

2022 Horticulture Show Judges and Judging Assistant



Regan Jacoby

I'm a senior horticulture student at SDSU with a special interest in cut flower production and will be the judging assistant this year. This summer I managed a small cut-flower plot on campus and I've been harvesting beautiful blooms since the beginning of July. I have fond memories of entering plants and photos in my hometown fair in Redwood, MN and I'm happy to be a part of the same thing in my new home of South Dakota!



Laura Cross

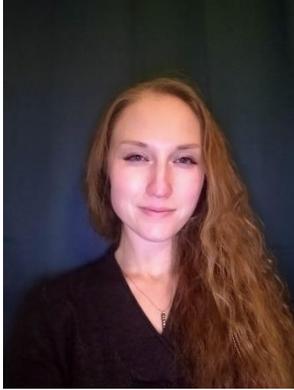
Junior Division & Garden Art Judge lives in Huron with her husband, Larry. She works for the Huron Chamber of Commerce as Program & Event Director. Laura is no stranger to the Horticulture Exhibition having judged the same category in 2021. She and her husband love the fair and everything about it and thanks everyone for attending and participating in all that goes on at the South Dakota State Fair!



Sydney Trio

This year's Floral Arrangements & Fresh Cut Flowers Judge grew up in Mapleton, Minnesota. She was greatly inspired to choose the Horticulture route by her older cousin, David, after hearing about the legacy he left behind. She wanted to follow in his footsteps, so she started by competing in the FFA Nursery Landscape Competition in high school. She then decided to continue following in his footsteps to South Dakota State University where she recently graduated in May of 2022 with a B.S. degree in Horticulture and a minor in Sustainable Local Foods. During her four years at SDSU, she was involved in: Horticulture and Urban Agriculture Club serving as vice president, a member of the Mid-American Collegiate Horticultural Society competition team and completed her Master Gardener training in 2020. A lot of her

hands-on learning came from her workplace, McCrory Gardens, where she was a seasonal worker for three years. Now, she is the Education Coordinator and Horticulturist for McCrory. She connects people of all ages to plants through giving tours, helping plan special educational events, and teaching children camps.



Kayla Lanoue

One of our newest judges for the 2022 Horticulture Exhibit! She is a member of the Huron Master Gardener's Club. Kayla is from Colorado where she nurtured her love for gardening and the outdoors with her grandmother. Her background in Earth Science brought her to Huron and gardening has helped her connect with the community. Welcome Kayla to the judging team. She looks forward to recognizing and celebrating the hard work and talent of gardeners and florists from across the great state of South Dakota!!