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As we at the Moriarty Garden Club strive to keep up with national standards, there is a need to update our rules and classes. During this transitional year only, exhibitors will be able to use the guidelines from the 2024 fair book, or from this set of guidelines. The 2025 fair will go solely by these guidelines.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Aimee Elliott

President, Moriarty Garden Club

Torrance County Fair 2024

Torrance County Fairgrounds
Estancia, New Mexico

Floriculture Division

A National Garden Clubs, Inc. Small Standard Flower Show



Senior and Youth Horticulture and Design Sections

Entries open to any Amateur Grower or Designer

Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, August 6th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

open to the public from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 7th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 8th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday, August 9th

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General Floriculture rules, Divisions I, II, and III

This flower show is for amateur gardeners/designers only. An amateur is any person who is involved in gardening or floriculture for pleasure only. This person has not now nor ever derived income from his/her gardening or floriculture hobby. You do not have to be a member of any garden club or plant society to enter this show. **This show is open to all amateur gardeners/designers.**

1. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Torrance County Fair Grounds, Estancia NM. Please enter the Indoor Exhibit Building through the west door. Amateur gardeners out of high school and over may enter the Senior Division. Ages 6 through high school may enter the Youth Division. Judging will take place on Wednesday the 7th between 9:00 and noon.
2. The exhibit will be open to the public from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Wednesday and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thursday. Friday exhibits will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
3. Artificial plant material (e.g. silk flowers or leaves, artificial fruit or vegetables) will not be accepted in any division. Exhibits may not exceed 36 inches in height or width.
4. Entry tags will be supplied by the flower show committee and must be used. Tags must be filled out completely by the exhibitor except in the Youth Divisions. Tags may be obtained prior to the show from the Superintendent.
5. All entries must be passed by the Superintendent or designee. When appropriate, exhibitors will be informed if an entry does not conform to the schedule requirements and will be asked to make the necessary changes. If that is not possible the exhibit may be displayed and marked "Not for competition" and therefore will not be eligible for judging.
6. Only the judges, clerks, and flower show superintendents will be in the exhibition area during judging. Judging will be done by accredited Flower Show judges in accordance with the standards and practices established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. The decision of the judges is final.

7. All horticultural entries, except container grown plants, become the property of the show committee and will not be returned unless specific arrangements are made at the time of entry. Wilted and damaged exhibits will be removed during the show. Although reasonable supervision will be given, the Moriarty Garden Club, Torrance County Fair, or its sponsors **will not be held liable for any loss of property**. Do not bring family heirlooms or very valuable containers.
8. Design entries, container grown entries and awards may be picked up on Friday, August 9th between 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Items not picked up by the close of the show (3:00 PM) may be left unsupervised.
9. Plant material on the protected list of the Wildflower Law of New Mexico must be labeled with the common AND botanical names and must have been legally obtained from personal property in order to be accepted.

AWARDS:

1. The standard system of Judging and Awarding will be used. The Standard System allows only one first place ribbon (blue) scoring 90 or above, one second place ribbon (red) scoring 85 or above, and one third place ribbon scoring 80 or above in each class or subclass, if merited. One or more honorable mention ribbons scoring 75 or above may be given if merited.
2. Two Torrance County Sweepstakes Plaques will be awarded. One goes to the Senior exhibitor accumulating the most blue ribbons, and one goes to the Youth exhibitor accumulating the most blue ribbons.
3. Only botanically named (genus, species, and/or cultivars) exhibits will be eligible for Top Awards in Division II, Senior Horticulture. Best of Section Certificates plus \$5.00 will be awarded in each of the horticultural divisions. A certificate and \$5.00 will be awarded for Best of Section to each class in the Design Division. A Best of Show Award will be awarded in both the Horticulture and Design divisions, plus \$10.00. A People's Choice Award will be given to the best design voted by the general public.
4. A Best of Section Award plus \$5.00 will be awarded in each section of Division I, Youth Horticulture. Also, a Best of Show Certificate plus \$10.00 will be awarded in that division.

All monetary awards are provided by Moriarty Garden Club

Special Rules for Horticulture Entries

1. All exhibits must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor for at least 6 weeks.
2. The exhibitor is responsible for correctly identifying his/her entries. However, Flower Show Committee members will be present to assist.
3. Exhibitors must place their horticulture entries in containers provided, fill out tags, and present entries to the Superintendent designee for final acceptance.

