

HORTICULTURE & COMMUNITY DISPLAYS

We're refreshing the Horticulture Display area to bring more creativity, color, and fun to the Fair! This year, we're moving away from the traditional displays. We're encouraging horticulture societies and community organizations to design unique, engaging displays or exhibits that showcase the beauty and importance of agriculture in fresh, imaginative ways. Our goal is for this area to be vibrant, inspiring, and approachable for guests of all ages. These displays are not judged or competitive. Instead, they're an opportunity for horticulture societies and community organizations to share their passion, teach fairgoers something new, and celebrate the creativity that grows from Florida's nature and artisan community. Each approved organization will receive a \$350 donation for their booth display after the completion of the 2026 Florida State Fair.

New Display Concepts:

Displays can take on any format or layout that fits safely within the assigned area. Think beyond the average footprint, create something that draws people in and sparks curiosity! This could include:

- Themed garden vignettes or plant scenes
- Educational or interactive
- Artistic or whimsical horticulture installations
- Collaborative projects highlighting your mission
- Seating Areas/Benches

EXAMPLES:



SCHEDULE

Confirm that your organization will be participating in the plant display	January 5, 2026
Display setup	January 30–February 3, 2026 9:00am–5:00pm
Florida State Fair	February 5–16, 2026
All displays must be removed by	February 17-18, 2026 9:00am–5:00pm

For additional information or questions, contact the Creative Living Department by email:
CreativeLiving@floridastatefair.com.

2026 Horticulture & Community Display Application

A completed application should be received by Friday, January 3, 2026.

Mail completed form back to:

Florida State Fair – Horticulture & Community Display

Attn: Creative Living Department

P.O. Box 11766

Tampa, FL 33680

Or Scan & Email to:

CreativeLiving@floridastatefair.com

Name of Society, Guild, or Organization

Contact Person

Who does the check get written out to?

Address

City

State

Zip code

Cell Phone

Email

What will your display feature

How many Fair tickets will you need for your organization for your display during the Fair? _____

Do you want to staff your display? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Each vehicle will need a parking pass during the dates of the Fair so that they will be allowed access. How many parking passes will you need? _____ (May request up to 5)

This years theme for the Florida State Fair is America's Sunniest Celebration in Honor of America's 250th Anniversary.

Will your display have patriotic components to match the theme? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Will you need electricity for your display? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

List any special needs _____

I understand that the 2026 Creative Living Competitions & Exhibits are held in conjunction with the 2026 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates, or cancellation of the 2026 Florida State Fair due the following unforeseeable circumstances: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, pandemics, or explosion.

Signature of Contestant

Date