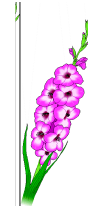




# **Momence Gladiolus Festival**

## **2025 Theme**

### **“Gladiolus Game Night”**



## **Float Rules**

1. Parade Start Times:  
Friday, August 8th at 6:00 PM  
Saturday, August 9th at 3:00 PM
2. The theme for the 2025 Momence Gladiolus Festival is “Gladiolus Game Night”.
3. The Parade Committee reserves the right to re-categorize entries based upon creativity and the number of entrants in any given category.
4. Floral Floats - at least 50% of the decorated square footage - must be made up of real gladiolus.
5. Floats must measure 6’ x 12’. (Exceptions can be made by the Parade Committee one week prior to the deadline for entry with written description and pictures submitted)
6. The seven divisions are as follows:
  - A. FLORAL FLOAT sponsored by a single business or single family.
  - B. FLORAL FLOAT sponsored by groups, clubs, churches, or families.
  - C. COMMERCIAL FLOAT sponsored by one firm, club or group.
  - D. COMMERCIAL FLOAT sponsored by more than one firm, club or group.
  - E. FAMILY FLOAT sponsored by one family.
  - F. FAMILY FLOAT sponsored by more than one family.

7. Golf Cart/Side X Side Entries. Transform your golf cart into a unique display for all to admire. All entries and decorations must align with the theme to be eligible for the prize.
  - A. All golf carts must be registered with the City of Momence and driven by a licensed driver.
  - B. The judging will be based on the most decorated, most spirited crew and cart.
8. Any vehicles carrying political advertising will be banned from the parade, except floats sponsored by central political parties. Only one vehicle pulling a float will be permitted.
9. Horses or horse-drawn vehicles will be placed by the Parade Marshal. You must have your own clean-up crew follow you or you won't be permitted to participate. A clean-up crew could possibly be provided with one week's advance notice and for a fee.
10. To be eligible for competition, the float/golf cart must be in Friday and Saturday's parades.
11. Floats must be on the parade route 45 minutes prior to the start of the parade (see rule 1 for times).
12. All entries must be appropriate for the audience and can be denied participation by any member of the Glad Fest committee.
13. The judging of Floats will be on Friday, August 8th.

Prizes will be awarded as follows, in each division:

- A. \$1,000 for First, \$750 for Second, \$500 for Third,
- B. \$1,000 for First, \$750 for Second, \$500 for Third,
- C. \$500 for First, \$300 for Second, \$200 for Third,
- D. \$500 for First, \$300 for Second, \$200 for Third,
- E. \$400 for First, \$200 for Second, \$100 for Third,
- F. \$400 for First, \$200 for Second, \$100 for Third,
- G. Golf Cart Entry, one prize for best overall, \$300

14. We request that candy and other objects be carefully thrown from the floats or cars.
15. Prize money checks will be handed out at the end of the parade route on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
16. Entries need to be registered by Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.
17. A representative of the float should pick up the float numbers from the Parade Committee at Sluggers on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> between 4pm-5:45pm. If you are unable to pick up on Thursday, you can pick up on Friday at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Pine - 1 hour prior to the parade's start time. Detailed line-up instructions will be given at pickup. We will have staple guns available for attaching to the float, if needed.
18. If your float is chosen as the winner of the "President's Award", "Mayor's Award", or "Parade Marshal's Award" you will be expected to have 2 banner carriers to walk in front of the float on Saturday.
19. Any questions please feel free to call/text Parade Committee at 708-369-0146 or the Gladiolus Festival Hot Line at 815-472-6353.

Thank you for participating in the 2025 Gladiolus Festival!