School Chairperson's Clinic at the Botanical Conservatory. See the current year's plant material and discuss how to create a fun show. Learn about judging criteria.

### Late August/Early September

School Plant Show time! Remind students of your school's upcoming show. Send page 7, front and back, home with students in grades 1 – 5. It has detailed information about the school show, including entry forms. Copy page 9 for more entry forms available the day of show.

### Friday September 13, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ribbon Show Registration: McMillen Community Center, 3901 Abbott Street. Volunteers needed.

### Saturday, September 14: 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Blue Ribbon Show Registration: 8:30 - 11  
Blue Ribbon Show Judging: 12:30 – 2:30. Volunteers needed to help judges.

## FUTURE DATES:

### Thursday, January 16, 2025

Chairperson Meeting, Botanical Conservatory. Pick up 2025 handbook.

# It's Time to Order Seeds and Shirts!



Dear students and parents,

Now is the time to order your seeds for spring! Below is a list of seed varieties available from the School Children's Flower and Vegetable Association. The seeds will be distributed in April 2024. As you choose your seeds, think of what you would like to return to your school's SCFVA show early in the next school year. A description of each variety is included. Please indicate on this order form the seeds and t-shirts you want to order. Your family and friends are also able to order seeds from us. Return this order form and payment to your teacher by \_\_\_\_\_

SEEDS			QTY	
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>Beet - Detroit Dark Red</b> - medium size, rounded and deep red	<b>Beet</b>		<b>Total Seed Cost:</b>
	<b>Carrot - Nantes</b> - up to 8 inches long and 1.5 " wide with orange-red color	<b>Carrot</b>		
	<b>Corn - Ornamental</b> - up to 10" ears with mixed kernels of yellow, red, white, blue and purple	<b>Corn</b>		
	<b>Gourd - Small Ornamental Mix</b> - assorted sizes, colors and shapes	<b>Gourd</b>		
	<b>Pumpkin - Jack-O'-Lantern</b> - medium-sized, up to 10 pounds, bright orange with round to oval shape	<b>Pumpkin</b>		
	<b>Sunflower - Giant Greystripe</b> - can get a flower up to 12" on a 10' plant. Seeds are edible when roasted.	<b>Sunflower, Giant</b>		
<b>HERBS</b>	<b>Basil - Sweet</b> - aromatic herb with edible, green leaves. Grow in the ground or container	<b>Basil</b>		
	<b>Parsley - Curly</b> - decorative herb with edible green leaves. Grow in the ground or container	<b>Parsley</b>		
<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>Cleome - Queen Mix</b> - airy blooms in pink, purple or white with spidery seed pods on 3-4' plants	<b>Cleome, Mix</b>		
	<b>Marigold - Crackerjack Mix</b> - large double blooms of yellow, gold, or orange on 3.5' plants	<b>Marigold</b>		
	<b>Sunflower - Teddy Bear</b> - double, golden blooms on 1.5' plants. Can be grown in the ground or container	<b>Sunflower, Teddy Bear</b>		
	<b>Zinnia - Dahlia-flowered</b> has abundant blooms up to 5" in assorted colors on bushy 2.5' plants	<b>Zinnia</b>		
<b>Total # Seed Packets</b> _____			<b>x 50¢ =</b>	

YOUTH SHIRTS						
	<b>\$7.50</b>	Y - S Size 6	Y - M 10-12	Y - L 14-16		
<b>YOUTH</b>	Lt. Blue					
	Lime Green					
	Orange					
	Bright Pink					
	Salmon					
	<b># of youth colored shirts</b> _____ <b>x \$7.50 =</b>					
	<b>\$9.50</b>					
	White*					
<b># of youth white shirts</b> _____ <b>x 9.50 =</b>						
ADULT SHIRTS						
	<b>\$8.50</b>	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	
<b>ADULT</b>	Lt. Blue					
	Lime Green					
	Orange					
	Bright Pink					
	Salmon					
	<b># of adult colored shirts</b> _____ <b>x \$8.50 =</b>					
	<b>\$10.50</b>					
	White*					
<b># of youth white shirts</b> _____ <b>x \$10.50 =</b>						
*Color your own SCFVA design! White comes with a box of 7 heat-activated fabric dye crayons.						

