

Floriculture

Dept. FL

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FLORICULTURE MISSION STATEMENT: The Flower Show encourages the growing and enjoyment of flowers by both novice and seasoned gardeners, by exhibitors and general public alike. It is our intent to educate by displaying an extensive variety of flower types and by having open displays allowing all to see and smell. To encourage high standards of judging at all times with qualified judges willing to communicate their expertise with all in attendance. To promote the creative use of flowers in artistic arrangements. To provide an attractive, comfortable place for fairgoers to relax and enjoy. To encourage new exhibitors with a friendly, knowledgeable, helpful staff.

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed will be in the Atrium;
all judging open to the public)

Friday, July 9

5 pm Entry forms due for pre-entries
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Friday, July 30

1-9 pm Division 1 & 1A entries accepted

Saturday, July 31

9 am Show 1, Division 1 & 1A Judging

Sunday, August 1

3-9 pm Division 2 entries accepted

Monday, August 2

11 am Show 2, Division 2 Judging

Tuesday, August 3

3-9 pm Division 3 entries accepted

Wednesday, August 4

9 am Show 3, Division 3 Judging

Thursday, August 5

3-9 pm Division 4 entries accepted

Friday, August 6

11 am Show 4, Division 4 Judging

Sunday, August 8

10 am-2 pm Entries released

Every effort will be made to follow the above schedule, but due to unforeseen circumstances the schedule is subject to change.

Premium Checks

Premium checks will be mailed within one month after the close of the Montana State Fair.

Entries will be welcomed from members of garden clubs and the general public. **Please note there are four different entry dates for competitive materials to be received. Please make sure of the correct date for your material.** Entries for display will be welcome at any time during the week.

General Rules

- COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE BY JULY 9. Management understands that it is not possible to know which flowers will be ready to show so far in advance of judging. However, it is faster to delete entries than to add them.
- All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the General Information section of this handbook and complying with policies listed therein.
- AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
- All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive premiums.**
- Each exhibitor may purchase one \$25 exhibitor pass, which includes 10 adult admissions and/or a vehicle. Exhibitors 6-18 years may purchase a \$20 exhibitor's pass that includes 10 admissions—no vehicle. State Fair will provide one free exhibitor's pass for each \$50 of entry fees paid by the entry form due date (see schedule).
- Entry forms are available online at www.montanastatefair.com or at the State Fair Administration Office. Be sure to include the appropriate division number in the class code (see sample entries).
- Entry forms may be mailed or delivered to the State Fair Administration Office, open weekdays from 8 am-5 pm.
- Mailed entry forms and/or entries should be sent to: Entry Office, Montana State Fair, 400 3rd St NW, Great Falls, MT 59404. Entries to be returned by mail **MUST** have return postage included or they will be returned COLLECT.
- State Fair will accept exhibits not pre-entered, but exhibitors are warned that it will take longer for check-in. Exhibitors not pre-entered should deliver exhibits by 7 pm on entry days.

- j. All possible care will be exercised by State Fair in handling exhibits, but no responsibility for loss or damage in transit or during any phase of the exhibit will be assumed by State Fair.
- k. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY PER CLASS unless otherwise specified.
- l. Vases will be provided for all entries. No entries will be allowed to compete if displayed in tin cans or milk bottles.
- m. Table space will be made available in the Fine Arts Building for those wishing to make flower arrangements before entries close. Entries may be brought in at the gate near the Fine Arts Building between 3 pm and 9 pm on the various nights entries are due. For easier access to the building, there will be an area reserved for floral exhibitors outside the back door of the Fine Arts Building, between the Fine Arts and Photography Departments. A cart will be available for use by floral exhibitors.
- n. Horticulture exhibits cannot be replaced with fresh flowers until judging has been completed.
- o. Judges are instructed to award prizes on individual merit. Absence of competition will not be accepted as justification for awarding a high prize to an exhibit of medium or inferior quality. After exhibits are arranged they shall be under the exclusive charge of the superintendent and no one shall touch or remove them except with consent.
- p. Superintendent shall have the right to remove from the hall at anytime any exhibits or parts of exhibits which have become unsightly.
- q. Same exhibit cannot be shown in individual and collective exhibits.
- r. Exhibits including noxious weeds will be removed. Please ask when entering if in doubt.

Special Awards

GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS

Gift certificate and rosette

CHAMPION HOUSE PLANT-Chosen by the judge from all house plants and all combination planters (indoor or outdoor) entered- sponsored by **Kranz Flowers & Gifts**, 1305 3rd Ave. S. Great Falls

CHAMPION PLANTER-sponsored by **Kranz Flowers & Gifts**, 1305 3rd Ave. S. Great Falls

JUNIOR CHAMPION BLOOM-Chosen by judge from all junior flower entries; sponsored by **Bundi Gardens**, 4400 10th Ave. N. Great Falls

CHAMPION BLOOM OF SHOW-Chosen by judge from all flowers entered; sponsored by **Herman's Flowers**, 1426 14th St. SW, Great Falls

CHAMPION DAISY OF SHOW-sponsored by **Flower Farm**, 1500 5th Ave. SW, Great Falls

CHAMPION LILY OF SHOW-sponsored by **Forde Nursery**, 2025 2nd Ave. NW, Great Falls

CHAMPION ROSE OF SHOW-sponsored by **Electric City Conservatory**, 1415 5th Ave. N., Great Falls

CHAMPION SPIKE OF SHOW-sponsored by **Tilleraas Landscaping**, 100 32nd St. SW, Great Falls

GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS

Cash prizes and rosette

CHAMPION ZINNIA OF SHOW-sponsored by **Helen Simon, Patty Groves and family in memory of Dan Simon**

CHAMPION ARRANGEMENT-chosen by judges from all designs entered-sponsored by **Rainbow Garden Club**

JUNIOR CHAMPION ARRANGEMENT-sponsored by **Rainbow Garden Club**

EXHIBITOR TIPS!

Exhibits are judged on the following basis: size-25%; stem and foliage-10%; color-25%; quality of material-40%.

Cutting and hardening of plant material: If plant material is to hold up through the exhibition period, it must be cut no later than the day before it is to be exhibited. Cutting should be done about 4 pm, since at that time there is the greatest amount of sugar in the leaves, and as soon as the flowers are plunged in water, they take up enough to overcome any apparent temporary wilting. Plunging stems in water at 110 degrees F is usually best, then set in a cool room out of any draft and let the water cool to room temperature. This enables to the flowers to regain their turgidity and last much longer.

Cut stems cleanly at an angle with a sharp knife and place at once in deep water. Flowers should be kept in deep water 8-12 hours or overnight. **All foliage that is below the waterline should be removed.** Foliage to be used in arrangements, such as hosta, vegetable leaves, canna, peony, etc. should be immersed in water overnight. Foliage should be clean; any broken, diseased or disfigured foliage or petals should be removed.

Flowers or branches with wood stems, such as Phlox, Stocks, Chrysanthemums, etc. should be split, crushed or pounded before being placed in deep water. Dahlias should be picked at daybreak with long stem,

placed first in cold water and then in hot water and placed in a dark, cool place during the day.

An exhibitor should pay close attention to grooming all exhibits by removing all dirt, spray residue, and dead leaves and blooms. **No plant shine should be used on foliage or blooms.**

A few definitions to help exhibitors:

Bloom Individual flower, a solitary flower on one stem

Spray Portions of plants with a number of flowers on one stem

Spike A flower structure with flowers stemless on a common lengthy stalk