4. Exhibits must be fresh, free of insects, diseases, or spray residues. Length of stem should be in proportion to the size of bloom as species permits. One stem is placed per container except where otherwise noted in the schedule. No wiring, oiling, enhancement spray or artificial coloring is permitted.
5. An exhibitor may enter more than one specimen per class or subclass if each is a different species, variety/cultivar, type, size, or color.
6. Except for trees, shrubs, herbs, and plants entered for foliage only, a stem must have at least one bloom. Only foliage that is naturally attached to the stem will be accepted. Gladiolas are exhibited with two (2) leaves: Dahlias are exhibited with one (1), or preferably two (2), **set/s** of leaves.
7. No foliage should appear below the water line. Wedging is permitted. (Wedging is a “plug” made from clear plastic wrap placed in the neck of the container to support the specimen.)
8. Container grown plants must be in the exhibitor’s possession and grown in the display containers for at least 8 weeks (by June 25th). Pots must be clean and not exceed 12 inches, except for hanging plants (14 in.), and container gardens (16 in.)

Scale of Points for all Horticulture Judging:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points/value</u>
Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
PEAK OF PERFECTION	
Form	20
Color	20
Maturity/Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
GROOMING/STAGING	
Grooming	10
<u>Staging</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	100

Suggestions for Exhibitors: Cut specimens in the early morning, or the night before, from a well-watered bed. Cut stems again while under water. Place specimens immediately in warm water and set in a cool place for several hours. Groom specimens by removing dead blooms, seed heads, and disfigured, discolored, and damaged leaves and flower petals. Remove all evidence of dirt, insect, or spray residue. Remove leaves that will be below water.

Division I –YOUTH - “Small Town USA”

Division I – Youth Horticulture: “Small Town USA”

- All youth are encouraged to enter their exhibits themselves.
- In extenuating circumstances, parents, teachers, or other family members may enter on the youth’s behalf.
- Exhibitors are not required to be 4H or FFA members.
- Entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- All classes will be subdivided by age of the exhibitor; exhibitors must write their age in the upper right corner of the entry tag.
- Container grown plants must have been cared for by the exhibitor in the display container for at least 6 weeks (June 29).
- 2024 General Floriculture rules also apply to this Division unless otherwise noted here.

Section A – All cut specimens Section

1. Marigold (Tagetes)
2. Pansy or Viola (Viola) species
3. Rose (Rosa)
4. Gladiolas (Gladiolus) 2 leaves required.
5. Succulents (includes Cactus)
6. Zinnia
7. All other flowers

Section B – Container Grown flowers

8. Container with one species
9. Container with more than one species

Division I – Youth Design: “Small Town USA”

Class 1. **“These Boots Were Made for Walking”** – A Youth Sized boot of any type decorated with All Fresh, All Dried/Treated (by painting, flocking, etc.), or a Combination of Fresh and Dried/Treated plant materials. Embellishments of ribbon, rope, sequins, beads, etc. may be added, but some plant material is required.

HINT: If using fresh plant materials use floral water tubes to keep plant materials fresh until time for judging.

Class 2. **“Real Cowboys and Cowgirls Wear Hats”** – A decorated hat with All Fresh, All Dried/treated (by painting, flocking, etc.), or a Combination of Fresh and Dried/Treated plant materials. Embellishments of ribbon, rope, sequins, beads, etc. may be added, but some plant material is required.

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Division II - Senior Horticulture

Section A: Annuals

1. Aster
2. Cosmos
 - a. Bipinnatus – 3 stems of one color
 - b. 1 spray with 3 open blooms
3. Daisy, African – *Osteospermum*
4. Carnation – *Dianthus Caryophyllus*
5. Geranium – *Pelargonum*
6. Marigolds – *Tagetes*
 - a. American/African – *T. erectus*
 1. Single stem with foliage
 2. One spray with blooms and foliage
 - b. French – *T. Patula*
 1. Single stem with foliage
 2. Single spray with blooms and foliage
7. Petunia
 - a. Single
 - b. Double
 - c. Trailing
8. Sunflower – *Helianthus*
9. Sweet Pea – *Lathyrus odoratus*
10. Verbena – *Vervain hybrid*
11. Zinnia
12. Other

Section B: Biennials

- 13. *Dianthus*
- 14. Foxglove - *Digitalis*
- 15. Snapdragon – *antirrhinum*
 - a. Standard
 - b. dwarf
- 16. Other

Section C: Perennials

- 17. *Agastache*
- 18. Blanket Flower - *Gaillardia*
- 19. Bouncing Betty - *Saponaria*
- 20. Columbine – *Aquilia*
- 21. Coral Bells – *Heuchera*
- 22. *Coreopsis*
- 23. Cone Flower – *Echinacea*
- 24. Daisy – *Leucanthimum*
 - a. Shasta
 - b. Other
- 25. *Delphinium*
- 26. Desert Mallow - *Sphaeralcea*
- 27. Foxglove – *Digitalis lanata*
- 28. Hollyhock – *Alcea*
- 29. Obedient Plant – *Physotegia*
- 30. *Phlox*
- 31. Red Hot Poker – *Kniphofia uvaria*
- 32. Black-eyed Susan – *Rudbekia*
- 33. Sage – *Salvia*
- 34. Sweet Pea
- 35. Valerian/Jupiter’s Beard – *Centranthus*
- 36. Vinca
- 37. Yarrow – *Achillea*
- 38. Other

Section D: Dahlia – disbudded; at least one set of leaves, preferably 2 sets.

