

SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

»» 2024 ««



PRINCESS OF INDIA NASTURTIIUM

WHAT IS THE SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT?

This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique flower. The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

The focus of the 2024 project is the Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT

4-H members participating in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive a 'packet' of Princess of India Nasturtium (one packet per youth) in March/April
- Receive a newsletter about:
 - Planting & growing nasturtium
 - Nasturtium problems & insects
 - Harvesting & using nasturtium
- Be able to exhibit this unique flower at County and State Fair
 - State Fair Special Garden Project Educational Exhibit Class G-775-001
 - State Fair Special Garden Project Fresh Cut Flowers or Harvested Vegetables & Herbs Class G-775-002
 - Other fun county-only ways to exhibit this unique flower are with a story, poem, or poster. Each county is different so be sure to check with your local Extension Office.
- Complete an evaluation about their growing experience: <https://go.unl.edu/2024sgpsurvey>



HOW TO ENROLL

Enroll in Horticulture in 4-H Online and contact your local Nebraska Extension Office to order packets of seeds. The local Extension Office will order and distribute the seeds.

If you have questions, contact Elizabeth Exstrom at elizabeth.exstrom@unl.edu or 308-385-5088

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