



**September 10 – 20, 2026**

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**HORTICULTURE**

**DIVISION I**

**Open to the Public**

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**“NM’s Route 66, The Mother Road”**

**Four Standard Flower Shows**

Wednesday, September 9, 2026  
Friday, September 11, 2026  
Monday, September 14, 2026  
Thursday, September 17, 2026

**Presented by:  
The New Mexico State Fair  
NM State Fairgrounds  
300 San Pedro NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108**

**HORTICULTURE RULES**

1. **Please refer to the Floriculture General Rules. For Parking refer to rule #4 & #5.**
2. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair’s possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
3. All plant material must be **FRESH**, free of insects, diseases or spray residue.
4. Exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.
5. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
6. Only foliage and/or flowers naturally grown and still attached to the specimen are permitted in the show. Unattached foliage is never included with a cut bloom exhibit.
7. All plant material must have been in the possession of the Exhibitor for the appropriate number of days. Bulbs, annuals, houseplants, vegetables and perennials – 90 days; arboreal (woody ornamentals), troughs – 6 months.
8. Exhibit may not exceed 30” in any direction.
9. Rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 6, page 55 or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
10. To receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the Exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name and/or currently acceptable scientific designation. Consult *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition* and Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, Chapter 6, page 53. Or see “How to Fill Out an Entry Card”, immediately following these rules.
11. Entry tags are to be filled out in advance, if possible. Cards are to be typed or written using waterproof ink, labels, or pencil. Refer to *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 6, page 57, for example of a correctly filled out entry tag.
12. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus* and *Rosa*.

## HOW TO FILL OUT A HORTICULTURE

### Flower Show Entry Card

When filling out your entry card you will need the following:

- Your plant Identification book
- Small return address labels (optional)
- Flower show schedule
- How to Write a Scientific Binomial Name (for entry card)

#### How to Write a Scientific BINOMIAL Name When handwritten (e.g., on an entry tag in a flower show)

- The Genus is written with a capital letter and underlined, e.g., Salvia
- The specific epithet is written with a lower-case letter, and underlined, e.g., farinacea in *Salvia farinacea*
- The variety is written with a lower-case letter and underlined, e.g., koreana in *Buxus microphylla koreana*  
OR with var. placed before it and the variety name underlined, e.g., *Buxus microphylla* var. koreana
- The 'Cultivar' is enclosed in single quotes and capitalized, e.g., 'Victoria' in *Salvia farinacea* 'Victoria'  
OR with cv. Placed before it and the single quotes omitted, e.g., *Salvia farinacea* cv. Victoria \*\*
- When naming a Cultivar of a variety underline Genus and specific epithet, add var. before the underlined variety name, and then add the 'Cultivar' in single quotes, e.g., *Buxus microphylla* var. koreana 'Wintergreen'

#### I have a Sunflower I would like to Enter, Per the Flower Show Schedule, it would be entered as:

Horticulture is Division I, Sunflower is Section A (Annuals) & Sunflower Class is 8a, for Sunflowers

- **What is the botanical name of your Sunflower? What Variety is it?**
- **Then Add your name and the date.**
- **Then fill in the bottom half using the information you just put on the entry card on the appropriate lines.**
- **What the Entry Card would look like:**

13. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may have flowers but should be exhibited as foliage plants if they are grown for their leaves.
14. Specimens with a Class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the "All Other" Class.
15. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair have the authority to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics as necessary.
16. The Exhibitor should remove wilted materials, otherwise the Show Committee reserves the right to remove any Exhibit from the Exhibit Hall after judging is completed.
17. Containers furnished by the Show Committee will be used in all Horticultural Specimen Classes.
18. Wedging (using a small, inconspicuous "plug" in the neck of a container to prop a specimen upright) is permitted. Wedging material is crushed, clear plastic wrap and/or small plugs of oasis. The Show Committee provides wedging material.
19. All Horticultural entries, except container-grown plants and collections become the property of the Show Committee.
20. Each Exhibit will be judged and either awarded a ribbon or passed with written cause.
21. The Scales of Points listed in the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, pages 129-130, will be used for reference by the judges. Refer to the NGC website, <http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/flower-show-schools/flower-show-handbook.aspx>, for additional information.

