

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017

## Flowers

Superintendent..... Phyllis Andrews, West St Paul, MN

Board Member..... Wally Wichmann, Balaton, MN

### Minnesota State Fair Flower Show Rules

1. **Entries.** Close Monday, August 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
2. **Exhibitor eligibility.** Entries open to bona fide residents of Minnesota.
  - A. **One entry per class per exhibitor.**
  - B. **Only one member from any family or household may enter, except the Junior Division.**
  - C. **Advanced Amateur and Amateur eligibility.** Professionals will not be permitted to show in Advanced or Amateur classes. The superintendent shall be the final arbiter as to the eligibility and classification of the exhibitor, either at time of entry or exhibit staging.
    1. **Advanced Amateur exhibitors.** May NOT show in Amateur classes.
      - a. Those who grow horticultural products mainly for personal use and enjoyment.
      - b. May engage in part time professional or commercial horticulture through limited sale of horticultural products or services.
      - c. May act as judges for any plant, garden club, society, or organization.
      - d. Anyone who has won a total of four first place premiums in the Amateur competitions within the last two years in the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show artistic division.
    2. **Amateur exhibitors.**
      - a. Those who grow horticultural products for personal use and enjoyment.
      - b. At no time engage in professional or commercial horticulture; do not sell or dispose of horticultural products for monetary gain; and in no way, directly or indirectly, are connected with the handling of horticulture products commercially.
      - c. May not act as judges for any plant, garden club, society, or organization.
    3. **Open exhibitors.** Those eligible to show in Amateur, Advanced Amateur or Junior classes.
3. **Exhibits.** All exhibits, unless otherwise specified, must be in place on the date and time listed. Exhibits on display for two days.
  - A. **Labeling.** Each variety, except in flower arrangements, must be correctly labeled with its name.
    1. Exhibitors must use the labels provided by the show, except where exhibitors have superintendent approval for their own labels.
  - B. The fair will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after arrival and placement; but under no circumstances will claim responsibility for any loss or damage. The exhibitor shall indemnify the fair and management, against all legal or other proceedings.
  - C. The superintendent reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the show at their discretion.
4. **Exhibit delivery, staging and removal.** Exhibits must be delivered to the Ag-Hort prep room, which opens at 6:30 a.m. on staging days. Any containers, props, etc. not claimed by 9 p.m. Labor Day will be disposed of.
  - A. **Minnesota State State Fair Flower Show.**
    1. **Theme.** Minnesota Loves the Fair.
    2. **Show dates** Monday and Tuesday, August 28 and 29, 2017.
    3. **Show superintendent.** Phyllis Andrews, (651) 455-5077.
    4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Monday, August 28, 2017. 6:30-9 a.m. Must be staged by 9 a.m.
      - a. **Delivering exhibits during the 12 days of the fair.** Exhibitors delivering items for competition during the fair will be sent credentials and instructions for the delivery procedure.

5. **Removal of exhibits.** Tuesday, August 29, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
  - a. Exhibitors in the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show must remove containers, staging equipment and materials under the supervision of the superintendent. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of awards, prizes and points.
5. No flowers or plants shall be given away or sold by exhibitors.
  - A. No soliciting of orders for any stock permitted.
  - B. No plants, flowers or other materials not entered in competition shall be displayed except by permission of the superintendent.
6. **Arrangements.** Unless specified, arrangements may be shown in any suitable container. Special backgrounds, equipment or containers requiring unusual space or care are not permitted.
  - A. **Materials.**
    1. **Fresh arrangements.** Fresh cut plant materials must be included in all classes unless otherwise specified.
    2. Stands for plaques, collages and frames supplied by exhibitor.
    3. Accessories and supplementary plant materials permitted in all arrangement classes.
      - a. Foliage, seed, berries, fruits, weeds, grasses, and other natural plant parts not specifically mentioned in the class description will be considered supplementary plant materials.
    4. **Not permitted.**
      - a. Artificial flowers, fruits, or foliage. This includes, but is not limited to, plastic, ceramic, glass mushrooms, flowers, branches, etc.
      - b. Painted flowers or foliage.
      - c. Wild flowers protected by Minnesota law.
    5. **Dried arrangements.** All materials must be from nature, but may be assembled to assume flower forms or simulate flowers or other plant parts.
      - a. May be collected from any source, need not be native to Minnesota.
      - b. Artificial preservatives and coloring (including paint, dyes, etc.) may be used only on dry materials.
7. **Horticulture Specimens and Collections.** Must be grown by exhibitor, and variety named. All specimen bottles will be furnished by management.
  - A. **All Horticulture will be shown in Open Class.**
  - B. **Suitable sample.** A sample of a plant or flower of proper size and proportion, appropriately and attractively displayed.
    1. No limitation as to number of stems, blooms, or flowers.
    2. Must be representative of the natural growing form of the plant or flower; must not be altered by obvious removal of foliage, stems, or flower parts.
    3. **And/or.** The term and/or means exhibitor may have a combination of four annuals and perennials. A total of four specimens.
8. **Other Flower Societies and Clubs.** If you are interested in entering any of the following shows that take place on the fairgrounds during the Minnesota State Fair, please contact them directly.
  - A. **African Violet Society of Minnesota.** 46th Annual Minnesota State Fair Show.
    1. **Theme.** Minnesota Smorgasboard.
    2. **Show information.** Kathy Lahti, lahti@lakedalelink.net (320) 274-1157.
    3. **Show dates.** Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25, 2017.
    4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Before noon.
    5. **Removal of exhibits.** Friday, August 25, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
  - B. **Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota.**
    1. **Theme.** Fun, Food and Friends at the Fair.

