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**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Flowers**  
**Co-Hosted** by San Antonio Water System

**Saturday, May 25**

**Alzafar Shrine**

901 N. Loop 1604 West, between Stone Oak Parkway & Blanco Rd.

9am-5pm

**Admission \$6 for adults**, children under 12 free

**Free parking**

**Seminars:**

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| 9:30am  | <b>12 Months of Watersaver Landscape Color</b><br>Dr. Jerry Parsons   |
| 10:30am | <b>Pioneer Roses for Modern Gardens</b><br>Mike Shoup, Antique Rose Emporium & author, "Empress of the Garden"<br>(book signing included) |
| 11:30am | <b>Yards Without Lawns</b><br>Mark Peterson, San Antonio Water System   |
| 12:30pm | <b>Full Landscape Drip Irrigation</b><br>Dr. Tom Harris, "The Hill Country Gardener"  |

**City Wide Plant Exchange**  
**Alamo Area Horticulture Show**  
**Herb Cooking Classes**  
**Floral Design Challenge**  
**Rain Barrel Demonstrations**

**Organic Roundtable 2pm:**

Bob Webster	Shades of Green
John Dromgoole	Austin's Natural Gardener and founder of Lady Bug Natural Brand
Stuart Franke	President of Medina Agriculture Products
Noel Garcia	Texas Plant & Soil Lab
Clayton Leonard	President, New Earth Compost and Soil

**Shop for plants, garden décor, accessories and gifts from retail vendors, and non-profit gardening organizations**

**Free xeriscape plant compliments of SAWS while they last—one for each adult.**

Find all the information at: [SAFestivalofFlowers.com](http://SAFestivalofFlowers.com) (or call 210.380.3532)

Including:

**Guidelines for the City-Wide Plant Exchange**  
(sponsored by Gardening Volunteers of South Texas)

**How to enter your prized plants in the Alamo Area Horticulture Show**  
(sponsored by Bexar County Master Gardeners)

# City - Wide Plant & Seed Exchange Guidelines

## Gardening Volunteers of South Texas

### SUMMARY:

- Number of items is limited to encourage variety.
- Plant and seed tickets are interchangeable.
- Common plants must be adult size and attractive.
- Baby plants only accepted if unusual.

### RULES

#### Number of items per participant

- 20 total plants or other plant material
- 10 seed packets per participant
- No more than 5 packets of the same seeds.
- No more than 5 of the same plant, bulb or other plant material.

#### Trading / You Will Receive:

- ONE (1) ticket for plants in containers up to 1-gallon.
- TWO (2) tickets for plants in 1-gallon containers.
- ONE (1) ticket for a package of bulbs/corms/tubers. TWO tickets MAY be given if they are unusually large or rare.
- Plant and seed tickets are interchangeable.

#### Plants and Plant Size

- Containers size: 4-inches UP to 1-gallon
- Plants should be attractive, healthy plants that you would be happy to bring home yourself.
- Baby plants will only be swapped if they are unusual. For example, baby airplane plants, aloe, jades, etc. will NOT be accepted.
- Common plants must be full and adult size.
- Plants should be established in their containers (not transplanted within one week of the swap).
- Plants must be rooted in their normal growing medium. Generally, this is soil, but water garden plants are accepted if they are well-packaged and will not leak. (Wet floors create a safety hazard.)

#### Bulbs/ Corms/ Tubers

- Package these in labeled bags of 3 or 5 bulbs.
- Put 3 per bag if unusual, 5 per bag if common or prolific.
- Other rules---the same that apply to Plants (and Plant Size)

#### QUESTION?

E-mail: [info@gardeningvolunteers.org](mailto:info@gardeningvolunteers.org)

Phone: (210) 251-8101

#### Seed Packets

- Each packet should have at least 10 seeds per packet. For plants that produce large quantities of seeds (ie: sunflowers), please be more generous.
- Seeds must have either been harvested or purchased for the current (2013) growing season, for best viability.
- Please do not bring seeds that will not breed true (ie: hybrids. For example, hybrid marigolds will not breed true.) If you are not sure it is best not to bring them.
- Please do not bring common seeds such as Texas Mountain Laurel, mesquite, lawn grass.
- Popular seeds include: native wildflowers, herbs, and unusual or easy germinating seeds.
- Commercially packaged seeds will not be accepted.