Any questions regarding Horticulture contact:

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SAMPLE:

New Mexico State Fair  
Floriculture/Horticulture

Division I Section     A    

Class No     5a    

    Helianthus, annuus    

Botanical Name

    Teddy Bear    

Variety/Class Name

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

Honorable  
Mention

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Section:     A    

Class     5a    

    Helianthus, annuus    

Botanical Name

    Teddy Bear    

Variety/Class Name

Date:     9/13/26    

Name     Sue Smith    

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

Honorable  
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Horticulture  
Division I

“NM’s Rt 66, The Mother Road”

Section A – Annuals  
“Neon Signs”

**Annuals** – Plants that complete their entire life cycle from seed germination to seed production in one season. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**

**Class 1-6 (Bloom Required)**

1. *Cosmos*
  - (a) *Cosmos bipinnatus* (3 stems)
  - (b) *Cosmos sulphureus* (3 stems)
  - (c) 1 flowering spray of any type; must have at least 3 open blooms (1 stem)
2. *Petunia* (1 stem)
3. *Verbena* (Vervain)
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
4. *Zinnia*
  - (a) Giant (1 bloom)
  - (b) All others
    - (1) 1 bloom
    - (2) 3 blooms
5. All other annuals not listed above.
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
6. Exhibit of five annuals, named.
  - (a) Same class
    - (1) Same variety
    - (2) Mixed varieties
  - (b) Mixed classes

## Section B – Perennials

### “La Ruta Madre”

**Perennials** – Plants that live for three or more years. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

### Class 7-15 (Bloom Required)

7. *Delphinium* spp., 1 spike
8. *Dendranthema morifolium* (formerly Chrysanthemum)
  - (a) 1 stem, spray or branch
  - (b) 1 stem, grown disbudded.
9. *Gypsophila Paniculatum* (baby’s breath), 1 spray.
10. *Hibiscus Moscheutos* (rose-mallow), 1 stem with bloom
11. *Limonium* spp. (Statice), 1 spray
12. *Sedum* spp., 1 stem in bloom
13. *Verbena* spp.
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
14. Other perennials not listed above.
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
15. Exhibit of five, named.
  - (a) Same class
    - (1) Same variety
    - (2) Mixed varieties
  - (b) Mixed classes

## Section C – Biennials, Hardy Annuals & Tender Perennials

### “Bumps in the Road”

**Biennials** – Plants which complete their life cycle within two years, producing rosettes of leaves during the first year and flowers during the second year. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

### Class 16-21 (Bloom Required)

16. *Alcea rosea* (Hollyhock) 1 bloom
17. *Antirrhinum* spp. (Snapdragon)
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
18. *Chrysanthemum parthenium* (formerly Matricaria, feverfew), 1 spray
19. *Dianthus* (Pink)
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems

20. Others not listed above.
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
21. Exhibit of five, named.
  - (a) Same class
    - (1) Same variety
    - (2) Mixed varieties
  - (b) Mixed classes

## Section D – Geophytes (Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes & Tubers)

### “Stop in Gallup”

**Geophytes** – Plants with an underground storage organ. A storage organ is a part of a plant specifically modified for storage of energy (generally in the form of carbohydrates) or water. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

### Class 22-26 (Bloom Required)

22. *Canna* spp., 1 spike with foliage
23. *Gladiolus* spp., 1 stalk Note: FOLIAGE REQUIRED - At least two leaves. Required to have 6 or more OPEN florets or buds.
  - (a) Miniature
  - (b) Regular
24. *Lycoris radiata* (*Spider Lily*)
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
25. Others not listed above.
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
26. Exhibit of 5 named.
  - (a) Same class
    - (1) Same variety
    - (2) Mixed varieties
  - (b) Mixed classes

