

1. Classes are open to **members of Eastney and Milton Allotment Holders Association only**, except the Junior Classes where children or grandchildren of members, under the age of 14, may enter.
2. There is no entry fee for exhibiting.
3. Entries shall be in one name only (as membership) and no exhibitor shall make more than one entry in any one class.
4. All exhibits in classes 1-44 must have been grown on Eastney Lake, Milton Piece or Hope Cottage allotment sites. All other exhibits may be home grown or homemade and must have been in the Exhibitor's possession for at least two months prior to the show.
5. **Entries must be made on the entry forms provided. These must be handed in to the onsite Shop or posted in the 'letter box' on the wall outside, no later than 11.30am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**
6. Judging will be in accordance with RHS Show Handbook, (copy in the onsite Shop), except classes 1-13 and 56-66.
7. Exhibitors' entry cards will be available from the Show Stewards at the time of staging exhibits on the morning of the show. The cards must be placed **face down** on or alongside the exhibit. At the time of judging any exhibit without a card will be deemed as 'not for Competition'.
8. **All plates, containers, vases etc. shall be provided by the Exhibitor.**
9. Where known, horticultural exhibits should be correctly labelled.
10. The Show site will be open for staging exhibits from 08.30 – 10.30am on the day of the Show – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. **Exhibitors MUST be out by 10.30am** – there will be no exceptions to this. Stewards will be managing the tables displays to ensure all exhibits have enough space.
11. No exhibit shall be removed from the show benches before 4.00pm. Any exhibit remaining after 4.30pm will be deemed a donation to the Association and will be disposed of at the Committee's discretion.
12. In each class rosettes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners. However, only one rosette per placing per Exhibitor will be presented, irrespective of the number of class placings an exhibitor achieves. A certificate recording the placings achieved will also be awarded.
13. Trophies will be awarded on the day with certificates available from the shop from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.
14. Whilst every effort will be made to avoid damage or loss to exhibits. The Association accepts no liability under any circumstances.
15. The Committee and judges reserve the right to refuse or disqualify any entry without giving their reasons.

## Competition Rules for the Top Vase Class

1. The Top Vase Class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between five and ten stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants, two varieties of the same plant are NOT two kinds.
2. The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display; and 10 points for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes.
3. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed.
4. The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
5. No accessories such as bows and additional foliage will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem and is still attached to that stem is allowed.
6. Packing materials, including oasis, to keep the stems in place are allowed.

**Top Vase Class notes for exhibitors and judges:**

- Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant.
- The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, Pinks, Carnations and Sweet Williams – which are all Dianthus – would not be classed as different kinds.
- Only fresh, home-grown flowers can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed.
- A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.
- The Top Vase Class is open for anyone from the Association to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display single species classes at shows.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Vase Class, bearing in mind that the entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Judges and exhibitors should note that the display has to be viewed from all directions.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges and each exhibitor's card.

**Competition Rules for the Top Tray Class**

1. The Top Tray Class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is shown in brackets: Carrots (3) / Cauliflowers (2) / Onions (3) / Parsnips (3) / Peas (6 pods) / Potatoes (3) / Runner Beans (6 pods) / Tomatoes (6).
2. Each types of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into three sections as follows: 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition; and 6 points for uniformity. The overall mark is therefore out of a total of 60 points.
3. All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 46cm x 61cm, without bending any part of them. A tray or board measuring 46cm x 61cm can be used to display the vegetables, or the area can simply be marked on the staging area. Where the tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 46cm x 61cm. No part of the exhibit may exceed the size of the tray.
4. A black cloth is permitted and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing but no other foliage or accessories such as plates, sand, rings etc. will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

**Top Tray Class notes for exhibitors and judges:**

- Carrots and Parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm.
- Peas and Beans must be displayed with some stalk attached.
- Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces intact (the green flower bud case).
- Judges may handle exhibits, open pods etc. to check for quality.
- The tray, board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way, such as cutting holes for standing onions.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Tray Class, remembering that entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on each exhibitor's card.

**It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that they comply with ALL the rules applicable to their entries. Failure to abide by the rules will lead to disqualification. Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to and decided by the Show Officials.**