

## RULES

1. Entries are open to all Coshocton County Garden Club members
2. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in horticulture classes, providing each entry is in different variety. Specimens must be grown by exhibitor and labeled.
3. All **entries and roses**, must be entered and ready for staging by **7p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2005.**
4. Judging will be at **10:00 a.m., Friday September 30, 2005.**
5. Plant material used in artistic designs must be listed on a 3 x 5 card with an entry tag and flower name.
6. In order to insure an adequate number of entries in horticulture classes, the committee reserves the right to combine, subdivide or eliminate classes as needed.
7. No artificial flowers or foliage permitted in any class. Painted or dyed material permitted in modern or abstract designs only.
8. No exhibit will be removed before 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 6, 2005. Entries may be picked up between **7:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6 or on Friday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.**
9. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention awards in both horticulture and artistic classes. First and Second best of show in both classes. Judge's Choice award in Artistic Class.
10. For additional information regarding staging or entries, see "The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Exhibitors & Judges Handbook."

### GUARD DUTY

Friday 1 p.m.- 9 p.m.  
**Green Valley**  
 Saturday 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
**Town & Country**  
 Sunday 11a.m.- 9 p.m.  
**Green Valley**  
 Monday 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
**Town & Country**  
 Tuesday 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
**Green Valley**  
 Wednesday 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
**Town & Country**  
 Thursday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
**Town & Country**  
 Thursday 2p.m. - 8p.m.  
**Green Valley**

### COMMITTEES -Janice Williams, Patty McCormick

Bottles - **Town & Country Garden**  
 Shelf Paper - **Green Valley Garden**  
 Cleanup Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am  
**BOTH CLUBS**  
 Artistic Staging - **BOTH CLUBS**  
 Horticultural Staging - **BOTH CLUBS**  
 Ribbons - **BOTH CLUBS**  
 Comments - **BOTH CLUBS**  
 Publicity - **BOTH CLUBS**

## CONSTITUTION

**TITLE** - This Society shall be known as the Coshocton County Agricultural Society.

**OBJECT** - The object of this Society shall be to promote and encourage Agriculture, Horticulture, Industry, Science and the raising of better livestock; to encourage school and junior fair exhibits, and all educational features which help to build a better community.

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Any American Citizen of Coshocton County, Ohio, over 18 years of age may become a member of the Coshocton County Agricultural Society by having his or her name and post office address recorded with the Secretary and by paying the established price set by the director into the treasury in any year. No person shall pay for or secure a membership for anyone other than himself. Memberships shall be placed on sale at least two weeks before old memberships expire on January 1 of each year and shall remain on sale at least 30 hours each week at a place specified by the Society. Notice of the days, hours, when memberships can be purchased shall be announced in the annual premium list and in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county or district concerned twice during the period of sale - once when they go on sale and again no less than seven days before sale is terminated but not earlier than 21 days before sale is ended.

2. Memberships may be purchased at the Secretary's Office during regular scheduled office hours. Starting the day after Labor Day each year, the Secretary's Office will be open each day to sell memberships and to receive fair entries. Membership sales close at 8 p.m. the day prior to the opening of the fair.

3. Membership certificates shall bear dates (day and year memberships begin and day and year memberships terminate) denoting period of membership and name a successor to serve until the next annual election, when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.  
 s in the society.

4. Membership coupon tickets will have two stubs on each ticket with corresponding numbers, and a blank space for the name of the purchaser of the ticket. The name of the purchaser of the ticket will be registered on both stubs by the secretary and the secretary will retain one and the other stub will be given to the purchaser, which he will retain as his certificate of membership.

5. By complying with the above rules, the purchaser of the membership is entitled to make an exhibit at the fair of as many articles as he may desire without further payment excepting in the livestock, agriculture displays and Grange entries.