#### Labeling

- Label your plants/ seeds /bulbs with as much information as you have for their new owners.
- Plants must be labeled with at least some information before they will be accepted.
- For seed packets, on the envelope or container, you must clearly print the NAME of the plant , VARIETY if you know it, COLOR of the flowers (if any), and the approximate DATE seeds were gathered (season and year will be fine).
- **EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED BEFORE IT WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

#### Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can I bring water garden plants?** Yes, as long as you leave the container for them, and bag them so they can be handled without dripping water.
- **What sort of plants do people really want?** The following plants are always in demand: herbs, roses, xeric plants, and heirloom plants are always welcome.
- **What sort of plants are not swapped?** The following plants will NOT be accepted: aloe, prickly pear cactus, kalanchoes (due to lack of interest by other swappers). Also, plants that are sickly, have bugs, or that are not well established.
- **Can I store my plants anywhere?** Regrettably, plant swap staff can NOT hold plants for you at the booth because of lack of space. However, there is a free "Plant & Package" checkroom in the lobby of the show.

# 2013 Alamo Area Horticulture Show & Contest

(Juniors and Adults Judged Separately)

Presented by

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Bexar County Master Gardeners

Show -

Off

Saturday, May 25 • 9am-5pm

Alzafar Shrine

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## DIVISION 1

### Potted or Containerized Plants

#### Section A Foliage Plants

*including but not limited to:*

Bedding Plants	Native Plants
Herbs	Ornamental Grasses
Ferns	Tropical Plants
Ivy	Citrus
Vines	

#### Section B Blooming Plants

*including but not limited to:*

Begonias	Orchids
Bromeliads	Perennials
Geraniums	Roses
Native Plants	African Violets

#### Section C Cactus & Succulents

Cactus  
Succulents



## DIVISION 2

### Cut Specimens

#### Section A Cut Foliage

*included but not limited to:*

Ferns	Tropical Plants
Native Plants	Herbs
Ivy	Perennials
Native Plants	
Branches cut from trees, shrubs	

#### Section B Cut Flowers & Blooms

*included but not limited to:*

Annuals & Bedding Plants	Perennials
Begonias	Herbs
Daylilies	Vines
Flowering Bulbs	

#### Section C Cut Rose Blooms

a. Hybrid Teas, b. Grandifloras c. Climbing Forms, d. Old Roses, e. Miniature, f. Mini flora



## DIVISION 3

### Special Displays

Section A Hanging Baskets  
(single plant or mixed)

Section B Dish Gardens  
Terrariums, Topiaries, Bonsai

Section C Container Gardens  
May include:  
Mixed bedding  
Assorted herbs  
Assorted foliage or a combination

## DIVISION 4

### Vegetables and Fruit

### GROWERS' CHOICE

May include tomatoes, peppers, greens, onions, and other in-season crops. Show 3 to 5 of the same varieties that are unblemished and uniform in size, color and overall growth. Vegetables and fruit should have stems attached to qualify as homegrown.

See back for rules and guidelines.

## HORTICULTURE SHOW RULES

1. The show is open to home / amateur gardeners of all ages. Junior participants, 17 years and younger, will be judged separately.
2. Limit 3 entries per section per exhibitor.
3. All entries must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to the show.
4. All plants should be free of disease and pests.
5. Washing foliage is permitted, but do not use any type of surface cleaners that will alter the natural appearance of the plant or specimen. Props or other decorative items are not permitted.
6. **CONTAINERS** for potted plants should be clean, unobtrusive, and appropriate to the plant.
7. For **CUT SPECIMENS in Division 2**, each entry should be submitted in a plain, clear vase, provided by the exhibitor. There should be no foliage or blooms visible under the surface of the water, only the stem of the cut specimen.
8. Plants must be properly named. Species name and variety preferred, but optional.
9. Plants will be judged according to quality, appearance, form, and proportion to container.
10. The decision of the judges is final.



## AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, and honorable mention. One entry will receive a "Best of Show" award.

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## ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. Entries may be brought to the Festival of Flowers staging area at Alzafar Shrine between 3-7pm Friday, May 24 or 8-10am on Saturday morning, May 25. Carts, wagons and dollies are permitted.
2. Judging begins at 11am on Saturday, May 25. Winners will be announced at 12:30pm.
3. Fee for each person entering one or more exhibits is \$5. Each exhibitor will receive one coupon good for admission to the Festival of Flowers on Saturday, May 25.
4. All entries must be picked up between 4-6pm only on Saturday, May 25. No entries may be removed before 4 pm.
5. Each exhibitor must complete an official entry form at the time of entering, or by completing it prior to the show. The entry form can be downloaded at [www.SAFestivalofFlowers.com](http://www.SAFestivalofFlowers.com).
6. The Horticulture Show will be attended by volunteers during all open hours of the event. The Festival of Flowers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Bexar County Master Gardeners are not responsible for loss, breakage, or damage of individual entries, containers or exhibits.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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### DETAILS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE:

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