

## 2022 Special Garden Project Rubenza Cosmos

The flowers of the Rubenza are unique, the petals change color as they age. Pollinators and beneficial insects are attracted to the blooms all summer long. These cosmos make great cut flowers. Be sure to enjoy a bouquet of Rubenza indoors.

There are many ways you can exhibit the Rubenza Cosmos at the fair. Just be creative!

**State Fair Special Garden Project Educational Exhibit Class G-775-001.** Youth must be enrolled in the Rubenza Cosmos 2022 Special Garden Project to exhibit. The educational exhibit is based on what was learned from the project. Present information on a poster 14" X 22" or in a clear plastic report cover. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, and county must be on the back of the poster or report cover.

Examples of projects that could fit in this class:

**Picture/photograph** - This class is up to you, as long as it includes the Rubenza Cosmos and what you learned! Please include an 8" X 10" picture/photo mounted on 14" X 22" poster board with a caption.

**Story** - Tell a story about your first experience with Rubenza Cosmos: growing, picking, or the insects it attracts. Be sure to include a picture(s)/photograph(s).

**Essay** - Write an essay about what you've learned about Rubenza Cosmos and growing them. Be sure to include things you would change next time and a picture(s)/photographs.

**State Fair Special Garden Project Fresh Cut Flowers or Harvested Flowers Class G-775-002.** Youth must be enrolled in the Rubenza Cosmos 2022 Special Garden Project to exhibit. The current years' Special Garden Project fresh cut flowers or harvested flowers should be entered in this class.

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### **Examples of County Only Projects:**

**Poem** - Write a poem about some aspect of the Rubenza Cosmos: growing, harvesting, the insects it attracts, the choice is yours! Exhibit in a clear plastic report cover.

**Choice** - Your choice of a project, but be sure it includes something about Rubenza Cosmos.



*Don't forget to complete the evaluation and return it with your project or fill out the Special Garden Project Evaluation at: <https://go.unl.edu/2022cosmoeval>*

