

Southport Autumn Flower Show

Busy bees - celebrating 75 years



**Organised by the
Southport Chrysanthemum & Gardening Society**

Marble Place Shopping Arcade

Chapel Street Southport

Saturday 25 October 2025 10am to 5pm

Sunday 26 October 2025 10am to 4pm

Free admission

Staging times - Friday 24 October 6pm to 9pm only

Judging - Saturday 25 October from 9am

TROPHY AWARDS AND GRAND RAFFLE DRAW

ON SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER AT 4PM

Entry fee - 50p per entry. Cash prizes. Trophies.

Judges

Chrysanthemums - K Harrop

Cut flowers and Pot plants - T Tasker

Fruit and vegetables - B Houghton

Floral art and pumpkins - N Leadsom

Craft and Cookery - C Tinsley

Photography - G Jones

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TROPHIES & PRIZES

BANKSIAN MEDAL Most points in the show - last year's winner ineligible

H HOUGHTON TROPHY Winner of Class 2

GEORGE ABRAM CUP Winner of Class 4

SOUTHPORT VISITER SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP Winner of Class 1

HUGHES & SINFIELD PERPETUAL TROPHY Winner of Class 5

MR J PRINCE Winner of Class 11

MRS J LEECH SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP Winner Class 3

ROBERT (BOB) HODGE MEMORIAL TROPHY Winner of Class 7

STANLEY LEECH TROPHY Winner of Class 8

MR N WRIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY Best large Exhibition bloom

J R BILLINGTON SILVER CHALLENGE TROPHY Most points in show

MR H TODD MEMORIAL TROPHY Most points in Classes 7 to 18

W S GLEAVE NOVICE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP Most points in Classes 15 to 18

GEORGE CONNOR TROPHY Best exhibit in Classes 15 to 18

WILLIAM TRAVIS SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY AND NCS SILVER MEDAL Best exhibit of chrysanthemums in the show.

Ineligible for Bronze

MRS J LEA TROPHY AND NCS BRONZE MEDAL (at judge's discretion)

NCS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT At judge's discretion in Classes 1 to 6 and 15 to 18

LEN CULSHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY Best exhibit in Class 15

V R VYNER-BROOKS SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY Best exhibit in Floral Art

FREDA WALL TROPHY Most points in cookery Spring and Autumn shows

GORDON TAYLOR TROPHY Best exhibit in pot plants

MRS E JOHNSON TROPHY Winner of Class 50

FRED FLUX MEMORIAL TROPHY Winner of Class 68

PRESIDENT TROPHY Winner of Class 88

75TH BIRTHDAY PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS Classes 24,41,70,88a,95



PRIZE MONEY - All classes 1st £4; 2nd £3; 3rd £2 except

Class 1	1st £7	2nd £4	3rd £3
Floral Art classes 41-45	1st £12	2nd £8	3rd £6
Classes 37, 48-50, 68, 77-81, 88-95	1st £5	2nd £4	3rd £3

CHRYSANTHEMUMS OPEN SECTION

1. 3 vases of 3 blooms of any variety in each vase
2. 3 Medium or Large Exhibition
3. 3 Incurved
4. 3 Intermediate
5. 3 Reflexed
6. 2 stems Spray

CHRYSANTHEMUMS INTERMEDIATE SECTION

7. 3 vases of 3 blooms of any variety in each vase
8. 3 Incurved
9. 3 Intermediate
10. 3 Reflexed
11. 2 vases of 2 blooms per vase excluding section 1 or 2
12. 2 stems Spray
13. 3 stems Spray
14. 3 stems or blooms of any section not previously mentioned

CHRYSANTHEMUMS NOVICE CLASSES

15. 3 blooms any variety
16. 3 stems Spray
17. 2 stems Spray
18. 1 stem Spray



SPECIAL CLASSES

24. Sponsored plant grown in pot maximum 6" diameter
37. A handled basket of chrysanthemums with any foliage. To be viewed from the front only and judged for decorative effect. Exhibitors to provide baskets which must be capable of being lifted by the handles without disturbing the arrangement.

SPECIAL CLASSES 38-40 Maximum 10 stems in classes 38-39

38. A vase of mixed seasonal foliage/berries/seedheads
39. A vase of seasonal foliage and garden flowers
40. A vase of 5 stems of garden flowers

FLORAL ART (Entries must be received 48 hours before show day)

Flowers etc need not have been grown by the Exhibitor. The use of artificial material is prohibited unless stated.

Staged in niches 30" x 40" x 18" deep (except class 43)

All entries apart from Class 43 must be staged in Marble Place on Friday 24 October and cannot be arranged at home.