- 39. Ball

- 40. Cactus
- 41. Formal decorative
- 42. Informal decorative
- 43. Pompom
- 44. Other

Section E: Roses – *Rosa*

- 45. Hybrid tea
- 46. Floribunda
- 47. Grandiflora
- 48. Miniature
- 49. Other

Section F: Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes, and Tubers

- 50. *Caladium*
- 51. Gladiola – *Gladiolus* are exhibited with attached leaves
- 52. *Iris*
- 53. Lily – *Lilium*
- 54. Other

Section G: Shrubs – One stem, branch, or spray

- 55. Shrubs grown for blooms
 - a. Apache plume
 - b. Cinquefoil – *Potentilla*
 - c. Fernbush
 - d. Mock Orange
 - e. Russian Sage – *Perovskia*
 - f. Blue Beard – *Caryopteris*
 - g. Other
- 56. Shrubs grown for decorative fruit (Must have fruit on branch)
 - a. *Pyracantha*
 - b. Sand Cherry
 - c. Service Berry
 - d. Currant bush
 - e. Other

57. Shrubs grown for foliage

- a. Juniper - *Juniperus*
- b. Chamisa

58. Other

Section H: Trees apical tip required

59. Conifers – a single branch no more than 30 inches long

- a. Cedar – *Cedrus*
- b. Juniper – *Juniperus*
- c. Pine – *Pinus*
- d. Spruce – *Picea*
- e. Other conifers

60. Deciduous – A single branch with at least 5 nodes

- a. fruit bearing
- b. non-fruit bearing

61. Other

Section I: Vines

62. Annual or indoor vines

63. Perennial vines

- a. Silver Lace – *Polygonum aubertii*
- b. Trumpet – *Campsis radicans*
- c. Virginia Creeper – *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- d. Other

Section J: Seeds, Pods, and Decorative Foliage

64. Annuals and indoor plants

65. Perennials

- a. Bugle Weed – *Ajuga reptans*
- b. *Artemesia*
- c. Decorative grasses
- d. Dusty Miller – *Centaurea cineraria*
 - 1. With bloom
 - 2. Without Bloom
- e. Lamb's Ear – *Stachys byzantina*
- f. Other

Section K: Herbs - 3 stems required in each class

- 66. Herbs: 3 stems **with foliage only**
- 67. Basil – *Ocimum basilicum*
- 68. Catmint – *Nepeta*
- 69. Dill
- 70. Mint – *Mentha*
- 71. Parsley, flat leaf
- 72. Parsley, curly leaf
- 73. Rosemary
- 74. Sage – *Salvia*
- 75. Other

Herbs: 1 stem with bloom or seed

- 76. Basil – *Ocimum basilicum*
- 77. Catmint – *Nepeta*
- 78. Dill
- 79. Mint – *Mentha*
- 80. Parsley, flat leaf
- 81. Parsley, curly leaf
- 82. Rosemary
- 83. Sage – *Salvia*
- 84. Other

Section L: Succulents

- 85. Ice Plant - *Delosperma*
- 86. Moss Rose – *Portulaca*
- 87. *Sedum*
 - a. Ground covers
 - b. Upright forms
- 88. Other

Section M: Container Plants

- 89. Container with one species
- 90. Container with more than one species
- 91. Container gardens
- 92. Hanging plants

Division III: Design – Special Rules

1. All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor. A design entered in any previous Standard Flower Show may not be entered in any succeeding show.
2. Plant materials used may be grown by the exhibitor, purchased, or obtained from other legitimate sources unless otherwise stated in the class or sub-class description.
3. **No artificial plant material may be used, nor shall any artificially colored/treated fresh plant materials be used.**
4. Dried plant material may be treated, e.g. preserved with glycerin or silica, spray painted, glittered etc.
5. Decorative wood is considered a dried plant material and is not permitted in classes specifying all fresh material, nor may it be used as the only plant material in a design. **Fruits and vegetables are fresh plant materials; if they are cut, they must be unobtrusively sealed to** discourage insects, odor, or discoloration.
6. Backgrounds of 36” in height, or less, and underlays may be used but must be provided by the exhibitor.
7. Plants on the state protected list are permitted if grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a lawful manner.
8. Any design may be sub-titled or explained on a 3”x5” card if the exhibitor wishes.
9. All designs must be accompanied by a 3”x5” card listing at least the common names of all plant material used. Botanical names may be added.
10. Designs must not exceed 24” in width, or 24” in depth, or 36” in height.
11. Division III entries will be judged according to the rules published in the *National Garden Clubs, Inc.’s Handbook for Flower Shows* 2017 Edition.

