



sweet pea festival

47th Annual Flower Show

Theme: "Go for the Gold '24"

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 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. All entries must be annuals except for the Perennial category.

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!

Judging: Friday, August 2nd 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

CASH PRIZES will be awarded in the following categories:

Categories:

Grand Prize – Judged Best of Show

People's Choice

Adult

Young Adult (ages 11-16)

Child (10 & under)

Perennial Sweet Pea

Creative Arrangement

JUDGING

Category	Criteria	Description
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 & 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"

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 keep, standard interposed between wing and keel, dropped or split keel exposing pollen and stigma
- ☞ Aged florets rapidly losing color
- ☞ Presence of pests or 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