



Volcano Art Center Forest Fair GINGER RHIZOME CONTEST



RULES AND CATEGORIES

1. HEAVIEST

October 17 at VAC's Niaulani Campus

- By weight of one single, intact rhizome - unbroken, clean, dry, and free of soil and debris.
- No artificial alteration, painting, coloring, or embellishments onto rhizome.
- No stems/stalks or roots – stems/stalks and roots must be cut to < ¼ inch of the rhizome.
- Only the rhizome mass will be included.
- One entry per person. Judges' decision is final.

2. LONGEST

- Length is measured as the straight-line distance between the two most distant points of a single continuous rhizome, unbroken, clean, dry, and free of soil and debris.
- No artificial alteration, painting, coloring, or embellishments onto rhizome.
- No stems/stalks or roots – stems/stalks and roots must be cut to < ¼ inch of the rhizome.
- Measurement does not follow bends, curves, or contours.
- Judges will determine the two endpoints and final measurement.
- One entry per person. Judges' decision is final.

3. MOST FASCINATING (ugliest, most beautiful, etc.)

- **People's choice vote** on uniqueness, shape, character, and overall visual appeal.
- Rhizomes must be single, intact, unbroken, clean, dry, and free of soil and debris.
- Judged by popular vote of fair attendees. One vote per person.
- **Roots and natural growth features are allowed and encouraged!**
- **No trimming required** – other than removal of loose soil.
- **Embellishments allowed!**
- One entry per person.

ENTRY, JUDGING, AND REMOVAL SCHEDULE:

- Rhizome(s) must be entered between 10 am and noon, October 17, 2026.
- Judging will take place at 2:00 pm.
- Rhizome may be collected by entrant at 3:30 pm.

PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY:

- * **1st prize** - \$25, native plant, and a bag of newspaper mulch
- * **2nd prize** - \$20, native plant, and a bag of newspaper mulch
- * **3rd prize** - \$10, native plant, and a bag of newspaper mulch