FFA Career Development Events

Floriculture

Identification of Plants and Equipment

*Preliminaries:* Fifteen (15) photos of plants and ten (10) photos of equipment/supplies from the FFA Floriculture Plant, Equipment & Supply lists will be presented online in a multiple-choice exam.

*Finals:* Thirty-five (35) plants and fifteen (15) equipment/supplies will be displayed in a live format to identify.

*Resources:* Refer to [www.flaffa.org](http://www.flaffa.org) for complete specimen lists and rules.

Problem-Solving Practicum

*Job Interview*  (High School only)

*Preliminaries:* Ten (10) question multiple-choice exam will cover interviewing for a Floriculture job. Use the information provided to learn about the floriculture industry and the requirements for someone wanting a career.

*Finals:* Participants will be interviewed for a Floriculture job.

*Resources:* Refer to the “Floriculture Job Interview” document on FNGLA’s website [http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture](http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture)

Store Displays

*Preliminaries:* Ten (10) question multiple-choice exam will cover the display of merchandise in a garden center or florist shop. Use the information provided, beginning with the “Displays” heading and ending with “Salesmanship”, to learn the basic principles of good store displays. The video is a full webinar which includes a more in-depth look.

*Finals:* Participants will be presented with items common to a garden center or florist shop and asked to arrange the merchandise for best sales.

*Resources:* Refer to the “Salesmanship and Displays” document on FNGLA’s website [http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture](http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture)

For a more in-depth look: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODUXykBp47A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODUXykBp47A)

Skills Practicums

Floral

*Preliminaries:* Twenty (20) question multiple-choice exam on creating an herb dish garden. Watch the two videos below to learn the fundamentals of creating an herb dish garden. Keep in mind, the activity will not
include creating a fairy garden and the soils and materials may vary from the videos. Rather, use these videos as a guide to the creation and planting of a small herb dish garden.

Finals: Participants will create an herb dish garden.

Resources: Refer to these two videos on dish gardens. Keep in mind, the plants and materials on site will vary. [https://ubloom.com/blog/2012/07/28/j-creates-a-fairy-garden-use-herbs-on-take-5-and-company/](https://ubloom.com/blog/2012/07/28/j-creates-a-fairy-garden-use-herbs-on-take-5-and-company/)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4rGtib0hOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4rGtib0hOM)

Production (High School only)

Preliminaries: Twenty (20) question multiple-choice exam on creating a moss-lined wire living wreath. Watch the video below to learn the fundamentals of creating a moss lined wire living wreath. Be familiar with handling both cuttings and rooted plants, including the maintenance of the wreath after its creation.

Finals: Participants will create a moss-lined wire living wreath using young plants. Teams will be informed as to what plant material will be used prior to the event.

Resources: Refer to the YouTube video called “The Wreath That Keeps on Giving” [https://youtu.be/pV19NT2dlvs](https://youtu.be/pV19NT2dlvs)

NOTE: The written exams for the preliminary events will be taken from the reference material listed above and available on FNGLA’s website. Those teams which advance to the finals will be provided with additional information on how the hands-on event will run.

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