

Bexhill Gardening Club

ANNUAL SHOW INFORMATION - 30th July 2022

TIME TABLE

10:30am -11:30am	Halls open for staging exhibits.
11:30am – 1:30pm	Halls close, judging in progress.
2:00pm	Show opens to the Public (Teas are available).
4:00pm	Presentation of Awards.
4:15pm	Raffle.
4.30pm	Show Closes.

To speed up the award ceremony, would all Prize Winners collect near the stage at 3:50pm. Please note that all exhibits must remain staged until after the Presentation of Awards.

SHOW RULES

1. All sections of the Show are **open to all** unless otherwise stated.
2. All exhibits in Sections 1 and 2 must have been grown by the exhibitor in their garden or allotment.
3. Pot plants must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least three months.
4. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any class.
5. **One entry form must be used for each exhibitor.** (Extra forms available on-line at www.LCHS.co.uk).
6. Entry forms must be given or sent to one of the following, no entries will be accepted after **7pm on Sunday, 24th July 2022:**
Mr M Haswell, 29 Collington Rise, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3RS
Mrs M Steer, 24 Riders Bolt, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 4JZ
7. No personal identity marks shall be placed on any exhibit other than the exhibitor's card provided, and this in a manner directed by the Stewards, e.g. Name downwards.
8. Exhibitor's cards will be available in the Hall from 10:30 am. - 11.15 am. on the day of the Show.
9. Exhibits must be placed as directed by the Show Stewards. Once placed, no exhibit may be moved (except by a steward) until after the awards have been presented.
10. **Challenge Trophy** points will be: 1st - 4 points; 2nd - 3 points; 3rd - 2 points; Highly Commended - 1 point.
11. Challenge trophies will be held by the winners until **two weeks** prior to the next Annual show, **when they must be returned in a clean condition to the Show Secretary.**
12. No responsibility shall be accepted by the Society or the committee for damage to or loss of an exhibit, or to the personal property of an exhibitor or viewer.
13. Unless otherwise stated, judging will be conducted under the code of rules laid down by the Royal Horticultural Society, the Royal National Rose Society, the National Dahlia Society and the National Sweet Pea Society. On the merits of any exhibit the decision of the Judges shall be final.
14. Any Protest must be lodged with the Show Secretary by not later than 3 pm. on the day of the Show. £1 must be deposited, which will be refunded if the complaint is justified.
17. All matters not provided for in the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Show Committee.

STAGING NOTES AND HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS

Please read these notes and the Rules and Schedules carefully.
Failure to conform may cause disappointment.

General

- **AV** = Any variety; **AVV** = Any variety or varieties.
- Please show names of varieties exhibited as this adds to the enjoyment of those viewing the exhibits.

Section 1 - Flowers

- Flowers should be shown as cut from the plant and, unless otherwise specified, only the foliage of that particular flower should be used.
- No supports are allowed except for Begonias & large Orchids. **Please note:** The N.D.S has ruled that no wire or support may be used for Dahlias.
- Exhibitors must supply their own vases or containers. Clean jars and bottles are acceptable, but they should not bear **brand names**.
- Where possible use a vase of a shape which shows the exhibit to advantage and arrange blooms tastefully.
- For the purposes of the schedule, Antirrhinums, Petunias, Verbenas and Phlox Drummondii will be classed as Annuals.

Section 2 – Vegetables and Fruit

- Vegetables should be clean, root crops washed and unwanted side roots removed carefully.
- If more than one kind is shown in a class, these should be uniform in size and shape.
- **Potatoes** Best exhibits are medium sized with clear skins and inconspicuous eyes.
- **Beans** Should be fresh, long, straight and with little outward sign of seeds, and shown with stalks.
- **Cabbages** Should have 10cm (4") of stalk left on, and only damaged outer leaves removed.
- **Beetroot** Should be medium sized with clear smooth skin, dark flesh and shown with only 7.5cm (3") of foliage.
- **Carrots** Medium sized, shapely, good colour and only 7.5cm (3") of foliage left on.
- **Courgettes** Should be of good shape, young and tender.
- **Cucumbers**
- **Onions** Should be well ripened, having thin necks, tied, roots removed and with minimum skinning.
- **Shallots** Tops tied and placed upright on a bed of sand in a saucer or plate.
- **Lettuce** Roots should be left on.
- **Tomatoes** Should be firm, of uniform size and have calyces left on.
- Soft Fruits must have stalks left on and be shown on plates not larger than 18cm (7") diameter.
- Stone Fruits must have stalks left on and be shown on plates not larger than 20cm (8") diameter.
- Apples and Pears should not be polished.

Rules for The Tray of Vegetables (Class 25)

- Class 25 is for **four** vegetables chosen from the following **six**. The number required of each vegetable is given in brackets; Potatoes (3); Onions (3); Carrots (3); Tomatoes (3); Beetroot (3); Runner Beans (6).
- The trays are provided by the Society and all vegetables must be displayed within the tray. Only parsley may be used to dress the tray. **Please ensure you leave the tray behind when clearing your exhibit.**
- All vegetables will carry 20 points maximum, and there will be a maximum of 10 points for presentation.

Section 6 – Photography

- Photographs are to be a maximum size of 17.8 x 12.7 cm (7" by 5") and un-mounted.
- Photographs may be Monochrome or Colour and must not have been previously shown at B.G.C.

Section 7 – Craft

- All craft items must be hand made by the entrant.
- Wooden and Beaded items must not be made from kits.