



FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST 2024

2.00pm - 4.00pm

St NICHOLAS CHURCH HALL

SUMMER ROAD

THAMES DITTON

16 and Under Free Entry

TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS

PLANT STALL

RAFFLE

PRIZE GIVING 4.00pm

RAFFLE DRAW 4.15pm

Show Committee

Chairperson: Mrs Jean Billett

Show Manager: Mrs Madeleine Hern

Show Secretary: Tracey Spreadborough

Marrows

1) 1 less than 350mm long or round 500mm circumference

Carrots

2) 3 with 75mm of leaf stalk. All types

Beetroots

3) 3 with 75mm of leaf stalk. All types

Onions Dressed

4) 3-no bulb to exceed 250 grams

5) 1-largest by weight

Potatoes

6) 3-White

7) 3-Other than white

Tomatoes with calyx

8) Small fruit, not exceeding 35mm in diameter 8-fruit

9) Medium-5-fruit

10) Large, not less than 75mm diameter 3-fruit

11) Single stem truss with at least 3-ripe fruit

Beans

12) Runner 5-with stalks

13) French climbing or dwarf bean 8-with stalks

Pickling Shallots

14) 8-Approximately 30mm in diameter

Cucumber

15) 1-with stalk

16) 6-mini or small-pickling or gherkin types

Courgettes

17) 3-fruits with short stem and with or without flower any colour and shape but well matched. (Less than 150mm long or 75mm diameter round fruit)

Herbs

18) One Vase-Minimum of three kinds for culinary purposes. The quality of the foliage is the predominant factor for judging.

Any Other Vegetable

19) 2-of the same kind. Not included in the classes above. If beans-8-with stalks

Collection of vegetables

20) A mixed exhibit of at least 6 types of vegetables each to be of the best. 1 or several of each variety. Make display attractive but not overcrowded.

To be exhibited in a seed tray not to exceed 36 x 22 x 6cm (14 x 8½" x 2¼").

Novice Classes

(Please read rule 8 to confirm eligibility)

21) Potatoes 3-one kind

22) Runner Beans-5-with stalks

23) Onion 1-dressed

24) Any other vegetable

Dahlias

25) One vase 5-stems, any variety or varieties

Novice Class Dahlias *(see Rule 8)*

26) One vase 3-stems, any variety or varieties

Roses

Open flowers no buds and no leaves

27) 3-Stems-different varieties

28) 3-Stems-one variety

Novice Class Roses (See Rule 8)

29) 1-Stem-any kind (Rules as above class)

Other Cut Flowers (not to include Roses or Dahlias)

30) Garden Flowers-One vase, mixed garden flowers at least 5 varieties. No additional foliage to be included.

31) Garden Flowers-One vase, best flowering spike or spray in garden

32) 7-Sweet Pea stems

33) 7-Stems of any other single variety garden flower

Foliage

34) Foliage-5-Stems, each of a different kind

Novice Classes (Not to include Dahlias or Roses)

(See Rule 8)

35) Garden Flowers-One Vase mixed

36) Garden Flowers-1-Stem

37) Garden Flowers-7-Stems single variety

Flowering Shrubs

38) 3-Stems with flowers-One variety of a shrub (A woody perennial)

Pot Plants-Named if possible

39) Flowering plant

40) Foliage plant

41) Cactus or Succulent

NOTE: Classes 39 to 41 Pot not more than 200mm inside diameter

Flower Exhibit

Arrangement of Flowers and Foliage

42) Miniature-Total presentation not more than

100x100x100mm overall including all plant material and receptacle

Apples

- 44) Dessert-3-with stalks
- 45) Cooking-3-with stalks

Plums

- 46) 5-Bloom and Stalk intact

Blackberries

- 47) One plate 12-with stalks

Soft Fruit

- 48) One plate 12-fruit or One Sprig with 12-fruit

Stone Fruit (Excluding plums)

- 49) One plate 3-fruit. 3-Damsons, 3-Greengages, 12-if cherries

Any other fruit

- 50) One plate of a single variety of fruit.

