



# FLORICULTURE

## WELCOME

Welcome to the 4-H Floriculture Project! Please read through this Guide carefully, as it contains information and suggestions that are important for your project. **4-H leaders can obtain a Leader Project Guide and other resources from the PEI 4-H Office.** Hopefully you, as a member, will “Learn to do by Doing” through hands-on activities that will encourage learning and enjoyment. If you have any questions, contact your District 4-H Officer or your 4-H project leader.

## 4-H YEAR COMPLETION

You complete a project by:

- completing the project Achievement Day requirements
- completing a communication project
- completing a community project
- completing an agriculture awareness project
- taking part in Achievement Day

You must complete all of the listed aspects in order to show at Fairs and Exhibitions.



## ACHIEVEMENT DAY REQUIREMENTS

*(Rural Youth Fair is the Achievement Day for Floriculture Project)*

Indoor Plant	50
Dried/Pressed Flower Craft	30
Special Project	10
Garden Plan Poster	<u>10</u>
	<b>100 Marks</b>

## EXHIBITION REQUIREMENT

Dried/Pressed Flower Craft

### Trip to the Florist/Garden Center

Taking a trip to visit a Garden Center or Florist will give you a chance to become familiar with many different plants and flowers. It will give you an idea of what plants you would like to put in your garden plan, and you can purchase you bulbs/seeds for the indoor plant you want to grow for your project.

**Ages for 4-H members as of January 1st of the 4-H year:**

Junior: 9-11 years

Intermediate: 12-14 years

Senior: 15-21 years

**Check out the PEI 4-H Web Site**

[www.pei4h.pe.ca](http://www.pei4h.pe.ca)

### ***Some Helpful Websites...***

- ~<http://www.gardenersnet.com/hplants/>
- ~[http://www.homerenotips.com/tutorials/gardening\\_house\\_plants](http://www.homerenotips.com/tutorials/gardening_house_plants)
- ~<http://www.gardenguides.com/how-to/tipstechniques/flowers/drying.asp>
- ~<http://homeschooling.about.com/od/homeeccrafts/ss/dryingflowers.htm>
- ~<http://www.iloveindia.com/garden/garden-crafts/botanical-bowls-craft.html>
- ~<http://www.preservedgardens.com/how-to-press.htm>
- ~[http://www.preservedgardens.com/flower\\_magnets.htm](http://www.preservedgardens.com/flower_magnets.htm)

#### **Indoor Plant**

*(Achievement Day Requirement)*

One of your achievement day requirements is to display an indoor plant that you care for and grow over the winter and spring. There are a huge variety of bulbs to choose from, so you can choose your favorite! Your leader's resource manual can provide you with all the information you need to grow a healthy plant. Don't forget that presentation is important, you can decorate your flower pot any way you want!

#### **Outdoor Garden Plan**

*(Achievement Day Requirement)*

Prepare a plan for a flower garden. Be sure to consider sunny and shady areas, existing buildings, trees, etc, and the size, height and color of the flowers you would like to plant. Your plan should be drawn on a 1/2 sheet of Bristol board and it should be as colorful and creative as you can make it!



#### **Special Project**

There are many exciting activities that can qualify as your special project. Here are some examples:

- Take a trip to a florist or garden center.
- Plant an outdoor garden as a group.
- Work in a garden in your community.
- Any other trip or activity that will help members to learn about growing plants!

#### **Leader Resource**

There is a resource book available for the project leader that can be picked up at the P.E.I. 4-H Office. This book contains information on planting and caring for houseplants, garden planning, and flower crafts. It also contains different projects that can be completed as a special project such as flower arranging and planting outdoor gardens.

## DRYING FLOWERS

### *Achievement Day Requirement*

Fall is a good time to begin drying flowers, seedpod and ornamental grasses for later use in indoor arrangements.

#### **Steps to follow:**

1. Gather the flowers at midday when the humidity is lowest. Pick some buds as well as flowers almost at peak bloom. Avoid fully opened flowers as they do not last long when dried.
2. Strip the leaves from the flower stems, tie the stems in small bunches and hang them upside down in a dark, dry place with some circulation of air. Flowers will be dry in three weeks if conditions are right.

Good choices for drying include artemisia, baby's-breath, Bells of Ireland, Celosia, Chinese Lantern, Delphinium, Globe Amaranth, Globe Thistle, Heather, Hydrangea, Larkspur, Lunaria, Blue Salvia, Annual Statice, and Yarrow. Strawflowers should be snapped from their stems and when their buds are half open.

#### Ideas for Dried Flowers:

Wreaths  
Bouquets  
Swags  
Centerpieces  
Etc!

### Pressing Flowers

#### *Achievement Day Requirement*

You can also create a craft using pressed flowers for you Achievement Day Requirement. To press your flowers simply pick the ones you would like to use, and flatten them between two books for about a week, or until they are dry. You can then used these flat flowers to make cards, picture frames and anything else you can think of.



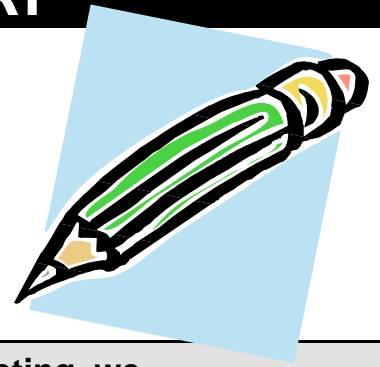
#### **Please Note...**

You can dry and use any flowers that you wish for your dried or pressed flower craft. You can buy some flowers from the store, or pick them in your own backyard!



# PROJECT MEETINGS DIARY

*Most projects will require at least six to eight project meetings to complete the project.*



Meeting Date	Location	Time	At this meeting, we...

# Community and Agriculture Awareness Projects

## COMMUNITY PROJECT

Each year you are encouraged to provide a service to your community as a 4-H member. This introduces you to the responsibilities of citizenship. You must participate in your club's plan for a community project and you should have a role to play. Describe your involvement with your club's community project this year.



*Our Community Project was* \_\_\_\_\_

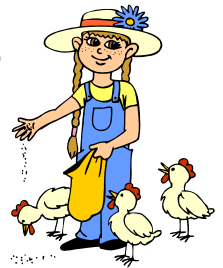
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*It was beneficial because* \_\_\_\_\_

*I learned* \_\_\_\_\_

## AGRICULTURE AWARENESS PROJECT

Agriculture is one of PEI's main industries. You are expected to participate with your club to complete a project (or provide a service) which helps your club or others become aware of the importance of agriculture in our lives. As in the community project, you should actively participate.



*Our Agricultural Awareness Project was* \_\_\_\_\_

*I helped by* \_\_\_\_\_

*It was beneficial because* \_\_\_\_\_

*I learned* \_\_\_\_\_