6. No membership certificates shall be issued to corporations, organizations, partnerships or firms. All Membership certificates shall be issued in the name of an individual who has paid the required membership fee into the treasury between January 1 and before the close of the sale of Memberships. Only that person whose name appears upon the membership certificate shall be considered a member of the Agricultural Society and shall have a right to vote at the annual election of directors of the society or hold office.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of 18 members, who shall be elected for a term of three years and the terms so arranged that the terms of one-third of the members shall expire annually.

2. The casting of votes for directors by proxies is not to be permitted.

3. Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from office or other causes, may be filled by the Board until the next annual election, when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

4. If any member of the Board of Directors misses three consecutive regular meetings, the Board may declare his position vacant and name a successor to serve until the next annual election, when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

**ELECTION**

1. The annual election of the board of directors shall be held at the Fair Ground of the first Saturday in November of each year from 1 to 5 p.m.

2. The said election shall be by ballot. Ballots must be marked with an "X" opposite the name of each candidate voted for, otherwise the name will not be counted.

3. Members of the Society must declare their candidacy for the office of Director of the Society by filing with the Secretary of the Society, a petition signed by 10 or more members of the Society who are residents of the County in which the Society is organized, at least seven days before the annual election of directors is held. Only regularly nominated candidates who have met the filing requirements will be eligible for elections as a director.

4. The term of office of the retiring Directors shall expire and that of the Directors-elect shall begin on January 1 of each year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

5. The Secretary shall give notice of Directors' election for three weeks prior to holding thereof, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county. Said newspaper announcements shall be made no earlier than six weeks and no later than two weeks before the annual election of directors.

6. Petitions can be obtained from the secretary of the Society.

7. A list of the membership of the Society is available for inspection upon the request of any resident of the county, at the secretary's office.

8. The President shall appoint three judges and two clerks who are members of the Society, but are not candidates for election to conduct the election of directors and declare the results thereof. Candidates may witness the count either personally or by proxy. Polls must be open not less than four hours between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the day of the election and the time of opening and closing stated in the notice of elections. The judges of elections shall have the membership roll and verify the rights of all persons to vote before issuing ballots. Voting must be done in accordance with the election laws of the State of Ohio. The clerks of election shall register the names of all persons voting and tally the count, one copy of which Register and tally sheet shall be placed on file with the secretary of the Society, the other copy shall be mailed to the Department of Agriculture

of Ohio, within 10 days after the said election. Poll books and tally sheets shall be supplied by the Department of Agriculture of Ohio.

9. A majority of the board of directors or any group of 25 citizens of legal voting age in a county or district concerned may petition the Department of Agriculture to supervise their annual election of directors. Said petition shall state the reason for such request and be signed with the names and addresses of the persons making such request. Said petition must then be filed with the Director of Agriculture shall cause an investigation to be made and if he deems it to be necessary and proper, he shall assign one or more representatives of the Department of Agriculture to supervise election.

**OFFICERS ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS**

1. There shall be a regular meeting of the old retiring Board and also of the new incoming Board, on the third Monday in November of each year, at which meeting the new Board shall elect or appoint a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer. Election of officers shall be by ballot.

2. The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Treasurer, to serve a term of one year. The Secretary shall be elected for a term of not more than three years. The President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall be directors. The Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be.

3. The officers and directors of this Society shall be citizens of Coshocton County, Ohio, and must have been members of the Society for one year next preceding their election.

4. Before election of officers the newly-elected directors shall qualify by taking the following oath (or affirmation) before a competent authority (designated by law):

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of The United States, the Constitution of Ohio, laws of Ohio and rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture of Ohio pertaining to agriculture societies and to the best of my ability perform the duties of Director of the Coshocton County Agricultural Society, so help me God."

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**AMENDMENTS**

1. Amendments to the constitution or by-laws may be proposed by:

A. A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot; or

B. Filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least 14 days prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than 25 members.

2. If an amendment is proposed, it shall be submitted to the membership of the Society at the annual election of the Board of Directors, or at the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Society.

3. When more than one amendment shall be submitted at the same time, they shall be so submitted as to enable the members to vote on each amendment separately.

