

Minnesota State Horticultural Society
State Fair Potted Plant Show Schedule
Advanced registration available but not required.
Thursday & Friday, August 23 & 24, 2018
Entries accepted Wednesday, August 22, 2018

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The Minnesota State Horticultural Society invites everyone (members and nonmembers) to participate in this longstanding Minnesota State Fair tradition on August 23 and 24, 2018. All gardeners, garden clubs and specialty plant societies are eligible to compete for ribbons and cash prizes, as described below. Schools and commercial growers are welcome to display an educational exhibit. If you wish to reserve table space for large displays, contact a chairperson.

State Fair Plant Show Rules – Minnesota State Horticultural Society

The Plants

1. Houseplants must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for 6 months. Annuals must have been under the horticulture care of the exhibitor by June 1. Combination plantings should be grown together for 6 weeks or longer.
2. All entered plants must be in pots and growing. No cut material allowed. Covered tables and counters provided.
3. Plants must be labeled with correct Division, Class and Variety on the plant tag. If you need help identifying your plant, try www.google.com and search by the common name.
For example: **Division = A. Indoor Flowering, Class = A1. Orchids, Variety = provide this information if you know it (ex: ‘Wasabi’ is the variety of Coleus.)**
4. A pot or container may contain more than one plant of the same variety, but cannot contain multiple varieties, except where noted. Please ask for help at check-in if uncertain.
5. All plants grown in climate-controlled structures must be identified at check-in with a special mark by the chairperson.
6. No artificial plant material is allowed anywhere in the show (ribbon roses, paper flowers, plastic garlands and the like). This means anything that is intended to look like a plant must be real plant material.
7. If you are bringing a large collection of plants please let us know in advance.
8. We encourage you to groom your plants before you leave home. Plants with bugs will be disqualified.

Registration and Plant Pick Up – NOTE TIME CHANGES

9. Registration and set-up hours for Group Exhibitors 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individual competition plants can be dropped off from 12 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the Agriculture/Horticulture Building. Enter the State Fairgrounds at Underwood Street off Como Avenue, Gate 7. http://www.mnstatefair.org/general_info/get_here/maps.html. Entrance is on the south side of the building on Judson Avenue. Be sure to pick up a parking pass for Friday pickup when you register your plant at check-in.
10. All exhibits must remain in place until 9 p.m., Friday, August 24, 2018. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to pick up their plant material at that time. You will receive a parking pass when you drop off your plants on Wednesday to get you into the State Fair Grounds on Friday. Enter at Underwood Street off Como Avenue, Gate 7. http://www.mnstatefair.org/general_info/get_here/maps.html.

The Judging

11. Categories may be subdivided at the discretion of the judges and show chairperson(s).
12. Judges will not award ribbons if, in their opinion, no entries merit award.
13. Judging will take place on Wednesday, August 22 at 6 p.m. All plants must be on the table and ready for judging at 6 p.m.
14. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Special Awards will be given at the discretion of the judges for those entries which merit recognition for cultural perfection or artistic creativity.
15. A group's sign identifying the club or organization should not exceed 9 inches by 24 inches.
16. The Minnesota State Horticultural Society will take all possible precautions to prevent damage or theft, but cannot be held responsible for losses of any kind or nature.

Summary of Divisions:

- A. Indoor Flowering Plant(s), must be in bloom (no mixed)**
- B. Patio Tropicals & Annual Summer Favorites (no mixed)**
- C. Succulents (no mixed)**
- D. Cactus Family (no mixed)**
- E. House Plant Favorites (no mixed)**
- F. Vines, Hanging Plants (can be mixed container)**
- G. Planter, Dish Gardens & Fairy Gardens (must contain 3 or more varieties)**
- H. Terrariums (mixed, same growth requirements)**
- I. Bonsai**
- J. Topiary**
- K. Novice or Children: First Time Exhibitor, then create your own Class!**
- L. Vegetables & Herbs (Edible or Decorative)**
- M. Plant Collections attractively displayed as a grouping**

PLANT DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

SECTION 1. INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITORS

An individual may have more than one entry in any or all of the following categories; however, multiple entries must have different plant varieties.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third place. Cash prizes of \$10, \$8 and \$5 will be awarded for the individual plants entered. For Displayed Collections, Classes N1 and N2, cash prizes are listed per display group. You may choose to donate some of your prize money to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

