

4-H Flower Bed Community Service and Beautification Contest

Requirements:

- A. Each club will be responsible for selecting flowers and décor, planting, and maintenance in the club's assigned flower bed area. Assignments are given at the **4-H Flowerbed Meeting, April 22, 6:30 PM in the Youth Building**.
- B. Based on the flower bed area assigned, 4-H clubs will receive a check at the Spring Workshop to purchase plants to be used in the flower bed. Plants may be purchased from the vendor of the club's choice. A copy of the receipt(s) of plants purchased must be provided to the Clark County Extension Office by June 20 for accountability of funds provided by the Clark County Agricultural Society via distribution through the Clark Co. 4-H Committee to the participating 4-H clubs.
- C. The fairgrounds will provide mulch (for your use) and uniform signs for the flower beds.
- D. General maintenance consists of watering (hoses and water are generally located near flower beds) and weeding of assigned spots. The clubs will provide for any tools required.
- E. All plantings are to be completed between May 15 and June 15 (if weather permits).
- F. All maintenance must be provided during normal grounds hours 8 AM to 10 PM, Mon through Sat. If an event is going on during the weekend it is difficult to get to the beds. Please try and care for beds during the week. Beds must be maintained from the time of planting until the first killing frost.
- G. If you cannot complete the project, please notify **Patty House, 4-H Extension Educator, 937-398-7599 or e-mail house.18@osu.edu**
- H. Clubs are encouraged to plant spring bulbs after fall clean up. Fall clean up consists of removing all dead plants and raking bed smooth. This will make your spring work easier.

Judging Criteria:

- A. Judging will be performed on a periodic basis on the following elements: on-going maintenance (watering and weeding), design (flower coordination and arrangement), total eye appeal, and appropriate use of plants.
- B. Bonus points will be awarded to clubs attending the spring workshop at the Extension Office.
- C. Clubs participating will have the same bed for as long as they take part in the project.
- D. Winners will be announced at the 4-H Winner's Revue on Tuesday, July 27, 7 PM, **Entertainment Tent**.
- E. **2021 Awards include:**
 - 1st-3rd Place Overall Flower Gardens
 - Best 1st Year Flower Garden
 - Best Use of Containers and/or Garden Art
 - Best Use of Fair Theme