Preserves and Pickles-One jar only per class

- 51) Clear Jelly
- 52) Soft Fruit Jam
- 53) Stone Fruit Jam
- 54) Marmalade (Made with fresh fruit)
- 55) Chutney and Relish (Made before 1 June 2024)
- 56) Pickles (Made before 1 June 2024)

Notes—Jars not less than 227 grams. The jars must be labelled as to their contents and the date of making. Jars must be of clear glass. No named jars or lids to be used. Jams should be covered with a wax disc and a clear cover OR a new plain metal top. Chutneys and jars containing vinegar must have a plain new plastic screw top

Home Baking

Exhibitors may use any recipe of their choice. All entries to be plated and wrapped with cling film. Ingredient list must accompany each entry

- 57) Cheese cake (any kind)
- 58) Cheese straws
- 59) Carrot cake
- 60) Victoria Sponge
- 61) Gingerbread cake
- 62) Tarte Tatin (shop bought pastry allowed)

Photography

All pictures to measure 6ins x 4ins to 7ins x 5ins (150mm x 100mm to 180mm x 130mm) and be un-mounted

- 63) Autumn Colours
- 64) Wildlife
- 65) Joys of Spring

Allotment Classes

The following two classes will be open to groups from Affiliated Societies (one group per society). It is hoped that at least four members will contribute to each exhibit.

In addition, any individual member submitting any entry or entries will be invited to declare to the Society of which he or she is a member. We will then keep a record of all such entries and determine which Society is the winner by a points system which will take into account any first, second or third position awarded for both the individual entries and the group entries.

67) A collection of at least 7 vegetables in a box or basket. Vegetables may include peppers, tomatoes and rhubarb. Exhibit not to exceed 600mm in length.

68) A vase of mixed cut flowers (**grown on an allotment**) (foliage can be retained) to contain at least seven types. A small selection of extra foliage can be used to enhance the display.

Show Notes

Welcome to our Show for 2024.

Please take some time to read the rules and make sure you have the stated number of vegetables and that you have used the correct size vase/container/jar for your exhibit. Please present your entries as attractively as possible: a well-balanced selection where appropriate, especially the tray of vegetables (each item should comply with the requirements of its individual class) and mixed flower entries. You can remove torn petals or leaves and tidy, but remember, no polishing or artificial treatment. Onions should have the neck tied or whipped, with un-dyed raffia, and roots trimmed. This does not apply to salad onions. Apples, pears and gooseberries may be shown either ripe or unripe - all other fruit should be ripe. Place your fruit especially berries in neat lines on the plate, ensure any bloom is not disturbed and stalks are intact and lying the same way. Check your containers meet class requirements which include lids and coverings.

Check size of photos and that your entries are within stipulated measurements.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Call Madeleine, Show Manager on 07711810268 if you have any questions

Judges

Flowers, Flower Exhibits and Pot Plants Mr Geoff Peach
Vegetables and Fruit Mrs Pam Edwards
Home Baking and Preserves Mrs Rosemary Hucker
Photography Mrs Ann Beauchamp