A. Indoor Flowering Plant(s), must be in bloom (no mixed)

- A1 Orchids
- A2 Gesneriad Family (African Violets, Gloxinias)
- A3 Abutilons (Flowering Maples)
- A4 Miniature Roses
- A5 Other Flowering Plants

B. Patio Tropicals & Annual Summer Favorites (no mixed)

- B1 Coleus (blooms pinched)
- B2 Geraniums
- B3 Roses
- B4 Begonias
- B5 Hibiscus
- B6 Impatiens
- B7 Petunias
- B8 All Blooming Climbers: jasmine, bougainvillea, thunbergia, morning glory
- B9 Other Patio Favorites
- B10 Water Plants for the Patio

C. Succulents (no mixed)

- C1 Aloes
- C2 Agave-like Plants: Agave, Yucca, Sansevieria, Dasylirion, Furcraea, Hesperaloe, Beaucarnea, Calibanus
- C3 Portulacaceae, Anacampseros, Portulacaria, Lewisia, Talinum, Cerraria
- C4 Old World Crassulaceae: (Jade Plants) Aeonium, Sempervivum, Tylecodon, Cotyledon, Adromischus, onathes, Kalanchoe, Crassula
- C5 New World Crassulaceae: Echeveria, Dudleya, Tacitus, Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Sedum
- C6 Apocynaceae: Adenium, Pachypodium, Plumeria
- C7 Euphorbia: Euphorbias
- C8 Gasteria & relatives: Haworthia, Gasteria, Astroloba
- C9 Jatropha & relatives (leafy forms): Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, Synadenium
- C10 Caudex form Pelargoniums & Sarcaulons
- C11 Grape Caudex forms: Cissus, Cyphostemma
- C12 Daisy flowered: Othonna, Senecio, Coreopsis
- C13 Asclepiads: Stapelia, Caralluma, Huernia, Corepegia, Hoya, Fockea, Brachystelma, Hoodia, Trichocaulon
- C14 Mesembs (living stones): Mesembsryanthemums, Lithops, Conophytums, Faucaria, Dinteranthus, Lapidaria, Pleiospilos
- C15 Other Caudex (trunk forms)
- C16 Other Succulents. (PLEASE VERIFY CLASSIFICATION AT CHECK-IN.)

D. Cactus Family (no mixed)

- D1 Opuntia-like (prickly pears & chollas): Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Pereskia, Maihueniopsis, Pterocactus
- D2 Epiphytes (hanging chains, Christmas cacti): Epiphyllum, Rhipsalis, Hatiora, Aporocactus
- D3 Melocacti w/cephalium (capped cactus): Melocactus, Discocactus, Uebelmannia, Buiningia
- D4 Columnar Cacti (column shaped): All Cereus
- D5 North American Barrels (ribbed/spiny): Echinocactus, Echinofossulocactus, Echinomastus, Ancistrocactus, Homalocephala, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus, Leuchtenbergia, Thelocactus
- D6 South American Barrels (typical flower): Parodia, Wigginsia, Notocactus Faeilea, Blossfeldia, Eriosyce, Gymnocalycium, Neochilenia, Horridocactus, Neoportenia, Pyrrhocactus, Oroya, Copiapoa, Matucana, Denmoza

- D7 South American Barrels (large flower): Echinopsis, Chameocereus, Lobivia, Rebutia, Soehrensia, Weingartia, Acanthocalycium, Pygmaeocereus, Sulcorebutia, Aylosteria
- D8 Hedgehogs (cluster form, low-growing): Echinocereus, Peniocereus, Wilcoxia
- D9 Mammillaria-like plants (globes, pin cushion): Mammillaria, Mammillopsis, Cochemia, Escobaria, Coryphantha, Ortegocactus
- D10 Rare North American Genera: Strombocactus, Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aziekium, Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Neolloydia, Turbinicarpus, Gymnocactus, Epithelantha, Pelecypora, Geohintonia
- D11 Oddity Cacti: Monstroses, all variegated cacti, all grafted cacti

