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CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS

Judge - TBA
Chair - Robert Pollock, Indiana, PA

RULES

See General Rules and Regulations online at https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations

Use general entry blank online at https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration

An entry fee of $1 per OPEN SHOW entry will be charged for each entry registered by 12/15/20.
An entry fee of $2 per OPEN SHOW entry will be charged for each entry registered after 12/15/20.

NEW: Online entries close at 6 p.m., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021. Paper entries must be postmarked prior to December 31, 2020. New entries will not be accepted on site. Early entry is encouraged. Register online at www.farmshow.pa.gov or send entry form by mail to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center Christmas Trees & Wreaths Department, 2500 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443.

1. Trees for competitive exhibit must have been grown in Pennsylvania on land owned or operated by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors may enter in as many classes or divisions of a class as they wish, but no exhibitor shall make more than one entry in a single class or division of a class, either in her/his own name, the name of a farm, or the name of some other person.
3. Preregistered entries may begin to arrive on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and must be delivered to the Maclay Lobby (Maclay Street side) of the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021, or they will not be eligible. Trees arriving earlier will be stored in the Maclay Street Lobby. New entries will not be accepted on site.
4. Trees to be exhibited shall be within the 6- to 8-foot range, measurements to be made from the bottom of the handle to the top of the tip. Tabletop-cut trees to be 48” maximum height. Tabletop-containerized trees to be 42” maximum height from soil line to top of tip.
5. No trees may be exhibited with limbs or foliage added that did not grow naturally in place.
6. No tree may be exhibited that has been sprayed with or has artificial color or other chemicals added in any manner.
7. Trees may be naturally grown or sheared and shaped by the exhibitor.
8. No holders should accompany trees. All trees will be supported in like manner.
9. Handles shall be well trimmed and 5 to 8 inches in length (Classes 9 & 10 exempt). All handles less than 5 inches or more than 8 inches will receive a zero (0) score.
10. Judging will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 8, 2021.
11. All potted plants may be picked up by the exhibitor between 5 p.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Any exhibit NOT claimed by 7 p.m. will become the property of the Farm Show. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of all premiums.

Section 001 – Christmas Trees

Class 1. Any Pine
Class 2. Douglas fir
Class 3. Any Spruce
Class 4. Fraser fir
Class 5. Concolor
Class 6. Other true domestic firs
Class 7. Other true foreign firs
Class 8. Hybrid - Cross fir
Class 9. Tabletop Tree - Cut (one of the above species)
Class 10. Tabletop Tree - Containerized (one of the above species)

Class 12. Grand Champion People’s Choice* – A rosette will be awarded to the tree receiving the highest number of votes cast by Farm Show visitors.

Class 13. Reserve Grand Champion People’s Choice* – A rosette will be awarded to the tree receiving the second highest number of votes cast by Farm Show visitors.

*Only first place trees in classes 1 thru 8 are eligible to compete for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion People’s Choice Award.

Scorecard

Foliage: Fresh, clean, uniform .................................................................15
Taper: All classes, 40% to 90%. .........................................................10
Density: Uniform medium density is scored highest .................................15
Handle: Well trimmed 5 to 8 inches in length (Classes 9 & 10 exempt) ............10
    If handle length meets requirements, it will be given a score of “10”; if handle does not fall into the range of 5-8 inches, it will receive a score of “0”
Color: Normal ..................................................................................10
Naturalness: Not perfectly smooth outside appearance ...............................15
Damage or defects: Crooked stem, holes, uneven sides, etc ..........................30
PERFECT SCORE ........................................................................100

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Section 002 – Wreaths

1. Wreaths must have been made by the person whose name appears on the entry form and cannot have been made by contract help.
2. In no case shall one person, family, or farm enter more than three wreaths – one decorated, one undecorated, and one open class.
3. No wreath may be exhibited that has been sprayed with or has artificial color or other chemicals added in any manner (i.e. no antidessicants or flame retardants.)
4. Preregistered entries may begin to arrive on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and must be delivered to the Maclay Lobby (Maclay Street side) of the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021, or they will not be eligible. New entries will not be accepted on site.
5. Wreaths must be made on a 12-inch ring, of natural coniferous evergreen material (no princess pine), and the outside diameter must not exceed 24 inches. The weight of the wreath may not exceed 5 pounds. Wreaths may be single- or double-faced.
6. Decorated wreaths must contain a bow and may contain broadleaf evergreens, or dried or other decorative materials and ornaments.
7. Wreaths in the undecorated category should be made with mixed coniferous evergreens; however, we suggest no other materials such as berries or leaves.
8. Open class, any evergreen novelty, shall be made with natural evergreens (no princess pine) in any shape as long as it can be displayed properly; not to exceed 5 pounds.
9. Wreaths will be scored using the following criteria:

Class 1. Undecorated
Class 2. Decorated
Class 3. Creative Unconventional Entry
Class 4. Grand Champion
Class 5. Reserve Grand Champion

Scorecard
Foliage & Color: ..........................................0-50
Workmanship: Uniform Density ..........................................0-50
Uniform center hole ..........................................0-50
Uniform outside perimeter ..........................................0-50
No cut ends visible ..........................................0-50
Construction quality ..........................................0-50
Placement of material ..........................................0-50
(decorated & unconventional only)

Overall Appearance: Eye Appeal ..........................................0-50
Craftsmanship ..........................................0-50
(decorated & unconventional only)
Originality ..........................................0-50
(decorated & unconventional only)

Arrangement of Decorations/Bow:
Decorated & unconventional only..........................................0-50
Perfect Score for Decorated ..........................................550
Perfect Score for Undecorated ..........................................350
Perfect Score for Unconventional ..........................................550

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First through fifth place in each category will receive appropriate ribbons. Winners of class 4 and 5 will receive a rosette.

The first-place exhibitor(s) in the decorated and undecorated classes will be eligible to compete at the national level providing that the exhibitor is a PCTGA/NCTA member in good standing.