**Horticultural Section** 2024

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**Please note that this year we will be awarding rosettes for exhibits placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd and no prize money will be awarded.**

Thank you to all those entering classes for supporting the Orsett Show. We wish you all a successful and enjoyable day.

**REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL EXHIBITS IN THE HORTICULTURAL CLASSES**

1. The exact number and kind of articles mentioned in the list must be sent; otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified.

2. Cards bearing the number should be placed face downwards with each exhibit. These cards can be collected from the horticultural tent on the Show Ground.

3. The decision of the Judges shall be final, and they shall have a discretionary power in cases where the productions are of doubtful quality or where there are not more than three competitors to diminish or withhold any of the prizes offered.

4. The stewards reserve the right to refuse any entry in any class should it be deemed necessary.

5. The Stewards will not be answerable for any damage or loss that may occur to any exhibit.

6. In the event of any doubt or dispute by any exhibitor, arising as to the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Stewards shall be final.

7. All persons intending to exhibit or compete must obtain an entry form, which must be completed and sent to the Secretary. See entry form for closing date.

8. All articles shown for prizes, except where stated in the schedule, shall be the property of the exhibitors or their employers, and all vegetables, fruit and flowers shall have been growing in their own employer's homes, gardens or allotments at least two months previous to the date of the exhibition.

Two persons are allowed to show produce from one garden if they both cultivate the same garden. The stewards reserve the right to visit the garden or allotments of any exhibitor before or after the show. Any exhibitor who is proved to have exhibited produce that is not his/her own or his/her employer's shall be disqualified, as determined by the stewards.

9. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter or stage more than one exhibit in each class.

10. Exhibitors should show, where practicable, their vegetables on plates or in boxes or open baskets. It is expected that all exhibits shall be clean and neatly arranged in as small a receptacle as possible (NOTE: "Space" as in schedule).

11. Exhibits may be staged on Friday from 16.00 to 19.00 and on show day up to 08.00. Any arriving after that time may be marked "too late" and not entitled to any prize, (see rule 14).

12. The judging will take place at 10.30 am. The horticultural show will be open on conclusion of judging and close at 5.00pm. Specimens and exhibits must be removed from the Show Bench between 4.00 and 4.30 pm. Stewards in charge are asked to see that this rule is carried out. Any fruit or vegetables left after 4.30 pm will be donated to St. Luke’s Hospice for patients’ meals unless otherwise specified.

13. Tent flaps to be fastened while judging is in progress. Only responsible persons shall be allowed in the show tents during the time the judges are making their awards. If they decline to leave, they may be disqualified.

14. Any exhibitor feeling aggrieved by any decision or mistake whatsoever, on entering a protest shall give notice in writing to the secretary before 2.30pm in the afternoon on the day of the show and shall, at the same time, deposit with the secretary the sum of £10.00 which shall be forfeited to the Stewards if such objection or protest be deemed frivolous by the Judges or Stewards.

15. Rosettes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each class.

16. THE SOCIETY'S GENERAL BY-LAWS AND GENERAL REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY TO ALL ENTRIES EXHIBITORS AND PERSONS ENTERING THE SHOW.

**TROPHIES GIVEN FOR:**

Allotment Cup (Thurrock) awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points or certificates in the Horticultural Section.

**PLEASE GIVE VARIETY OF FLOWERS, VEGETABLES AND FRUIT WHERE POSSIBLE**

**VEGETABLE - JUDGE: Tom Carpenter**

**Class**

1. 5 Potatoes, White, shown on a plate. 1 variety.

2. 5 Potatoes, Coloured, shown on a plate. 1 variety.

3. 9 Potatoes, 3 sets of 3 distinct varieties.

4. 5 Onions, under 250 grams.

5. 3 Onions, over 250 grams.

6. 5 Carrots, long variety, with 3" tops/8 cms

7. 5 Carrots, other than long variety, with 3" tops/8 cms

8. 9 Runner Beans.

9. 3 Leeks.

10. 3 Beetroot, with 3" tops/8 cms

11. 3 Parsnips, with 3" tops/8 cms

12. 2 Cabbages with root cut to 3"/8 cms

13. 9 Pickling Shallots, not to exceed 30mm in diameter.

14. 9 Shallots, large.

15. 5 Tomatoes, shown on a plate (maximum 65mm).

16. 9 Tomatoes, small variety (maximum 35mm).

17. 2 Table Marrows (maximum 350mm).

