

EMPIRE STATE GLADIOLUS SHOW AND EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

This show is in cooperation with
THE GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Wednesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 3, 2026

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ENTRY DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2026.

Exhibitor Fee: No cost! Just register by filling in the questionnaire: [Click Here](#) or go to:
Entry Placement: Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Judging: Wednesday, September 2, 12:30 p.m.
Entry Removal: Thursday, September 3, 8:00 p.m.



SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE EMPIRE STATE GLADIOLUS SHOW

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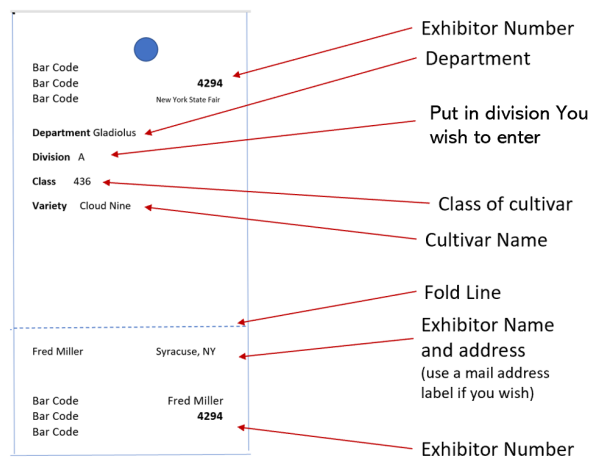
1. All entries must be staged and ready for judging by 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 2. Judging will start immediately.
2. Entry tags will be furnished free of charge. All exhibits shall be marked by a tag giving the Division and Classification number, name of variety & name & address of exhibitor.
3. Classification number of variety shall be entered on Entry Tag according to the current N.A.G.C. classification lists. Recognized varieties not in the list may be exhibited in their proper classes.
4. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor, except vases, baskets and arrangements.
5. Up to two florets may be removed without penalty.
6. No exhibitor shall compete in more than one class or division unless selected by judges to compete for Championship. **Each specimen must be a different variety** with the exception of baskets and vases.
7. Stems for 300, 400 and 500 size classes not to exceed 20" plus or minus 1" from table to the lowest point of the bottom floret. 100-200 size classes not to exceed 17" plus or minus 1".

8. Containers will be furnished for all entries, except baskets, vases and arrangements. Please label with return address.
9. Merit judging will be used in all classes. Based on North American Gladiolus Council Judging Criteria and Standards.
10. All flowers staged for competition shall become the property of the Empire State Gladiolus Society.
11. Ribbons shall not be awarded to entries, which, in the opinion of the judges, are unworthy.
12. Seedlings may be shown in all Divisions (except Div. K).
13. Arrangement Rules
 - Rule 1 Use legend card accompanying arrangements. This is **required**.
 - Rule 2 Gladiolus must dominate in all arrangements.
 - Rule 3 Foliage other flowers and a minimum of dried, painted or treated material may be used, if so desired.
 - Rule 4 Accessories, figurines, or bases permitted.
 - Rule 5 Artificial fruits or vegetables are not allowed. If arrangement contains “fresh” fruits or vegetables it must be maintained by exhibitor.
 - Rule 6 All arrangements, baskets and vases must be made by exhibitor who shall assume full responsibility for property used in arrangements.
 - Rule 7 No protected plant material is to be used.

Arrangements will be judged according to North American Gladiolus Council Judging Criteria and Standards.
14. Blue Ribbon winners, which proceed in the judging, will receive money only for highest honor received. Intermediate honors will not carry monetary awards. All gladiolus awarded with ribbons in the first round of judging that go no further in the awarding of honors will receive monetary awards as stated in Groupings below.
15. The Judges' decisions are final.
16. The use of plant material on the NYS Conservation list is not permitted. Artificial plant materials, painted or dyed fresh plant materials are not allowed. The American flag is not to be used.

ALL CLASSES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

See example tag below:



SINGLE SPIKE COLOR CLASSES:

1st Award (Blue Ribbons) ALL DIVISIONS.....\$2.00
(Except Divisions AA and AAA) \$4.00/\$6.00

DIVISION A (Open to All)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION AA (Open to All)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$5.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$6.00

DIVISION AAA (Open to All)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$7.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$8.00

DIVISION B (Open to those who have not won more than five Grand Champions.)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION C (Open to those who have not won more than one Grand Champion.)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION D (Open to All) First time exhibitors (ESGS will provide help to those needing assistance)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION E (Open to All) Recent introduction for varieties, which have been introduced since January 1, 2022.

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION F – Youth – open to exhibitors up to 18 years of age.

RULE NO. 4 MUST BE ADHERED TO.

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00

Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$5.00

DIVISION G SEEDLINGS (Open to all)

Open to Gladiolus that have never been offered for sale. Name or Number shall be furnished along with the Originator.

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00

Highest scored seedling in Division (1)..... Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION H (Open to All) – BASKETS – SINGLE VARIETY GLADIOLUS

Limit the monetary awards per exhibitor to one large basket and one small basket.

(with or without handles) Minimum of 12 spikes per BASKET. Addition of foliage and use of other flowers are permitted. To be judged 75% on quality of blooms and 25% on arrangement and each basket to be Judged on Merit.

