

# THAXTED

## GARDENING & CRAFT

# SHOW 2026



19th & 20th September  
Schedule & Entry Form

# ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

For entrants aged 15 years or under on Friday 18th September 2026 please provide date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please return entry forms to Gifted or via email to tgcs.entries@gmail.com by Wednesday 16th September.

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## Sections A - D under 16s

Younger exhibitors may enter older age group and adult sections.

### Section A: Children 6 years and under

**Class:** A1. Potato print a pattern on a paper plate 23cm in diameter.

A2. Model of an owl made from vegetables and/or fruit.

A4. Posy of flowers in a recycled container of your choice. Flowers & container will be judged.

### Section B: Children 7 - 9 years

**Class:** B1. A painting inspired by:-

#### Cauliflowers Fluffy

Song lyrics by Elizabeth Florence Hardingham

Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green  
Strawberries are sweeter than any I've seen  
Beetroots purple and onions white  
All grow steadily day and night

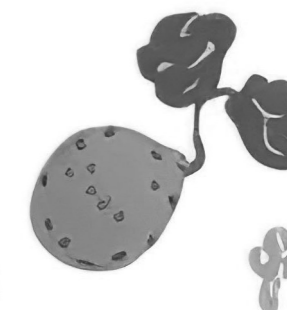
The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleepin' in a blanket bed

Blackberries are juicy and rhubarbs are sour  
Marrows are fattening hour by hour  
Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat  
Radishes round and runner beans flat

The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleepin' in a blanket bed

Orangey carrots and turnips cream  
Reddening tomatoes that used to be green  
Brown potatoes in little heaps  
Down in the darkness where the celery sleeps

The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleepin' in a blanket bed



B2. A vegetable patch imagined from Play-Doh, plasticine or clay (to be no wider or deeper than 23cm).

B3. Make a garden themed mobile no bigger than 30 x 30cm.

### Section C: Children 10 - 12 years

**Class:** C1. Photograph of fruit and/or vegetables.

C2. Make a garden themed mobile no bigger than 30 x 30cm.

C3. 3 fruit and/or vegetable themed decorated cupcakes, **judged for decoration only** (basic sponge cupcake can be bought rather than baked)

### Section D: Teenagers 13 - 15 years

**Class:** D1. A drawing or painting of fruit and/or vegetables.

D2. 3 fruit and/or vegetable themed decorated cupcakes, **judged for decoration only** (basic sponge cupcake can be bought rather than baked)

D3. Photograph of fruit and/or vegetables.

*Judges appreciate use of recycled materials where possible*

## Section E: Domestic

*Hints:* jam and chutney – all jars should be filled and covered with a waxed paper disc and a clear cover, no screw lids please.

**Class:** E1. A carrot cake

E2. A seeded loaf

E3. Mary Berry's Sunshine Cake:-

**Ingredients:** For the cake; 225g self-raising flour, 175g caster sugar, 1tsp baking powder, 4 large free-range eggs  
225ml sunflower oil, plus extra for greasing, 100g peeled and coarsely grated carrot, 100g overripe mashed banana,  
100g coarsely grated courgettes, 75g chewy dried banana slices, broken into pieces.

*For the icing,* 100g softened butter, 100g full-fat cream cheese, 1tsp vanilla extract, 225g icing sugar.

**Method:** Preheat oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Grease 2 loose-bottomed 20cm/8in sandwich cake tins lined with baking paper. Place flour, sugar & baking powder in a bowl. Beat eggs in a separate bowl, add the oil, carrot, banana & courgettes to the eggs, stir. Add wet ingredients to the dry & whisk until combined. Divide between the 2 tins, bake for 25–30 mins, or until well risen & lightly golden. Leave to cool in tins for 10mins, turn out to cool completely. *To make the icing,* place butter & cream cheese in a bowl & whisk until combined. Add vanilla & half of icing sugar & whisk. Add remaining icing sugar & whisk until light & fluffy. *To serve,* spread half of icing over 1 cake. Sandwich cakes together, spread remaining icing on top & swirl. Arrange dried banana in a ring or spiral pattern on top.

E4. Apple pie (your choice of pastry)

E5. A vegetable pasty (your choice of pastry)

E6. Two fruit scones

E7. One jar of jam (not jelly)

E8. One jar of jelly (not jam)

E9. One jar of chutney

E10. One jar of pickles

E11. A jar of marmalade

## Section F: Beverages

*Hints:* when showing wine use clear wine bottles and flat topped corks not straight corks.