## Section E – Salvias

### “The Singing Road”

**Salvia** – The largest genus of plants in the mint family, Lamiaceae. **Note:** Herbal specimens **without** blooms are to be entered in Section I, Herbs. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

## Class 27-32 (Bloom Required)

27. *Salvia* spp (Flowering Sage) - perennial
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
28. *Salvia farinacea* (Texas Sage) - tender
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
29. *Salvia greggii* (Autumn Sage) – perennial
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
30. *Salvia splendens* (Scarlet Sage) – annual
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems
31. Other salvias not listed above.
  - (a) 1 stem
  - (b) 3 stems (same variety)
32. Exhibit of five, named.
  - (a) Same class
  - (b) Same variety
  - (c) Mixed varieties
  - (d) Mixed classes

## Section F – Shrubs & Trees “Aerial Tramway”

**Arboreal** – Woody perennial that has above-ground woody tissue that remains alive throughout the year. To be eligible for the Arboreal Award, specimens must not exceed 30” in length from the cut end to the apical tip and must include at least three nodes and the central leader. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Arboreal Award** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

### Class 33-35

33. 1 branch with bloom
34. 1 branch with fruit
35. 1 branch grown for foliage

## Section G – Pods, Foliage & Decorative Grasses “Put the Pedal to the Medal”

Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **Special State Fair Award**.

### Class 36-42

36. 1 decorative leaf (other than *Caladium* or *Coleus*)
37. *Caladium* spp. 1 leaf
38. *Coleus* 1 leaf spray (shown disbudded)
39. 1 non-woody stem with decorative fresh leaves
40. 1 non-woody stem with decorative seeds or pods

41. Decorative Grasses
  - (1) 1 stem
  - (2) 3 stems
42. Others not listed above.
  - (a) 1 stem/pod
  - (b) 3 stems/pods

## Section H – Garden Grown Edibles, Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables “Open Road”

Root vegetables must be washed clean and exhibited with tops neatly removed to within one inch. Greens must be washed and free of extraneous matter. Other vegetables should **NOT** be washed but wiped clean. For three or more specimens, uniformity of size, color and maturity are important factors in judging. Entries will be exhibited on plates, in bowls or vases provided by the Show Committee. Technically tomatoes, peppers and other garden grown produce are fruit, they are entered as vegetables for the purpose of these shows.

**NOTE:** Sizes are relative i.e., all beans are considered small; all pumpkins, except miniatures, are considered large. Determination of size (small, medium or large) shall be the right of the Classification Chairman, mixed entries will be subdivided. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

### Class 43-45

43. Fruit
  - (a) 1 large
  - (b) 3 media
  - (c) 5 small
  - (d) Exhibit of 5 (large or medium size only)
    - (1) Same variety
    - (2) Mixed varieties of one species, 1 entry per exhibitor
  - (e) Mixed Species
44. Nuts
  - (a) Large exhibits of 1 to 3 same variety
  - (b) Medium exhibit of 12 same variety
  - (c) Small exhibit of 20 same variety
45. Vegetables
  - (a) 1 large
  - (b) 3 media
  - (c) 5 small
  - (d) Exhibit of 5 (large or medium size only)
    - (1) Same variety
    - (2) Mixed varieties of one species 1 entry per exhibitor
  - (e) Mixed species

## Section I – Herbs

### “El Camino”

**Herbs** – plants that have culinary or curative uses. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**. **Blooming Salvias must be entered in, Section E**

### Class 46-48

46. 3 stems, same variety (foliage only)
47. 3 stems, same variety, (with blooms)
48. Exhibit of 5 different varieties (1 entry per exhibitor)
  - (a) Foliage only
  - (b) With bloom

## Section J – Container Grown Plants

### “Will Rogers Highway”

Entries in Section J are eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Grower’s Choice Award** and 1 **State Fair Special Award**.

