

Sunflower Show Rules

- Sunflowers must be home-grown by the entrant or by an immediate family member.
- Any variety of sunflower (*Helianthus* species) is eligible for entry. Entries must be from live plants.
- Limit of one entry per person per class. Multiple family members may enter.
- Each entry may only be entered in one class.
- Sunflower entries must be brought to the Sunflower Show tent for registration. Entries will be accepted at the Registration table between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday.
- Judging begins at 10:15 a.m.
- Winners will be announced at the Main Stage at 1:00 p.m. Winners will also be posted at the sunflower show tent.
- Participants must consent to having photograph taken for publicity.
- Entries will be placed in water to keep them fresh. If providing your own vase, the vase must be labeled with an adhesive label or have the name written in permanent marker, so it can be returned.
- Entries and prizes will be released at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Any entries not removed by 8:00 p.m. Sunday will be discarded.

The sunflower contest is divided into two age divisions. Youth – ages 17 and under, and Adult – ages 18 and over.

Categories are: Tallest Stem, Most Blooms on One Plant, Largest Head, Smallest Head, Prettiest, Ugliest, Most Unusual, and Sunflower Floral Arrangement.

The **Tallest Stem** will be measured from the soil line to the base of the head. Either pull the plant from the ground, remove the soil, and bring to the festival, or cut off just below the soil line. In the event stalks have been cut, they will be measured from the cut end. Sunflowers will be laid horizontally and measured.

The **Biggest Head** will be measured as the diameter of the seed head. The yellow petals will not be measured or required. The measurement will be taken across the head containing the sunflower seeds. Heads should be cut from the stem.

The **Most Blooms** will include fully mature flowers and unopened flower buds.

The **Smallest Bloom** will be measured as the diameter from the outer tips of the petals. The flower must have fully developed petals. Unopened buds will not be considered.

The **Sunflower Floral Arrangement** must contain live, cut sunflowers as well as other live flowers and greenery. Entries will be judged on presentation, attractiveness, and creativity.

Winners of the **Prettiest, Ugliest, and Most Unusual** categories will be determined at the judges' discretion.

Judges' decisions are final.

Every effort will be made to prevent damage to entries, but the festival committee is not responsible for loss of property.