2. **Show information.** Chairperson - Letti Delk, lmdelk@charter.net (320) 250-9647; Entries - Barb Halvorson, bhalvorson2000@gmail.com (952) 884-4922 or Martha Allen, msa6640@gmail.com (612) 423-2205; Website - mngardenclubs.org.
  3. **Show dates.** Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31, 2017.
  4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Tuesday, August 29, 2017. 10 p.m. to midnight.
  5. **Removal of exhibits.** Thursday, August 31, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
- C. **Minnesota Bonsai Society.**
1. **State Fair Bonsai Show.**
  2. **Show information.** President - Sue Krueger, sue.m.krueger@comcast.net (651) 439-2692 (home), (651) 271-6785 (mobile); Show Chair - Bill Maher, w\_maher@msn.com (651) 434-0707.
  3. **Show dates.** Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2, 2017.
  4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Thursday, August 31, 2017. 10 p.m. to midnight.
  5. **Removal of exhibits.** Saturday, September 2, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
- D. **Minnesota Dahlia Society.**
1. **Theme.** Holidays.
  2. **Show information.** Show contact - John Kooiman, jkbeehive@comcast.net (612) 749-9423.
  3. **Show dates.** Sunday and Monday, September 3 and 4, 2017.
  4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Saturday, September 2, 2017. 10 p.m. to midnight and Sunday, September 3, 2017. 6:30-9 a.m.
  5. **Removal of exhibits.** Monday, September 4, 2017. 8-10 p.m.
- E. **Minnesota Gladiolus Society.**
1. **Theme.** Dr. Seuss.
  2. **Show information.** Show Chairperson - Jim Butler, thegladfan@comcast.net (651) 780-1681.
  3. **Show dates.** Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 2017.
  4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Friday, August 25, 2017. 10 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, August 26, 2017. 6:30-9 a.m.
  5. **Removal of exhibits.** Sunday, August 27, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
- F. **Minnesota State Florist Association.** Professional Designer of the Year, Semi Finals.
1. **Theme.** Rhythm.
  2. **Show information.** Competition Coordinator - Sandy Schroeck, sms@lenbuschroses.com (612) 306-8624.
  3. **Show dates.** Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31, 2017.
  4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Tuesday, August 29, 2017. 10 p.m. to midnight and Wednesday, August 30, 2017. 6-9 a.m.
  5. **Removal of exhibits.** Thursday, August 31, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
- G. **Minnesota State Horticultural Society.**
1. **Potted Plant Show.**
  2. **Show information.** Co-chairperson - Rose Eggert, rosee@NorthernGardener.org (651) 643-3601 ext. 201 and Vicky Vogels vvogels@NorthernGardener.org (651) 643-3601 ext. 211; Toll free - (800) 676-6747; Website - northerngardener.org.
  3. **Show dates.** Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25, 2017.
  4. **Delivery of exhibits.** Wednesday, August 23, 2017. 12 noon - 5:30 p.m.
  5. **Removal of exhibits.** Friday, August 25, 2017. 9-10 p.m.
- H. **Orchid Society of Minnesota.**
1. **Theme.** Holy Cow - ORCHIDS!
  2. **Show information.** 2nd Vice-President - Becky Peterson, gardenmom1123@aol.com (651) 895-9002.
  3. **Show dates.** Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2, 2017.

- 4. **Delivery and staging of exhibits.** Thursday, August 31, 2017. 10 p.m. to midnight.
- 5. **Removal of exhibits.** Saturday, September 2, 2017. 9-10 p.m.