TOTALS:	
Seeds:	
T-SHIRTS	
Youth, color:	
Youth, White:	
Adult, Color:	
Adult, White:	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	

Make Checks Payable to:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher, Grade, Room #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Phone or Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Make Check payable to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Call your School Show Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Order Form for Seeds, Ribbons, T-shirts, Pencils and Plants

Due Date: Monday, February 12, 2024

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested School Show Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Judging Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Shows are scheduled in blocks of time and there are limited judges for each block. Requested show dates are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

		SEEDS			
		QTY:			
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	Carrot				
	Corn, Ornamental				
	Gourd				
	Pumpkin				
	Sunflower, Giant				
HERBS	Basil				
	Parsley				
FLOWERS	Cleome, Mix				
	Marigold				
	Sunflower, Teddy Bear				
	Zinnia				
		<b>Total # seed packs:</b> _____	<b>X 50¢ =</b>		

RIBBONS			
		QTY:	
Blue (1st)*			<b>Total ribbon cost:</b>
Red (2nd)**			
Yellow (3rd)			
Orange (4th)			
Green Thumb			
		<b>Total # ribbons:</b> _____	
*Maximum # of blue ribbons possible is 57, though rarely that many are awarded.			
**Usually about 3 times more red ribbons are awarded than blue. Look at last year's statistics page for best estimate.			

PENCILS		
Multicolored with SCFVA logo as giveaways to plant show participants.		<b>Total pencil cost:</b>
		<b>Total # of pencils:</b> _____
		<b>X 25¢ =</b>

		YOUTH SHIRTS				
		\$7.50	Y - S Size 6	Y - M 10-12	Y - L 14-16	
YOUTH	Lt. Blue					
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	Salmon					
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		<b>\$9.50</b>				
		White w/ crayons				
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\$ TOTALS	
Seeds:	
Ribbons:	
Pencils:	
T-Shirts:	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	
Check or Money Order Payable to <b>Fort Wayne Parks</b> (DO NOT SEND CASH) to: Lawton Park Greenhouse 1900 N. Clinton St. Fort Wayne, IN 46805	
<b>Total number potted plants for grades K - 4 (no cost):</b>	
<b>Tree seedlings are available for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in addition to plants. Total 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.</b>	

## **Helpful Growing Tips from the SCFVA**

Read the tag in your plant to see what kind of conditions your plant prefers. Most plants do best if you repot them when they outgrow their current container. Replant into a pot no more than two inches larger than current pot. If it is too large, the plant spends its time growing roots instead of leaves and flowers. Also, be sure the new pot has drainage holes in the bottom. Use potting soil mix, not dirt from your yard. Write your name on tag and keep with your plant.

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# Hey kids, it's time to bring your SCFVA potted plants, flowers, vegetables and herbs back to school!

Your school's PLANT SHOW will be held on (date here): \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver your plants to \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*location at school* *time*

**Questions?** Your Plant Show Chairperson is: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info for chairperson is: \_\_\_\_\_

Below are all possible categories. You may enter as many categories as you want. A description of how entries are judged is listed on the back of this form. Two entry forms are below. If you need more, please photocopy them or ask your show chairperson for more.

## POTTED PLANT CATEGORIES

### SEED CATEGORIES

#### VEGETABLES

- Beet for appearance 1 per display
- Beets for appearance 3 per display
- Beet for size 1 per display
- Carrot for appearance 1 per display
- Carrots for appearance 3 per display
- Carrot, longest 1 per display
- Corn for appearance 1 per display
- Corn for appearance 3 per display
- Corn, longest 1 per display
- Gourd, single 1 per display
- Gourd, 3 alike 3 per display
- Gourds, 3 different 3 per display
- Pumpkin, appearance 1 per display
- Pumpkin, size 1 per display
- Sunflower, appearance of the seeds 1 per display
- Sunflower, for size of the seed head 1 per display
- Mixed Collection of Vegetables 5 or more vegetables from AT LEAST 2 categories

