

Floriculture/Horticulture

Committee Rules

“Off to See the Wizard”

New Mexico State Fair

Floriculture Building

September 6-17, 2017

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Show Dates

Wednesday, September 6, 2017	First Show
Friday, September 8, 2017	Second Show & Youth Show
Monday, September 11, 2017	Third Show
Thursday, September 14, 2017	Fourth Show
Saturday, September 16, 2017	Youth Show

Sponsored By

**The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc.
in cooperation with the following:**

**Albuquerque African Violet Society
Albuquerque Area Extension Master Gardeners
Albuquerque Aril and Iris Society
Albuquerque Chapter of NM Native Plant Society
Albuquerque Daylily Society
Albuquerque Rose Society
District 1 New Mexico Garden Clubs
District 1 New Mexico Judges Council
High Desert Design Club
Ikebana International, Albuquerque Chapter
New Mexico Cactus and Succulent Society
New Mexico Dahlia Society
New Mexico Floral Artists
New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
New Mexico Judges Council
New Mexico Orchid Guild
Petal Pushers Garden Club
Rio Grande Botanic Garden
Uptown Garden Club
Valley Gardeners Garden Club
Xeric Garden Club of Albuquerque**

General Rules

1. The State Flower Show consists of four separate Flower Shows, and two Youth Shows.
2. Any New Mexico gardener or designer, adult or youth, **other than commercial growers or designers**, may enter in any or all shows in Divisions I and II. Entrants for the Youth Shows, Division III, will be limited to youth ages four to 17, except for the “Special Needs” category. Entrants younger than four will receive a Participation Ribbon.
3. Plant material on the protected list of the Wild Flower Law of New Mexico must have the common name, botanical name and must have been obtained from private property in order to be accepted. This list is available at: <https://plants.usda.gov> or by googling “rare and endangered plants in New Mexico”
4. ARTIFICIAL plant material will not be acceptable for competition in any Division.
5. Standard Entries will be accepted from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM only on the day of a new show. We recommend that you arrive before 9:00 AM to allow time for filling out entry tags (New gray tags, old tags will **NOT** be accepted!) and placing entries in containers. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE CHECKED INTO CLASSIFICATION BY 10:00 AM.**
6. **Design entries must be checked in by 9:30 AM.** Entries will close at 10:00 AM. Youth entries shall be admitted on the Thursday evening from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the Friday, September 8th show. Arrangements to enter Gate 4 to drop off the entries have been made.
7. Exhibitors may enter through Gate 4, park and enter the Flower Building from the rear or south entrance to unload their entries. Vehicles must be **IMMEDIATELY** moved to the parking lot. Help with unloading and parking will be available.
8. Exhibitors will register stating the number of exhibits they are entering. They will also complete a provided entry tag for each exhibit giving exhibitor’s Name, Section and Class number of the entry as well as binomial name (Genus and species) or currently acceptable scientific designation. **ENTRY TAGS MUST BE LEGIBLE!**
9. All entries must be passed by the respective Division/Section Classification Committee. Exhibitors will be informed if an entry does not conform to the schedule requirements and will be asked to make the necessary adjustments.
10. If an entry is eligible to be entered in a specialty section (i.e. roses, dahlias, etc) it must be entered in that section, if that section is available during that show.
11. Judging will be in accordance with the standards and practices established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., with consideration of the judging practices of

the African Violet Society, the American Dahlia Society, the American Gladiolus Society, the American Orchid Society, the Cactus & Succulent Society, and the American Rose Society. Judges' decisions will be final. Judging will begin at 10:30 AM. Only authorized personnel will be permitted on the floor after entries close at 10:00 AM and at the time of judging. Judges will initial the blue ribbon awards, sign the rosette awards, will write "judged" and state a reason for all entries which did not receive a ribbon.

12. The Show will be opened to the public on the first day of each show at 1:00 PM or earlier if the judging is finished. It will open at 10:00 AM on non-judging days and close at 9:00 PM. The evening before a show it will close at 7:00 PM. The last Sunday of the Fair, the show will close at 6:00 PM and will be followed by the Awards Presentation at 6:30 PM.
13. All wilted or damaged exhibits will be removed from the show.
14. Awards will be presented on the last day at the end of the last show. Award winners will be notified by phone prior to the Awards Presentation. Any exhibitor, volunteer or Judge is welcome to come to the Awards Presentation.
15. Although reasonable supervision will be given, the State Fair and Sponsors will not be responsible for any loss of personal property. Container-grown plants and Designs should be labeled by the exhibitor and picked up the morning of the next show day, between 7 AM and 10 AM. **NO evening pick-ups.**
16. Ribbons, awards and containers not picked up by the end of the last show will be taken to the Albuquerque Garden Center (10120 Lomas Blvd., NE) and held for 30 days.
17. Only one member of a household may enter any one class, unless each maintains a separate garden and exhibits are from the personal garden.
18. Entries will be accepted for the Youth Show from a teacher, organization leader, parent or a family member on behalf of the youth entrant. However, it is strongly recommended that the youth be present.
19. All Horticultural entries, except container-grown plants, become the property of the Show Committee.
20. Exhibitor recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Exhibitor hereby expressly grants to the 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 Fair, its agents or assigns, from all claims related to the licenses that have been granted in this release.