



Sweet Pea Festival Flower Show

August 6, 7 and 8, 2010

***It's almost Sweet Pea Festival time in Bozeman, Montana!!
And...What is our Festival without Your Sweet Peas!!***

Hopefully, Mother Nature cooperated with your garden so that you will have an abundance of blossoms from which to choose for your contribution to the Flower Show! Despite our many storms this spring and early summer, we welcome you all to share a bouquet of flowers (in a "no-return" container) just so the magnificent scent of Sweet Peas is in the air for all to enjoy!

We are pleased to announce that the Grand Prize for this year's Flower Show will once again be donated by John Bishop. John is President of the National Sweet Pea Society and continues to offer his expertise for our prize categories and judging criteria!

We look forward to your visit at the Flower Show tent!

Particulars

- ✓ There is no entry fee!
- ✓ An entry is three spikes that need not be the same color.
- ✓ Your entry will be displayed in identical vases provided by the Flower Show.
- ✓ We've added new categories!
- ✓ Tips: Cut your sweet peas Friday morning while they are freshest; keep them in water!

Entries Friday, between 11:00 and 2:00 pm. Use the Buttonwood entrance to Lindley Park.

Judging Friday, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. **The Exhibition will be closed during the judging!**

Winners Announced Friday, 5:30 pm at the Flower Show Exhibition

Voting for People's Choice Friday and Saturday. Voting closes at 6:00 pm on Saturday.

People's Choice Award Announced Saturday, 6:30 pm at the Flower Show Exhibition

Grand Prize
People's Choice
Adults 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Young Adults 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Children's 1st, 2nd, 3rd
New! Single Specimen Spike 1st, 2nd, 3rd
New! Perennial Sweet Pea Entry 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Young Adults' ages are 11 through 16

Children's ages are 10 and under

JUDGING CRITERIA

Criteria	Description
Amount of Bloom	Total number of florets
Quality	The firmness, texture and rigidity of the flower, leaf and stem which enables the flower to retain its characteristic form, prime condition (free of blemishes, scorching) and quality of color
Size	The actual size of the florets and length of stems
Form	The development of the florets and stems (straightness and stoutness)
Condition and Grooming	The actual physical appearance of the entries (free of pests and tendrils, freshness) at the time of judging

Meritorious Features

- Well-poised florets spaced at regular intervals on the stems
- Straight stems proportionate to size of floret and long enough for decorative purposes
- Florets free from color running, unspotted, not scorched, not frayed
- Uniformity of color throughout the stem, exhibits freshness
- The top floret on each spike should be well expanded while the bottom floret still remains good
- Rigid wings and erect standard free from malformation



Faults

- Stem disproportionate to size of floret, either too long or too short
- Crooked stems
- Undeveloped and poorly colored top floret
- Aged florets rapidly losing color
- Malformation, such as a wing tucked in a keel, standard interposed between wing and keel, dropped or split keel exposing pollen and stigma
- Florets that are spotted, frayed, scorched or streaked and mottled with foreign color
- Unbalanced florets placed at irregular intervals on stem
- Presence of tendrils
- Presence of pests
- Weak or crooked stems

Glossary

Standard: The upper, often almost vertical, part of the flower

Keel: The part of the flower that rests under the wings

Wings: The two petals making up the lower part of the flower and angled down around the keel