**Class:** F1. A bottle of homemade wine (not from concentrate)

F2. A bottle of homemade fruit liqueur (not from concentrate)

F3. A bottle of homemade beer (not from concentrate, can be made from kit)

F4. A bottle of homemade cider (not from concentrate, can be made from kit)

F5. A bottle of homemade cordial (not from concentrate)

## Section G: Chrysanthemums

*Hints:* uniformity – make sure the flowers are of uniform size and quality.

When showing flowers use newspaper or florapak etc. to pack in the vase to hold them in place.

**Class:** G1. Three cut blooms reflex – one colour

G2. Three cut blooms incurve – one colour

G3. Three stems of garden Chrysanthemums (sprays) – mixed colours

G4. Three stems of garden Chrysanthemums (sprays) – one colour

**Novice class:** not open to anyone who has previously won a non-novice Chrysanthemum class.

G5. Novice class: one Chrysanthemum bloom or spray any variety

## Section H: Dahlias

**Class:** H1. Vase of five Dahlias any variety less than 115mm, single or mixed colours

H2. Vase of five small Cactus Dahlias 115mm to 170mm, single or mixed colours

H3. Vase of three medium Cactus Dahlias 170mm to 220mm, single or mixed colours

H4. Vase of five small decorative Dahlias less than 115mm to 170mm, single or mixed colours

H5. Vase of three medium decorative Dahlias 170mm to 220mm, single or mixed colours

H6. Vase of five mixed bedding Dahlias

H7. One specimen Dahlia over 220mm'

H8. Novice class: three Dahlias any variety or colour **Novice class:** not open to anyone who has previously won a non-novice Dahlia class.

All exhibits must be grown or made by exhibitors except those in section j.

Pot plants, if bought, must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months.

## Section J: Flower Arranging

Fresh flowers and foliage from any source may be used, but must be natural not faux. Dried may only be used where specified.

Exhibits must fit on the staging tables which are 70cm deep.

**Class:** J1. A buttonhole

J2. A harvest themed table centrepiece 45 x 30 cm max..

J3. Arrange any bunch of flowers in a suitable vase or vessel

## Section K: Other Flowers and Plants.

**Class:** K1. Specimen flowering pot plant

K2. A succulent or cactus of any size

K3. Three Roses any variety

K4. Your best cut flower.

K5. Three Michaelmas Daisies, any colour

K6. Vase of garden flowers

K7. Sunflower head (including petals) judged for size

K8. Vase of three cut flowers of the same variety.

## Section L: Novelty Vegetables

**Class:** L1. Largest pumpkin by circumference

L2. Longest marrow

L3. Longest runner bean

L4. Heaviest tomato

L5. Heaviest potato

L6. Longest carrot

L7. Longest leek

L8. Heaviest onion

L9. Weirdest shaped vegetable

L10. Largest squash

## Section M: Fruit & Vegetables Novice Class

To enter as a novice you must not have won the Novice Cup more than once nor have won three or more classes in section N in a single year.

*Hints:* make sure the vegetables & fruit are of uniform size and quality. Tomatoes must have calyx intact. Runner beans should have stalk attached.

Vegetables should be washed where necessary. Persons entering exhibits for section M may also enter any class in section N if they qualify.

**Class:** M1. Four cherry tomatoes

M2. Four tomatoes.

M3. Three peppers/chilli peppers.

M4. Three potatoes any variety (can be mixed varieties)

M5. Three courgettes

M6. Three carrots

M7. Five runner beans

M8. Three eating apples on a plate

M9. Three cooking apples on a plate

M10. Any vegetable not included elsewhere in this section

M11. Collection of three different vegetables - two of each

M12. Three beetroot

M13. Any other fruit not included in this section

M14. Collection of three different fruit - 2 of each

## Section: N Fruit & Vegetables

Hints: see section M.