#### CUT FLOWERS

- Cleome, single 1 per display
- Cleome, any 3 3 per display
- Marigold, Single 1 per display
- Marigold, any 3 3 per display
- Teddy Bear Sunflower 1 cut stem with one or multiple blooms
- Sunflower, cut flower 1 per display
- Zinnia, single 1 per display
- Zinnia, 3 alike 3 per display
- Zinnia, 3 different 3 per display
- Mixed Bouquet of Flowers 5 or more flowers from AT LEAST 2 categories

#### HERBS

- Basil 1 stem cut, in water
- Basil 1 potted container
- Parsley 1 stem cut, in water
- Parsley 1 potted container

#### 1<sup>st</sup> year Potted Plants (Sent home in April 2024)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Iresine 'Brilliantissima', Begonia 'Super Olympia Bicolor', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Color Pride', Geranium 'Maverick Rose'

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Potted Plants (Sent home in April 2023)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Jacobinia, Iresine 'Brilliantissima', Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Begonia 'Party Red', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Festive Dance', Geranium 'Bullseye Red'

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Potted Plants (Sent home in April 2022)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Jacobinia, Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Begonia 'Ambassador Pink', Coleus 'Wizard Coral Sunrise', Geranium 'Maverick White'

**4<sup>th</sup> + Year Plants** - Any SCFVA Plants sent home prior to 2022. A plant is never too old to enter!

**My Favorite Plant** - Any plant grown by the student throughout the summer.

<b>Potted Plant</b> _____	
<i>Variety</i>	
Year: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>TH</sup> +	
<b>Cut Flower</b> _____	
<i>Variety</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Alike (Zinnia only) <input type="checkbox"/> Any 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Different (Zinnia only) <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Bouquet	
<b>Vegetable</b> _____	
<i>Variety</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Size <input type="checkbox"/> Single Appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Same <input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Different <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Collection	
<b>Herb</b> _____	
<i>Variety</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single cut stem <input type="checkbox"/> Container	
<b>My Favorite Plant:</b> _____	
-----Fold Here-----	
_____	
Child's Name	
_____	
Teacher	Grade and Room #

<b>Potted Plant</b> _____	
<i>Variety</i>	
Year: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>TH</sup> +	
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## How Ribbons are Awarded

1. A blue ribbon (1<sup>st</sup> place) is awarded in every category in which there is an entry.
2. Only one blue ribbon can be awarded in each category. However, multiple red (2<sup>nd</sup>), yellow (3<sup>rd</sup>), and orange (4<sup>th</sup>) place ribbons can be awarded. All entries receive ribbons.
3. The plant tags that came with the plant are not necessary for entering a plant and a missing tag does not disqualify the plant from receiving a ribbon. The tags are only used for judging if there are two completely equal plants in competition for 1<sup>st</sup> place.
4. Only the entries are judged, not the containers, for all the categories.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. May I enter a plant that I received in another year or from another Fort Wayne School?

A. Yes, it does not matter and you may enter it in the school you are attending now.

Q. What if my plant died or did not do well?

A. Even if you did not get the results you wished for your plant bring it anyway. You might even get a blue ribbon if yours is the only entry in that category. If your plant died but you have another plant you cared for through the summer bring that plant to your school's show and enter it in the "My Favorite Plant" category.

Q. How many categories may I enter?

A. You may bring back all your plants that you have received from the SCFVA program no matter how old the plant since there is a 4<sup>th</sup>+ Year category. You may also enter any or all the seed categories depending on what you grow.

## How SCFVA Entries are Judged

### ***Vegetables***

All vegetables entered for appearance should be clean and free of blemishes.

Tops of carrots and beets should be cut back to 1".

Corn husks of corn should be pulled back and tied.

Entries for size are judged only for size.

Giant sunflower seeds are judged in the vegetable category for maturity, symmetry and the overall pattern. The yellow florets in the center of the flower head should be removed so seeds can be judged.

When entering in the "3 Alike" category the vegetables should be similar in size and color.

### ***Flowers***

Cut flowers should be blemish-free and are judged for freshness, richness of color, symmetry and health of the foliage.

When entering in the "3 Alike" category the flowers should be similar in size and color.

### ***Herbs***

Cut and potted herbs should be blemish-free and are judged for freshness and color.

### ***Potted Plants***

All plants should be properly groomed with discolored leaves and flowers removed.

