

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2024

## Flowers

Superintendent..... Phyllis Andrews, West St Paul, MN

Board Member, 3rd District..... Gail Johnson, Anoka, MN

### Minnesota State Fair Flower Show Rules.

1. **Eligibility.** Entries open to bona fide residents of Minnesota.
  - A. **Amateur and Advanced Amateur classes.** 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. **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.
      - d. Anyone who has won no more than five blue ribbons in the design section of any flower show.
    2. **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 six first place premiums in the artistic division of the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show.
    3. **Open exhibitors.** Those eligible to show in Amateur, Advanced Amateur or Junior classes.
2. **Entries.**
  - A. **Entry deadline.** Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
  - B. One entry per class per exhibitor.
  - C. **Only one member from any family or household may enter each class,** except the Junior Division.
3. **Exhibits.** All exhibits, unless otherwise specified, must be in place on the date and time listed. If late, exhibits may be placed as "EXHIBITION ONLY". 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 Agriculture Horticulture Building prep room, which opens at 6:30 a.m. on staging days.
  - A. **Minnesota State Fair Flower Show.**
    1. **Theme.** Minnesota Loves Feasts, Fests and Fun!
    2. **Show dates.** Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 26 and Aug. 27, 2024.
    3. **Show superintendent.** Phyllis Andrews, 651-455-5077.
    4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Monday, Aug. 26, 2024. 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, Aug. 27, 2024. 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. Items must be removed by 10 p.m. that Tuesday unless prior arrangements have been made with the superintendent.

- b. Failure to remove items by 10 p.m. that day will result in forfeiture of awards, premiums and points.
  - c. Any exhibits removed before the building closes (9 p.m.) will result in forfeiture of awards, premiums and points.
  - d. Any containers, props, etc. unclaimed by 9 p.m. on Labor Day will be disposed of.
- 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.
      - d. Plants from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed list ([mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list](http://mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list)).
    - 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 different annuals and/or perennials to equal the required number of specimens. Cannot be from the same plant.
- 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/](http://mnstatefair.org/competition/ag-hort-bee/flowers/) and contact them directly.

**Judging Criteria - All Designs**

Conformance to Type.....	7
Conformance to Schedule Requirements.....	7
Design Principles.....	48
Selection of Components.....	8
Organization of Components.....	8
Expression.....	8
Distinction.....	14
	<b>100</b>

**Judging Criteria - All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections**

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Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification.....	5
Peak of Perfection - Form.....	20
Peak of Perfection - Color.....	20
Peak of Perfection - Maturity/Size.....	20
Peak of Perfection - Condition/Blemishes.....	15
Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5
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	<b>100</b>

**Judging Criteria - Combination Plantings and Gardens**

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Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification.....	5
Labeling.....	5
Peak of Perfection - Form.....	10
Peak of Perfection - Color.....	10
Peak of Perfection - Condition.....	10
Peak of Perfection - Show-worthy Size.....	5
Overall Effect.....	30
Creative/Distinctive.....	5
Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5
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	<b>100</b>

**Judging Criteria - Artistic Crafts**

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Conformance.....	25
Design.....	30
Craftsmanship/Technique.....	25
Distinction.....	20
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	<b>100</b>

## 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

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#### Junior Artistic

- 1001 May Baskets, Grades K-3  
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*
- 1002 May Baskets, Grades 4-6  
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*
- 1003 May Baskets, Grades 7-9  
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*
- 1004 May Baskets, Grades 10-12  
*An arrangement of plant materials from the garden.*
- 1011 Twinkle Festival, Grades K-3  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
- 1012 Twinkle Festival, Grades 4-6  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
- 1013 Twinkle Festival, Grades 7-9  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
- 1014 Twinkle Festival, Grades 10-12  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
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#### 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 & Advanced Amateur; Interpretive Creative Designs

\$13 \$11 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur & Open Class

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$5

### Class Listing for Amateur

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#### Interpretive Creative Designs

500 WE Fest

*Designer's choice of plant material.*

501 Midsummer Days

*All fresh plant material.*

502 Neighborhood Night Out

*Incorporating dried materials with fresh.*

503 Tower Days

*Vertical design.*

504 Marketfest

*Incorporating fruits and/or vegetables with flowers.*

505 Prairie Days

*All dried plant materials.*

506 Summerfest

*Mass design.*

507 Rodeos

*Implying motion.*

508 Railroad Days

*Incorporating man-made material.*

509 Festival of the Lakes

*Water interest.*

510 Stone Arch Bridge

*Designer's choice.*

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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 & Advanced Amateur; Interpretive Creative Designs

