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2ND, 3RD & 4TH

SWEET PEA FESTIVAL



“It’s Magical” Sweet Pea Flower Show

You planted your magical seeds this spring; watered, fertilized, shaped and put your love into the beautiful flowers that emerged . . . NOW it’s time to share your flowers with the community. **Enter your prize-winning sweet peas in the Sweet Pea Flower Show!** Bring your flowers to our “magical” exhibition tent in **Lindley Park** on **Friday, August 2nd between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.** We also welcome sweet pea bouquets (in a “no-return” container) for sharing with local area shut-ins.

Particulars

- ★ No entry fee.
- ★ An entry is three spikes that need not be the same color.
- ★ Entries will be displayed in identical vases provided by Sweet Pea.
- ★ You may enter as many categories as you wish, but only one entry per category please.
- ★ Creative Arrangement of sweet peas may be displayed in an imaginative container and include fillers such as baby’s breath.
- ★ Photo category: *Go wild! Wow the judges with your photo of sweet peas. Use props, imagination and bring your best photo in an 8’x10” format mounted on cardstock.
- ★ Tips: Cut your sweet peas Friday morning while they are freshest; keep them in water!

Judging: Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. (Exhibition will be closed during judging)

Winners Announced: Friday, from the stage around 7:30 pm

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

People’s Choice Award Announced: Saturday at approximately 7:30 pm from the Main Stage

- Categories:**
- ★ Grand Prize – Judged Best of Show
 - ★ People’s Choice
 - ★ Adult
 - ★ Young Adult (ages 11-16)
 - ★ Child (10 & under)
 - ★ Perennial Sweet Pea
 - ★ Creative Arrangement
 - ★ Youngest and Vintage Entrants
 - ★ **NEW!** Best Photo

Gifts, Gift Certificates and/or Ribbons will be awarded

Judging

Category **FLOWER**

Criteria Description

Amount of Bloom:	Total number of florets
Quality:	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:	Actual size of the florets and length of stems
Form:	Development of the florets and stems (straightness and stoutness)
Condition and Grooming:	Actual physical appearance of the entries (free of pests and tendrils, freshness) at the time of judging

CREATIVE ARRANGEMENT

50% on creativity; 50% as listed above for "flower"

PHOTO

50% on creativity; 20% on aesthetically pleasing flowers; 30% on photo quality

Meritorious Features

- ★ Well-poised florets spaced at regular intervals on the stems
- ★ Straight stems proportionate to size of florets 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
- ★ Florets that are spotted, frayed, scorched or streaked and mottled with foreign color
- ★ Undeveloped and poorly colored top floret
- ★ Weak or crooked stems
- ★ Unbalanced florets placed at irregular intervals on stem
- ★ Malformation, such as a wing tucked in a keel, standard interposed between wing and keel, dropped or split keel exposing pollen and stigma
- ★ Aged florets rapidly losing color
- ★ Presence of pests
- ★ Presence of tendrils

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

