



**September 5 – 15, 2024**

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**YOUTH  
DIVISION III**

**Open to the Public  
No Fee Applies to Submit Entries**

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**New Mexico .... The Land of Plenty**

**A National Garden Clubs, Standard  
Flower Show**

**September 4 – 15, 2024**

**Two Youth Standard Flower Shows**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024  
Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**Presented by:**

**The New Mexico State Fair**

**New Mexico State Fair Grounds**

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**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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**GENERAL RULES**

- 1. Please refer to the Floriculture General Rules.**
- Open to all young people through the age of eighteen. All Youth exhibits can be entered by the youth or on behalf of the youth, by a teacher, organization leader, parent or family member. It is recommended that the youth be present when possible. *NGC (National Garden Club) Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, pages 87-88.*
- Entry tags may be obtained in advance at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas NE, (505) 296-6020 and at the State Fair during the Show. All classes in Horticulture and Design will be subdivided by age of exhibitor.
- Exhibitors should write their age in the upper right-hand corner of each entry card. The age group of exhibitors will be denoted by the color of the entry card. (Note: all participants younger than four (4) will receive a lavender participation ribbon.)
  - Juniors: Age 4 – 7, Pink Tags
  - Intermediates: Age 8 – 12, Green Tags
  - High School: Age 13 – 18, Purple Tags
  - Special Needs: Any age, Blue Tags
- 5. Entries for the Youth Show Saturday, September 7:**
  - Friday, September 6, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
  - Saturday, September 7, 7:00am – 9:00am**Entries for the Youth Show Saturday, September 14:**
  - Friday, September 13, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
  - Saturday, September 14, 7:00am – 9:00 am

According to entry dates and times, you will enter through **Gate 3**, proceed to the Flower Building and park behind the building to unload your exhibit, once unloaded, your car must be moved. If you wish to return to Flower Building you will need to park in the State Fair public parking lot. (Parking passes may be available). It is recommended that you arrive with enough time to complete the entry tags and placing entries.

6. All entries must be completed and placed by 9:30 am the day of the Show. You **MUST** be off the floor by 9:30 am. **No exceptions will be made.**
7. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 am
8. The decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
9. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in either Division. A small amount may be used for staging by the Show Committee. Wilted horticulture specimens and/or designs will be removed from the show by the Show Committee.
10. **Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per Class in Design Section B**
11. Container-grown plants and designs should be inconspicuously labeled with the exhibitor's name.
12. Noncompetitive exhibits will be placed for display only.
13. To be accepted, plant material on the protected list of the Wildflower Law of New Mexico must have the common name and the botanical name listed. Plant material must have been legally obtained from the exhibitor's private property for horticultural exhibits or from other private property with appropriate permission if used in design exhibits. For a list of New Mexico's endangered plant species, use the following link:  
<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/ForestMgt/Endangered.html>

## Awards

1. The standard National Garden Clubs (NGC) Scales of Points are used to judge each Youth Exhibit.
2. The NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all Sections.
  - a. Only one first place (blue) ribbon per Class or subclass; must score 90 or above.
  - b. Only one second place (red) ribbon per Class or subclass; must score 85 or above.
  - c. Only one third place (yellow) ribbon per Class or subclass; must score 80 or above.
  - d. One or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 or above.
3. A minimum score of ninety (90) is required to win an NGC Youth Top Exhibitor Award.
4. Judges will consider the ages and abilities of exhibitors when evaluating the exhibits.
5. Those not yet age four by August 31, 2024, will be awarded a lavender participation ribbon and will not be judged.
6. One (1) **State Fair Special Award** may be given in Sections A and B, for each age category for a total of eight (8) **State Fair Special Awards**. One (1) **Youth Achievement Award** may be given to the overall most outstanding exhibit in Section A and B, for a total of two (2) **Youth Achievement Awards**.
7. At the Awards Presentation on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM, a **Sweepstakes Youth Horticulture Award** will be given to the youth who received the most blue ribbons in Section A, Horticulture. A **Sweepstakes Youth Design Award** will be given to the youth who received the most blue ribbons in Section B, Design. The exhibitor must have won ribbons in each youth show to qualify for the Sweepstakes Award. Ties will be broken by counting red ribbons and if necessary, yellow ribbons. Ribbons won in adult classes do not count. A rosette of green/white ribbons will be awarded to the winner.

## Horticulture Rules

1. All Horticulture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. Plants can be part of a family garden or yard.
2. Container-grown plants must have been the property of and cared for by the exhibitor for at least sixty (60) days.
3. Pots may be no larger than 12 inches in diameter and 15 inches high.
4. Exhibitors may enter one of each kind, variety, or color in each class.
5. Entries with naturally occurring foliage on stems should not have the leaves removed except those below the water level in the container.
6. Entries must be correctly named with the binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation (Ask for help!). The correct binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation is **required** for a State Fair Special Award.
7. Entry cards in the Horticulture Division will be categorized by the following colors:
  - a. Juniors: Age 4 – 7, Pink
  - b. Intermediates: Age 8 – 12, Green
  - c. High School: Age 13 – 18, Purple
  - d. Special Needs: Any age, Blue
8. Classes may be divided as to kind, variety, and color as well as age level of the exhibitor.
9. For additional information refer to “Horticulture Rules” as stated in Division I (Horticulture) of the State Fair Standard Flower Show Schedule.

