



San Diego County Fair Exhibit Garden Host Instructions

Thank you for volunteering to serve as *Garden Host* representing the San Diego Horticultural Society at the San Diego County Fair. When you signed up online you received an email confirming the date and time of your shift. You will also receive several reminder email messages.

Parking: You may park for FREE in an official off-site Fair parking lot and take the free shuttle bus to the Fairgrounds main entrance (also known as the O'Brien Gate). Allow at least **30 minutes** from the parking lot to the Fair entrance. You may also park in a Fairgrounds lot but will pay a parking fee. More parking information and the location of the lots is available at: <https://sdfair.com/plan-your-visit/parking/>

Entering the Fair & location of the SDHS exhibit: Tickets for your shift will be at "Will Call Desk" located just to the left of the main entrance ((Also known as the O'Brien gate) to the Fairgrounds. Ask for San Diego Horticultural Society tickets. Using your entry ticket, enter through the exhibitor entrance. This avoids the general admission line at the main gate. Exhibitor tickets let you enter 30 minutes before the fair opens. Once inside, enter the Garden Show area immediately on the left. Our garden is the beyond the Garden Show Stage and Fair Offices, just inside the Garden Show exit to the food vendors.

What to wear/bring: If you have one, wear your SDHS member nametag. A Garden Host badge will also be available in the materials stored in exhibit or Fair Office. **Please leave the Host Badge at the exhibit at the end of your shift.** Wear comfortable shoes, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Bring a sweater/light jacket if the day is cool and breezy. There is no secure place to stow purses or other personal items. If you don't want to purchase food from the Fair, you may bring your own snacks/lunch.

Your role as Garden Host:

- When you arrive familiarize yourself with the exhibit.
- Find the container garden with the garden host badges and wear one during your shift. **Please do not take the badge with you**, but do return to the storage container at the end of your shift.
- Introduce yourself to visitors and offer to answer any questions. There are no handouts this year, but people can learn more about SDHS meetings, events and membership at www.sdhort.org
- Information about the garden may be downloaded from our homepage. Look for "2017 Fair Handout" link.
- Clean up the area and put things away at the end of your shift.
- At the end of your shift,

Questions or Cancellations: If you have questions before your shift, email them to volunteer@sdhort.org. If you need assistance the day of your shift or have an emergency, call Patty Berg at: 760-815-0625

Enjoy yourself! Please feel free to take bathroom/food/sanity breaks as needed. Your entry ticket is good for the entire day. If you decide to leave the Fairgrounds after your shift and return later, be sure to have your hand stamped.

***Thank you for enriching the experience of visitors to
San Diego County Fair Garden Show!***