Minnesota State Fair Flower Show Rules.

1. **Entries.** Close Monday, August 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

2. **Exhibitor eligibility.** Entries open to bona fide residents of Minnesota.
   A. **One entry per class per exhibitor.**
   B. **Only one member from any family or household may enter, except the Junior Division.**
   C. **Advanced Amateur and Amateur eligibility.** Professionals will not be permitted to show in Advanced or Amateur classes. The superintendent shall be the final arbiter as to the eligibility and classification of the exhibitor, either at time of entry or exhibit staging.
      1. **Advanced Amateur exhibitors.** May NOT show in Amateur classes.
         a. Those who grow horticultural products mainly for personal use and enjoyment.
         b. May engage in part time professional or commercial horticulture through limited sale of horticultural products or services.
         c. May act as judges for any plant, garden club, society, or organization.
         d. Anyone who has won a total of four first place premiums in the Amateur competitions within the last two years in the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show artistic division.
      2. **Amateur exhibitors.**
         a. Those who grow horticultural products for personal use and enjoyment.
         b. At no time engage in professional or commercial horticulture; do not sell or dispose of horticultural products for monetary gain; and in no way, directly or indirectly, are connected with the handling of horticulture products commercially.
         c. May not act as judges for any plant, garden club, society, or organization.
      3. **Open exhibitors.** Those eligible to show in Amateur, Advanced Amateur or Junior classes.

3. **Exhibits.** All exhibits, unless otherwise specified, must be in place on the date and time listed. Exhibits on display for two days.
   A. **Labeling.** Each variety, except in flower arrangements, must be correctly labeled with its name.
      1. Exhibitors must use the labels provided by the show, except where exhibitors have superintendent approval for their own labels.
   B. The fair will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after arrival and placement; but under no circumstances will claim responsibility for any loss or damage. The exhibitor shall indemnify the fair and management, against all legal or other proceedings.
   C. The superintendent reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the show at their discretion.

4. **Exhibit delivery, staging and removal.** Exhibits must be delivered to the Ag-Hort prep room, which opens at 6:30 a.m. on staging days. Any containers, props, etc. not claimed by 9 p.m. Labor Day will be disposed of.
   A. **Minnesota State State Fair Flower Show.**
      1. **Theme.** Minnesota Explores the Arts.
      2. **Show dates.** Monday and Tuesday, August 26 and 27, 2019.
      3. **Show superintendent.** Phyllis Andrews, 651-455-5077.
      4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Monday, August 26, 2019. 6:30-9 a.m. Must be staged by 9 a.m.
         a. **Delivering exhibits during the 12 days of the fair.** Exhibitors delivering items for competition during the fair will be sent credentials and instructions for the delivery procedure.
      5. **Removal of exhibits.** Tuesday, August 27, 2019. 9-10 p.m.
         a. Exhibitors in the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show must remove containers, staging equipment and materials under the supervision of the superintendent. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of awards, prizes and points.

5. No flowers or plants shall be given away or sold by exhibitors.
   A. No soliciting of orders for any stock permitted.
B. No plants, flowers or other materials not entered in competition shall be displayed except by permission of the superintendent.

6. **Arrangements.** Unless specified, arrangements may be shown in any suitable container. Special backgrounds, equipment or containers requiring unusual space or care are not permitted.
   
   A. **Materials.**
   1. **Fresh arrangements.** Fresh cut plant materials must be included in all classes unless otherwise specified.
   2. Stands for plaques, collages and frames supplied by exhibitor.
   3. Accessories and supplementary plant materials permitted in all arrangement classes.
      a. Foliage, seed, berries, fruits, weeds, grasses, and other natural plant parts not specifically mentioned in the class description will be considered supplementary plant materials.
   4. **Not permitted.**
      a. Artificial flowers, fruits, or foliage. This includes, but is not limited to, plastic, ceramic, glass mushrooms, flowers, branches, etc.
      b. Painted flowers or foliage.
      c. Wild flowers protected by Minnesota law.
   5. **Dried arrangements.** All materials must be from nature, but may be assembled to assume flower forms or simulate flowers or other plant parts.
      a. May be collected from any source, need not be native to Minnesota.
      b. Artificial preservatives and coloring (including paint, dyes, etc.) may be used only on dry materials.

7. **Horticulture Specimens and Collections.** Must be grown by exhibitor, and variety named. All specimen bottles will be furnished by management.
   