The blooming plants, Jacobinia, Begonia and Geraniums, are judged first for health of the plant and overall balance of growth and second for the flowers.

Foliage plants, Asparagus Fern, Spider Plant, Umbrella Plant, Strawberry Begonia, and Coleus are judged for well-developed and abundant foliage.

The Coleus flowers and Spider Plant and Strawberry Begonia "babies" may be left on the plant.



**Potted Plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety** \_\_\_\_\_

Year:  1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  4<sup>TH</sup> +

**My Favorite Plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flower** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

Single  3 Alike (Zinnia only)

Any 3  3 Different (Zinnia only)

Mixed Bouquet

**Vegetable** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

Single Size  Single Appearance

Group of 3 Same  Group of 3 Different

Mixed Collection

**Herb** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety**

Single cut stem  Container

**My Favorite Plant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Room # \_\_\_\_\_

**Potted Plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety** \_\_\_\_\_

Year:  1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  4<sup>TH</sup> +

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**Variety**

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Group of 3 Same  Group of 3 Different

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**Variety**

Single cut stem  Container

**My Favorite Plant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Room # \_\_\_\_\_

**Potted Plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Variety** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Variety**

Single cut stem  Container

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**Variety**

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Mixed Collection

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**Variety**

Single cut stem  Container

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Room # \_\_\_\_\_

# You are a 2024 SCFVA Blue Ribbon Winner!

Congratulations (student's name): \_\_\_\_\_

Your entry (plant, flower, vegetable, herb): \_\_\_\_\_ received a Blue Ribbon

at the \_\_\_\_\_ plant show!  
(name of school)



You are invited to bring your entry to the City-Wide Blue Ribbon Show  
Held on Saturday, September 14, 2024.  
Please bring this sheet with your entry.

City-Wide Blue Ribbon Show  
McMillen Community Center  
3901 Abbott Street

## Registration

Friday, September 13, 2024..... 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Saturday, September 14, 2024..... 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

NOTE: It is OK to use a new/fresh cut flower or vegetable as long as it is entered in the same category that won in your school show. Potted plants must be the same plant that won at your school show.

## Schedule for Saturday, September 14

8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. .... Registration of entries  
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. .... Judging (closed to the public)  
2:30 p.m. .... Show open to the public. Please do not take your plants at  
this time so that people can enjoy looking at all the entries.  
2:45 p.m. .... Merit Awards presented. Door Prizes announced.

At registration, each student will receive a small prize and a chance for a door prize.  
Several door prizes will be awarded after Merit Awards are presented. The stubs from the entry tags are used for the door prize drawings. You are automatically entered with each plant entry you submit.  
**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN DOOR PRIZES.**

SCFVA T-shirts will be available during the registration on Friday and Saturday.  
We hope you will be proud to wear these shirts as a sign of your Green Thumbs!

If you have questions about the Blue Ribbon Show, please contact Fort Wayne Park's SCFVA representative, Lynda Heavrin, at 260-427-6424 or [lynda.heavrin@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:lynda.heavrin@cityoffortwayne.org) during office hours, Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

# 2024 Flower Show Statistics

This sheet is for your yearly records.

Using this form will help with planning next year's show, especially when ordering ribbons.

Category	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		Blue Ribbon Winner/grade/teacher
	Indicate number of ribbons awarded in each category					
Beet 1 - Appearance						
Beet 3						
Beet - Size						
Carrot 1 - Appearance						
Carrots 3						
Carrot- Size						
Corn - Appearance						
Corn - 3						
Corn - Size						
Gourd 1 - Appearance						
Gourd 3 Alike						
Gourd 3 Different						
Pumpkin – Appearance						
Pumpkin – Size						
Sunflower – Appearance						
Sunflower – Size						
Mixed Collection Vegetable						
Cleome 1						
Cleome 3						
Marigold 1						
Marigold 3						
Teddy Bear Sunflower – 1 Stem						
Zinnia 1						
Zinnia – 3 Alike						
Zinnia – 3 Different						
Basil - Cut						
Basil - Container						
Parsley – Cut						
Parsley – Container						
Mixed Bouquet Flowers						
Total Ribbons:						