41. Feeling spooky - an exhibit
42. Rusty richness - an exhibit

PETITE

43. Small and mysterious (25cm width, 25cm depth, height optional)

INTERMEDIATE (Demonstrators, teachers and florists not eligible)

44. Autumn contrasts - an exhibit **Staged in niches 30" x 40" x 18" deep**

NOVICE (Demonstrators, teachers and florists not eligible)

45. The rich bounty of Autumn - an exhibit **Staged in niches 30" x 40" x 18" deep**

PUMPKINS Need not have been grown by the exhibitor.

Children aged 12 or under on the date of the show

48. A decorated pumpkin to include foliage and berries. Candles not permitted.

We recommend that all children are supervised by a parent or carer.

Adults

49. Wow factor in a pumpkin. Using a pumpkin as a container.

50. An Autumn arrangement in a hollowed-out pumpkin with no more than 10 stems of seasonal foliage, berries, seedheads and flowers from the exhibitor's garden.

KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

55. Plate of 3 dessert apples

56. Plate of 3 cooking apples

57. Plate of 3 pears

58. 3 leeks

59. Plate of 3 potatoes

60. 3 Parsnips

61. 3 beetroot - stems trimmed to 3 inches

62. 3 Swede

63. 1 Marrow

64. 3 Onions

65. Heaviest potato

66. 1 misshapen vegetable

67. Any other fruit or vegetable not previously mentioned



68. "Grown in my vegetable plot". A basket of mixed seasonal vegetables to be judged for quality and decorative effect. Baskets to be provided by the exhibitor.

POT PLANTS

69. 1 cactus or succulent. Pot not to exceed 4" (10cm)

70. 1 cactus or succulent

71. Flowering plant or plants in a pot

72 1 pot of orchids

73 A foliage plant in a pot



OTHER CLASSES

74. 1 stem of any type of flower excluding chrysanthemums

74a. 1 vase of 3 blooms of any variety of dahlia

74b. 1 bloom of any variety of dahlia

75. 1 rose as grown

76. A vase of 5 faded hydrangea heads

COOKERY, CRAFTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY (All cake decorations to be homemade). Entries to be displayed on plates provided by the society. To be judged on taste unless stated. All cookery entries will be covered after judging. Photography prints may be trade processed and digital images are permitted. Collages permitted.

77. 3 honey and apple scones

78. A honey loaf (8×4 inch tin)

80. An 8 inch beetroot and chocolate cake with bee themed decoration. To be judged on decoration.

81. A jar of fruit jam made with honey



CHILDREN Aged 12 or under on the date of the show

85. Flowers arranged in a homemade tin can container with a bee theme.

ADULTS

88. A knitted jumper for a baby featuring a bee

88a. 3 crocheted bees (maximum size of each bee 8" (20cm) long, 6" (15cm) diameter)

88b. Cut and home grown flowers and foliage displayed in a tea cup with maximum diameter 4" (10cm). (Can be arranged at home)

89. Bees and flowers in papercraft (not to be made from a kit and must be less than 12" (31cm) square)

90. A birthday card with a bee theme (not to be made from a kit)

91. A knitted bee hive (no larger than 12" (30cm) in height)

92. A bowl of floating flower heads. (Bowl/dish not to exceed 8" (20cm) diameter)

94. A photograph - In bloom (Not to exceed 8"x 6" (20cm x 15cm)

95. A photograph - Busy bees (Not to exceed 8"x 6" (20cm x 15cm)

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Collages permitted.

Why not join our Society? We have monthly meetings between September and June at Emmanuel Church, Cambridge Road, PR9 9PR. Free parking and refreshments. Christmas Floral Art evening, plant sales, lunches, coach trips and monthly newsletters.

Annual membership £15. Visitors welcome £2 per meeting.

Thanks to Bridge Inn Community Farm for their display and to Ainsdale Press for printing services.

SHOW RULES

All exhibitors in the Southport Chrysanthemum & Gardening Society (SCGS) show must fill in an entry form. Floral Art entries must be received by the Show Secretary 48 hours before the date of the show. Enter online e-voice.org.uk/southportchrysants or email entry forms to scgs1949@gmail.com (The Committee reserve the right to refuse an entry for any reason). Personal details from entry forms will be kept under the UK GDPR for 2 years.

Entry fees to the amount indicated on the entry form must be paid before staging. No refund of any entry will be made in respect of any exhibit not staged.

All exhibits, except in the classes for Floral Art, as shown in the schedule, must have been grown by the Exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to the Show. Children must make their own exhibits.