E. House Plant Favorites (no mixed)

- E1 Aroids: Aglaoneuma (Chinese evergreen), Alocasia, Amorphophallus, Arums, Anthurium, Caladium, Colocasia, Dieffenbachia, Epipremnus, (pothos), Philodendron, Spathiphyllum (peace lily), Syngonium (arrow-head)
- E2 Asparagus Plants: A.plumosus (asparagus fern), A.meyeri (foxtail fern), A.densiflorus & others
- E3 Begonias: (a) Rex, (b) Rhizomatous
- E4 Bromeliads: Aechmea, Billbergia, Cryptanthus, Guzmania, Neoregelia, Tillandsia, Vriesea
- E5 Dracaenas: D.deremensis (Jane Craig, warneckii types), D.marginata, D.sanderiana (ribbon plant), D.reflexa variegata, D.godseffiana (gold dust dracaena), D.fragrans (corn plant)
- E6 Ferns: Adiantum (maidenhair), Aglaomorpha (Bear's Paw), Blechnum, Cyrtomium (Holly), Asplenium (bird's nest), Davallia (Rabbit's foot), Nephrolepis (Boston type), Pellaea (button), Platycerium (staghorn fern), Pteris (table fern), any other
- E7 Figs: Ficus pumila (creeping), Ficus radicans (trailing), Ficus diversifolia (mistletoe), Ficus variegata, Ficus elastica, Decora (Rubber Plant), Ficus benjamina (weeping), Ficus lyrata (fiddle leaf)
- E8 Insectivores: Dionaea muscipula (Venus Fly Trap), Nepenthes coccinea (Pitcher Plant), Darlingtonia californica, Drosera (Sundew) and others
- E9 Marantas: Calatheas, Ctenanthes, Stromanthes, Prayer plant
- E10 Oxalis: o.regnelli, o.atropurpurearubra, o.rubra, o.oregana
- E11 Other house plant favorites (no mixed plantings)

F. Vines, Hanging Plants. (Can be Mixed Container.)

- F1 Trailing or Vines in hanging container: a) bloomer, b) non-bloomer
- F2 Trailing or Vines in non-hanging container: a) bloomer, b) non-bloomer
- F3 Hanging container – one plant type must be blooming
- F4 Hanging container – one type of foliage
- F5 Hanging container – cactus/succulent: a) solo, b) mixed
- F6 Mixed Hanging container Other (more than one variety)
- F7 Mixed Garden Containers: Others (mixed species & varieties)

G. Planter, Dish Gardens & Fairy Gardens (Must contain 3 or more varieties.)

- G1 4" and under – measured at widest part
- G2 Over 4" to under 12" – measured at widest part
- G3 12" and over – measured at widest part
- G4 Trough Garden – traditional box
- G5 Decorative fresh or living wreath

H. Terrariums (mixed, same growth requirements)

- H1 Bottle
- H2 Fish Tank
- H3 Other

I. Bonsai

J. Topiary

K. Novice or Children: First Time Exhibitor, then create your own Class!

- K1 Children's Fairy Gardens
- K2 Children's Create-Your-Own Class (Hairy, Prickly, Tall, Curly, Polka Dot, Splotched, Striped. Bring your own 3x5 note card with your plant to enter.)

L. Vegetables & Herbs (Edible or Decorative)

- L1 Pepper Plants
- L2 Tomato Plants
- L3 Herb Plants: a) solo, b) mixed herb gardens
- L4 Other Edible or Ornamental Vegetables
- L5 Other Edible Fruit

M. Plant Collections attractively displayed as a grouping

- M1 Small displays of not less than five plants or more than eight plants.
 - i. Cactus
 - ii. Succulents
 - iii. Foliage plants
 - iv. Blooming plants
 - v. Fruit, Seed pod, or Vegetable-bearing plants
 - vi. Water plants (more than three varieties)

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Places and cash prizes of \$20, \$15 and \$10 per displayed group. You may choose to donate your prizes to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

- M2 Large displays of nine or more plants.
 - a) Cactus
 - b) Succulents
 - c) Foliage plants
 - d) Blooming plants
 - e) Fruit, Seed, or Vegetable-bearing plants
 - f) Water plants (more than five varieties)

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Places and cash prizes of \$30, \$25 and \$15 per displayed group. You may choose to donate your prizes to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

SECTION 2. GROUP EXHIBITORS

Clubs, societies, and other horticulture or floriculture groups may enter a display of plants unified by theme. The judging of these displays will be based upon the perfection and suitability of plant and display matter, and on how well the artistic, educational and overall exhibit is executed.

- A. Specialty Societies
- B. Garden Clubs
- C. Student Groups

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third place. Cash prizes of \$30, \$25 and \$20 will be awarded for ABCD, listed above. You may choose to donate some or all of your prize money to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

SECTION 3. COMMERCIAL OR EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITORS

Educational institutions and commercial growers are also welcome to enter a display as a group exhibitor. Ribbons for second and third places will be awarded based on the same criteria as listed above in Section 2. No prize money is awarded to commercial, governmental or educational institutions exhibiting.