9. **Judging Criteria for Minnesota State Fair Flower Show**

**Judging Criteria - All Designs**

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Conformance to Type.....	7
Conformance to Schedule Requirements.....	7
Design Principles.....	48
Selection of Components.....	8
Organization of Components.....	8
Expression.....	8
Distinction.....	14
	<b>100</b>

**Judging Criteria - All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections**

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Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification.....	5
Peak of Perfection - Form.....	20
Peak of Perfection - Color.....	20
Peak of Perfection - Maturity/Size.....	20
Peak of Perfection - Condition/Blemishes.....	15
Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5
	<b>100</b>

**Judging Criteria - Combination Plantings and Gardens**

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Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification.....	5
Labeling.....	5
Peak of Perfection - Form.....	10
Peak of Perfection - Color.....	10
Peak of Perfection - Condition.....	10
Peak of Perfection - Show-worthy Size.....	5
Overall Effect.....	30
Creative/Distinctive.....	5
Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5
	<b>100</b>

**Judging Criteria - Artistic Crafts**

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Conformance.....	25
Design.....	30
Craftsmanship/Technique.....	25
Distinction.....	20
	<b>100</b>

## Division 128: Junior Amateur

### Premiums for Junior Amateur

Junior Artistic  
\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3

Junior Horticultural  
\$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2

### Class Listing for Junior Amateur

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#### Junior Artistic

- 1001 Little Critters, Grades K-3  
*An arrangement of plant materials from garden.*
- 1002 Little Critters, Grades 4-6  
*An arrangement of plant materials from garden.*
- 1003 Little Critters, Grades 7-9  
*An arrangement of plant materials from garden.*
- 1004 Little Critters, Grades 10-12  
*An arrangement of plant materials from garden.*
- 1011 Alphabet Forest, Grades K-3  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
- 1012 Alphabet Forest, Grades 4-6  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
- 1013 Alphabet Forest, Grades 7-9  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
- 1014 Alphabet Forest, Grades 10-12  
*An arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a container not usually used for flowers.*
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#### Junior Horticultural

- 1021 My Favorite Annual, Grades K-3  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1022 My Favorite Annual, Grades 4-6  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1023 My Favorite Annual, Grades 7-9  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1024 My Favorite Annual, Grades 10-12  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1031 My Favorite Perennial, Grades K-3  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1032 My Favorite Perennial, Grades 4-6  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1033 My Favorite Perennial, Grades 7-9  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1034 My Favorite Perennial, Grades 10-12  
*Three specimens, each staged in separate amber bottle. Variety named.*
- 1041 Fairy Garden, Grades K-3  
*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

1042 Fairy Garden, Grades 4-6

*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

1043 Fairy Garden, Grades 7-9

*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

1044 Fairy Garden, Grades 10-12

*Three or more different named plants, accessories permitted (no artificial plant material permitted, see rule 6.A.4). Container not larger than 15 inches in diameter.*

## Division 129: Amateur

### Premiums for Amateur

Amateur and Advanced Amateur; Interpretive Creative Designs

\$13 \$11 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Open Class

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$5

### Class Listing for Amateur

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#### Interpretive Creative Designs

500 People Watching

*Designer's choice of plant material.*

501 Fireworks

*Designer's choice of plant material.*

502 DNR

*Incorporating dried materials with fresh.*

503 Skyscraper

*Vertical design.*

504 Picnic

*Incorporating fruits and/or vegetables with flowers.*

505 Crop Art

*All dried plant materials*

506 Grandstand

*Mass design.*

507 Midway

*Implying motion.*

508 Machinery Hill

*Incorporating man-made material*

509 River Raft Ride

*Water interest.*

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534 Sweepstakes, Amateur Design

*Awarded to the five highest scoring exhibitors in the Amateur Design Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.*

## Division 130: Advanced Amateur

### Premiums for Advanced Amateur

Amateur and Advanced Amateur; Interpretive Creative Designs

\$13 \$11 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Open Class

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$5

### Class Listing for Advanced Amateur

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#### Interpretive Creative Designs

510 Kaleidoscope

*All fresh plant material.*

511 Sightseeing

*Designer's choice of plant material.*

512 Roller Coaster

*Incorporating man-made materials.*

513 Minnesota Territorial Pioneers

*Using all dried materials.*

514 Ye Old Mill

*Water interest.*

515 Laser Show

*Accent on color.*

516 Space Tower

*Vertical design.*

517 North Woods

*Incorporating wood form(s).*

518 Giant Slide

*Implying motion.*

519 Haunted House

*Designer's choice.*

520 Agriculture Horticulture Building

*Fruit and/or vegetables with flowers.*

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535 Sweepstakes, Advanced Amateur Design

*Awarded to the five highest scoring exhibitors in the Advanced Amateur Design Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.*



## Division 131: Open Class

### Premiums for Open Class

Open Class; Interpretive Creative Designs and Open Class; Decorative Horticulture

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$7 \$5

Sweepstakes; Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Open Class

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$5

### Class Listing for Open Class

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#### Interpretive Creative Designs

