



**September 10 – 20, 2026**

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**YOUTH  
DIVISION III**

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

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**“NM’s Rt 66, The Mother Road”**

**Two Youth Standard Flower Shows**

**Entries Accepted 6:30am – 8:30am  
Saturday, September 12, 2026  
Saturday, September 19, 2026**

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

**GENERAL RULES**

1. **Please refer to the Floriculture General Rules.**
2. **NEW: No exceptions! Parking will not be allowed at gates 3 or 4.**
3. All exhibitors for all shows/exhibits must enter through gate 6 located on San Pedro Blvd. NE, shuttle service will be provided from 6:30am – 8:30am. Shuttle service will be provided on the following dates:

**Youth Standard Flower Shows**

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

A designated parking area at gate 6 will be available for those bringing exhibits. Park and deliver your items to the Flower Building. Shuttle service will end at 9:00am from the flower building returning exhibitors to the designated gate 6 parking area. All vehicles must be removed by 9:15am. If you wish to return to the Flower Building or any exhibitor arriving after 9:00am you will be required to pay for parking and entry fee into the Fair located at gate 8 on Louisiana Blvd NE or gate 1 on Central NE.

4. Open to youths, 18 years of age and under. Exhibits may be entered by the youth or on their behalf, by a teacher, organization leader, parent or family member. It is recommended the youth be present when possible. *NGC (National Garden Club) Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, pages 87-88.*
5. Entry tags are available in advance at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd NE, (505) 296-6020, Monday – Friday, 9:30am – 2:30pm. Entry tags should be completed prior to arriving at the State Fair Flower Building.
6. Exhibitors must 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 4 will receive a lavender participation ribbon).
  - a. Juniors: Age 4 – 7, Pink Tags
  - b. Intermediates: Age 8 – 12, Green Tags
  - c. High School: Age 13 – 18, Purple Tags
  - d. Special Needs: Any age, Blue Tags

7. Entries must be completed and placed by 8:30am on the day of the show. You must be off the floor by 9:00am. **No exceptions.**
8. Judging begins promptly at 10:00am.
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 1 entry per Class in Design Section B.**
11. Container-grown plants and designs should be inconspicuously labeled with 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 NM endangered plant species, use the following link:  
<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/ForestMgt/Endangered.html>
14. 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.
15. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and videography. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and entries without the need for any other approval. Images and entries will not be used for profit.
16. Participants are responsible for picking up their own entries or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
17. **NEW:** Any entry or items remaining on the Fairgrounds after Monday, September 21, 2026, will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

## 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 age 4 by August 31, 2026, will be awarded a lavender participation ribbon and will not be judged.
6. A **State Fair Special Award** may be given in Sections A and B, for each age category for a total of 8 **State Fair Special Awards** and 1 **Youth Achievement Award** may be given to the overall most outstanding exhibit in each Section A and B, for a total of 2 **Youth Achievement Awards**.
7. During the Awards Presentation on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 5:00pm, a **Sweepstakes Youth Horticulture Award** will be given to the youth who received the most-blue ribbons in Section A, Horticulture and 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 60 days.
3. Pots may be no larger than 12" in diameter and 15" 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

### "NM's Rt 66, The Mother Road"

#### "Fresh Relics Along the Road"

Exhibits in this section are eligible for 1 **Youth Top Exhibitor Award**, 15 **State Fair Special Awards**, 1 for each age 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 be grown by exhibitor and been in their possession for at least 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 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 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 be 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. Exhibitor must have solely created all entries.
3. Exhibitors need not have grown plant materials in these classes.
4. Only one entry per class by each exhibitor.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes.
6. Artificial plant materials may not be used.
7. Fruits or vegetables may be used; if cut, they must be sealed unobtrusively with plastic wrap or other sealer.
8. Prepared food products are not 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 DESIGN Division II of the State Fair Standard Flower Show Schedule.

### **Section B – Design**

#### **"NM's Rt 66, The Mother Road"**

##### **"Roadside Attractions"**

This section is eligible for 1 Youth Top Exhibitor Award, 15 State Fair Special Awards, for each age category.

##### **Age Categories:**

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

## **Class 12-14**

### **12. "Route 66 Sign" – 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 Route 66 Sign. Must be displayed on some type of base no larger than 14" in diameter, such as a tray, platter, plaque, etc., provided by exhibitor, which can be moved easily.

### **13. "Memento of Route 66" – Creative Design**

Using fresh, dried or a combination of plant material create a design representing mementos of something along Route 66. No larger than 14" in diameter.

### **14. "Ranch Kitchen Turquoise Horse" – Animal**

Using fruits and/or vegetables and/or flowers and/or seeds to create a horse. Must be displayed on some type of base no larger than 14" in diameter, such as a tray, platter, plaque, etc., provided by exhibitor which can be moved easily.