**A single species grown in a container.** MUST have been in exhibitor’s possession and care for **90 days**. Container and plant limited to 48” in any dimension. Single-blossom specimens should be three-fourths to fully open. Plants with multiple bloom stems need at least one-fourth to one-half flowers open. Plants should not be totally in the bud stage nor have all their flowers fully open. Foliage specimens may have flowers present, but flowers must be insignificant. Epiphytic plants, such as bromeliads (*Tillandsia*) may be grown without a container; they are, however, treated as container-grown specimens. Natural material may be used to cover plants. Specimens may be double-potted. Inner containers should not be visible. A specimen’s roots may be “contained” within a living moss ball (Kokedama) or flat board covering the specimen’s roots, e.g., bromeliads. More than one (1) plant of the species may be exhibited in the container as a single specimen, either as (1) Self-multiple – multiple shoots arising from the root system; or (2) Multiple plantings – more than one (1) plant of the same cultivar and color are combined in the container.

**Combination plantings** – A grouping of three (3) or more botanically different plants with similar cultural requirements such as light, water and humidity. Naturalistic accessories are permitted in all combination plantings but must be to scale with plantings and containers, and the theme appropriate to the plants. Combination plantings (except for troughs) must have been in the exhibitor’s possession for six (6) weeks. Troughs must have been in the exhibitor’s possession for six (6) months.

## Class 49-53

49. *Saintpaulia* (African Violets)
  - (a) Standard
  - (b) Miniature or semi-miniature
  - (c) All other
50. Cacti
51. Succulents
52. Orchids
53. Any container grown plant other than African Violets, orchids, cactus or succulents. Class 59, 60 and 61 will be subdivided as follows if the number of entries permits.
  - (a) Container smaller than 12” in diameter
  - (b) Container 12” to 24” maximum in diameter suitable for display on table
  - (c) Container 12” to 48” maximum in diameter suitable for display on floor

## Section K–Dahlias

### “Diners and Dives”

Dahlias will be judged with consideration of the American Dahlia Society Rules and Regulations. Each stem to be grown disbudded and shown with leaves attached. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 11 **State Fair Special Awards** (one per class).

## Exhibition Dahlias

### Class 54-58

54. AA - Extra Large (Over 10 inches)
  - (a) Decorative
  - (b) Cactus Flowered
  - (c) Lacinated
55. A - Large (8 to 10 inches)
  - (a) Decorative
  - (b) Cactus Flowered
  - (c) Lacinated
56. B - Medium (6 to 8 inches)
  - (a) Decorative
  - (b) Cactus Flowered
  - (c) Lacinated
57. BB - Small (4 to 6 inches)
  - (a) Decorative
  - (b) Cactus Flowered
  - (c) Lacinated
58. M - Miniature (under 4 inches)
  - (a) Decorative
  - (b) Cactus Flowered
  - (c) Lacinated

## Ball Dahlias

### Class 59-61

- 59. BA - Ball (3 ½ inches & over)
- 60. MBA - Miniature Ball (2 to 3 ½ inches)
- 61. POM - Pompon (under 2 inches)

## Other Dahlia Types

### Class 62

- 62. Other
  - (a) Single
  - (b) Mignon
  - (c) Orchid, Rays tubular
  - (d) Anemone, center, pincushion effect
  - (e) Collarette, 1 row of florets, 1 or more rows of petaloid
  - (f) Peony, 2 to 5 rows ray florets
  - (g) Waterlily
  - (h) Stellar
  - (i) Novelty
  - (j) Seedings
    - (1) Grown from crosses by exhibitor
    - (2) Grown from commercial seed

## Multiple Exhibits (All of Same Class)

### Class 63-64

- 63. Exhibit of 3
  - (a) Same variety
  - (b) Different varieties
- 64. Exhibit of 5
  - (a) Same variety
  - (b) Different varieties

## Section L—Roses “Roadside Attractions”

Roses will be judged with consideration of the American Rose Society Rules and Regulations. Each class will be exhibited in alphabetical order according to the name of the variety or cultivar. Each variety or cultivar will constitute a subclass and will be judged against the standards for that variety. Specimen entries of climbing sports of bush varieties must be entered in the same class as their bush counterparts, and each exhibitor may enter only one (either bush or climber) of a variety. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award**, 1 **Award of Merit** and 16 **State Fair Special Awards** (one per class).

