

RULES FOR ENTERING THE 2022 WEED SHOW

1. You can only have **ONE** entry per category.
2. Museum Quality Glass: means it is flawless glass which has turned purple by the sun.
3. Category 1 is an arrangement with *fresh* or *native* plant material only, in a museum quality sun purple glass.
4. Categories 2 -13, are compositions which *may* include fresh desert plant material along with *dried* desert plant material in its natural state, no paint or varnish allowed.
5. Each entry **MUST** have an accessory to fit the category, as indicated in the category descriptions.
6. **The maximum size for entries in** (categories 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12) **is 20” x 16” and no more than 24” high with a maximum weight limit of 10lbs.** Larger and heavier entries will automatically be placed in Category 13.
7. No live or dead animal or bird parts are allowed. Including any type of feathers.
8. Minimal use of adhesives is allowed. Part of the judging will be on the discreet use of **ALL** adhesives.
9. Due to not knowing how many entries may come in, **“Your entry must be stable enough to be moved.”** A solid base is highly recommended. Construction paper or mat board may be used to complement your entry.
10. Entries must be brought to the museum between the hours of 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. on Friday, November 4th or Saturday, November 5th from 7:00 to 9:00a.m. **NO Late Entries will be accepted.** Everything must be assembled and in place by 9:15a.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Judging is from 9:30a.m. to noon on Saturday.
11. The Weed Show is open to the public on Saturday (Nov 5th) from noon to 4:00p.m. and on Sunday (Nov 6th) from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
12. **Entries must be picked up Nov 6th from 4:15p.m. to 5:00p.m. NO EARLY PICKUPS WILL BE ALLOWED!** If you have someone else picking up your entries, make sure the Weed Show Committee is notified.
13. The Twentynine Palms Historical Society is not responsible for lost, damaged, or unclaimed entries.

The Twentynine Palms Historical Society Presents

THE 2022 WEED SHOWSM

A Wonderful Weekend in “29”

Sat, Nov. 5, 2022 Noon to 4:00 pm

Sun, Nov. 6, 2022 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Old Schoolhouse Museum
6760 National Park Dr.
Twentynine Palms, CA



2022 Weed Show Categories

- 1. Super Bloom:** Is an arrangement using museum quality sun-purple glass with fresh plant material only, not necessarily native plants.
- 2. Purple Mountain Majesty:** Composition using broken or imperfect sun-purple glass as an accessory.
- 3. A Desert Gem:** Miniature 3"x3"x3" overall composition using a gem as an accessory.
- 4. Rock Hound:** Miniature 6"x6"x6" overall composition using a rock as an accessory.
- 5. Weekend Miners:** Composition using anything mining related.
- 6. Take a Hike:** Composition to include, "rusted, busted, or dusted" souvenirs you may bring back from a hike in the desert.
- 7. Mural Tour:** Composition using anything related to or depicted in one or more of 29 Palms Murals.
- 8. Open Spaces:** Composition using one or more items that open something. Such as a doorknob, key, lock, can opener, etc.
- 9. Desert Hideaway:** Composition using weathered wood.
- 10: Where the "HECK" is 29:** Composition using something that gives direction. Such as a compass, map, sign, etc.
- 11. Weekend Fun:** This is *ANYTHING* goes Composition. Use any accessory you like. Maximum size, height, and weight do APPLY!
- 12. Little Sandbox:** This category is only for children 12 years and younger, using their imagination.
- 13. Big Sandbox:** *Oversize Composition* that exceeds the weight or size rules. *All oversize entries will be displayed outside for the duration of the Weed Show.*

THE WEED SHOW IS FREE TO ENTER AND FREE TO ATTEND!
See past entries at: www.29palmshistorical.com

What Is Purple Glass?

From the late 1800s until World War I, manganese was used in the manufacture of glass. When exposed to the sun, this glass turns purple. It is called sun purple and is considered a prized piece in the Southwest.

What Is The Weed Show?

The Weed Show is one of Twentynine Palms' oldest and most unique artistic traditions. This annual display, now in its seventh decade, features artistic arrangements of indigenous desert vegetation as well as found objects, both natural and man-made. The Weed Show is a desert rendition of the traditional concept of a floral display show. The Weed Show highlights the beauty of the local flora and the inventiveness of participants, and the history and culture of Twentynine Palms itself. Each show follows a specific theme. Entries are judged on subject matter, use of desert vegetation, use of accessories, artistic composition, and originality. Awards are granted in twelve categories, with a People's Choice Award to be decided by visitors to the exhibition, and Judge's Favorite.

The show's roots go back to July 1940, when the Women's Club of Twentynine Palms invited Pasadena printmaker Mildred Bryant Brooks to deliver a lecture on "The Art of Etching." Legend has it that the local ladies, ever mindful of etiquette, were deeply embarrassed by the lack of fresh flowers with which to decorate the podium and honor their esteemed guest. The ladies expressed their apologies to Brooks, who is then reputed to have said, "Why do you need fresh flowers when you have so many beautiful weeds?" The ladies then dispatched two of their members to gather sun-dried desert flora from the grounds of the 29 Palms Inn, which they brought back for Brooks to arrange.

The Weed Show made its official debut the following year in 1941. Initially held in private homes, its popularity soon grew to the point where it became a bona fide community event. After the Women's Club disbanded in 1976, sponsorship of the show passed to the 29 Palms Gardening Club, then when the Gardening Club disbanded, the Twentynine Palms Historical Society revived the show, which has been going strong ever since.

What Is A Weed? (A definition by Pat Rimmington)

The dictionary defines a weed as a plant that grows wild and a plant not valued for use or beauty. It is true that the flora used by the competitors in this years-old Twentynine Palms show are the native plants that grow wild on the Mojave Desert. However, these plants were essential to the existence of the Native American tribes who inhabited this desert region. Nature provided the food and medicine, as well as the materials used for basket weaving, hunting equipment, and for building shelters. The displays in the Weed Show aim to bring out the often overlooked, hidden beauty of the local vegetation in a whole new light.