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ngcfs-handbook-revised-july-2024.pdf>

Scoring Guidelines for all Designs

Conformance to Schedule.....	14
Design Principles.....	48
Selection of Components.....	8
Organization of Components.....	8
Expression.....	8
<u>Distinction.....</u>	<u>14</u>
Total	100

DIVISION III - DESIGN

“SMALL-TOWN U.S.A.”

Section A - "Fair Time!"

Designs in Section A must be *Standard Sized Designs greater than 12"*.

They must be designed using ALL FRESH plant materials. Fresh plant materials may not be treated. A background staging panel and underlay may be incorporated, but are not required. If used, they must be provided by the designer. The total allowed space in each of the Design classes in Sections A and B is 24" wide x 24" deep x 36" high.

More information can be found in the ***NGC Handbook for Flower Show Schools*** at:
<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/fss-handbook-secure-july-2023.pdf>

Class 1. ***"Let the Fun Begin"*** - a Traditional Line Design comprised of ALL FRESH plant materials which may be designer grown, store bought, or from another legally obtained source. Accessories are not allowed in this class as they interfere with the line. The Line may be Vertical, Horizontal, Diagonal, Crescent, S-Curve or Zigzag. *Please refer to the NGC Handbook, page 71.*

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Class 2. ***"Friendly Competition"*** - A Traditional Line-Mass Design comprised of ALL FRESH plant materials which may be designer grown, store bought, or from another legally obtained source. Accessories may be used, but should be in scale to the overall Line-Mass Design and fit within the overall allowed space. The Linear pattern is established; however, additional plant material strengthens the Line, but is not so full as to be considered a Mass Design. *Please refer to the NGC Handbook, page 71.* <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ngcfs-handbook-revised-july-2024.pdf>

Class 3. ***"Home is Where the Flowers Grow"*** - A Traditional Mass Design comprised of ALL FRESH plant materials. Accessories may be used, but should be in scale to the overall Mass Design and fit within the overall allowed space. A Traditional Mass Design uses large quantities of plant material within a closed silhouette. Plant material is integrated and not grouped. *Please refer to the NGC Handbook, page 71.* <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ngcfs-handbook-revised-july-2024.pdf>

Section B - "Homecoming!"

Designs in Section B must be *Standard Sized Designs greater than 12"*. They may be designed using the Designer's Choice of plant materials - All Fresh, All Dried and/or Dried Treated, or a Combination of All Fresh and Dried/Treated plant materials. Fresh plant materials may not be treated. A background staging panel and underlay may be incorporated, but are not required. If used, they must be provided by the designer. The total allowed space is 24" wide x 24" deep x 36" high.

Class 1. ***"Where We Are Anchored"*** - A Design of any type giving a feeling of how faith can lead to a close-knit community that cares for one another. Designer's Choice of plant materials - All Fresh, All

Dried and/or Dried Treated, or a Combination of All Fresh and Dried/Treated plant materials. Fresh plant materials may not be treated. A background staging panel and underlay may be incorporated, but are not required. Accessories (a subordinate object) or Featured Objects (an object that is dominate in the design), may be used, but should be in scale to the overall Creative Design and fit within the overall allowed space. Other components may be incorporated into the design. *Please refer to the NGC Handbook, pages 70 - 75.*

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Class 2. **"Small-Town Huddle"** - A Design of any type with a feeling of how a small community supports its school athletic teams. Designer's Choice of plant materials - All Fresh, All Dried and/or Dried Treated, or a Combination of All Fresh and Dried/Treated plant materials. Fresh plant materials may not be treated. A background staging panel and underlay may be incorporated, but are not required. Accessories (a subordinate object) or Featured Objects (an object that is dominate in the design) may be used, but should be suitable to the overall Creative Design and fit within the overall allowed space. Other components may be incorporated into the design. *Please refer to the NGC Handbook, pages 70 - 75.* <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ngcfs-handbook-revised-july-2024.pdf>

Class 3. **"Cowboy Up"** - A Design of any type evoking the feeling of Cowboys in a SMALL-TOWN Rodeo. Designer's Choice of plant materials - All Fresh, All Dried and/or Dried Treated, or a Combination of All Fresh and Dried/Treated plant materials. Fresh plant materials may not be treated. A background staging panel and underlay may be incorporated, but are not required. Accessories (a subordinate object) or Featured Objects (an object that is dominate in the design) may be used, but should be suitable to the overall Creative Design and fit within the overall allowed space. Other components may be incorporated into the design. *Please refer to the NGC Handbook, page 75.* <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ngcfs-handbook-revised-july-2024.pdf>

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