

# Sarasota County Fair

## Plant Show & Sale

### Project Book

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Project Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age (at Sept. 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Club / Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Years in this project \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify, as the exhibitor of this project, I personally have kept records on this project and have completed this Project Book to the best of my ability.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor's Signature

**I hereby certify that that my son/daughter has completed this project and Project Book and will comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this Fair.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

## **MINIMUM PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

- Maintain ornamental plants at home or other commercial production nursery.
- Participate in the Plant Show & Sale held during the Sarasota County Fair.
- Maintain accurate project records and submit this Project Book at time of check-in at the Fair (included in the judging of the project).
- Participants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 as of September 1 prior to the March Fair.
- Participants must refer to the Fair Guidelines for specific details about entering plants.

## **PURPOSE OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT PRODUCTION PROJECT**

Designed to encourage the production of high-quality ornamental plant material and reward young growers for their efforts. Learn ornamental plant identification, selecting quality ornamentals and maintenance of ornamental plants in a production environment.

## **WHY KEEP RECORDS?**

- To have an account of your accomplishments in this project.
- Show self-improvement and service to others.
- Show others what you have done.
- Training for future work.

## PLANT CARE & MANAGEMENT

Because your project is living, it requires regular care and management. Here is the place to explain what you regularly do for, or with, your plants on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Be as specific as possible.

### What I Do For/With All My Project Plants

Watering frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fertilizing frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Weeding frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate time spent in the garden each week: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any other plants you are growing that are not part of the plant sale? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is their purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BOTANICAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OBTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTAINER SIZE AT PURCHASE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER PURCHASED: \_\_\_\_\_ COST (each): \_\_\_\_\_

Other maintenance, such as pruning, insect and disease prevention, and preparation for display. Please include dates each of these items was performed for this specific plant.

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## EXPENSES

*Record all purchases for this activity (Examples: plants, potting soil, pots, and fertilizer).*

Date	Item	Amount

## INCOME

*Record all income from this activity after the Fair (Examples: sale of plants, and Fair premiums)*

Date	Item	Amount



# DEMONSTRATIONS

List demonstrations or talks you have given which related to your work with plants.  
 Acknowledge with a N/A if you didn't perform any.

Date	Title / Subject	Description	<u>Level</u> CL: Club CT: County D: District S: State

**WORKSHOPS**

List any Workshops attended or classes taken having to do with plants or gardening.  
Acknowledge with a N/A if you didn't attend any.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>

## **PROJECT-RELATED PICTURES**

Examples:

1. The beginning of your projects.
2. Work being done.
3. Your completed projects.
4. Please put captions with each picture.

Minimum of 4 pictures. Please include additional pages if needed.

**PROJECT-RELATED PICTURES (continued)**

## PROJECT STORY OUTLINE

I. Introduction: Tell us a little bit about yourself. Tell how and/or why you became interested in plants and the Plant Show & Sale, specifically.

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II. What did you learn (about yourself and/or about your plants)?

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III. What trouble did you encounter (if any)?

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IV. What would you change or do the same the next time you begin a plant project? (For example, different plants, different soil or fertilizer, pot, etc.)

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V. What skills did I learn or improve?

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VI. Summary: Leave the reader with the idea/impression you want them to have.

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# STORY ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

Share with us what being involved in the Plant Show & Sale meant to you. What did you learn? What safety practices did you use in growing your plants? What criteria did you use when picking your plants? How did you manage your plants? What went well, what problems did you encounter, and what did you learn from them?

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After the Fair is complete, fill out the following:

What ribbons or awards did you win?

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How much did your plants sell for (total)?

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