

# THAXTED

## GARDENING & CRAFT

# SHOW 2025



20th & 21st September  
Schedule & Entry Form

ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

For entrants aged 15 years or under on Friday 19th September 2025 please provide date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Please return entry forms to Gifted or via email to tgcs.entries@gmail.com by Wednesday 17th September.

Section & Class	Number of Entries	Section & Class	Number of Entries	Section & Class	Number of Entries
Section A		Section H		Section N	
A 1		H 1		N 1	
A 2		H 2		N 2	
A 3		H 3		N 3	
A 4		H 4		N 4	
Section B		H 5		N 5	
B 1		H 6		N 6	
B 2		H 7		N 7	
B 3		H 8		N 8	
B 4		Section J		N 9	
Section C		J 1		N 10	
C 1		J 2		N 11	
C 2		J 3		N 12	
C 3		J 4		N 13	
C 4		Section K		N 14	
Section D		K 1		N 15	
D 1		K 2		N 16	
D 2		K 3		N 17	
D 3		K 4		N 18	
D 4		K 5		N19	
Section E		K 6		N20	
E 1		K 7		Section P	
E 2		K 8		P 1	
E 3		Section L		P 2	
E 4		L 1		P 3	
E 5		L 2		P 4	
E 6		L 3		P 5	
E 7		L 4		P 6	
E 8		L 5		P 7	
E 9		L 6		Section Q	
E 10		L 7		Q 1	
E 11		L 8		Q 2	
Section F		L 9		Q 3	
F 1		L 10		Q 4	
F 2		Section M		Section R	
F 3		M 1		R 1	
F 4		M 2		R 2	
F 5		M 3		R 3	
Section G		M 4		R 4	
G 1		M 5		R 5	
G 2		M 6		R 6	
G 3		M 7		R 7	
G 4		M 8		Section T	
G 5		M 9		T 1	
		M 10		T2	
		M 11		T 3	
		M 12			
		M 13			
		N 14			

Sections A - D under 16s

Younger exhibitors may enter older age group and adult sections.

Section A: Children 6 years and under

- Class: A1. Paint a planet on a paper plate 23cm in diameter.
- A2. Model of an alien made from vegetables and/or fruit.
- A3. Model a space vehicle made from Duplo or Lego (to be no wider or deeper than 23cm).
- 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:-



The Moon

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,  
On streets and fields and harbour quays,  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.



- B2. An alien imagined from Play-Doh, plasticine or clay (to be no wider or deeper than 23cm).
- B3. Make a space themed mobile no bigger than 30 x 30cm.
- B4. Exhibit of handicraft – no items to have been exhibited before at this show.

Section C: Children 10 - 12 years

- Class: C1. Photograph of the moon.
- C2. Exhibit of handicraft – no items to have been exhibited before at this show.
- C3. Make a space themed mobile no bigger than 30 x 30cm.
- C4. 3 planet 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 a planet or planets.
- D2. Bake a cake and decorate it. Judged for space themed decoration.
- D3. Make a space themed mobile no bigger than 30 x 30cm.
- D4. Photograph a starry night.

## 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 banana cake/loaf  
E2. A white cottage loaf

E3. Victoria sponge:-

**Ingredients:** 4 free-range eggs, 225g/8oz caster sugar, (plus a little extra for dusting the finished cake), 225/8oz self-raising flour, 2tsp baking powder, 225/8oz butter at room temperature (plus a little extra to grease the tins).

**To serve:** good quality strawberry or raspberry jam.

**Method:** Preheat oven to 180C/160 fan/Gas 4. Grease and line two 20cm/8in sandwich tins

Break the eggs into a large mixing bowl, then add sugar, flour, baking powder and butter. Mix until well combined, but be careful not to over mix. The finished mixture should fall off of a spoon easily. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins, use a spatula to gently smooth the surface of the cake mixture. Bake in the middle of the oven for 25 minutes. Check them after 20 mins the cakes are done when they're golden-brown and coming away from the side of the tin, and springy to the touch.