##### 521 Butterfly House

*Mobile, 3 feet by 3 feet, fresh and/or dried plant material.*

##### 522 Dippin Dots

*Miniature design, divided into two parts for judging, limited to ten in each part; displayed in white shadow box, provided by show management, measuring 12 inches high, 10 inches wide, 6 inches deep (openings 6 inches wide by 8 inches high).*

##### 523 Bee and Honey

*Small design, no larger than 8 inches in any dimension (divided into two parts for judging).*

##### 524 Tilt-A-Whirl

*Implying motion.*

##### 525 On a Stick

*Vertical design.*

##### 526 Parades

*Designer's choice.*

##### 527 Heritage Square

*Creative mass design.*

##### 528 Fish Ponds

*Incorporating water.*

##### 529 Giant Sandbox

*Designer's choice.*

##### 530 International Bazaar

*Choose your favorite culture.*

##### 531 Racing - open to men only

*Wreath suitable for hanging.*

##### 532 Street Car Arch

*Swag suitable for hanging.*

##### 533 Creative Activities Building

*Wreath suitable for hanging, fresh and/or dried.*

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##### 536 Sweepstakes, Open

*Awarded to the five highest scoring exhibitors in the Open Design Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.*

# Division 132: Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

## Premiums for Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

Open Class; Annuals, Perennials, and Other Horticulture

\$10 \$8 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$2

Sweepstakes; Horticulture

\$12 \$10 \$8 \$6 \$4

## Class Listing for Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

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### Annuals

537 Salvia

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

538 Celosia

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

539 Cosmos

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

540 Petunia

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

541 Marigold

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

542 Zinnia

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

543 My Favorite Annuals (no corms, bulbs or tubers)

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

544 My Favorite Sunflower

*Suitable specimen, named and staged.*

545 My Favorite Annual Vine

*Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*

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### Perennials

546 My Favorite Foliage Shrub or Tree Branch

*Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*

547 My Favorite Perennials

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

548 Hosta Collection, 2 inches and under

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

549 Hosta Collection, 2 to 5 inches

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

550 Hosta Collection, over 5 inches

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

551 Flowering or Fruiting Shrub or Tree Branch

*Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*

552 My Favorite Perennial Vine

*Suitable sample, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*

553 My Favorite Chrysanthemum

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

554 Hydrangea

*Suitable sample, named.*

585 Sweepstakes, Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials

*Awarded to the six highest scoring exhibitors in the Horticulture, Open Class, Annuals and Perennials Division on the following point system: First place 3 points, Second place 2 points, Third place 1 point. In the event of a tie, numbers of first places, second places, on down will break the tie.*

## Division 133: Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative

### Premiums for Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative

Open Class; Interpretive Creative Designs and Open Class; Decorative Horticulture

\$15 \$13 \$11 \$9 \$7 \$5

Open Class; Annuals, Perennials, and Other Horticulture

\$10 \$8 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$2

Sweepstakes; Horticulture

\$12 \$10 \$8 \$6 \$4

### Class Listing for Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative

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#### Others

##### 555 My Favorite Vine

*From corms, tubers, bulbs. Suitable sample, named and staged separately, not to exceed 24 inches above bottle.*

##### 556 Miniature Rose Collection, Cut

*Four suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

##### 557 Rose Collection, Cut

*Four different suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

##### 558 Dahlia, under 4 inches

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

##### 559 Dahlia, 4 to 6 inches

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

##### 560 Dahlia, over 6 inches

*One suitable sample, named.*

##### 561 Gladiolus

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

##### 562 Flowers from other Corms, Tubers, Bulbs

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

##### 563 Colored Foliage

*Four different varieties or colors, named and staged separately.*

##### 564 Herbs

*Four different varieties or colors, suitable samples, named and staged separately.*

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#### Decorative Horticulture

##### 565 Kokedama

*Plant grown in moss ball, 8 inches maximum diameter, exhibitor provides own staging.*

##### 566 Terrarium

*Minimum of three varieties of plants, named, accessory material permitted, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

##### 567 My Favorite House Plant, Flowering

*Named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

##### 568 My Favorite House Plant, Foliage

*Named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

##### 569 Foliage and Flowering Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

##### 570 Flowering Outdoor Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

##### 571 Foliage Outdoor Planter

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

**572 Foliage and Flowering Outdoor Planter**

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

**573 Geranium Planter**

*Named, growing in a decorative container under 18 inches in diameter.*

**574 Herb Planter**

*Three or more varieties of herbs, named, container under 18 inches in diameter.*

**575 Fairy Gardens**

*Three or more plants, named, container under 18 inches. Accessories permitted; no artificial plant materials as noted under Flower Department rule 6.A.4.*

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**586 Sweepstakes, Horticulture, Open Class, Other and Decorative**

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