\$13 \$11 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur & Open Class

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$5

### Class Listing for Advanced Amateur

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#### Interpretive Creative Designs

511 May Day Festivals

*All fresh plant material.*

512 Polar Bear Plunge

*Designer's choice of plant material.*

513 Harvest Moon Festival

*Using all dried materials.*

514 Regattas

*Water interest.*

515 Rise and Shine

*Accent on color.*

516 Air Shows

*Vertical design.*

517 Good Neighbor Days

*Mass design.*

518 Celtic Festival

*Implying motion.*

519 Lighting of the Beacon

*Designer's choice.*

520 Home and Garden Shows

*Fruit and/or vegetables with flowers.*

521 Soudan Mines

*Incorporating man-made materials.*

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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 & Open Class; Decorative Horticulture  
\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$7 \$5

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

### Class Listing for Open Class

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#### Interpretive Creative Designs

##### 522 Warbler Festival

*Mobile, 3 feet by 3 feet, fresh and/or dried plant material.*

##### 523 Mini Dazzle

*Miniature design, divided into two sections for judging (limited to ten entries in each section). Staged in white shadow box, provided by show management, measuring 12 inches high, 10 inches wide, 6 inches deep (opening 6 inches wide by 8 inches high). One entry per person.*

##### 524 Nickle Dickle Day

*Small design, no larger than 8 inches in any dimension (divided into two sections for judging). One entry per person.*

##### 525 Windsurfing

*Implying motion.*

##### 526 Vertical Endeavors

*Vertical design.*

##### 527 Twin Cities Marathon

*Two containers.*

##### 528 Music Festivals

*Creative mass design.*

##### 529 Boundary Waters

*Water interest.*

##### 530 Lumberjack Days

*Incorporating wood.*

##### 531 Rondo Days

*Designer's choice of plant materials.*

##### 532 Grumpy Old Men - open to men only

*Designer's choice.*

##### 533 Deck the Falls

*Swag suitable for hanging.*

##### 534 Snowflake Parade

*Wreath suitable for hanging.*

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##### 537 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 & Perennials

## Premiums for Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals & Perennials

Open Class; Annuals, Perennials & Other Horticulture

\$10 \$8 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$2

Sweepstakes; Horticulture

\$12 \$10 \$8 \$6 \$4 \$0

## Class Listing for Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals & Perennials

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### Annuals

- 538 Salvia  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 539 Celosia  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 540 Cosmos  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 541 Petunia  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 542 Marigold  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 543 Zinnia  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 544 My Favorite Annuals (no corms, bulbs or tubers)  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 545 My Favorite Sunflower  
*Fresh cut, suitable sample, named, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*
- 546 My Favorite Annual Vine  
*Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*
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### Perennials

- 547 My Favorite Foliage Shrub or Tree Branch  
*Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*
- 548 My Favorite Perennials  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 549 Hosta Collection, 2 inches & under  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 550 Hosta Collection, 2 to 5 inches  
*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*
- 551 Hosta Collection, over 5 inches  
*Three different varieties and/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.*
- 555 Hydrangea  
*Suitable sample, named.*
- 556 Any other Perennial  
*Not previously listed. Suitable sample, named.*
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- 557 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 & Decorative

## Premiums for Horticulture, Open Class, Other & Decorative

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

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

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

## Class Listing for Horticulture, Open Class, Other & Decorative

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### Others

#### 558 My Favorite Vine

*From corms, tubers, bulbs. Suitable sample, named and staged separately, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*

#### 559 Miniature Rose Collection, cut

*Three suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

#### 560 Rose Collection, cut

*Three different suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

#### 561 Dahlia, under 4 inches

*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

#### 562 Dahlia, 4 to 6 inches

*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

#### 563 Dahlia, over 6 inches

*One suitable sample, named.*

#### 564 Gladiolus

*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

#### 565 Flowers from other Corms, Tubers, Bulbs

*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

#### 566 Colored Foliage

*Three different varieties and/or colors, named and staged separately.*

#### 567 Herbs

*Three different varieties and/or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

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### Decorative Horticulture

#### 568 Kokedama

*Plant/plants grown in moss ball, 8 inches maximum diameter, exhibitor provides own staging.*

#### 569 Terrarium

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

#### 570 My Favorite House Plant, Flowering

*Named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 571 My Favorite House Plant, Foliage

*Named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 572 Foliage and Flowering Indoor Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 573 Flowering Outdoor Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 574 Foliage Outdoor Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 575 Foliage and Flowering Outdoor Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 576 Geranium Planter

*Named, growing in a decorative container under 18 inches in diameter.*

#### 577 Herb Planter

*Three or more varieties of herbs, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

**578 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.*

**579 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.*

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**580 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.*