

Floriculture Youth Shows

Division III

“My Garden Faire”

New Mexico State Fair

**Floriculture Building
September 5-16, 2019**

Two Youth Shows

**Friday, September 6, 2019 and
Saturday, September 14, 2019**

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300 San Pedro Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108**

**Presented by the New Mexico State Fair
and
the Council of Albuquerque Gardens Clubs**

General Rules

1. Open to all young people through age 18. 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.*
2. Entry tags may be obtained in advance at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas NE, (505) 296-6020, and the Floriculture Building during the Fair. All classes in Horticulture and Design will be subdivided by age of exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors should write their age in the upper right-hand corner of each entry card. Entry cards will be further marked by the show committee. 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.)
 - a. Juniors – age four (4) through seven (7) Pink Tags
 - b. Intermediates – age eight (8) through eleven (11) Yellow Tags
 - c. Middle School – age twelve (12) through fourteen (14) Green Tags
 - d. High School – age fifteen (15) through eighteen (18) Purple Tags
 - e. Special Needs -- any age Blue Tags
4. Entries for the Friday, September 6th, Youth Show will be admitted between 4:00 pm and 6 pm on Thursday, September 5th; additionally, on Friday, September 6th, between 7:00 am and 9:30 am. For the Saturday, September 14th, Youth Show entries will be admitted between 7:00 am and 9:00 am on Saturday, September 14th. Arrangements have been made to allow exhibitors to enter Gate 4, park, and enter the Floriculture Building from the rear (south) entrance. It is recommended that you arrive with enough time for completing the entry tags and placing entries.
5. Exhibitors may park behind the building to unload. If you are going to stay, you will need to park your car in lot 4. You may obtain a temporary parking pass from the Show Chair.
6. All entries must be completed and placed by 9:45 a.m. the day of the Show. You **MUST** be off the floor by 9:45 a.m. **No exceptions will be made.**
7. Judging will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m.
8. 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 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. 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. Plant material must have been legally obtained from the exhibitor's private property for horticultural exhibits or 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>
14. 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 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 ages and abilities of exhibitors when evaluating the exhibits.
5. Those not yet age four by August 31, 2019, 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, B, and C for each age category for a total of fifteen (15) **State Fair Special Awards**. One (1) **Youth Achievement Award** may be given to the overall most outstanding exhibit in Section A, B, and C, for a total of three (3) **Youth Achievement Awards**.
7. At the Awards Presentation on Sunday, September 15, 2019, at 6:00 PM, a **Sweepstakes Award** will be given to the youth with the most blue ribbons in Section A, Horticulture, and one for the most blue ribbons in Section B, Design, for a total of two (2) **Sweepstakes Awards**. Ribbons won in the adult classes do not count. The exhibitor must have won ribbons in both shows in order to qualify for the Sweepstakes Awards. Ties will be broken by counting red ribbons and if necessary, yellow ribbons. This is a rosette of green/white ribbons.

Horticulture Rules

1. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
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 should 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 8-11 – Yellow
 - c. Middle School, age 12-14 – Green
 - d. High School, age 15-17 – Purple
 - e. Special Needs (regardless of age) – Blue
8. Classes may be divided as to kind, variety, and color as well as age level of the exhibitor.
9. Refer to “Horticulture Rules” as stated in Division I (Horticulture) of the State Fair Standard Flower Show Schedule.

Section A – Horticulture “Fairly Lovely”

Classes 1-11

Exhibits in this section are eligible for one (1) **Youth Achievement Award**, five (5) **State Fair Special Awards** (one for each category), and one (1) **Sweepstakes Award**.

Specimens must have been grown by exhibitor and have been in their possession for at least 90 days.

Class 1. Marigold, 1 bloom

Class 2. Dahlia, 1 bloom

Class 3. Rose, 1 stem with bloom

Class 4. Cosmos, 1 bloom

Class 5. Other

(a) 1 bloom

(b) 1 spray

Class 6. Exhibit of 3 stems

(a) Same variety

(b) Mixed classes

Class 7. Any fruit or vegetable

Must have been grown by exhibitor and have been in their possession for at least ninety (90) days, except for early maturing crops such as lettuce, radishes, watercress, etc.

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)

Class 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

Class 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

Class 10. Seeds & Pods. Must have been grown by exhibitor and have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days. 3 stems, with bloom or seed.

- (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.

Class 11. Herbs must have been grown by exhibitor and have 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. All entries must have been created solely by the exhibitor.
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 should be identified on a 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. Intermediates, age 8-11 – Yellow
 - c. Middle School, age 12-14 – Green
 - d. High School, age 15-17 – Purple
 - e. Special Needs (regardless of age) – Blue
13. Refer to “Design” as stated in Division II (Design) of the State Fair Standard Flower Show Schedule.

Section B Design “Things I’ve Never Done Before”

Class 12-14

This Section is eligible for one (1) **Youth Achievement Award**, five (5) **State Fair Special Awards** (one for each category), and one (1) **Sweepstakes Award**.

Class 12. “Oh My Golly” – Any rooster or horse, made of fruits and/or vegetables and/or flowers and/or seeds. To be displayed on some type of base (supplied by exhibitor) such as a tray, platter, or plaque, so that it can be moved. May be no larger than 12” in diameter.

Class 13. “Ascot Hat” – A hat for the Ascot Races **using fresh, dried or combination of plant material**. May be no larger than 24” in diameter. The hat will be displayed on a hat stand provided by the show committee.

Class 14. “I Have a Pet” – A fish or a bird made of fruits and/or vegetables and/or flowers and/or seeds. To be displayed on some type of base, such as a tray, platter, plaque, etc., so that it can be moved. **ALL DRIED MATERIAL**. May be no larger than 12” in diameter.

Section C Educational Displays “Fairly Educational”

Class 15-17

An Educational Poster. Eligible for one (1) **Youth Achievement Award** and five (5) **State Fair Special Awards** (one for each category as listed in General Rules, paragraph 3). Poster size should be 14” x 22” (half of 22 x 28” poster board)

Class 15 “The Healing Garden” - Information about three (3) healing herbs: Basil, Chamomile and Feverfew.

Class 16 “How Does My Garden Grow” - Information about the life cycle of a plant. Exhibitor may choose the plant.

Class17 “Fairly Wiggly” - Information about worms and why they are beneficial in your garden.