Rules

- 1 Classes are open to all members of the Esher Molesey Garden Society, to Affiliated Societies and to individuals living within a 10 mile radius. However only EMGS members may enter Novice **Classes**, see rule 8 below. All exhibitors must be able to declare that the items exhibited are their property and have been grown or produced by them and been in their possession for at least three months prior to the date of the Show. **The Committee reserves the right to inspect the garden, allotment or house in which the exhibit has been grown or produced.**
- 2 Unless otherwise specified, no competitor may enter more than one exhibit in a class, and two or more persons may not enter the same class with exhibits from the same garden, home or allotment.
- 3 Every exhibit must bear a card, to be obtained from the Show Committee.
- 4 **Exhibits may be staged from 8.00am until 10.30 am, at which time everyone other than Show officials must leave the Hall.**
- 5 Exhibitors shall supply vases as required. These must be of acceptable show standard with straight sides, not exceed 24 inches in height and have a greater height than the diameter of the mouth. Plates will be provided and must be used where indicated in the Schedule.
- 6 Vegetables and Fruit exhibits must comprise one cultivar only, per plate unless the class states otherwise.
- 7 Unless otherwise stated, flower exhibits may consist of one or more species.
- 8 Novice Classes are confined to members who before this year, have not won a FIRST PRIZE for the same kind of flower, fruit or vegetable at a previous Esher Molesey Garden Society Flower Show.
- 9 **Judging will commence at 10.45am.** The judges are empowered to withhold the FIRST or any prize if in their opinion the quality of the exhibit does not warrant an award.
- 10 **The judge's decision as to the respective merits of the exhibits shall be final.**
- 11 Judges should, wherever possible, write on the Exhibitors, card reasons for a "Not according to Schedule" disqualification. A steward should not be asked to officiate in any section where he/she is competing as an exhibitor.
- 12 **Any objection against an IRREGULARITY concerning an exhibit must be made in writing to the Chairperson of the Show Committee before 3.00pm on the day of the show with a deposit of £2.50. If the objection is upheld by the Show Committee – whose decision is final - the deposit will be refunded. The Show Committee will not tolerate verbal abuse towards any committee members. Anyone doing so will be removed from the show along with the exhibits entered.**
- 13 Dahlias and Roses must be shown and will be judged, in accordance with current rules of the respective National Societies.
- 14 Exhibitors will be allowed 30 minutes after the end of the Raffle Draw to clear their exhibits.
- 15 Fruit and vegetables **MUST NOT** be polished or artificially treated.
- 16 The Show Committee reserves the right, if the number of entries exceeds the space available, to accept the entries in the order in which they are received.
- 17 All entries must be shown, and will be judged, in accordance with The Horticultural Show Handbook, 2016 edition revised published by The Royal Horticultural Society, unless otherwise specified, Roses, Dahlias etc.
- 18 A salad vegetable is a vegetable used in either a raw or cooked state and served in salads as a cold dish. (RHS Handbook).
- 19 All exhibits, personal property, etc. shall be at the risk of the exhibitors and the Esher Molesey Garden Society shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. The Society does not accept liability in the event that the Show is not held for any reason.
- 20 **All entry forms must be received by the Show Committee by 8pm on Tuesday 13th August. Late entries may be accepted up to 8pm on Thursday 15 August at a higher fee of 40p per entry.**
- 21 The Show Committee reserves the right to cancel a class if there are insufficient entries.
- 22 **No Oasis is to be used in any flower arrangement or display from 2023.**

Prizes

Class 5 - 1st only

All other classes: 1st (5pts) £2.50; 2nd (3pts) £1.50; 3rd (2pts) £1.

Prize money may be collected after 3.30pm at the Show. Any money not claimed by 5.00pm will be retained for Society funds.

Raffle prizes may be collected on production of the winning tickets immediately after the draw has been completed. All prizes must be collected from the Raffle Organiser within 4 weeks of the Draw date. Prizes not collected will be retained for re-use.

Banksian Medal, presented by the Royal Horticultural Society, will be awarded to the winner of the largest total amount of prize money in the horticultural section.

NB: In accordance with RHS rules the competitors who won the Banksian Medal in 2022 and 23 are not eligible for this medal in 2024.

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY SILVER CERTIFICATE for the best Dahlia in the show

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY BRONZE CERTIFICATE to the runner up

ESHER MOLESEY GARDEN SOCIETY CERTIFICATE for best Rose in the show

NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY CERTIFICATE for best Vegetable in the show

EMGS Certificate for

Member with the most points in all classes	Most points in the baking and preserving classes
Most points in fruit classes	Best Novice-overall
Most points in flower section	Most Points in Photography
Most points in vegetable section	

Certificates will be awarded to Allotment societies for Best Flowers (class 68), Best Vegetables (Class 67) and the Allotment Society whose members have produced the most points. The Mabs Hawley Memorial Cup will also be awarded to the Allotment Society whose members have gained the most points.

