

2025 Container Contest Rules
Clinton County Master Gardener Container Contest
July 16th, 2025
Pavilion near Outdoor Learning Classroom



CLASSES

Fairy/Gnome-Kids (12 years and under)

Fairy/Gnome-Adults

Most Colorful

Outstanding Use of Foliage

Best Design

Succulents

Most Unusual Container (50% container, 25% plants, 25% design)

Kids (12 years and under)

1. Ribbons awarded for First, Second, and Third place in each class. \$25.00 prize to Best of Show container chosen by judges.
2. Entries must be entered in the Outdoor Living Classroom between 9:00 am and 12:00 PM on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025. No entries will be accepted after 12:00 PM.
3. Contest is open to rural and urban exhibitors of Clinton County, including Clinton County Master Gardeners.
4. All entries should be easily moved by one person. Consider using packing peanuts or similar materials in the bottom of containers to lighten weight.
5. Name plant varieties on the label if possible. This adds to the educational aspect of the entry to the fairgoers.
6. Fairy/Gnome entries must contain a Fairy and/or Gnome.
7. Contestants must label entries for a class before being placed on display. Contestants may assist staff with placement of properly labeled entries.
8. Only staff and judges allowed in the display area after 12:00 PM, until the announcing of winners @ 2:00 PM.
9. Two entries allowed per person in each class.

10. Judging will be at 1:00 PM in the Pavilion. Announcement of winners and judges' critiques is open to the public and will be at 2:00 PM in the display area.
11. After the judges' critiques, contestants are strongly urged to leave entries for exhibit in the covered pavilion until Saturday, July 19th, 2025, at 12:00 PM.
12. All reasonable caution is used to protect entries, but neither Clinton County Master Gardeners nor the Clinton County Fair Board can be responsible for theft or damages. After judging, Fairy/Gnome entries will be displayed in the 4-H building. Any valuable items may be removed prior to display.