

Hill Rise Allotment Association's

St Ives
Flower & Produce
Show
2012



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General information about the 2012 Show

The aim of this document is to enable those interested in exhibiting in the 2012 Show to prepare well in advance. Additional information such as the cost of entry and how to enter and exhibit will be published from the end of July 2012 in the Show schedule.

The Show will be held in the St Ives Corn Exchange on Saturday 1st September.

Any enquiries about the 2012 Show should be sent to the Show Secretary as follows:

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Judges

To be advised

The information contained in this document is accurate at the time of publication but may be subject to change. Check on the HRAA web site for the latest version.

Show guidance

All vegetables & flowers exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor on their own gardens or allotments unless otherwise stated. All other exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.

Joint or group entries are acceptable where this more appropriately reflects the effort expended, but this would be inappropriate for certain classes (e.g. bakery or photography).

Entrants for children's classes must be aged 12yrs or under on the day of the Show. The age of the child will be stated on the exhibit cards.

Up to 3 items per class per exhibitor will be accepted, unless otherwise specified. In any class where more than one exhibit is entered **each entry must be of a different cultivar or variety.**

Paper plates will be provided where suitable. Exhibitors must supply their own vases.

The Committee will not be responsible for loss of or damage to any exhibitor's property. All reasonable care will be taken to protect exhibits.

The judges will mark the Show card for exhibits placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. Awards will be made for Best in Section and Best in Show.

If there are three or less entries in any one class awards shall be left to the judges' discretion. The judges' decision will be final.

The Best in Show trophy must be returned to the Show Committee no later than two weeks before the Show of the following year. If the Best in Show winner wishes to have the trophy engraved this should only be done after consulting the Show Committee and is at the winner's cost.

Where applicable, the Show Committee will use the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook for guidance. The handbook is available for purchase from the RHS.

Any disputes will be decided upon by members of the Show Committee. Their decision shall be final.

The Committee reserves the right to combine or amend classes or sections when considering the number of entries received.

Classes for 2012

Section 1 - Vegetables

1.01	Aubergine (2)	
1.02	Beans, French (6 pods)	Straight, of even length
1.03	Beans, runner (6 pods)	Long, straight & even length
1.04	Beetroot (3)	Tops trimmed to 5cms
1.05	Cabbage (2)	Of even size
1.06	Carrots (3)	Tops trimmed & tied to 7.5cm
1.07	Courgettes (3)	Approx. 15cm long, any colour
1.08	Cucumber (1)	Straight
1.09	Garlic (3 bulbs)	Excluding Elephant Garlic
1.10	Onions, exhibition (3)	Each over 250g, trimmed & tied
1.11	Onions (3)	Each under 250g, trimmed & tied
1.12	Leeks (3)	Each over 15cm long
1.13	Parsnips (3)	Tops trimmed & tied to 7.5cm
1.14	Peppers, hot chilli (4)	
1.15	Peppers, sweet (3)	
1.16	Potatoes, white (3)	Medium sized tubers, washed
1.17	Potatoes, coloured (3)	Medium sized tubers, washed
1.18	Pumpkin (1)	
1.19	Shallots, pickling (6)	Under 3cm diameter
1.20	Shallots (4)	Over 3cm diameter, trimmed & tied
1.21	Squash or Gourd (2)	
1.22	Sweet corn (3 cobs)	With husks/silks, stalk trimmed to 2.5cm
1.23	Tomatoes, on the vine	One truss of small tomatoes
1.24	Tomatoes, small (9)	Up to 35cm diameter, e.g. Cherry
1.25	Tomatoes, medium (6)	Between 35cm to 75cm diameter
1.26	Tomatoes, large (3)	Larger than 75cm diameter, e.g. Beefsteak
1.27	Any other vegetable	Not mentioned elsewhere
1.28	Collection of vegetables	Six different vegetables, max total items 16
1.29	Collection of organic vegetables	Six different vegetables, max total items 16
1.30	Heaviest Marrow	
1.31	Largest Elephant Garlic	Judge by largest circumference
1.32	Oddest shaped vegetable	

Section 2 - Fruit

2.01	Apples, crab (6)	Including stalks
2.02	Apples, cooking (3)	Including stalks
2.03	Apples, dessert (3)	Including stalks
2.04	Blackberries (15)	Including stalks
2.05	Figs (3)	Including stalks
2.06	Grapes (1 bunch)	
2.07	Pears (3)	Including stalks
2.08	Plums, Damsons, Gages (6)	Including stalks
2.09	Raspberries (15)	Including stalks
2.10	Any other fruit	Not mentioned elsewhere
2.11	Collection of fruit	

Section 3 - Flowers, Herbs and Plants

3.01	Annuals (5)	Two or more varieties
3.02	Assorted seasonal flowers in bloom	
3.03	Bonsai tree	
3.04	Cactus or succulent	
3.05	Chrysanthemums (3)	Any single variety
3.06	Dahlias (3)	Any single variety
3.07	Foliage pot plant	
3.08	Fuchsias (4)	
3.09	Gladioli (3)	
3.10	Herbs, mixed bunch	Tied or in a vase
3.11	Orchid plant	
3.12	Perennials (6)	Two or more varieties
3.13	Pot plant in bloom	
3.14	Roses (5)	Any single variety
3.15	Sunflowers (2)	
3.16	Display of 3 flowers	Not mentioned elsewhere
3.17	Seasonal table arrangement	
3.18	Floral art foliage arrangement	Theme 'Primary colours'
3.19	Flower arrangement in an unusual container	

