

Floriculture/Horticulture Committee Rules

Cirque Des Fleurs

**New Mexico State Fair
September 10-26, 2010
(Closed Mondays & Tuesdays)**

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Flower Shows

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Friday, September 10, 2010	Cactus & Gourd Show African Violet Exhibit Orchid Exhibit First Standard Show
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	Second Standard Show
Friday, September 17, 2010	Third Standard Show
Wednesday, September 22, 2010	Fourth Standard Show
Friday, September 24, 2010	Fifth Standard Show
Saturday, September 25, 2010	Youth Show

General Rules

1. The State Flower Show consists of five separate Standard Flower Shows, two Youth Shows, one Cactus and Succulent Show, one African Violet Exhibit and two Orchid Exhibits.
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 seventeen. 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.
4. Artificial plant material will not be acceptable for competition in any Division.
5. Entries will be accepted from 7:30 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 (old tags will **NOT** be accepted!) and placing entries in containers. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE CHECKED INTO CLASSIFICATION BY 10:00 AM.**
6. Entries in the Cactus and Succulent Show will be checked in between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 9th. The African Violet and Orchid Exhibits may be set up at the same time, or on Friday afternoon. Contact Beth Herschman (450-2078) or the Albuquerque Garden Center (296-6020) if you need passes. Assistance with unloading and correctly filling out entry tags will be available.

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 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 Genus and Species (cultivari, if applicable). **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., American Dahlia 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 or 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 9:00 AM on the second and third day, close at 9:00 PM on the first and second day and close at 7:00 PM on the third day. 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 at the close of each show between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.
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, but two may enter as a team.

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.

Special Rules

1. Any non-commercial gardener may enter in any of the Flower Shows.
2. All Horticulture must have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. The Show Committee will provide containers for horticulture exhibits.
4. An exhibit may be entered in only one show - horticulture or design.
5. Exhibits must be fresh and free of insects, diseases or spray residue.
6. No exhibit may exceed 48" in any dimension, including pot.
7. Each exhibit is judged and awarded a ribbon or passed with written cause.
8. Exhibits should have the correct botanical name (Genus and Species i.e. *Cosmos bipinatus*). The classification committee will be happy to assist. To receive a top award, botanical names **MUST** be included. **EXCEPTION:** Roses and dahlias must have the cultivar name.
9. An exhibitor may enter in as many classes as desired, but may enter only once in each class or subdivision of a class. For example: Hybrid tea roses could be entered: Double Delight, Peace, Tiffany.
10. Cut specimens with the exception of roses, should not have any leaves below the water line.
11. Artificial plant material will not be accepted.
12. All container grown plants, dish gardens, terrariums and designs must be picked up at the conclusion of each show.
13. Fair management does not assume responsibility for any article that is lost, stolen or damaged.
14. Container-grown entries may be claimed **ONLY** by the owner or person with written permission. These exhibits must be removed from the show on its final day by 7:00 PM. The Fifth Standard Show officially closes at 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 26, 2010.