- Class:** N1. Five potatoes any variety  
N2. Five onions grown from seed  
N3. Five onions grown from sets  
N4. Six shallots  
N5. Six tomatoes (calyx intact)  
N6. Six cherry tomatoes  
N7. Six runner beans  
N8. Three beetroot  
N9. Five carrots  
N10. Six french beans  
N11. Three parsnips  
N12. Three leeks  
N13. Three eating apples on a plate  
N14. Three cooking apples on a plate  
N15. Collection of three different vegetables - three of each  
N16. Collection of four different herbs  
N17. Collection of salad vegetables – any 4 from:- 1 lettuce, 3 tomatoes, 5 salad onions, 1 cucumber, 5 radishes, 3 beetroot, 3 sweet peppers.  
N18. Any vegetable not included elsewhere in this section  
N19. Three of any other fruit not included elsewhere in this section  
N20. Collection of three different fruit - three of each

## Section P: Textile Crafts

No items to have been exhibited before at the show. Items to be made solely by the exhibitor

- Class:** P1. An item of tapestry or cross stitch from a kit or original design  
P2. An item of knitting or crochet  
P3. An item of embroidery  
P4. A handmade garment (not knitted or crocheted)  
P5. A quilted and/or patchwork item  
P6. A textile item repurposed into something useful or wearable. A picture of the 'before' item(s) should be submitted with the repurposed item.  
P7. A textile item not included elsewhere in Section

## Section Q: Photography

Photographs can have a title and/or details of the subject matter written on their backs. All photographs should be no larger than 12.5cm x 17.5cm and mounted on card slightly larger than the photo so they can be pinned on to upright boards. No items to have been exhibited before at the show.

- Class:** Q1. A photograph of fruit and/or vegetables  
Q2. A portrait or a self-portrait  
Q3. A photograph of one of Thaxted's public green spaces (e.g. Margaret Gardens)  
Q4. A photograph of a snail or a slug

## Section R: Craft & Artwork

The art and craft section is judged on both skill of execution and also artistic merit, i.e. concept, subject, composition.

Entries may be successful by excelling at one or both of these. No items to have been exhibited before at the show.

- Class:** R1. An item of jewellery or bead-work  
R2. An item of woodwork or metalwork  
R3. An item of basketry using any material  
R4. A ceramic (or related technique) item  
R5. A painting including fruit and/or vegetables  
R6. A drawing including fruit and/or vegetables  
R7. A mixed media item not included elsewhere in the schedule

## Section S: Thaxted Primary School & Clubs

The four classes in section S are only open to members of the relevant organisations.

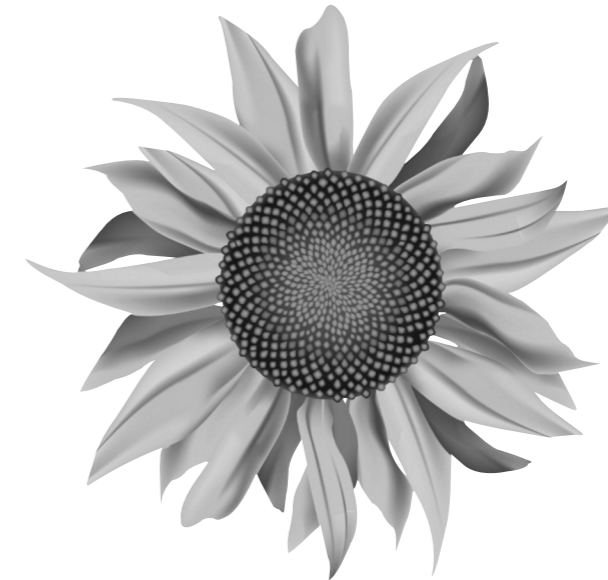
Points from this section do not count towards the children's cups

- Class:** S1. Open to children from years Reception to One from Thaxted Primary School  
S2. Open to children from years Two to Six from Thaxted Primary School  
S3. Open to Children who attend Thaxted Brownies or Cubs  
S4. Open to Children who attend Thaxted Guides or Scouts

## Section T: Thaxted Community

Open to EVERYONE, of all ages, please have a go! Points from this section do not count towards the cups

- Class:** T1. Grow the tallest Sunflower from seed to be presented in a pot  
T2. A fruit and/or vegetable model based on the theme of 'David Attenborough'  
T3. Repurpose rubbish or rags into something decorative or useful



## Prize money & Cup Awards

Children's prize money in each class in sections A, B, C & D - 1st £4-00, 2nd £3-00, 3rd £2.00  
kindly sponsored by Thaxted Fayre Trust

