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**EVENT DATE: AUGUST 8-11, 2024**  
**Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival**

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## **Festival Flower Show returns to the Living Center**

MOUNT VERNON - The Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival (MVMAF) welcomes the return of the annual Flower Show, presented by the Knox County Garden Clubs and organized by chairwomen Jo Ann Graham and Audrey Spearman. The show is hosted by The Living Center, 201 North Main Street in Mount Vernon, Ohio, August 9-11.

Jo Ann has been organizing the flower show with Audrey for over 10 years, and they both work tremendously hard with all the participants to ensure that the event is a success. "I like seeing all the new artistic creative designs," Jo Ann said.

The theme of this year's flower show is 'America the Beautiful' and there are no experience requirements to enter.

The flower show has two different categories: artistic and horticulture. On the opening day of the show, Friday, August 9, judge Vicky Puster, member of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, will evaluate the entries. "Make sure you read the rules and just have fun," Vicky said. The public will also have the opportunity to vote on their favorite flower piece and declare a People's Choice winner.

Jo Ann and Audrey will run two workshops at the Living Center for those entering the contest, where they go over the rules and expectations for contestants. The first workshop, on Wednesday, July 10, starts at 1:00 PM and will be held for all those entering the artistic flower category.

Those entering the horticulture category will have the opportunity to attend a second workshop on Wednesday, July 31, starting at 1:00 PM. The cutoff date for all those who wish to

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enter the show is Friday, August 9 from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM and no entries will be accepted after 11:00 AM.

The Festival Flower Show will be open to the public for viewing on Friday, August 9 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, and Sunday Aug 11 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Again, judging day will be on Friday, August 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Everyone that places first, second or third will receive a ribbon and rosettes. The winner for Best of Show will also receive a money prize.

All those organizing the event want to ensure that everyone entering is confident and prepared for the show. Exhibitors will gather on Sunday at 4:00 PM for the judge to place ribbons on the winners.

To learn more about the 2024 Festival Flower Show, contact Jo Ann Graham at [j.graham@embarqmail.com](mailto:j.graham@embarqmail.com) or 740-397-5156

Updates about preferred concert seating tickets for Saturday night's Lonestar show, plus the annual car and motorcycle cruise-in, other events, and schedules for this year's MVMAF are at <https://www.mvmaf.org/> or on the Festival's Facebook and Instagram (@mvmafohio).

The 2024 Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival is Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon, August 8-11, around the Public Square and the streets of downtown Mount Vernon.

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