



# Sweet Pea Festival Flower Show

## August 7, 8, & 9, 2009

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

Hopefully, Mother Nature cooperated with your garden so that you will have an abundance of blossoms from which to choose for your contribution to the Flower Show! And even if you don't compete, bring a bouquet of flowers (in a "no-return" container) just so the magnificent scent of Sweet Peas is in the air for all to enjoy!

We are honored that the President of the National Sweet Pea Society, John Bishop, graciously offered to judge our Flower Show this year! You will not want to miss this extraordinary opportunity to showcase your prize winning Sweet Peas and meet our distinguished guest and his family!!

### Particulars

- ✓ There is no entry fee!
- ✓ An entry is two stems that need not be the same color.
- ✓ Your entry will be displayed in identical vases provided by the Flower Show.
- ✓ The Most Creative entry container must *only* hold sweet peas and any other creative elements.
- ✓ Tips: Cut your sweet peas Friday morning while they are freshest; keep them in water!

<u>Entries</u>	Friday, between 11:00 and 2:00. Use the Buttonwood entrance to Lindley Park.
<u>Judging</u>	Friday, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. <b><i>The Exhibition will be closed during the judging!</i></b>
<u>Winners Announced</u>	Friday, 7:45 pm. Flower Show Winners announced on Mainstage.
<u>Presentation</u>	Saturday, 5:00 pm. Given by John Bishop entitled "All the President's Peas" at the Bozeman Public Library Large Conference Room.
<u>Public Tea</u>	Sunday, 2:00 pm with Mr. Bishop at the Flower Show Tent.

<b>Grand Prize</b>
<b>All Around 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Young Adults 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Children's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Most Creative Arrangement</b>
<b>Most Unusual</b>

Young Adults' ages are 11 through 16  
Children's ages are 10 and under

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Criteria	Description
<b>Amount of Bloom</b>	<b>Total Number of blossoms</b>
<b>Quality</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Size</b>	<b>The actual size of the blossoms and length of stems</b>
<b>Form</b>	<b>The development of the blossoms and stems (straightness and stoutness).</b>
<b>Condition and Grooming</b>	<b>The actual physical appearance of the entries (free of pests and tendrils, freshness) at the time of judging</b>

### Meritorious Features

- Well-poised blooms spaced at regular intervals on the stems
- Straight stems proportionate to size of bloom and long enough for decorative purposes
- Blooms free from color running, unspotted, not scorched, not frayed
- Uniformity of color throughout the stem, exhibits freshness
- The top bloom on each spike should be well expanded while the bottom bloom still remains good
- Rigid wings and erect standard free from malformation

### Faults

- Stem disproportionate to size of bloom, either too long or too short
- Crooked stems
- Undeveloped and poorly colored top bloom
- Aged blooms 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
- Blooms that are spotted, frayed, scorched or streaked and mottled with foreign color
- Unbalanced blooms 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 angle down the around the keel.