## Section A – Horticulture

### “New Mexico .... The Land of Plenty”

### “The Captivating Central Region”

Exhibits in this section are eligible for, 1 **Youth Top Exhibitor Award**, 15 **State Fair Special Awards**, 1 for each category. Specimens must have been grown by exhibitor and been in their possession for at least 90 days.

#### Age Categories:

- 4-7 years
- 8-12 years
- 13-18 Years
- Any Age Special Needs

## Class 1-11

1. **Marigold:** 1 bloom
2. **Dahlia:** 1 bloom
3. **Rose:** 1 stem with bloom
4. **Cosmos:** 1 bloom
5. **Other:**
  - (a) 1 bloom
  - (b) 1 spray
6. **Exhibit of 3 Stems:**
  - (a) Same variety
  - (b) Mixed classes
7. **Any Fruit or Vegetable:** Must have been grown by exhibitor and been in their possession for at least ninety (90) days, except for early maturing crops such as lettuce, radishes, watercress, etc. Exhibit will be displayed on white paper plates provided by the Show Committee.
  - (a) 1 large (e.g., pumpkin)
  - (b) 3 medium – same kind (e.g., zucchini, chilies, tomatoes)
  - (c) 5 small – same kind (e.g., cherry tomatoes, beans, radishes)
8. **Container Grown Plants:** Must have been in the exhibitor’s possession for at least sixty (60) days.
  - (a) 1 plant only
  - (b) 1 planter, with 2 or more plants
9. **Arboreal Specimens:** Must not exceed 30” in length from the cut end to apical tip and include several nodes. Must have been in exhibitor’s possession for at least six (6) months.
  - (a) 1 branch with bloom
  - (b) 1 branch with fruit
  - (c) 1 branch grown for foliage
10. **Seeds & Pods:** 3 stems, with bloom or seed. Must have been grown by exhibitor and been in exhibitor’s possession for at least 90 days.
  - (a) Seedpod, fresh. Will be displayed on a white paper plate furnished by the show committee.
  - (b) Seedpod, dried. Will be displayed on a white paper plate furnished by the show committee.
11. **Herbs:** Must have been grown by exhibitor and been in their possession for at least 90 days.
  - (a) 3 stems, foliage only
  - (b) 3 stems, with bloom or seed

## Design Rules

1. All NGC policies and rules apply.
2. The exhibitor must have solely created all entries.
3. The exhibitor need not have grown plant materials in these classes.
4. Only one entry may be entered in each class by each exhibitor.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes.
6. No artificial plant materials may be used.
7. Fruits or vegetables may be used; if cut, they must be sealed unobtrusively with plastic wrap or other sealer.
8. No prepared food products are allowed in any exhibit.
9. Each exhibit must contain some plant material.
10. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a 3"x5" card provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry tag. Exhibitors may further title their entries if desired, with a title or an explanation on the card.
11. Each Class is subdivided by age group.
12. Entry tags in the Design Division will be categorized by the following colors:
  - a. Juniors, age 4-7 – Pink
  - b. Middle School, age 8-12 – Green
  - c. High School, age 13-18 – Purple
  - d. Special Needs (regardless of age) – Blue
13. For additional information refer to "Design" as stated in Division II (Design) of the State Fair Standard Flower Show Schedule.

## Section B – Design

### “New Mexico .... The Land of Plenty”

### “The Stately Southeast Region”

Exhibits in this section are eligible for one (1) **Youth Top Exhibitor Award**, fifteen (15) **State Fair Special Awards**, one for each category.

#### Age Categories:

- 4-7 years
- 8-12 years
- 13-18 Years
- Any Age Special Needs

### Class 12-14

12. **“Smokey Bear Historical Park”**– 80 Year Celebration Cake– A creative design containing fresh, dried or a combination of plant material made to look like a cake that is a celebration of the eighty years of “Smokey the Bear.” Must be displayed on some type of base, such as a tray, platter, plaque, etc., provided by exhibitor, which can be moved easily. No larger than 14” in diameter.
13. **“Carlsbad Caverns State Park” – Creative Design** – Using fresh, dried or a combination of plant material create a design representing Carlsbad Caverns. No larger than 14” in diameter.
14. **“Roswell UFO Museum” - Alien** – Using fruits and/or vegetables and/or flowers and/or seeds to create a Roswell alien. Must be displayed on some type of base such as a tray, platter, plaque, etc., provided by exhibitor which can be moved easily. No larger than 14” in diameter.