4. If the majority of the membership voting on proposed amendment shall adopt such amendment, it shall become a part of the constitution or by-laws.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. The annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be at the Secretary's Office at the fairground the third Monday of November each year at 8:30 p.m.

2. At this meeting, the officers and directors of the society shall make reports to the membership of the Society concerning the past Fair and make recommendations for the betterment of future Fairs. The members shall be given opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the Society or its Fair. Such other business may be presented as may be prescribed by this constitution or as may be deemed proper by the Board of Directors.

**COMPENSATION**

1. The compensation of the President and the other Board members shall be fixed by the Board in accordance with the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

2. Directors, other than the Secretary or Treasurer, shall receive an amount to coincide with the rules of the Department of Agriculture, and mileage at state rate as of January 1 of current year to and from his residence in attending each meeting of the Society. No allowance shall be made to exceed 12 meetings each year, nor shall any funds accumulations, profits or property of the society, or any portion or part thereof, be in any manner except as above used, expended, delivered to or for, the individual benefit of any member or officer of the Board of Directors, or any other person or persons, as a shared gift or dividend in the proceeds or property of the Society. The Board of Directors may appropriate such funds as may be deemed reasonable to cover actual expenses of themselves and duly authorized representatives of the Society in furthering the interest of the Society and in attending State Conventions and such other meetings deemed in the interest of the fair.

3. The Treasurer, Secretary and Concession Manager may be members of the Board and may receive compensation for their services.

The Executive Committee must be members of the Board and may receive compensation for their services.

The Society during the week of its fair may include meals for directors, officers and judges at the expense of the fair.

4. The delegate to represent the society at the annual meeting with the Director of Agriculture as provided in Section 901.06 Revised Code of Ohio shall be required to present a properly executed certificate, signed by the president of the society, setting forth that he has been regularly selected as delegate and is duly authorized to represent his society; otherwise he will not receive official recognition. A roll call shall be made at the annual meeting to determine attendance and to recognize delegates.

5. Any Director who has served on Board 10 years shall be given a Lifetime Admission Ticket for member and spouse at retirement.

**FAIR DATES**

On or before the last day of November of each year, the society shall submit to the director of agriculture, for his approval, the dates the society desires to have its next annual fair.

**BY-LAWS QUORUM**

The members of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting, of which due notice has been given by the Secretary, by publication in one county paper, or by letter, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided the number present is the majority of elected directors.

**MEETINGS**

1. There shall be regular meetings of the Board on the third Monday of every month except December.

2. Special meetings may be conducted when necessary, at the call of the President or at the call of the Secretary.

3. Written notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent to each director by mail. The notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting.

4. The order of business may be temporarily suspended at any meeting upon a majority vote of quorum present.

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the sessions of the Board, to assign the Superintendent to the different departments, to sign or attest the records of the same. He may cast the deciding vote in case of tie, but shall not hold a negative or veto upon the acts of the Board. He shall have power to call special meetings of the Board when he shall deem it necessary to the interests of the Society. He shall see that all By Laws and regulations of the Society are duly enforced, and exercise a general superintendency of the same.

2. Vice-President by reason of his office, is made a member of the Board in the matter of deliberations and voting.

3. It shall be the duty of the First-Vice President to perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the President, during the absence, resignation or disability of the President. The Second Vice-President will act during absence of the President and First Vice-President.



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4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings and of the receipts and revenues of the Society as recorded to him by the Treasurer, and a record of all the disbursements of the same; to make and to keep a complete list of all the annual meetings of the Society; and to make a full and complete list or entry of all articles exhibited at the fair, and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office of Secretary generally.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to give bond guaranteeing the faithful discharge of his duties, the bond and securities to be approved by the board; to collect and keep all of the funds and revenues of the Society that may accrue during his term of office, and report the same to the Secretary from time to time, as collected; to pay no money from the treasury of the Society, except from an order drawn by the Secretary and countersigned or attested to by the President; to make the Board at their first annual meeting after the annual election, an exhibit of all receipts and expenditures of the Society said, exhibit to be countersigned by the Secretary; to open an office at the fairgrounds at the annual exhibition of the Society, and to attend to the same during the days of the fair.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to employ or discharge the keeper of the grounds; grant orderly privileges on the grounds; inspect the safety of trees and buildings, and repair fences and buildings, which must of necessity be done, and have a general oversight of the fair grounds.

