2016 FLOWER PLANTER CONTEST
Sponsored by: Oconto County Fair

The Fair invites county youth development and adult civic or other organizations to help dress up the grounds during the Oconto County Fair by participating in the annual Flower Planter Contest. To participate, a group needs to pre-register by May 15. Your club designs and plants the planter, delivers the completed planter to the Fair, and removes the planter after the Fair. A panel of judges evaluates the planters during the Fair and cash prizes are awarded for the top three entries. All other participating clubs will receive a $10 honorarium from the Fair.

<u>Rules for Planter Contest</u>:

1. The contest is open to all youth and adult organizations in Oconto County.
2. The Fair will provide planters. They are large (about 3 ft in diameter) pressed fiber pots. Planters may not be painted or altered in any way.
3. One entry is allowed per organization.
4. Planters must be able to be moved – a suggestion is to pack the bottom of the planter with Styrofoam, “packing peanuts”, or other light material to reduce the weight of the planted display.
5. Planters must contain a minimum of 12" of soil or plant growing media.
6. Only live plants may be used in the design, other than the identification sign. Flowering or foliage plants or a combination may be used. Endangered wild plant specimens are not allowed.
7. Drip irrigation, or other watering hoses or connections cannot be included in the planter display while at the Fair.
8. No electrical applications (lights, fans, music, etc.) are allowed to be part of the planter display.
9. Participating organizations will be responsible to maintain their planter during the Fair.
10. Entries must include a sign with the sponsoring organization’s name on it.
11. Planter entries must be brought to the Fairgrounds on the Thursday of the Fair between 1:00 and 8:00 p.m. and placed in the assigned area as designated by the Fair. Planters not in the assigned area will not be judged.
12. All planter registrations must be in by **<u>May 15th to ensure that enough planters are ordered.</u>**
13. Planters may be removed by the organization responsible for them after 6 p.m. Sunday evening of the Fair, and must be removed by noon on the Monday following the Fair if they want their planter, plants, or sign. The Fair will dispose of planters not removed by that time.
14. Planters will be judged between Friday morning and Sunday afternoon. Winners will be announced on Sunday.
15. Cash prizes of $35, $25, and $15 will be awarded respectively, for the top three placing planter displays. All other participating clubs will receive a $10 honorarium for participating.
16. Judging criteria include the following:

Criteria	Description	Total Points Possible
Overall Appearance	Pleasing combination of plant texture, form and color	20
Originality	Creative use of plant material and/or expression of a theme, such as color, logo, etc.	10
Maintenance of display during the Fair	Planter maintained during the Fair - watered as needed, spent blooms deadheaded, broken stems removed, etc	10
Sign with name of organization included	Neatly done, fits display versus appearance of being an after thought	5
Follow Contest Rules		5

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FLOWER PLANTER CONTEST REGISTRATION

Send Registrations to: **Ken Harter, Flower Planter Contest, P.O. Box 6, Oconto Falls, WI 54154**

Entry Deadline: May 15

Club/Organization Name:____

Contact Person:____

Address:____

Phone:_________________________________ E-mail Address ___________________________________

Pick Up Location: ☐ Gillett Flower Shoppe ☐ Oconto Falls Flower Shoppe)