Section 4 - Preserves and Produce

4.01	Fruit curd (1 jar)	Any variety
4.02	Jam (1 jar)	Any variety
4.03	Jelly (1 jar)	Any variety
4.04	Marmalade (1 jar)	Any variety
4.05	Pickled onions or shallots (1 jar)	
4.06	Chutney or pickled relish (1 jar)	
4.07	Hens eggs, white or tinted (6)	
4.08	Hens eggs, brown (6)	

Section 5 - Baking

5.01	Bread, hand made (1 loaf)	
5.02	Bread, machine made (1 loaf)	
5.03	Fancy bread (1 loaf)	
5.04	Chocolate cake	Any filling. Maximum diameter 20cm
5.05	Fruit scones (4)	
5.06	Pastry: Apple pie	Maximum diameter 20cm
5.07	Vegetable based cake	Maximum diameter 20cm
5.08	Victoria sandwich cake	Maximum diameter 20cm
5.09	Cup cakes, decorated (4)	
5.10	Set recipe: Shortbread (4)	See class guidance

Section 6 - Home brewing

- 6.01 Wine, dry red (1 bottle)
- 6.02 Wine, sweet red (1 bottle)
- 6.03 Wine, dry white (1 bottle)
- 6.04 Wine, sweet white (1 bottle)
- 6.05 Beer (1 bottle)
- 6.06 Fruit liqueur (1 bottle)

Section 7 - Arts and Crafts

- 7.01 Painting theme: 'A Vase of Flowers'
- 7.02 Photograph theme: 'Reflection'
- 7.03 Photograph, theme: 'Decay'
- 7.04 Photograph, theme: 'Fire & Ice'
- 7.05 Crochet or knitting theme: 'Items for a Picnic' To fit on 20cm diameter plate

Section 8 - For Children

- 8.01 Biggest sunflower head Measured across diameter
- 8.02 Decorated plant pot Maximum diameter of pot 20cm
- 8.03 Fairy cakes (3)
- 8.04 Garden flowers (1 vase) Cultivated or wild, with foliage
- 8.05 Hand made greeting card
- 8.06 Painted pebble To fit on 20cm diameter plate
- 8.07 Pencil drawing of a flower Maximum size of paper A4
- 8.08 Plant made from recycled materials Materials that go in blue refuse bin

Class guidance

Section 1 - Vegetables

Exhibits should be clean, fresh, of uniform size, free from blemishes, without pest or disease damage and displayed evenly. Stalks and calyces should be fresh and intact, unless otherwise specified. Natural bloom of the skin should be intact and of good colour.

Where guidance is given to trim and tie any vegetable the trimming should be to the length indicated, or if no length given trimmed for neatness, and uncoloured raffia or jute twine should be used for tying.

Entries may be of any cultivated variety, but all items on the plate must all be of the same cultivar, unless otherwise specified. **If entering more than one exhibit, each exhibit must be a different cultivar.**

Section 2 - Fruit

Exhibits should be clean, fresh, of uniform size, free from blemishes, without pest or disease damage and displayed evenly. Stalks and calyces should be fresh and intact, unless otherwise specified. Natural bloom of the skin should be intact and of good colour.

Entries may be of any cultivated variety, but all items on the plate must all be of the same cultivar, unless otherwise specified. **If entering more than one exhibit, each exhibit must be a different cultivar.**

Section 3 - Flowers, Herbs and Plants

Flowers should be well displayed in plain vases with clean water. All exhibits should be free from pest, disease or weather damage. Dead flowers or foliage should be removed.

Artificial plant material may not be used for any arrangement.

For classes 3.17, 3.18 and 3.19 the plants, flowers and foliage need not be grown by the exhibitor.

Flowers arrangements and floral art classes may incorporate accessories, but natural plant material must predominate and be contained within a

specified area of 45 x 45cm, with height unlimited.

Section 4 - Preserves and Produce

All exhibits must be presented in well-sealed and clean and colourless jars. Contents must be clearly described upon clean labels.

Pickles and chutneys should be at least two months old.

Jam, jellies and marmalade should be filled to the top of the jar to allow for shrinkage and covered with a wax disc if using cellophane jam-pot covers.

Section 5 - Baking

Bread machines may be used in class 5.02 only. The use of pre-mixed ingredient products is strictly forbidden.

Cakes should be undecorated other than a light dusting of icing sugar unless otherwise specified. The maximum diameter for all cakes is 8” (20cm).

The ingredients for the shortbread set recipe are 4oz butter, 2oz caster sugar and 6oz plain flour, which will make a typical batch of about 20 shortbread. Only 4 shortbread are to be exhibited.

Section 6 - Home Brewing

Wine must not be made from a commercial kit.

Entries will lose marks for cloudy appearance, musty aromas, floating matter and bubbles where inappropriate. The predominance of a sweet or dry finish to the wine should be the overriding consideration when deciding the appropriate class for entry.

Wine should be presented in 75cl bottles of clean, polished, colourless glass and must be sealed with a flanged cork.

Beer should be in clear or brown 500ml glass bottles sealed with screw, swing or crown tops.

Fruit liqueurs should be presented in glass bottles (max 75cl) with a screw

top.

Old squash and spirit bottles must not be used for wine or beer entries.

The contents of the bottle must be clearly labelled stating class, description, type (primary ingredient) and year (when primary ingredient harvested). Old, faded or discoloured labels should be replaced.

Section 7 - Arts and Crafts

Photographs must be unframed and may be in colour or black & white.

Maximum size of photographic print must be 7ins x 5ins (18 x 13cm).

The photograph must be mounted on card with a border not to exceed 2.5cm around the photograph.

Section 8 - For Children

Entrants for children's classes must be aged 12yrs or under on the day of the Show. The age of the child will be stated on the exhibit cards.

For class 8.04 the flowers and foliage need not be grown by the exhibitor.