Awards:

Best Entry Overall..... Rosette & \$20.00

1st Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200\$10.00

2nd Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200.....\$5.00

All Others.....\$3.00

DIVISION HH – 1 (Open to All) – BASKETS – MULTI VARIETY GLADIOLUS

Limit the monetary awards per exhibitor to one large basket and one small basket.

(with or without handles) Minimum of 12 spikes per BASKET. Addition of foliage and use of other flowers are permitted. To be judged 25% on quality of blooms and 75% on arrangement and each basket to be Judged on Merit.

Awards:

Best Entry Overall..... Rosette & \$20.00

1st Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200\$10.00

2nd Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200.....\$5.00

All Others.....\$3.00

DIVISION I – VASES – SINGLE VARIETY GLADIOLUS (Open to All)

Monetary awards will be limited per exhibitor to one large and one small vase. (Containers to be furnished by exhibitors) 6-15 spikes per VASE. Addition of Foliage ONLY permitted. To be judged 75% on quality of blooms and 25% on Arrangement and each vase to be Judged on Merit. **Vases are to be arranged one sided view.**

Awards:

Best Entry Overall..... Rosette & \$20.00

1st Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200\$10.00

2nd Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200.....\$5.00

All Others.....\$2.00

DIVISION II – VASES – MULTI VARIETY GLADIOLUS (Open to All)

Monetary awards will be limited per exhibitor to one large and one small vase. (Containers to be furnished by exhibitors) 6-15 spikes per VASE. Addition of Foliage ONLY permitted. To be judged 25% on quality of blooms and 75% on Arrangement and each vase to be Judged on Merit. **Vases are to be arranged one sided view.**

Awards:

Best Entry Overall.....	Rosette & \$20.00
1st Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200	\$10.00
2nd Large 3-4-500 & Small 1-200.....	\$5.00
All Others.....	\$2.00

DIVISION III – GARDEN VASE (Open to All)

“Garden Splendor” Floral vase with at least one gladiolus included.

Awards:

Best Entry.....	Rosette & \$20.00
1st (Possibly more than one).....	\$10.00
2nd (Possibly more than one)	\$5.00
All Others.....	\$2.00

DIVISION J – ARRANGEMENTS (Open to All)

See Rule 13 – To be Judged on Merit.

“Sweet Dreams” Gladiolus should dominate as per rule 13.

“Tropical Paradise” Gladiolus should dominate as per rule 13.

Awards:

Best Entry.....	Rosette & \$20.00
1st (Possibly more than one).....	\$10.00
2nd (Possibly more than one)	\$5.00
All Others.....	\$2.00

DIVISION JJ – ARRANGEMENTS

For individuals who have never won a best arrangement award.

See Rule 13 – To be Judged on Merit.

“Sweet Dreams” Gladiolus should dominate as per rule 13.

“Tropical Paradise” Gladiolus should dominate as per rule 13.

Awards:

Best Entry.....	Rosette & \$20.00
1st (Possibly more than one).....	\$10.00
2nd (Possibly more than one).....	\$5.00
All Others.....	\$2.00

DIVISION JJJ – GARDEN ARRANGEMENT (Open to All)

“Garden Splendor” Floral arrangement with at least one gladiolus included. Rule 13.2 excluded.

Awards:

Best Entry.....	Rosette & \$20.00
1st (Possibly more than one).....	\$10.00
2nd (Possibly more than one).....	\$5.00
All Others.....	\$2.00

DIVISION K – ALL-AMERICA GLADIOLUS (Open to All)

Small 100 - 200 Medium 300 Large 400 - 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION L – OPEN TO ALL

Small 100 – 200 Medium 300 Large 400 – 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION M – PEOPLES CHOICE – OPEN TO ALL – Winners to be selected by the public. This division is open to any gladiolus related entry the exhibitor chooses.

Awards:

Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

DIVISION N – DECORATIVE – OPEN TO ALL – Rules: Glads must have at least two buds less than NAGC required count for each size and cannot appear on the top ten show gladiolus list.

Small 100 – 200 Medium 300 Large 400 – 500

Awards:

Section Champion (3) Rosette & \$2.00
Division Champion (1) Rosette & \$3.00

COURT OF AWARDS DIVISION

Grand Champion Rosette & \$20.00
Reserve Grand Champion Rosette & \$10.00
Large Champion (400-500)..... Rosette & \$15.00
Reserve Large Champion (400 - 500)..... Rosette & \$10.00
Medium Champion (300)..... Rosette & \$15.00
Reserve Medium Champion (300)..... Rosette & \$10.00
* Miniature Champion (100 - 200)..... Rosette & \$15.00
Reserve Miniature Champion (100 - 200) Rosette & \$10.00
All American Rosette & \$10.00
AA Champion Rosette & \$10.00
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* Note: Annie Bach Award will go to Best Miniature Champion

Awards listed by Division above: Annie Bach Award, Mary L. Learn and Bliss Award Ribbons are provided by the Empire State Gladiolus Society.

LEGEND CARDS

What are they, and when do I use one? To be used when presenting an arrangement for a show. This is a 3 x 5 index card containing the following: Type of container. Brief description of message being conveyed. The type and kind of material used. Including Varieties, Names of Flowers, Foliage and any other descriptive list.