Cornell Cooperative Extension
Niagara County

2026 Planter Competition

Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County

Drop off Entries: Tuesday, August 4th, 8am-8pm, *$5 per entry*

Please complete this entry form, sign & date below. An original form must be completely filled out for each entry.

Name:_____

Business/Club Name:_____

Street, City, State, Zip:_____

Email: _____

Phone/cell:_____

Entry Theme/Description:

Rules and Procedures:

1. This competition is open to any person, business, club, group, etc.
2. There is a $5 entry fee, payable in cash only, that must accompany this registration form.
3. **NOTE** - Participants are responsible for providing the container, soil and plants for the competition. Barrels will not be provided to participants this year. Completed planters must be no larger than 3X3ft or the equivalent.
4. Participants understand that all planters are considered donations to CCE Niagara. All entries become property of the Niagara County Fair. No entries will be returned.
5. All planters must adhere to the 2026 theme of America 250! Planters will be displayed in the grass area near the 4-H Training Center.
6. **Strictly Prohibited:** invasive or harmful plants; imagery, wording, or otherwise visible display that is illegal, inappropriate, or goes against CCE mission and code of conduct or offensive.
7. Participants may put a laminated sign in/on the barrel to advertise their businesses, club, etc. no earlier than 6pm on Wednesday, August 5th.
8. Silent auction bids will be accepted over the 5 days of the Niagara County fair for each planter. The starting bid for each planter will be $10.00. Bidders must place their bids at the Fair Office/Administration office no later than 5pm on Sunday, August 9th. All silent auction proceeds will be donated to CCE Niagara to support gardening, youth, and community programming.
9. Entries must be dropped off to the Niagara County CCE Office, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, New York on Tuesday August 4th, 2026 (8am-8pm). NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
10. Planters will be judged on the following criteria: theme, use of color, structure, plant quality.
11. The competition committee will decide on questions of rules and procedures. All decisions rendered will be final.
12. All entries will receive a participation ribbon. First through fourth place will receive rosettes. First place will also receive a prize.
13. In the event of a tie, a tie breaker judge will make the final decision.

Closed judging will take place on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026. Contest results will be available in the Fair Office/Administration building on Wednesday, August 5th at 5pm. Award winners will be contacted.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I further agree to be bound by the above written Rules and Procedures of the competition, as well as the decisions of the Competition Committee.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____