

# Show Rules

## Registration and Entry

1. Competitors **MUST** complete and return Entry Form to the Secretary up until the Thursday prior to the Show, or on that date, in the Village Hall, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Late entries will be accepted up to 9.45 a.m. on the Saturday of the Show.
2. By completing an entry form an exhibitor agrees to observe and conform to all the Show Rules and to submit willingly to any decision of the Committee.
3. The Marquee will be open the afternoon and evening before and the morning of the Show to receive exhibits. Only exhibitors and necessary assistants will be admitted to the Marquee.
4. All Competitors are held as declaring that their exhibits in Sections 1-2 inclusive are of their own growing and have been in their possession at least 3 months. Any infractions of this Rule disqualify and infer forfeiture of prizes. The gardens of exhibitors may be inspected by or on behalf of the Committee at any time.
5. No competitor can stage more than one entry in each Class.
6. Any person who has been awarded the Gifford Horticultural Society's 150th Anniversary Trophy (most points in the Novice Flowers Section) will not be eligible to enter that part again.

## Staging of Entries

9. Entries may be staged from 1.00 p.m. Friday before the Show. All exhibits must be staged by 9.45 a.m. on Saturday morning of the Show. **All persons, except officials, must leave the marquee at that time.**
10. The Show Stewards will assist the placing of all exhibits and Exhibitors should follow their guidance. Exhibitors must not handle any exhibit not owned by them, except under supervision of a Show Steward.
11. Paper plates will be available on request. The vases supplied by The Society must be used in the Open and Novice Sections for Flowers.
12. Exhibits of two vases of Flowers will be staged one above the other.
13. All vegetables must be clean, sound and properly dressed.
14. To make the Show more interesting, Exhibitors are asked to name varieties of exhibits wherever possible.

## **Judging and Protests**

16. The exhibits will be judged from 10.00 a.m. on the Saturday of the Show.
17. The decision of the judges will be final. They have special powers to withhold trophies or prizes where, in their opinion, exhibits are not worthy.
18. Any protests must be lodged with the Show Manager before closure on the Saturday of the Show, and the decision of the President and Show Manager on all matters arising shall be final.

## **Loss or Damage**

19. The Committee will not be responsible for damage to or loss of any exhibits before, during or after the Show, but all ordinary care will be exercised

## **Prizes and Uplifts**

20. Trophy Winners are encouraged to attend the prize giving, which is held on the Sunday of the Show at 3.30 p.m. in the Marquee.
21. Prize money will be paid during the Show between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on the Saturday and until 3.30 p.m. on Sunday.
22. All Trophies that require engraving must be left in the marquee immediately after the presentation ceremony.
23. Exhibits must NOT be cleared from the marquee before the end of the Raffle Draw on the Sunday of the Show. Any exhibit remaining will be available to the public for a donation.