

37th Annual Christmas Tree Contest

NJ State Fair, Sussex County Farm and Horse Show,
August 5th - August 14th, 2010

Sponsored By:

NEW JERSEY CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

And

NJ STATE FAIR

SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW

Committee Chairman:

William Rieth

CLASSES

1) PINE 2) SPRUCE 3) FIR 4) TABLE TREES (all species)

AWARDS

Fred E. Johnston, Jr. Grand Champion Award - \$60.00 (Including CLASS FIRST PRIZE and GRAND CHAMPION RIBBON)

EACH CLASS RECEIVES A MONETARY PRIZE AND RIBBON

First prize - \$40.00 Second Prize - \$30.00 Third Prize - \$20.00

GENERAL RULES

1. Contest open to all NJCTGA member growers in the State.
2. Trees must have been grown in New Jersey.
3. All trees may be cut, potted or balled and burlapped*.
4. Trees for classes 1, 2 & 3 must be between 6 and 8 feet tall, from cut butt or natural ground level to tip of leader. 1 point deducted per inch below 6' or above 8'.
5. Table trees* (all species) for Class 4 must be between 2 ½ and 4 feet tall, from cut butt or natural ground level to tip of leader.
6. Exhibitors may make one entry in each class, for a total of four trees.
7. Each entry must have attached tag showing name & address of exhibitor, SPECIFIC species and AGE of tree from SEED (Tags are removed prior to judging).
8. Entry DEADLINE is July 29, 2011 – Return entry form to William Rieth.
9. For entrant's convenience there will be an attempt to coordinate the delivery of trees for those who are unable to bring the trees to the fair grounds.
10. Trees are to be in the judging tent between 9:00 am and 10:30 am on August 3, 2011.
11. Judging will commence promptly at 11:00 am on August 3, 2011. No trees will be accepted later than 10:30 am.
12. All trees will remain on display throughout the Fair.

* Table Top trees cannot compete for Grand Champion designation.

FOR SCORING – JUDGES WILL USE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

Height	Within the established limits (-1 pt/in. +/-)	
Foliage	Fresh – Clean – Uniform	15
Taper	Pines 40-90% Firs & Spruces 40-70%	10
Density	Medium or Higher	15
Handle*	Well trimmed – one inch per foot of height	10
Color	Normal	10
Naturalness	Not perfectly smooth outside appearance	10
Lack of Damage	No crooked stems – Holes – Uneven sides Etc.	30

PERFECT SCORE: 100

The GRAND CHAMPION will be selected from the best entry in each class**.

* Handles will be required on balled and bur lapped entries.

** Table Top entries are not eligible for Grand Champion.

Directions to Sussex County Fair Grounds:

The Fair will be held at the new Sussex County Fairgrounds, Frankford New Jersey. The Fair Grounds are located off of Route 206 and Plains Road. Fair website: <http://www.newjerseystatefair.org/>