Set aside to cool for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a cooling rack. To assemble place one cake upside down and spread with plenty of jam, top with the second cake, top-side up and sprinkle with caster sugar.

E4. Two rock cakes  
E5. A spinach & feta pastry roll (your choice of pastry)  
E6. Two cheese 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, with a base of gin, vodka, sherry, etc.)

## 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'

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

H8. Novice class: three Dahlias any variety or colour

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. Autumnal Door Wreath - using any natural base, with fresh or dried flowers/foliage  
J2. A buttonhole.  
J3. A table centrepiece 45 x 30 cm max.  
J4. 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: 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.  
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 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 the moon

Q2. A portrait or a selfportrait

Q3. A photograph taken in the woods

Q4. A close up photograph of a flower

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 beadwork

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

R6. A drawing in any medium

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

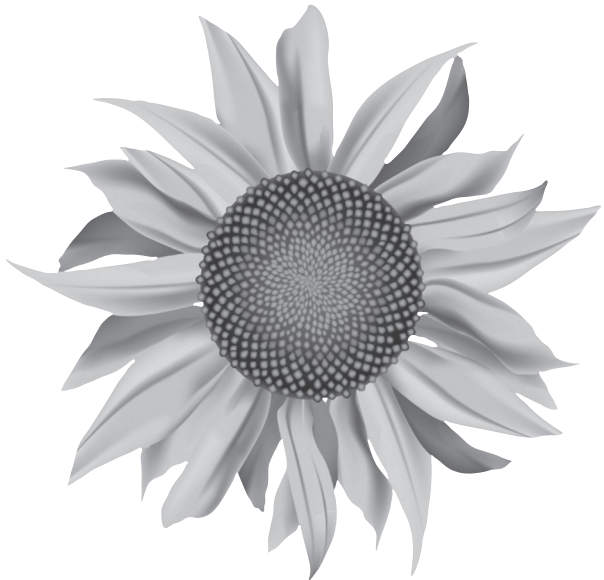
Open to EVERYONE, of all ages, please have a go! Points from this section do not count towards the cups

Class:

T1. Grow the tallest Sunflower from seed to be presented in a pot

T2. Repurpose some rubbish into something decorative or useful

T3. Make something decorative or useful out of rags



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			
2016 Committee Cup		Watling Lane Cup	
Peter King Cup		Committee Cup	
Philip Leeder Cup		The Chairmans Cup	
Stanbrook Cup		Yardley Hall Cup	
Jimmy Wright Cup		1989 Committee Plate	
Croot Cup		Waylett Cup	
Ian Barnard Cup		Daphne Weller Trophy	
Mrs. I. Woodley Cup		Bill & Ivy Bayley Tankard	
Guildhall Cup		The Threads Cup	
Desmond Johnson Cup		The Thaxted Cup	
The Bennet Cup		Chris And Chris Kitchin Award	
Mick Mansfield Memorial Cup			
Harry Lowe Cup			

## 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](mailto:tgcs.entries@gmail.com) anytime up to Wednesday 17th 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 19th or 8-10.30am Sat 20th.

### *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 20th and 12-5pm Sun 21st.

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 – TBC,  
Section F – Mr. Mark Birtwhistle, Sections G, H, K and L, M, N – Mr. John Mead,  
Section J – Mrs. Margaret Caton, Section P – Mrs. Harriet Lambie,  
Section Q – Mr. Andy Griffin Section R – Mrs. J. Legge and Mrs. K. Starr, Section T – Mr Simon Payne

## 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 19th or 8 - 10.30am on Saturday 20th September 2025 at the United Reformed Church, Bolford St.
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](mailto:tgcs.entries@gmail.com) by Wednesday 17th.
16. Winners can have their names engraved on the cup bases at their own expense if they so wish.