   A. **All Horticulture will be shown in Open Class.**
   B. **Suitable sample.** A sample of a plant or flower of proper size and proportion, appropriately and attractively displayed.
      1. No limitation as to number of stems, blooms, or flowers.
      2. Must be representative of the natural growing form of the plant or flower; must not be altered by obvious removal of foliage, stems, or flower parts.
      3. **And/or.** The term and/or means exhibitor may have a combination of four annuals and perennials. A total of four specimens.

8. **Other Flower Societies and Clubs.** If you are interested in entering any of the other shows that take place on the fairgrounds during the Minnesota State Fair please see the horticultural societies and show dates from our web page at: mnstatefair.org/competition/ag-hort-bee/flowers/ and contact them directly.

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Division 128: Junior Amateur

Premiums for Junior Amateur

Junior Artistic
$7 $6 $5 $4 $3

Junior Horticultural
$6 $5 $4 $3 $2

Class Listing for Junior Amateur

**Junior Artistic**

1001 Children's Theatre, Grades K-3
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*

1002 Children's Theatre, Grades 4-6
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*

1003 Children's Theatre, Grades 7-9
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*

1004 Children's Theatre, Grades 10-12
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*

1011 Babes in Toyland, Grades K-3
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*

1012 Babes in Toyland, Grades 4-6
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*

1013 Babes in Toyland, Grades 7-9
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*

1014 Babes in Toyland, Grades 10-12
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*

**Junior Horticultural**

1021 My Favorite Annual, Grades K-3
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1022 My Favorite Annual, Grades 4-6
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1023 My Favorite Annual, Grades 7-9
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1024 My Favorite Annual, Grades 10-12
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1031 My Favorite Perennial, Grades K-3
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1032 My Favorite Perennial, Grades 4-6
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1033 My Favorite Perennial, Grades 7-9
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1034 My Favorite Perennial, Grades 10-12
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*

1041 Fairy Garden, Grades K-3
*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

1042 Fairy Garden, Grades 4-6
*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

1043 Fairy Garden, Grades 7-9
*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

1044 Fairy Garden, Grades 10-12
*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*
Division 129: Amateur

Premiums for Amateur

Amateur and Advanced Amateur; Interpretive Creative Designs
$13 $11 $9 $8 $7 $5
Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Open Class
$15 $13 $11 $9 $5

Class Listing for Amateur

Interpretive Creative Designs

500 The Rite of Spring by Stravinsky
   *Designer's choice of plant material.*

501 Fine Arts Building at the Fair
   *Designer's choice of plant material.*

502 Masterpieces
   *Incorporating dried materials with fresh.*

503 Totem Pole
   *Vertical design.*

504 Marketplace
   *Incorporating fruits and/or vegetables with flowers.*

505 Desert Song
   *All dried plant materials.*

506 Minnesota Museum of American Art
   *Mass design.*

507 Dancers by Degas
   *Implying motion.*

508 Weisman Art Museum
   *Incorporating man-made material.*

509 Lakes Area Music Festival
   *Water interest.*

510 Old Log Theatre
   *Incorporating found wood form(s).*

535 Sweepstakes, Amateur Design

*Awarded to the five highest scoring exhibitors in the Amateur Design Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.*
Division 130: Advanced Amateur

Premiums for Advanced Amateur

Amateur and Advanced Amateur; Interpretive Creative Designs
$13 $11 $9 $8 $7 $5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Open Class
$15 $13 $11 $9 $5

Class Listing for Advanced Amateur

Interpretive Creative Designs

511 Pastorale by Beethoven
All fresh plant material.

512 Pablo Picasso
Designer's choice of plant material.

513 The Gleaners by Millet
Using all dried materials.

514 Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky
Water interest.

515 Jackson Pollock
Accent on color.

516 The Firebird by Stravinsky
Vertical design.

517 Mixed Blood Theatre
Incorporating found wood form(s).

518 Flight of the Bumblebee by Rimsky-Korsakov
Implying motion.

519 In the Heart of the Beast Theatre
Designer's choice.

520 Still Life
Fruit and/or vegetables with flowers.

521 Walker Art Center
Incorporating man-made materials.

536 Sweepstakes, Advanced Amateur Design
Awarded to the five highest scoring exhibitors in the Advanced Amateur Design Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.
Division 131: Open Class

**Premiums for Open Class**

Open Class; Interpretive Creative Designs and Open Class; Decorative Horticulture

$15 $13 $11 $9 $7 $5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Open Class