7. The President shall appoint three directors as an auditing committee to inspect and audit the account and books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and to report the results of its findings to the Board of Directors. Said report to show an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for the year. Said report shall be made a part of the records and a summary of the same shall be published in a newspaper which has general circulation in the county or district concerned, not later than January 10. The society shall deliver to the Department of Agriculture (1) a newspaper clipping, properly certified under oath of the summary published as required by this regulation, (2) a copy of the annual premium list and (3) a report of receipts, disbursements and other information indicated on forms provided by the Department of Agriculture for such a report, All books, accounts, records, etc. . . . , shall be made available for inspection upon request.

8. Unless said report is properly made indicates compliance with the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and Independent Agricultural Societies, the Department of Agriculture may not issue certificates authorizing payment of public funds. When it is determined that a Society has not complied with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture or the laws and/or the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Director of Agriculture will notify the society concerned and state in writing the reason why a certificate authorizing payment of public funds as provided by law shall not be issued. Societies receiving such notice, will have 30 days after receipt of such notice to request a hearing on the violation for which they have been cited unless a society has been provided with an opportunity to be heard prior to such determination as provided in the next succeeding paragraph. Should a society fail to request a hearing within a 30 day period, it forfeits all rights to open the case at a later date.

9. Any group of six or more citizens, of legal age, that feels the Director of Agriculture should not issue a certificate for payment of public funds to the Society in its county or district, may file a protest with the Director of Agriculture. All protests shall be made in writing and filed with the Director of Agriculture within 60 days following the societies annual fair. All protest shall contain a complete statement of the facts pertaining to the violation constituting the charge made against the society. Protests must be signed by all members of the charge made against the society. Protest must be signed by all members of the protesting group and each person signing the protest shall have full knowledge of all facts and allegations set forth in the protest and be able to support them with affidavits when requested by the Department offset by the Director of Agriculture. All interested

parties will be notified of the date and place of hearing and full opportunity to present evidence relevant to the protests; however, only those questions submitted in the protest will be considered at the hearing. Should either party fail to appear at the hearing, said party so failing to appear shall forfeit all rights with respect to the matter under consideration.

10. The Board of Directors may enact such Rules and Regulations for conducting business of the Society which do not conflict with the Constitution or by-laws regulations of Ohio Department of Agriculture, or laws of the State of Ohio.

**RULES - 1.** All eating and soft drink concessions must have posted in a conspicuous place in the establishment in letters and figures of not less than three-fourths of one inch high a notice listing the commodities on sale and the price for which they will be sold to public.

2. The Society will have at the fair, an official veterinarian who has been approved by the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture of Ohio.

3. The society will not permit the injection or administration of drugs of any kind or description, or the physical application of any electrical, mechanical or other appliance for the purpose of stimulating an animal entered in any form of competition.

4. The sale of intoxicants or malt liquors on the grounds is strictly forbidden. No gambling will be permitted on the grounds.

5. Public address systems or loudspeakers as well as loud radios or other loud music will not be permitted in any Commercial Building. Distribution of political advertising from commercial booths will be prohibited.

6. Reservations of space will be accepted any time prior to the fair, and to be held, must be confirmed during the week prior to the fair. A nominal deposit shall be made for reservation space, and full payment must be made before occupation of space.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS - 1.** Reading of minutes, 2. Report of committees, 3. Unfinished business, 4. New business, 5. Miscellaneous business, 6. Adjournment

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