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Floriculture Committee Rules



**An NGC Standard Flower Show
September 8, through 19, 2021**

**Presented by the New Mexico State Fair
Sponsored by the Council of Albuquerque Gardens Clubs, Inc.**

FOUR FLOWER SHOWS

Wednesday, September 8 Friday, September 10

Monday, September 13 Thursday, September 16

Two Youth Standard Flower Shows

Saturday, September 11 & Saturday, September 18

**New Mexico State Fair Lujan Building Exhibit Hall C
300 San Pedro Drive NE - Albuquerque, New Mexico**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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General Rules

1. The State Fair Flower Shows consist of four (4) Standard Flower Shows (Divisions I, II, III and IV).
2. Any New Mexico resident who is an amateur grower or designer, adult, or youth, may enter the Standard Flower Shows. An amateur is one who cultivates or designs plant material for enjoyment rather than for financial gain.
3. Entry tags may be obtained in advance at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas NE, (505) 296-6020, and at the Lujan Building Exhibit Hall C during the Fair.
4. Entries in Divisions I, II and IV will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the morning of a new show. It is recommended that the exhibitor arrive before 8:00 A.M. to allow time for filling out entry tags and placing entries in containers. All Horticulture, Designs and Botanical Arts entries must be checked into Classification by 9:45 a.m. Youth entries information is contained in the General Rules section of the schedule for Youth Division III. Late entries will be accepted for display only and will not be judged.
5. Exhibitors for the Standard Flower Shows enter **through Gate 6**, proceed to the Lujan Building Exhibit Hall C and park behind the building. Facilitators will be available to help you unload. You must move your car by 9:30 am.
6. All Horticulture entries, except container-grown plants, become the property of the Show Committee. Exhibits entered and judged may not be removed by exhibitor until the morning of the next show. Container-grown plants and Designs must be picked up between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. the morning of the next show. Evening pick-ups can be arranged with the permission of the Show Chair 505-238-5731.
7. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, with revisions printed in *the National Gardener Magazine (TNG)*, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the Law of the Show.
8. Judging for each Flower Show will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.
9. On the first day of each show, doors will be opened to the public about 1:00 p.m. (when judging is finished). Shows will be opened to the public at 10:00 a.m. on non-judging days and close at 9:00 p.m. The evening before a new show the closing time will be 7:00 p.m. On September 19, 2021, the last day of the State Fair, Awards Presentations will be at 5:00 p.m. Flower Show will remain open during Presentations.
10. Awards, ribbons, and containers can be picked up at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd, after 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 20, 2021. Please be aware that awards and/or ribbons will not be mailed to exhibitors.

11. The State Fair and Sponsors will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
12. The Classification Chairs for each Division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
13. The General Chair, Judges Chair and the Classification Chair for each Division are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
14. Decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
15. There is an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division. A small amount may be used for staging by Show Committee. Wilted horticulture specimens and/or designs will be removed from the show.
16. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per Class, except in the Horticulture Division (Division I) and the Botanical Arts Horticulture Section (Division IV, Section A).
17. Container-grown plants and designs should be inconspicuously labeled with the exhibitor's name.
18. Noncompetitive exhibits will be placed for display only.
19. 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 and must have been legally obtained from the exhibitor's private property for horticultural exhibits and from other private property with permission where appropriate 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>
20. Exhibitor recognizes that marketing of the New Mexico State Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Exhibitor expressly grants to the New Mexico State Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use, and publish exhibitor images and property without the need for any other approval. Exhibitor releases the New Mexico State Fair, its agents, or assignees, from all claims related to the licenses that have been granted in this release.