$15 $13 $11 $9 $5

**Class Listing for Open Class**

- **Interpretive Creative Designs**
  - 522 Alexander Calder
    - Mobile, 3 feet by 3 feet, fresh and/or dried plant material.
  - 523 Chopin Preludes
    - Miniature design, divided into two sections for judging (limited to ten entries in each section, one entry per person). Displayed in white shadow box, provided by show management, measuring 12 inches high, 10 inches wide, 6 inches deep (openings 6 inches wide by 8 inches high).
  - 524 SteppingStone Theatre
    - Small design, no larger than 8 inches in any dimension (divided into two sections for judging).
  - 525 Madama Butterfly by Puccini
    - Implying motion.
  - 526 The Magic Flute by Mozart
    - Vertical design.
  - 527 From the New World by Dvorak
    - Designer's choice.
  - 528 Penumbra Theatre
    - Creative mass design.
  - 529 Art In Bloom at Minneapolis Institute of Art
    - Incorporating a piece of art no more than 24 inches wide or deep.
  - 530 Starry Night by van Gogh
    - Designer's choice.
  - 531 Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven
    - Reflective designer's choice.
  - 532 Ring of Fire (Johnny Cash) - open to men only
    - Wreath suitable for hanging.
  - 533 Jupiter by Mozart
    - Swag suitable for hanging.
  - 534 Art-A-Whirl
    - Wreath suitable for hanging, fresh and/or dried.

- **Sweepstakes, Open**
  - Awarded to the five highest scoring exhibitors in the Open Design Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.
Division 132: Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

Premiums for Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

Open Class; Annuals, Perennials, and Other Horticulture
$10 $8 $6 $5 $4 $2
Sweepstakes; Horticulture
$12 $10 $8 $6 $4 $0

Class Listing for Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

**Annuals**

538 Salvia
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

539 Celosia
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

540 Cosmos
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

541 Petunia
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

542 Marigold
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

543 Zinnia
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

544 My Favorite Annuals (no corms, bulbs or tubers)
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

545 My Favorite Sunflower
Suitable specimen, named and staged.

546 My Favorite Annual Vine
Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.

**Perennials**

547 My Favorite Foliage Shrub or Tree Branch
Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.

548 My Favorite Perennials
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

549 Hosta Collection, 2 inches and under
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

550 Hosta Collection, 2 to 5 inches
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

551 Hosta Collection, over 5 inches
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

552 Flowering or Fruiting Shrub or Tree Branch
Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.

553 My Favorite Perennial Vine
Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.

554 My Favorite Chrysanthemum
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

555 Hydrangea
Suitable sample, named.

579 Any other Perennial
Not previously listed. Suitable sample, named.

580 Sweepstakes, Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials
Awarded to the six highest scoring exhibitors in the Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials Division on the following point system:
First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.
Division 133: Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative

Premiums for Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative

Open Class; Interpretive Creative Designs and Open Class; Decorative Horticulture
$15 $13 $11 $9 $7 $5

Open Class; Annuals, Perennials, and Other Horticulture
$10 $8 $6 $5 $4 $2

Sweepstakes; Horticulture
$12 $10 $8 $6 $4 $0

Class Listing for Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative

Others

556 My Favorite Vine
From corms, tubers, bulbs. Suitable sample, named and staged separately, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.

557 Miniature Rose Collection, Cut
Four suitable samples, named and staged separately.

558 Rose Collection, Cut
Four different suitable samples, named and staged separately.

559 Dahlia, under 4 inches
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

560 Dahlia, 4 to 6 inches
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

561 Dahlia, over 6 inches
One suitable sample, named.

562 Gladiolus
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

563 Flowers from other Corms, Tubers, Bulbs
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

564 Colored Foliage
Four different varieties or colors, named and staged separately.

565 Herbs
Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.

Decorative Horticulture

566 Kokedama
Plant grown in moss ball, 8 inches maximum diameter, exhibitor provides own staging.

567 Terrarium
Minimum of three varieties of plants, named, accessory material permitted, container under 18 inches in diameter.

568 My Favorite House Plant, Flowering
Named, container under 18 inches in diameter.

569 My Favorite House Plant, Foliage
Named, container under 18 inches in diameter.

570 Foliage and Flowering Indoor Planter
Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.

571 Flowering Outdoor Planter
Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.

572 Foliage Outdoor Planter
Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.

573 Foliage and Flowering Outdoor Planter
Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.

574 Geranium Planter
Named, growing in a decorative container under 18 inches in diameter.

575 Herb Planter
Three or more varieties of herbs, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.
576 Fairy Gardens
Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches diameter. Accessories permitted; no artificial plant materials as noted under Flower Department rule 6.A.4.

577 Dish Gardens
Three or more plants, named, container 4 inches high and under, diameter up to 18 inches. No artificial plant materials as noted under Flower Department rule 6.A.4.

578 Sweepstakes, Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative
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