Minnesota State Fair Flower Show Rules.

1. **Entries.** Close Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 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 artistic division of the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show.
    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. **Exhibit size.** No more than 24 inches wide, unless otherwise stated.
   B. **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.
   C. 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.
   D. 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 Fair Flower Show.**
      1. **Theme.** Minnesota Remembers the Decades.
      2. **Show dates.** Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 2020.
      3. **Show superintendent.** Phyllis Andrews, 651-455-5077.
      4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Monday, Aug. 31, 2020. 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, Sept. 1, 2020. 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 fresh 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 My Favorite Game, Grades K-3
An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.

1002 My Favorite Game, Grades 4-6
An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.

1003 My Favorite Game, Grades 7-9
An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.

1004 My Favorite Game, Grades 10-12
An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.

1011 My Favorite Sport, Grades K-3
An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.

1012 My Favorite Sport, Grades 4-6
An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.

1013 My Favorite Sport, Grades 7-9
An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.

1014 My Favorite Sport, 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  Light Rail
     Designer's choice of plant material.
501  Jazz Age
     Designer's choice of plant material.
502  Gopher State
     Incorporating dried materials with fresh. No animal figurines.
503  IDS
     Vertical design.
504  Community Gardens
     Incorporating fruits and/or vegetables with flowers.
505  Dust Bowl
     All dried plant materials.
506  State Fair
     Mass design.
507  Roller Coaster
     Implying motion.
508  Sculpture Gardens
     Incorporating man-made material.
509  Fishing Holes
     Water interest.
510  Along the Mississippi
     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 Ferris Wheel
All fresh plant material.

512 Spirit of St. Louis
Designer's choice of plant material.

513 Harvest
Using all dried materials.

514 Boundary Waters
Water interest.

515 Flower Children
Accent on color.

516 Cell Towers
Vertical design.

517 Woods and Forests
Incorporating found wood form(s).

518 Bird Migration
Implying motion.

519 North Shore
Designer's choice.

520 Farmer's Market
Fruit and/or vegetables with flowers.

521 Iron Range
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
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### Class Listing for Open Class

#### Interpretive Creative Designs

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<td>Mobile, 3 feet by 3 feet, fresh and/or dried plant material.</td>
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<td>Zip Drives</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td>524</td>
<td>Down Sizing</td>
<td>Small design, no larger than 8 inches in any dimension (divided into two sections for judging).</td>
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<td>Midway</td>
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<td>Golden Spike</td>
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<td>Discos</td>
<td>Reflective designer's choice.</td>
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<td>Old 100 - open to men only</td>
<td>Wreath suitable for hanging. 494/694 loop around Minneapolis and St. Paul.</td>
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#### Sweepstakes, Open Class Design

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

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<td>My Favorite Annuals (no corms, bulbs or tubers)</td>
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<td>My Favorite Sunflower</td>
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<td>My Favorite Chrysanthemum</td>
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Sweepstakes, Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals & 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

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<td>My Favorite House Plant, Flowering</td>
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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 & Decorative
Awarded to the six highest scoring exhibitors in the Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative 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.