SWEET PEA FESTIVAL

Sweet Pea Flower Show 2015 Theme "Sweet on Sweet Pea"

You planted your 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 exhibition tent in Lindley Park on Friday, August 7th 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.
- ★ Tips: Cut your sweet peas Friday morning while they are freshest; keep them in water!
- 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.

Judging: Friday, August 7th 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

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Judging

<u>Category</u> <u>Criteria</u> <u>Description</u>

FLOWER 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 Actual physical appearance of the entries (free of pests and

Grooming: tendrils, freshness) at the time of judging

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

ARRANGEMENT

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
- ★ Week or crooked stems
- Unbalanced florets placed at irregular intervals on stem
- Malformation, such as a wing tucked in a keep, 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

<u>Keel</u>: 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

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