AWARDS

1. The National Garden Clubs (NGC) Standard System of Awards will be used for all competitive judging. The Horticulture Scales of Points can be found on page 129 of the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition. The Design Scale of Points can be found on page 130 of the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition. The Artistic Crafts Scale of Points used for Botanical Arts Exhibits can be found on page 131 of the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition.
2. The NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all Divisions.
 - 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. No NGC Section Award may be given to an exhibit unless that exhibit scores a 95 or above and is a blue-ribbon winner.
4. An Accredited judge must sign and date all blue ribbons, 90+ and Top Exhibitor Award ribbons. All other entry cards may be marked with a check, hole-punch, or other mark to note the exhibit was judged.
5. NOTE: The following apply to Divisions I, II, and IV. Information about Youth Show Awards are contained in the Awards Section of the schedule for Division III, Youth.
6. **Top Horticulture Division Awards** may only be given if the following requirements are met: (1) twenty (20) or more horticulture exhibits are entered in a minimum of five (5) classes listed in the schedule; (2) the horticulture exhibit is correctly named with the genus, species, and/or variety/cultivar when possible; (3) the exhibit is a blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above.
7. One (1) **Award of Horticultural Excellence** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division. This is a rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons.
8. One (1) **Arboreal Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 6) in Division 1, Horticulture, Section F. This is an award given for cut or container-grown trees and/or shrubs. Cut portions of vines are not eligible. Cut specimens must be not more than 30" in length, include apical tip, central leader, and several nodes. This is a rosette of green ribbons.
9. One (1) **Award of Merit** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 6) in Division 1, Horticulture, Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, L, and M, for a total of ten (10) awards. This is a rosette of orange ribbons.

10. One (1) **Collector's Showcase Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 6) in Division I, Horticulture, Sections K and P, for a total of two (2) awards. Each Section must consist of three (3) or more classes of all collections or all displays to qualify for this award. Each specimen within the exhibit must score 95 points or more; score for the specimens in the exhibit are not averaged. This is a rosette of brown and green ribbons.
11. One (1) **Elfin Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 6) in Division I, Horticulture, Section O. This is a small rosette of chartreuse and purple ribbons.
12. One (1) **Grower's Choice Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 6) in Division I, Horticulture, Sections J and N, for a total of two (2) awards. This is a rosette of dark green ribbons.
13. **Top Division II Design Awards** may be given only if the following criteria are met: (1) there must be a minimum of Four (4) exhibits per class or subclass in Sections A, B, and D for a top award to be offered for that Section; (2) the exhibit, Traditional or Creative, must be a blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above; (3) the exhibit, must be the work of (1) individual.
14. One (1) **Award of Design Elegance** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 13) in the entire Division II, Design. This is a rosette of gold ribbons.
15. One (1) **Tricolor Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section A. All plant material must be fresh and non-treated. This is a rosette of red, blue, and yellow ribbons.
16. One (1) **Creative Design Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section B. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried, and/or fresh.
17. One (1) **Designer's Choice Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section C. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, fresh or a combination. This is a rosette of purple ribbons.
18. One (1) **Petite Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section D. This is a small rosette of blue and white ribbons.
19. One (1) **State Fair Botanical Arts Horticulture Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in Division IV, Botanical Arts, Section A. The exhibit must be a blue-ribbon winner that has scored 95 or above and be the work of one (1) individual. This is a rosette of light brown ribbons.
20. One (1) **State Fair Botanical Arts Design Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 19) in Division IV, Section B. This is a rosette of yellow and orange ribbons.

21. One (1) **State Fair Artistic Crafts Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 19) in Division IV, Section D. This is a rosette of navy-blue ribbons.
22. Forty-six (46) **State Fair Special Awards**. These are awarded to exhibits which are judged to be worthy of at least 90 points. These awards will be offered as follows:
 - a. Division I, Horticulture
 - i. One (1) award each for Sections A through K, and N through P
 - ii. Eleven (11) awards for Section L
 - iii. Fourteen (14) for Section M
 - b. Division II, Design, one (1) award each for Sections A through D.
 - c. Division IV, Botanical Arts one (1) each for Sections A, B, and C.
23. Three (3) **Sweepstakes Award** will be given as follows for each show:
 - a. One (1) award in Division I, Horticulture
 - b. One (1) award in Division II, Design
 - c. One (1) award in Division IV, Botanical Arts

This Award goes to the exhibitor who wins the bluest ribbons in the respective Division. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted, and if needed, yellow – then white. To be eligible for Sweepstakes Award, the exhibitor must have won two or more blue ribbons in at least two different Sections. This is a rosette of green and white ribbons.

24. Overall awards are given at the Awards Ceremony on the last night of the show for the exhibitor who has the bluest ribbons for all shows in each Section (Exhibitor must have entered at least 3 of the 4 shows).

