



Capital Region
**FLOWER &
GARDEN EXPO**

March 27-29, 2026 | Hudson Valley Community College

2026 Floral Design Categories

Class 1: (6 entries)

Up, Up & Away

Construct an imaginative hot air balloon at least 36" tall using colorful flowers, botanicals, and earthen elements. Display on a 35" pedestal with a 15" square top; entry must be draped.

Advisor – Ben Felthousen (518) 526-2973

Class 2: (4 entries)

Tapestry

Create a pavé-style floral tapestry inspired by an International festival of your choice. Design must utilize an entire 22" x 22" sculpting sheet and will be displayed on an elevated 3' x 3.5' platform atop a table. The base must be draped.

Advisor – Maureen McDonald (518) 446-9900

Class 3: (6 entries)

Grand Finale

Engineer a floral fireworks display between 5'–8' tall, using mixed media such as wire, ribbon, and lights to add texture and dramatic effect. Display in a space 5' wide x 4' deep. LED lights only; to access electricity, you must bring an extension cord.

Advisor – Chris Grigas (518) 577-7101

Class 4: (6 entries)

Tip Toe Through the Tulips

Celebrate Dutch heritage with a 100-stem (minimum) tulip arrangement on a 36" round high top table. Foliage and filler are allowed; entry must be draped.

Advisor – Mary Guzior (518) 330-9583

Class 5: (6 entries)

Gilded Ages

Design a lush, romantic, and opulent centerpiece inspired by the elegance of the Gilded Age. Must use a metal vessel, and roses as the dominant flower. Display on a 40" pedestal with a 15" square top; entry must be draped.

Advisor – Nicholas Marshall (518) 502-3215



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Non-judged exhibits
- Exhibitors must sign up to participate by contacting the class advisor.
- Check-in at McDonough Sports Complex FRONT entrance on Thursday, March 26th between 8am-6pm; must be finished by 8am Friday, March 27.
- No artificial plant or floral material permitted. No artificial turf. No lit candles, no running water, no flyers, no signs. Business cards (in a holder) at the exhibit are acceptable and encouraged.
- Before leaving, remove any tape markers from the floor, fluff the drape behind your exhibit, remove all trash, and sweep your area.
- Please keep your exhibit in place and fully intact until Sunday, March 29 at 5:10pm. Arrangements not picked up by 7pm will be discarded.
- Your exhibit must be kept in pristine condition for the duration of the show. You may refresh your work each morning from 8:30am-9:45am. An exhibit (that is tired or droopy) may be removed at the discretion of show management.
- Exhibitors will receive an exhibitor badge to enter the show during all show hours, plus two single-day guest passes.
- Neither the flower show committee nor SpringThyme Marketing assumes any responsibility for exhibitors' property. All reasonable care will be exercised.