

ANNUAL GARDENING & CRAFT SHOW INFORMATION & SCHEDULE

31st August 2024

at St Martin's School, Ashley Road, Epsom KT18 7AD

Here is the schedule for this year's show. The Rules and Regulations, Trophies and Certificates to be awarded and some information about entering our shows are at the end. Don't forget, it is a lot of fun and do have a go!

SECTION 1 - FLOWERS

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| 1. | Rose large flower: one bloom | For example, a hybrid tea or a large-flowered climber |
| 2. | Rose English/old fashioned type: one bloom | |
| 3. | Roses: large flower: three blooms | |
| 4. | Roses: English/old type: three blooms | |
| 5. | Rose - cluster flower: 1 stem | Cluster flowered roses include floribunda, rambler, polyantha, climbers etc. |
| 6. | Roses - cluster flower: 3 stems | |
| 7. | Roses - six or more stems | |
| 8. | Pot of grass/sedge | Pot not to exceed 12" (30cm) in diameter |
| 9. | Pot grown flowering plant other than fuchsia | |
| 10. | Pot grown foliage plant | Houseplants can be included in this category |
| 11. | Mixed flowers (annual or biennial), one vase, at least three different kinds, minimum of 5 stems excluding Dahlias | Space should not exceed 60 x 60 cm |
| 12. | Herbaceous Perennial flowers, 3 stems, 1 kind (excluding Dahlias and Chrysanthemums), 1 vase | |
| 13. | Hydrangea - 1 bloom any variety | |
| 14. | Hydrangea - 3 blooms any variety | |
| 15. | Fuchsia - one pot single or double flowers | Pot not to exceed 10" (27.3cm) diameter |
| 16. | Fuchsia flowers - six displayed on a board | Single or double flowers displayed on a black board. Card to rest on water container |
| 17. | A berried tree or shrub, 1 kind, three stems | |
| 18. | Hosta leaves, six, one or more varieties in a vase | |
| 19. | Pelargonium, regal, ivy leaved, zonal, or scented in flower, one pot | |
| 20. | Dahlias - cactus variety 3 blooms | |
| 21. | Dahlias - decorative variety or ball variety 3 blooms | |
| 22. | Dahlias - any other classification - 3 blooms | |
| 23. | Dahlias - mixed, no more than 12 blooms in a vase | |
| 24. | Gladioli - up to 3 spikes any variety | |
| 25. | Sunflower - 1 stem any variety | |
| 26. | A terrarium with 3 or more plants | |
| 27. | Alpine garden with 3 or more varieties | Container not to exceed 46 x 31cm or 42cm round |
| 28. | Single cactus or succulent in a pot | Pot not to exceed 12" (30cm) diameter |

Unless otherwise stated, cut flowers should be displayed in a vase with appropriate water retaining material if needed. Vases are available on the day, but it is generally easier to use own where possible.

SECTION 2 - FRUIT

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| 29. | Eating apples x 5 | |
| 30. | Cooking apples x 3 | |
| 31. | Raspberries x 10 | Leave stalks attached. It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 32. | Blueberries x 10 | Leave stalks attached. It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 33. | Blackberries x 10 | Leave stalks attached. It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 34. | Plums, damsons, or greengages x 6 | |
| 35. | Pears x 5 | |
| 36. | Grapes x 1 bunch | |
| 37. | Any other fruit | For example, melons or apricots (for numbers to be displayed, refer to website or ask Show Secretary) |

SECTION 3 - VEGETABLES

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| 38. | Cucumbers x 2 | |
| 39. | Beetroot x 3 | Foliage trimmed to 5 cm |
| 40. | Standard tomatoes x 5 | It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 41. | Cherry tomatoes x 8 | It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 42. | Sweet peppers x 3 | |
| 43. | Chillies x 6 | |
| 44. | White potatoes x 5 | Displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 45. | Coloured potatoes x 5 | Displayed on a non-patterned plate |
| 46. | Onions x 5 | Dressed (tops tied down with raffia/twine) |
| 47. | Shallots x 6 | Dressed (tops tied down with raffia/twine) |
| 48. | Courgettes x 3 | |
| 49. | Lettuce x 2 | Display with washed roots attached |
| 50. | Kale, Swiss Chard, or Spinach x 6 leaves | |
| 51. | Marrows or Squash x 2 | |
| 52. | Runner Beans x 6 | |
| 53. | French Beans x 6 | |
| 54. | Collection of 5 different herbs in a vase | Display with names on a card |
| 55. | Any other vegetable | For example, squash, leeks or parsnips (for numbers please refer to our website or ask Show Secretary) |
| 56. | Basket/trug of vegetables 4 different kinds, 3 of each | Table space not to exceed 60 x 60 cm |

Unless otherwise stated, fruit and vegetables may be displayed directly on the display table, with the proviso that they must be washed and dried before placing. They should also be checked for any signs of live infestation.

