

Hints for Showing at the Annual Show

These notes are offered as guidelines to assist in the preparation and in the staging of exhibits at the Annual Show.

Comments made by past Show Judges and advice from other sources have been combined to clarify the requirements of the various classes in the show schedule.

Read the schedule carefully so that pot sizes, quantities, space dimensions (now specified in Metric and Imperial) and other details are correctly applied thus avoiding the disqualification of a good exhibit because of a simple oversight.

Please Note: To avoid disturbing exhibits already staged, all flower arrangements and preparation of exhibits must be carried out on the table provided outside the hall and not on the show bench.

The Show Secretary will be pleased to advise on points of doubt.

Let us look now at each class in turn.

FLOWERS SECTION

Blooms should be fresh and free from damage as far as possible. Faded blooms, damaged leaves and debris on the soil should be removed. Judges are sympathetic when poor weather has intervened.

Vase of Mixed Flowers

Should contain a good variety of flowers with some foliage, presented tidily to best advantage. No points are allocated for arrangement.

Sweet Peas

Strong spikes with well spaced blooms on straight stems.

Dahlias

Remove any buds - they count as blooms! Face the blooms in the same direction to give a pleasant and balanced effect. Own foliage on the stems an advantage but no seeds should show on daisy-eye dahlias.

Roses, Large Flowered (formerly Hybrid Tea)

Blooms fresh and free from blemish. Of size and form which are true to each type. Display with healthy foliage on the stems but do not remove damaged petals.

Rose

Single blooms which are judged solely on their beauty and which are open in prime condition.

Gladioli

Erect spikes with fresh, unblemished blooms and foliage. An ideal spike would be one third in full flower, one third with buds in colour and one third in green bud, so placed as to hide the stem and gradually narrowing from base to top.

Pansies or Violas

Display separately and avoid over-crowding in order to see the whole of each pansy. Up to twenty blooms with a little foliage is adequate.

Vase of Flowers of One Variety

All flowers of one named variety with uniformity of blooms in size, form and markings. Display with own foliage only.

Miniature Arrangement

The exhibit should fit into a ball of 100mm (4") diameter and be suitably dainty with a nicely balanced variety of flowers and foliage.

Fuchsias

Well shaped plants with plenty of fresh blooms of good colour and furnished with clean foliage. Supports and ties (if any) should be unobtrusive.

Pelargoniums (Geraniums)

Shapely, with flower cover proportionate to the size of the plant.

Flowering Pot Plant

Well balanced in shape and size, bearing blooms in quantity appropriate to the particular species.

Foliage Pot Plant

Well balanced in shape and size with clean and healthy foliage. Trim off any dead leaves.

Begonia Rex is a foliage plant.

Cactus/Succulent

Healthy and free from damaged spines or defective bloom. Other things being equal, a plant in flower or one which is difficult to raise will gain more points.

Patio Containers

Flowers and foliage in fresh condition to give an all-round display in pots and troughs of dimension limits as stated in the show schedule.

Hanging Baskets

Fresh and clean floral display with a discreet amount of foliage to give an all-round display..

Baskets of one floral type should have own foliage only