



**2026 Participant Application**  
**"Wyatt Wilke Memorial" Sunflower Contest**  
**Saturday: September 19, 2026**



PURDUE EXTENSION  
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

## Sunflower Show Rules

- Sunflowers must be home-grown by the entrant or by an immediate family member
- Any variety of sunflower (*Helianthus* species) is eligible for entry
- Entries must be from live plants
- Limit of one entry per person per category
- Each entry may only be entered in one category
- Sunflower entries must be brought to the Master Gardeners Sunflower Judging booth located at the intersection of Jefferson and Michigan Avenue
- Entries will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday
- Judging begins at 11 a.m.
- Winners will be announced at the Main Stage at 12:00 p.m.
- Participants must consent to being photographed for publicity
- Judges' decisions are final

## Categories:

- **Tallest Stem** will be measured from the soil to the base of the head. Either pull the plant from the ground, remove the soil, and bring to the fair, or cut off just below the soil line. In the event stalks have been cut, they will be measured from the cut end. Sunflowers will be laid horizontally and measured.
- **Most Blooms** will include fully mature flowers and unopened flower buds.
- **Largest Head** will be measured as the diameter of the seed head. The yellow petals will not be measured. The measurement will be taken across the head containing the sunflower seeds. Heads should be cut from the stem.

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## Entry Form (Attach to your entry)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contest Categories (✓ entry)

- ☐ Tallest Sunflower Plant
- ☐ Largest Sunflower Head
- ☐ Stem with most Blooms