SECTION 4 - FLOWER ARRANGING

Open Classes

57. Summer by the Sea - an exhibit
58. Bowl of Beauty - an exhibit

Advanced Classes

59. Summer Sizzler- an exhibit
60. Touch of Rhythm - an exhibit

Intermediate Classes

61. Cool for Summer - an exhibit
62. Light and Airy - an exhibit

Novice Classes

63. Cottage Garden - an exhibit incorporating a basket
64. From the Supermarket - an exhibit

Natural plant material to be used in all classes unless otherwise stated and should be displayed in water or water retaining material. Unless otherwise stated, all exhibits will be displayed on open staging 60 cm wide x 60 deep, height optional and are judged from the front. For entry qualifications and hints on producing your arrangement, please look at the hints on our website [here](#). Exhibits may be prepared at home or at the Show table (please allow adequate time for the latter).

SECTION 5 - JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

PRE-SCHOOL (UNDER 5 YEARS)

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| 65. | A painting | No bigger than A4 |
| 66. | Decorated biscuits x 3 | Displayed on a plate, biscuits can be purchased |
| 67. | A posy of flowers | Displayed in a jam jar |

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| 68. | Spring Onions growing in a pot | |
| 69. | Jam tarts x 3 | Displayed on a plate, pastry may be purchased |
| 70. | A hand-tied posy | Displayed in a jam jar |

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| 71. | 3 Vegetables of one kind | IE runner beans, tomatoes etc. |
| 72. | A Victoria sponge cake | Jam filled, displayed on a plate inside large clear bag |
| 73. | Summertime - a flower arrangement | There is advice on creating an arrangement, on our website here . |

SECTION 6 - PHOTOGRAPHY

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| 74. | 'Before and After' | 2 photographs no larger than 7 x 5" (17.8 x 12.7 cm) |
| 75. | Bringing in the Harvest | |
| 76. | 'Walking the Dog' | |
| 77. | The 'Storm' | |
| 78. | Summer Glory | |
| 79. | At the Water's Edge | |

Unless otherwise stated, no photo to be larger than 7 x 5" (17.8 x 12.7 cm) and printed on suitable photographic paper (matt or gloss). Photos will be displayed by authorised unbiased non-competitor.

SECTION 7 = COOKERY

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| 80. | A Focaccia bread | Displayed on a plate sealed in a clear plastic bag |
| 81. | A cake containing fruit | Displayed on a plate sealed in a clear plastic bag |
| 82. | Savoury muffins x 3 | Displayed on a plate sealed in a clear plastic bag |
| 83. | Biscuits x 5, entrant's choice, recipe to be displayed | Displayed on a plate sealed in a clear plastic bag |
| 84. | Sausage rolls x 3 (may be vegetarian or vegan recipe) | Displayed on a plate sealed in a clear plastic bag |
| 85. | A jar of soft fruit jam | In non-commercial jar with wax disc and either film or metal lid |
| 86. | A jar of marmalade | Any variety. In non-commercial jar with wax disc and either film or metal lid |
| 87. | A jar of lemon curd | In non-commercial jar with wax disc and either film or metal lid |
| 88. | A jar of pickled vegetables | For example, onion or beetroot. In non-commercial jar with metal lid |

SECTION 8 - CRAFT

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| 89. | A sewn garment | Unworn |
| 90. | A knitted or crocheted item | Size appropriate to display table (no bigger than 1m square) |
| 91. | An embroidered or tapestry picture | Does not need to be framed |
| 92. | A door wreath using any medium | |
| 93. | A painting or drawing using any medium | No larger than A4 |
| 94. | A collage using any medium | No larger than A4 |
| 95. | A DIY item for the garden | For example, a bird box, planter, or bug hotel. Size no more than 1m square. |
| 96. | A mini scarecrow | No higher than 30cm |
| 97. | Any other craft item | Any other craft items not previously mentioned including models etc space needed not to exceed 50cm |

SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entrants MUST be members of Epsom Horticultural Society or admitted guests from another approved RHS horticultural society.
2. Entries should be sent to the Show Secretary preferably by email to catherine.flitter2@ntlworld.com or text 07821 277708 no later than 8pm on the Thursday before the show. Owing to the large amount of administration required, late entries will be subject to a £5 surcharge
3. Members pay 20p per class entered (whether ultimately displayed on the day or not). Guests 30p. Class cards to be supplied for each exhibit by the Treasurer upon payment of entry fee. These should be placed face down at relevant exhibit by entrant's entry. This should be done as each entry is placed rather than left until all exhibits in place.
4. If space is limited, this should be brought to the attention of the Show Secretary or Assistant Show Secretary. No exhibits should be moved or adjusted except by the authorised persons. Due to the fragile nature of the photographic display boards, these will be put in place by an authorised, unbiased non competitor. Entries should be left with this person with class card placed on top to avoid confusion.
5. Vases for display of plant material will be available from 8.30am on the day of the Show. Limited plates and clear plastic bags are also available for other items, however the entrant is expected to have supplied their own wherever possible.
6. Junior entrants over the age of 10 may, at the discretion of the Show Secretary, enter adult classes in Cookery and Craft. No allowance will be made when judging in these sections for the age of the competitor. Parents/Guardians are NOT permitted to assist with entries should a Junior choose to enter an adult class.
7. Judging will commence at 11am promptly on the day of the Show. Any entrants after this time will be disqualified and expected to pay entrance fee. Entrants are requested to have left the hall by 10.45am.
8. No entrants or society members to be in hall unless in official capacity, for example, stewards during judging. No consultation or discussion with judges is allowed at any time. Complaints and queries should be through the Show Secretary or Assistant Show Secretary only. Protests will be subject to a £2 fee, refundable if successful and is at the complete discretion of the Show Secretary or Assistant Show Secretary.
9. Entrants are asked to attend the prize giving in person at 4pm. Unless informed beforehand, the Society reserves the right to take and use photographs for publicity purposes. Trophies may be taken on the day and the winner is permitted to have their name and the date of Show engraved at their own expense. Entries MUST be removed promptly after prize giving (not before). The committee will dispose of anything that has not been removed by 5.30pm at the latest.
10. All trophies must be returned within one week of the next Show unless otherwise stated in a clean condition. Insurance for trophies is held by the Society, but holder may be expected to contribute in the event of serious damage occurring.
11. The Society agrees to take all reasonable care, but all exhibits and personal property shall be at the risk of the exhibitor and the Society will not be liable for any loss or damage to same.



TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES TO BE AWARDED

SECTION 1 - FLOWERS

- The Challenge Cup (Henry J Roll) for highest points in the Rose Classes
- The Peter Grimshaw Trophy for highest points in the Flowers classes excluding Roses
- The Presidents Cup for highest overall points in the Flower Classes
- The Ron Wing Trophy for best pot plant
- Certificate for Best in Show in Section 1

SECTION 2 - FRUIT

- The Lindley Fruit Trophy for highest points in Fruit section
- Certificate for Best in Show in Section 2

SECTION 3 - VEGETABLES

- The Humphreys Vegetable Trophy for highest points in the vegetable section
- The Bill Ramage Trophy for best Vegetable exhibit

SECTION 4 - FLOWER ARRANGING

- The Esther Barley Cup for highest points in the Flower Arrangement section
- The Barbara Meineck Trophy for the Open Class winner
- The Phyllis Dunbar Novice Trophy for the winner of the Novice category
- The Valerie Moody Trophy for best use of colour in the Flower Arrangement section
- Floral Art certificates for Judges Choice and Best in Show

SECTION 5 - JUNIOR ENTRANTS

- The Bernard Vyvyan trophy for the most points in the Junior section
- Certificates to be awarded in each age group of the Junior section

SECTION 6 - PHOTOGRAPHY

- The Norman Fisher Cup for highest points overall in the photography section
- Certificate for Best in Show in Section 6

SECTION 7 - COOKERY

- New trophy to be awarded for highest points in the Cookery section
- Certificate for Best in Show in Section 7

SECTION 8 - CRAFT

- Epsom Garden Society Challenge Cup for Homecraft
- Certificate for Best in Show in Section 8

Cash prizes will also be awarded for first, second and third in each section.

ENTERING OUR SHOW

Some of you reading this will be old hands but entering a show can seem daunting to the novice, there seem to be a lot of rules and regulations. However, most of these are only to make sure that everyone who enters is working to the same guidelines so, whatever your level of expertise, do please have a go!

There is only a very small charge of 20p to enter each item and you can enter as few or as many classes as you wish. A cash prize is paid for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class and there are also certificates and cups to be won. If you don't win anything this time, there is always the next Show. The important thing to remember is that everyone was a beginner once and the Shows are inclusive of everyone so please don't think "I can't possibly be good enough".

What you need to do:

1. Choose the classes you would like to enter. We have a variety of classes, so you can choose the ones that you like the most or those which match your skills the best. Remember, you can just enter a single class if you wish.
2. Prepare your entries well in advance. This may involve growing your own plants, purchasing plants from a nursery, creating floral arrangements, printing a photo, or getting crafty!
3. Organise your entries and be sure of which classes you are entering
4. Entries should be sent to the Show Secretary (preferably by email to catherine.flitter2@ntlworld.com or text 07821 277708) no later than 8 pm on the Thursday before a show.
5. Exhibits must be displayed in the hall before 11am on the morning of the show and payment of 20p per entry made
6. Exhibits must be displayed in their class. Once you have paid you will be given entry cards to place by your items.
7. Come back in the afternoon for the show itself and find out if your entry has won a price. Don't be disappointed if you haven't won, you can have a look at all the exhibits and enjoy some lovely refreshments. There's always the next show!
8. Most of all - enjoy creating your entry and visiting the show! Our shows are a great way to learn about gardening, meet other gardeners, and see some beautiful plants and crafts.

There are some useful hints & tips on entering shows on our website [here](#).