



**September 5 – 15, 2024**

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**Floriculture**

**Division I, II, III**

**Open to the Public**

**No Fee Applies to Submit Entries**

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**New Mexico .... The Land of Plenty**

**A National Garden Clubs, Inc. Standard  
Flower Show**

September 4 – 15, 2024

**Four Standard Flower Shows**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Friday, September 6, 2024

Monday, September 9, 2024

Thursday, September 12, 2024

**Two Youth Standard Flower Shows**

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

**Presented by:**

**The New Mexico State Fair & The Council of  
Albuquerque Gardens, Inc.**

Members of National Garden Club, Inc.

South Central Region

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. District 1

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. The State Fair Flower Shows consist of four (4) Standard Flower Shows, Division I, Horticulture, Division II, Design, and Division III, Youth.
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 Flower Show during the Fair.
4. Entries in Divisions I and II will be accepted from 6:30am – 9:30am on the morning of a new show. It is recommended that the exhibitor arrive before 8:00am to allow time for filling out entry tags and placing entries in containers. All Horticulture and Design entries must be checked into Classification by 9:30am **Division II Design Entries will also be accepted the evening before each flower show from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.** 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 3**, proceed to the Flower Show and park behind the building. Facilitators will be available to help you unload. You must move your car by 9:30am. If you wish to return to Flower Building you may be required to pay for parking and entry fee into the Fair.
6. All Horticulture entries, except container-grown plants and Collections, become the property of the Show Committee. Exhibits entered and judged may not be removed by exhibitor until the morning of the next show.

7. 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. It is requested and encouraged those designs, container grown plants and collections be left by the exhibitor for display through all state fair flower shows to enhance the floriculture building and educate the public.
8. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, with revisions available online and is the authority for all issues not covered by the **Flower Show Schedule, which is the Law of the Show**.
9. Judging for each Flower Show will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.
10. On the first day of each show, doors will be opened to the public at 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 the new show the closing time will be 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 15, 2024, the last day of the State Fair, Awards Presentations will be at 5:00 p.m. The Flower Show will remain open during Presentations.
11. Awards and ribbons can be picked up at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd, after 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2024. Please be aware that awards and/or ribbons will not be mailed to exhibitors.
12. The State Fair and Sponsors will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but are not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
13. The Classification Chairs for each Division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
14. The General Chair, Judges Chair and the Classification Chair for each Division are available during judging for consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
15. The decision of the judges is final. Awards will not be given if not merited.
16. There is an emphasis on FRESH plant material. Artificial plant material is not permitted in any exhibit, in any 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.
17. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per Class, except in the Horticulture Division 1.
18. Container-grown plants and designs should be inconspicuously labeled with the exhibitor's name.
19. 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 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>
20. 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.
21. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. 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.
22. Participants are responsible for picking up their own entries or provide written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
23. **NEW:** Any entry or items remaining on the Fairgrounds after Monday, September 16, 2024 will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

## **STATE FAIR FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE**

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### Horticulture Placement:

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## AWARDS

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. 131 of the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition. Youth exhibits are evaluated using the Horticulture, Design Scale of Points.

1. 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.
2. No NGC Section Award may be given to an exhibit unless that exhibit scores a 95 or above and is a blue-ribbon winner.
3. An Accredited judge, from the judging panel, must sign and date all blue ribbons, 90+ and Top Exhibitor Award ribbons. All other entry cards will be marked with a hole-punch or other mark to note the exhibit was judged.
4. **NOTE:** The following applies to Divisions I and II. Information about Youth Show Awards is contained in the Awards Section of the schedule for Division III, Youth.
5. **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.
6. 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.
7. One (1) **Arboreal Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in Horticulture 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.
8. One (1) **Award of Merit** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in Division 1, Horticulture, Sections A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, K, and L, for a total of ten (10) awards. This is a rosette of orange ribbons.
9. One (1) **Award of Merit** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in Division 1, Horticulture, Sections A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, K, and L, 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) in Division I, Horticulture, Section M for a total of one (1) award. 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; scores for the specimens in the exhibit are not averaged. This is a rosette of brown and green ribbons.
11. One (1) **Grower's Choice Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in Horticulture rule 6) in Division I, Horticulture, Section J for a total of one (1) award. This is a rosette of dark green ribbons.
12. **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 C for a top award to be offered for that Section; (2) the exhibit, must be a blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above; (3) the exhibit, must be the work of (1) individual.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. One (1) **Designers Choice Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in Design rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section B. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried, and/or fresh. This is a rosette of purple ribbons.
16. One (1) **Petite Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section C. This is a small rosette of blue and white ribbons.
17. One (1) **Table Artistry Award** may be given to the highest scoring exhibit (as described in Design rule 13) in Division II, Design, Section D. This is a rosette of burgundy ribbons.
18. Forty (40) **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 J, and M
    - ii. Eleven (11) awards for Section K
    - iii. Fourteen (14) for Section L
  - b. Division II, Design, one (1) award each for Sections A through D.
19. Two (2) **Sweepstakes Awards** will be given as follows for each show:
  - a. One (1) Horticulture Sweepstake Award Division I
  - b. One (1) Design Sweepstake Award Division II
20. **The Sweepstakes Award** goes to the exhibitor winning 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. This is a rosette of green and white ribbons.
21. Two (2) **State Fair Flower Shows Sweepstakes Awards** will be given as follows:
  - a. One (1) Horticulture Show Sweepstakes Award Division I
  - b. One (1) Design Show Sweepstakes Award Division II

The State Fair Flower Shows Sweepstakes Award goes to the exhibitor winning 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. This is a rosette of green and white ribbons. To be eligible for the Sweepstakes Award, the exhibitor must have won two or more blue ribbons in at least two different sections and must have entered at least three (3) of the four (4) shows. This award will be given at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Flower Building.

22. **State Fair Flower Show Section Awards** - one (1) award for each section in the horticulture and design divisions will be given as follows: The State Fair Flower Shows Section Award goes to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons in the respective Section, over all four flower shows. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted, and if needed, yellow, then white. To be eligible for the State Fair Flower Show Section Award, the exhibitor must have won two or more blue ribbons in at least two different sections and must have entered at least three (3) of the four (4) shows. This award will be given at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Flower Building.