



Sweet Pea Festival Flower Show

August 5, 6, 7, 2011

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

Hopefully, Mother Nature's abundant moisture this spring has allowed for magnificent blossoms in our local gardens! The Flower Show is a tribute to the very essence of the festival! Your entry in this special event is a gift to the community! We welcome everyone to share a bouquet of flowers (in a "no-return" container) so the magnificent scent of Sweet Peas is in the air for all to enjoy!

We are pleased to announce the start of a Grand Prize traveling trophy tradition. John Bishop, President of the National Sweet Pea Society, has generously donated an authentic silver stein and has been instrumental in providing his expertise for our prize categories and judging criteria.

We look forward to receiving your entry at the Flower Show tent!

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.
- ✓ Tip: Cut your sweet peas Friday morning while they are freshest; keep them in water.

Entries Accepted

Friday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Use the Buttonwood entrance to Lindley Park.

Judging

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

Winners Announced

Friday, 5:30 pm at the Flower Show tent

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 tent

Prize Categories

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

Young Adult: ages 11-16
Children: ages 10 & under

JUDGING CRITERIA

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Description</u>
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.