

**Floriculture Committee Rules
New Mexico State Fair
Floriculture Building
September 5-16, 2018**

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Monday September 10

Friday, September 7

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Two Youth Shows

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300 San Pedro Drive NE
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Flower Show Committee

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Division I: Horticulture	
Entries Chair	Ellen Reed
General Classification	Michele Ann Tart
Placement	Thoula Mallory
Consultant	Ellen Reed
Roses Classification & Placement	Bill Farmer
Dahlia Classification & Placement	Jim Lohkamp
Division II: Design	
Entries Chair	Mary Noskin
Classification & Placement	Mary Noskin, Mary Gilliam
Consultant	Shirley Tetreault
Division III: Botanical Arts	
Entries Chair	Mary Noskin
Classification & Placement	Sarah Bianco, Kathleen Flanders
Consultant	Shirley Tetreault
Judges Chair	Shirley Tetreault
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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 Floriculture Building during the Fair.
4. Entries in Divisions I and III will be accepted from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the morning of a new show. It is recommended that the exhibitor arrive before 9:00 A.M. to allow time for filling out entry tags and placing entries in containers. All Horticulture and Botanical Arts entries must be checked into Classification by 10:00 a.m. Entries in Division II, Design and Division IV, Botanical Arts, must be checked into Classification by 9:30 a.m. Late entries will be accepted for display only and will not be judged.
5. Exhibitors for the Standard Flower Shows may enter through Gate 4 and park on the south side of the Flower Building to unload their entries. Vehicles must be IMMEDIATELY moved after unloading. Assistance with unloading and parking will be available.
6. All Horticulture entries, except container-grown plants, become the property of the Show Committee. Container-grown plants and Designs must be picked up between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. the morning of the next show. Evening pick-ups can be arranged with the permission of the Show Chair.
7. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *The Handbook for Flower Shows (HB) 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 at 10:30 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 16, the last day of the Fair, the show will close at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Awards Presentation.
10. Awards, ribbons, and containers can be picked up at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd, after 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 17, 2018. 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 checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
13. The General Chair, General Co-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 will be 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 Division (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. In order 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 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 special award may be given in a Class unless the exhibit scores a 95 or above and is a blue ribbon winner. A judge must sign all exhibits' entry cards which score 90 or above. A judge will also place a 90+ sticker in the upper left corner of the entry card for exhibits that score above 90 but do not win a blue ribbon.
4. **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.
5. One (1) **Award of Horticultural Excellence** is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named blue ribbon winning exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division. This is a rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons.
6. One (1) **Arboreal Award** is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named blue ribbon winning exhibit 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.
7. One (1) **Award of Merit** is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division 1, Horticulture, Sections A, B, D, L, and M, for a total of five (5) awards. This is a rosette of orange ribbons.
8. One (1) **Collector's Showcase Award** is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named blue ribbon winning exhibit 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.
9. One (1) **Elfin Award** is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division I, Horticulture, Section O. This is a small rosette of chartreuse and purple ribbons.
10. One (1) **Grower's Choice Award** is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division I, Horticulture, Sections J. This is a rosette of dark green ribbons.
11. **Top Design Division II 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 C 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.

12. One (1) **Award of Elegance** may be given to the highest scoring Exhibit in the entire Design Division.
13. One (1) **Traditional Design Award** may be given to a blue ribbon winning exhibit selected from Division II, Design, Section A. All plant material must be fresh and non-treated.
14. One (1) **Creative Design Award** is offered to a blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division II, Design, Section B. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried, and/or fresh.
15. One (1) **Table Artistry Award** is offered to a blue ribbon winning exhibit scoring in Division II, Design, Section C. This is a rosette of burgundy ribbons.
16. Two (2) **Petite Awards** are offered to a blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division II, Design, Section D, one in Class 10 and one (1) in Class 11.
17. One (1) **State Fair Botanical Arts Horticulture Award** is offered to a blue ribbon winning exhibit scoring in Division IV, Botanical Arts, Section A. The exhibit must be the work of one (1) individual.
18. One (1) **State Fair Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award** is offered to a blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division IV, Section B. The exhibit must contain some plant material and be the work of one (1) individual.
19. One (1) **State Fair Botanical Arts Design Award** is offered to a blue ribbon winning exhibit in Division IV, Section C. The exhibit must be the work of one (1) individual.
20. Fifty (50) **State Fair Special Awards** will be offered as follows:
 - a. Division I, Horticulture
 - i. One (1) award each for Sections A through K, and N through R
 - ii. Twelve (12) awards for Section L
 - iii. Fourteen (14) for Section M
 - b. Division II, Design, one (1) award each for Section A through C, two (2) awards for Section D
 - c. Division IV, Botanical Arts and Craft, one (1) each for Sections A through C
21. Four (4) **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
 - d. In Youth Division III, (1) award in Horticulture, and (1) in Design.

Each award goes to the exhibitor who wins the most blue ribbons in the respective Division. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted, and if needed, yellow – then white. To be awarded a 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.

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