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## Flower Show Statistics, Continued

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year Plants (2024)</b>					
Umbrella Plant					
Asparagus Fern					
Strawberry Begonia					
Spider Plant					
Iresine 'Brilliantissima'					
Begonia 'Super Olympia Bicolor'					
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Color Pride'					
Geranium 'Maverick Rose'					
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Plants (2023)</b>					
Umbrella Plant					
Asparagus Fern					
Strawberry Begonia					
Spider Plant					
Jacobinia					
Begonia 'Party Red'					
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Festive Dance'					
Geranium 'Bullseye Red'					
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Plants (2022)</b>					
Umbrella Plant					
Asparagus Fern					
Jacobinia					
Strawberry Begonia					
Spider Plant					
Begonia 'Ambassador Pink'					
Coleus 'Wizard Coral Sunrise'					
Geranium 'Maverick White'					
<b>4<sup>th</sup> + Year Plants</b>					
All 4 <sup>th</sup> + Plants Judged Together					
<b>My Favorite Plant</b>					
All Plants Judged Together					
<b>Total (This Page)</b>					
<b>Total (Front Page)</b>					
<b>GRAND TOTAL Entries</b>					

## Helpful Hints from the Judges

### Plants and Potted Herbs

- Remove dead and damaged leaves and flowers.
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- Good job growing your plant this year! Keep it inside during the winter, give it lots of light, and water it about every two weeks. Be sure to enter your plant next year.

### Cut Vegetables, Herbs and Flowers

*We look for the freshest, cleanest cut products as possible with the least amount of blemishes*

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It is \_\_\_Very Fresh \_\_\_Very Clean  
It has \_\_\_Good Color \_\_\_No Blemishes \_\_\_Uniform Size

*Vegetables have the most requirements for judging.*

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## 2024 Plant Delivery Dates

<b>School</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
Abbett	Monday	4/22	Scott	Monday	4/22
Aboite	Tuesday	4/23	Shambaugh	Wednesday	4/24
Adams	Tuesday	4/23	Southwick	Friday	4/26
Arlington	Wednesday	4/24	South Wayne	Monday	4/22
Ascension	Wednesday	4/24	St. Charles	Wednesday	4/24
Blackhawk	Friday	4/26	St. Elizabeth	Tuesday	4/23
Bloomington	Thursday	4/25	St. Joe Catholic	Wednesday	4/24
Brentwood	Friday	4/26	St. Joe Central	Wednesday	4/24
Bunche	Tuesday	4/23	St. John the Baptist	Monday	4/22
Canterbury	Tuesday	4/23	St. Jude	Wednesday	4/24
Concordia	Wednesday	4/24	St. Michael	Tuesday	4/23
Covington	Tuesday	4/23	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wednesday	4/24
Croninger	Friday	4/26	St. Peter's	Friday	4/26
Deer Ridge	Tuesday	4/23	St. Therese	Monday	4/22
Emmanuel	Wednesday	4/24	St. Vincent	Thursday	4/25
Fairfield	Monday	4/22	Study	Wednesday	4/24
Forest Park	Wednesday	4/24	Suburban Bethlehem	Thursday	4/25
Franke Park	Thursday	4/25	Timothy Johnson Ac.	Tuesday	4/23
Glenwood	Wednesday	4/24	Towles	Monday	4/22
Haley	Wednesday	4/24	Unity	Monday	4/22
Harris	Wednesday	4/24	Washington	Wednesday	4/24
Harrison Hill	Monday	4/22	Washington Center	Thursday	4/25
Haverhill	Tuesday	4/23	Weisser Park	Monday	4/22
Holland	Thursday	4/25	Whispering Meadows	Tuesday	4/23
Holy Cross	Wednesday	4/24	Young	Monday	4/22
Indian Village	Wednesday	4/24			
Irwin	Tuesday	4/23			
Lafayette Meadows	Tuesday	4/23			
Lincoln	Thursday	4/25			
Lindley	Tuesday	4/23			
Maplewood	Monday	4/22			
Most Precious Blood	Thursday	4/25			
Northcrest	Thursday	4/25			
Price	Thursday	4/25			
Queen of Angels	Thursday	4/25			