

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. **Sign up for one or more flower beds by May 1, 2026.** Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkco4hflowerbedrequest>
- B. Based on the flower bed(s) selected, 4-H clubs will receive a check at the **Spring Flower Bed Meeting on May 14, 6:30 at the Extension Office** 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 is generally located near flower beds) and weeding of assigned spots. The clubs will provide for any tools required.
- E. **All plantings MUST be completed by June 20.** Any flower bed area not planted by this date will be given to another club.
- 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 one of the 4-H Extension Educators, Patty House, 4-H Extension Educator, 937-398-7599, e-mail house.18@osu.edu or Jeremy Elleman, 937-398-7606 or e-mail elleman.30@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 28, 7 PM in the Entertainment Tent.

2026 Awards include:

- 1st-3rd Place Overall Flower Gardens - Signs
- Best 1st Year Flower Garden - Sign

Best Use of Containers - Sign

Best Use of Garden Art - Sign

Best Use of Fair Theme - Sign

2025 4-H Clubs Participating

Hot 2 Trot	Always Moovin'
Backwoods	Barnbusters
B&W Dairy Boosters	Blazin' Bacon
Buckeye's Best	Buckeye Country
4-C Camelid Club	Dirty Boots
Double O' Riders	Growing Clever Clovers
Happy Tails	Hundreds of Hooves
Kountry Kids	Livestock Unlimited
NW Livestock Boosters	Ohio Livestock Boosters
Over the Top	Peeps, Squeals, & Mooz
The Little Rascals	Showman

2025 Flower Bed Winners

- 1st Place Overall: Buckeye Country
- 2nd Place Overall: Ohio Livestock Boosters
- 3rd Place Overall: Blazin' Bacon
- Best 1st Year Flower Bed: Backwoods
- Best Use of Garden Art: Always Moovin'
- Best Use of Containers: Always Moovin'
- Best Use of the Fair Theme: Happy Tails