

NM State Show and Display

CSSNM will host a cactus and succulent show at the New Mexico State Fair. The display is in the Flower Building on the west side of the State Fairgrounds near the entrance to Indian Village and Spanish Village. It is a great way to educate the general public and get new members! We will need plants for the show and plant-docents to answer questions. It is also a great way to visit the State Fair for free.

We will have a short show running from Thursday, September 14 through Sunday, September 17, 2017.

Dates:

Wednesday, September 13 - Setup of the display begins about 5 pm in the evening.

Sunday, September 17 - Takedown display and take plants home starting about 7 pm.

Monday, September 18 - also get plants from 9am - 11am!

Contact the CSSNM State Fair Chairman, CV Porter (cvporterrd@hotmail.com) for information. Contact Ralph Peters (RPeters52@gmail.com) to sign-up to be a plant docent. The current sign-up sheet may be found at our website <http://www.new-mexico.cactus-society.org/cdocs/StateFair2017.pdf>. The sign-up sheet has a date on it to tell you when Ralph last updated it.

On Wednesday September 13, we will setup up our display at the New Mexico State Fair starting around 5:00 pm. People with plants to display should arrive around this time. The display setup includes preparing the display area. We cover the stands with fabric and put up posters and a table for any "hands-on" displays. Then we arrange the plants.

Getting in through Gate #4 should not be difficult. Usually it is a wave through. Plan on coming north from Central on San Pedro in order to turn right into the fairgrounds at Gate #4. Gate #4 is near the middle of the fairgrounds on the west side. Drive north on the east side of the main parking lot to the NE corner of the main parking lot. The "Flower Building" entrance gate is near the SE corner of Spanish Village and allows you to enter the small parking lot south of the Flower Building. If you are delivering or getting plants, you may park directly south of the Flower Building for a short time and then move into the main parking lot.

Plants will be judged and ribbons awarded. The plants should be marked with tags like the ones used for the Spring Show and Sale. Tags are online at our website, www.new-mexico.cactus-society.org, in the "Club" section. The building is cool but the closeness to the window and the lights can dry things out. The plants should be clean of insects and other non-plant material, except for those with special things used in the showing of the plant. The categories are the same as our show and sale (see "Presenting Plants for Show" in the Club section).

We should be done with setup by 7:00pm (usually). You may bring food if that is a concern.

CV will have the State Fair gate passes and parking tickets and will hand them out at the set-up. If you are not going to be at the set-up but are planning to plant-sit during the fair, send CV an email and he will send you the pass and ticket.

Questions? Contact CV Porter by email at cvporterrd@hotmail.com or by phone at 298-4827.