An Exhibitor may not stage more than 3 entries in any one class. Vases are provided by the Society. Exhibitors must apply at the Show Secretary's table in the Exhibition Hall for cards to be placed by them in front of the appropriate exhibits at the time of the staging. Exhibits can only be staged during the hours specified in the schedule.

Points will be awarded for trophies and medals as follows:

1st Prize – 3 points 2nd prize – 2 points 3rd Prize – 1 point.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by most first, then second, then third prizes if necessary.

Any exhibitor obtaining or attempting to obtain a prize fraudulently will forfeit the whole of any prize money they may otherwise have been entitled to.

All exhibits not in accordance with the Show Schedule will be disqualified.

Exhibitors will be asked if they intend to collect their exhibits. Any exhibits not collected by 5pm on Sunday will be disposed of.

All exhibits, personal property, etc will be at the risk of exhibitors. The Southport Chrysanthemum and Gardening Society will not be liable for compensation for loss or damage by theft, fire, water, accident or any cause whatsoever.

All trophies remain the property of the Society and must be returned in good condition to the Hon Secretary after 12 months.

Novice classes are intended to encourage beginners. To enter a Novice class the Exhibitor must not have won more than 3 first prizes against other Exhibitors in the Novice classes of a section at any previous SCGS show.

INFORMATION AND TIPS

The Show is all about having fun. You don't need to be a Society member to enter.

Growing for showing is easy. Take a look at the show schedule and find classes where you might have something in the garden, your allotment or a houseplant you can enter. It can be as simple as one stem of a flower that is in bloom in your garden.

Check the main rules at the back of this schedule. Full rules on e-voice.org.uk/ southportchrysants or Facebook www.facebook.com/scgsociety or email scgs1949@gmail.com for a copy.

We provide the vases and water so don't worry about that. On the Friday staging we have members around to help and advise you.

If you love baking and/or craft why not bring along something you have made. If you're not sure this time come along to the Show in Marble Place and take a look at the exhibits. You might be inspired to try at our next show in Spring.

STAGING TIMES AT MARBLE PLACE

Friday 24 October 2025 between 6pm and 9pm

Cut your plants on the day of the staging for the Show. Remove damaged flowers, discoloured or broken leaves. Check that the container you use is well filled with water to prevent wilting.

You will be able to unload your exhibits outside the Tulketh Street entrance of Marks & Spencer. On-street parking on Eastbank Street is free after 6pm for parking after unloading. We look forward to seeing all exhibitors and good luck!

Contact us if you have any questions

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----- What's On 2025-2026 -----

**Please note meetings start at 7.30pm at Emmanuel Church,
Cambridge Road, Southport, PR9 9PR**

Tuesday 21 October Peter Walker from Wacks Wicked Plants - Scampston, North Yorkshire

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW - Marble Place, Southport

Tuesday 25 November Christmas with Greg Anderton from Lytham Hall

Thursday 11 December Christmas Floral Art - The Night Before with Mark Entwistle, Sandbach - admission by ticket only

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Tuesday 27 January Streeton Old Hall in Malpas with Stephen Gore

Sunday 15 February Valentine's lunch at the Old Links Golf Club

Tuesday 24 February AGM and The restoration of Haigh Hall with Dr Sylvia Travers

Tuesday 24 March Gardening to delight the senses - Sarah Hopps, Thirsk

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March SPRING FLOWER SHOW - Marble Place, Southport

Tuesday 28 April A gardening evening with Howard Drury

Saturday 9 May Let's get growing plant sale and coffee morning 10am-12noon

Tuesday 26 May Plant sale and My journey in horticulture by Samantha Hope

Tuesday 30 June A year round garden with Michel Myers, Harrogate

Summer and Autumn coach trips to be arranged.

ENTRY FORM AUTUMN 2025

Up to 3 entries per class only. Enter class numbers below. 50p per entry

You can email in advance and pay when collecting exhibitor cards scgs1949@gmail.com

Floral art entries to be received 48 hours before show day by email or post to A.Foxall 183, Wennington Road Southport, PR9 7AH 01704 225708. Your data will be held under the UK GDPR for 2 years.

NAME I WILL BE COLLECTING YES/NO

ADDRESS PHONE

EMAIL.....



Christmas Floral Art

Thursday 11 December 2025 7.30 for 8pm

The Night Before

With Marc Entwistle of Sandbach

at

**Emmanuel Church Hall, Cambridge Road,
Southport, PR9 9PR**

Tickets are limited £10 (including refreshments)

Available at the monthly meetings on Tuesday 21 October and 25 November and at the Autumn Show at Marble Place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October

Or phone Alan Foxall 01704 225708

Don't miss this great start to your Christmas celebrations!