## Hybrid Teas & Grandifloras

### Class 65-67

- 65. 1 bloom, without side buds, exhibition form
- 66. 1 bloom, without side buds, fully open, stamens must show on varieties with 5-12 petals.
- 67. 1 spray with two or more blooms

## Floribundas

### Class 68

- 68. Floribundas
  - (a) 1 bloom, without side buds
  - (b) 1 spray with two or more blooms

## Miniature/Mini Floras & Climbing Miniatures/Mini Floras

### Class 69-71

- 69. 1 bloom, without side buds, exhibition form
  - (a) Miniatures
  - (b) Mini-Flores
- 70. 1 bloom, without side buds, fully open, stamens must show on varieties with 5-12 petals.
  - (a) Miniatures
  - (b) Mini-Flores
- 71. 1 spray with two or more blooms
  - (a) Miniatures
  - (b) Mini-Flores

## Most Fragrant Roses

(Judged 70% for fragrance & 30% for appearance)

### Class 72

- 72. Any Variety or Type
  - (a) 1 bloom without side buds
  - (b) 1 spray with two or more blooms

## Shrubs (Modern and Classic)

### Class 73

- 73. 1 bloom with side buds, or 1 spray

## Old Garden Roses, Species Large Flower Climbers & Ramblers

### Class 74

- 74. 1 bloom, with side buds or 1 spray or 1 cane with lateral bloom not over 18 inches above neck of container.

## Multiple Exhibits (Standard Roses)

### Class 75-76

- 75. 3 blooms, same type
  - (a) Same variety
  - (b) Different varieties
- 76. Sprays, same type
  - (c) Same variety
  - (d) Different varieties

## Multiple Exhibits – Miniature Roses

### Class 77-78

- 77. 3 blooms, same type
  - (e) Same variety
  - (f) Different varieties
- 78. 3 sprays, same type
  - (g) Same variety
  - (h) Different varieties

## Section M – Collections “Souvenirs”

**Collection:** Exhibit specimens judged for their **cultural perfection**. Minimum of (5) different specimens (cut and/or container-grown) exhibited in individual containers or the appearance of being individually exhibited. Specimens such as evergreens and some epiphytes not requiring containers must appear as individual specimens. Some individual containers, plates, mats, etc. are required. Specimens must be related, such as all one plant family (Rosaceae, Pinaceae) or genus (*Hosta*), similar characteristics (bromeliads, ferns, orchids, shade foliage, flowering annuals, vegetables, petite), etc. Exhibitor must provide a card stating the plant relationships. The Collection constitutes a single entry and only one entry card is used. Exhibitor is responsible for placement of specimens within the exhibit. Staging containers must be compatible and furnished by the exhibitor. **Staging accessories such as mats, risers, etc., are permitted but must not detract from the specimen; plant material must dominate.**

Each specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation in a manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the collection. This may be done with a single chart or individual placards. Individual specimen scores in the Collection are NOT averaged; **the lowest scoring** specimen in the Collection will determine the highest ribbon possible for the exhibit. Exhibitors allowed one entry per genus, per class, per show.

Exhibitors are encouraged to leave entries for display throughout all State Fair flower shows. See item 7 of the General Rules for more information. Exhibits shall not exceed 24" w x 28" d x 48" h. Eligible for the **Horticultural Excellence Award, 1 Collector's Showcase Award** and one **1 State Fair Special Award**.

### Class 79

#### 79. Collections

- (a) Annuals, blooming
- (b) Perennials, blooming
- (c) Herbs
- (d) Foliage
- (e) Container grown (not to exceed 6" in diameter per container)
- (f) Other