### 2016 Committee Cup

Most points section - A –  
Children 6 Yrs And Under

### Peter King Cup

Most points section - B –  
Children 7 - 9 Yrs

### Philip Leeder Cup

Most points section - C -  
Children 10 - 12 Yrs

### Stanbrook Cup

Most points section - D -  
Teenagers 13 - 15 Yrs

### Jimmy Wright Cup

Most points section - E –  
Domestic

### Croot Cup

Most points section - F – Wines

### Ian Barnard Cup

Most points section- G -  
Chrysanthemums

### Mrs. I. Woodley Cup

Most points section - H - Dahlias

### Guildhall Cup

Most points section- J - Floral Art

### Desmond Johnson Cup

Most points section- K -  
Other Flowers & Plants

### The Bennet Cup

Most points section - L –  
Novelty Vegetables

### Mick Mansfield Memorial Cup

Most points section – M –  
Vegetables Novice

### Harry Lowe Cup

Most points  
section -N - Vegetables

### Watling Lane Cup

Most points section – P –  
Textile Crafts

### Committee Cup

Most points  
section - Q – Photography

### The Chairman's Cup

Most points section - R –  
Craft & Art Work

### Yardley Hall Cup

Best exhibit in Childrens &  
Teenagers - Sections - A, B, C & D

### 1989 Committee Plate

Best exhibit in Domestic -  
Section - E

### Waylett Cup

Best exhibit in Flowers -  
Sections - G, H & K

### Daphne Weller Trophy

Best exhibit in Floral Art -  
Section - J

### Bill & Ivy Bayley Tankard

Best exhibit in Vegetables & Fruit -  
Sections – L, M & N

### The Threads Cup

Best exhibit in Textile Crafts –  
Section – P

### The Thaxted Cup

Best exhibit in Thaxted Primary  
School – Section – S

### Chris And Chris Kitchin Award

Best exhibit in Show (Selected  
from the best exhibits in sections)

## How to Take Part

### *Choose and Enter*

Select the classes that interest you from the list of sections.

Fill in the attached entry form and drop off at Gifted, 17 Town Street, Thaxted, or email it to tgcs.entries@gmail.com anytime up to Wednesday 16th September.

Enter as many classes in as many sections as you like, up to two entries per class.

All entry forms must include contact details.

### *Bake, Grow, Make*

Please read the show rules and each class criteria carefully before you begin.

Bring your entries and display them at The United Reformed Church, Bolford Street, between 6-8pm Fri 18th or 8-10.30am Sat 19th.

### *Visit and Enjoy*

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the show and see if you have won a prize or a cup.

The show is open to visitors from 2-5pm Sat 19th and 12-5pm Sun 20th.

The prize giving ceremony is at 5pm on Sunday.

Please take your exhibits home after the ceremony or by arrangement.

The Thaxted Gardening and Craft Show is a community event that has been running in the town for over 40 years in its current form. It is a wonderful celebration of traditional crafts, skills and hobbies and participation is encouraged from all abilities.

### *Best of Luck!*

## Committee

Chairman – Simon Payne

Yolanda De Bono, Jane Dewey, Sally Feather Levey, Andy Hagon Torkington,  
Joanna Legge, Richard Saych, Kathy Starr, Claire Walker, Helen Whiteley.

## Judges

Sections A, B, C, D and S – Mrs. Julia Brassington and Mrs. Julia Wells, Section E – Tom Hadlow,  
Section F – Mr. Mark Birtwhistle, Sections G, H, K and L, M, N – Mr. Gerald Vale,  
Section J – Mrs. Margaret Caton, Section P – Mrs. Harriet Lambie,  
Section Q - Mr. Andy Griffin, Section R – Mrs. K. Starr, Section T - Committee

## Rules

1. The show is open to all residents of Thaxted and those within a 10 mile radius.
2. No entrance fee.
3. All exhibits must be grown or made by exhibitors except those in section j. Pot plants, if bought, must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months.
4. All sections are open to any exhibitor except where stated.
5. Exhibitors may only enter two exhibits in any class and must state the number entered on the entry form, multiple entries in domestic classes must be from different batches.
6. Exhibitors may win more than one award in any class and all points will count towards the cup.
7. Entry cards must be displayed.
8. Exhibitors to provide their own vases etc.
9. All exhibits to be staged between 6 - 8pm on Friday 18th or 8 - 10.30am on Saturday
10. All exhibits must be displayed by 10.30am on Saturday when the judging will start.
11. Exhibits must not be removed until after the prize giving ceremony.
12. The committee reserves the right not to award a prize if there are insufficient entries in any class.
13. The judges decision is final. The committee cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
14. Points will be awarded as follows:- 1st in class - 3 points, 2nd in class - 2 points, 3rd in class - 1 point
15. Entry forms must either be left at Gifted, 17 Town Street, Thaxted, or emailed to tgcs.entries@gmail.com by Wednesday 16th.
16. Winners can have their names engraved on the cup bases at their own expense if they so wish.