18. Any other vegetable not catered for above. (See guidance box overleaf)

19. Collection of 5 kinds of vegetable.

20. Heaviest Marrow.

21. Heaviest Pumpkin.

22. 3 Chillies – shown on a plate – 1 variety (maximum 3”/8 cms)

23. 3 Chillies – shown on a plate – 1 variety (maximum 7”/18 cms)

**FRUIT - JUDGE: Tom Carpenter**

24. 5 Dessert Apples, one variety shown on a plate, unpolished.

25. 5 Cooking Apples, one variety shown on a plate, unpolished.

26. 5 Pears, one variety shown on a plate, unpolished.

27. Stoned Fruit, 5 of a fruit, shown on a plate, unpolished.

28. Any other fruit not catered for above (Peaches can be shown with or without stalk).

29. Collection of fruit, 3 kinds.

**FLOWER SECTION - JUDGE: Tom Carpenter**

30. 1 Vase flowers for all round effect (only exhibited with flower foliage)

31. 1 vase Asters, 5 stems, single or double flowers

32. 1 Vase Flowers, 5 stems or more, 1 dish of fruit, 1 kind.

33. 1 Vase Flowers, 5 stems or more, 1 dish of vegetables – see list.

34. 1 Fuchsia, single flower.

35. 1 Fuchsia, double flower.

36. 1 Fuchsia not catered for above

37. 1 Pot Geranium. (Pot not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

38. 1 Pot Plant Foliage. (Pot not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

39. 1 Pot plant flowering, excluding classes 33-37) (Pot not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

40. 1 Pot Cacti/Succulent. (Pot not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

41. Collection of Cacti/Succulents (3 Pots) (Pots not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

42. Largest Sunflower Head – Adults only

**DAHLIA SECTION**

43. 1 Vase Dahlias 3 blooms, Giant over 260mm

44. 1 Vase Dahlias, 3 blooms large between 220 mm and 260 mm

45. 1 Vase Dahlias, 3 stems medium between 170 mm and 220 mm

46. 1 Vase Dahlias, 3 stems small variety between 115 and 170 mm

47. 1 Vase Dahlias 3 stems miniature not exceeding 115 mm diameter

48. 1 Vase Dahlias, 6 poms, not exceeding 52 mm

**GADIOLI SECTION**

49. 1 Spike Gladioli

50. 3 Spikes Gladioli

**CHRYSANTHEMUMS - JUDGES: Tom Carpenter**

51. 1 Vase 3 Blooms, Incurve 23 A/B/C, 1 cultivar.

52. 1 Vase 3 Blooms, Intermediate 25 A/B/C, 1 cultivar.

53. 1 Vase 3 Blooms, Reflex 24 A/B/C, 1 cultivar.

54. 1 Vase, 3 Blooms, from sections 23, 24 & 25.

**FLOWERS ARRANGED FOR DECORATIVE EFFECT – JUDGE: Tom Carpenter**

**(must be grown by the exhibitor) Any container may be used**

55. Floating flower heads in glass container/bowl

56. Flower arrangement in an unusual container

57. Arrangement of flowers and foliage in a jug

**ORSETT AND SURROUNDING AREA (All exhibitors to live within 10 miles of Orsett) –**

**JUDGE: Tom Carpenter**

58. 5 Potatoes, White - 1 variety.

59. 5 Potatoes, Coloured - 1 variety.

60. 9 Potatoes, 3 sets of 3 distinct varieties.

61. 5 Onions under 250 grams.

62. 3 Onions over 250 grams.

63. 5 Carrots, long or stump rooted.

64. 9 Runner beans.

65. 3 Beetroot, with 3" tops/8 cms

66. 5 Tomatoes maximum 65 mm

67. 2 Table marrows max 350mm.

68. Any other vegetable not catered for above.

69. 5 Dessert apples, unpolished.

70. 5 Culinary apples, unpolished.

71. 5 Pears, unpolished.

72. 5 Stoned fruit, unpolished.

73. Any other fruit not catered for above.

74. 1 Vase for all-round effect.

75. 1 Vase of Asters, 5 stems.

76. 1 Vase of Dahlias, 5 stems, same variety.

77. 1 Pot plant, flowering. (Pot not to exceed 8"/ 21 cms)

78. 1 Pot plant, foliage. (Pot not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

79. 1 Pot Cacti/Succulents. (Pot not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

80. Collection of Cacti/Succulents, 3 pots. (Pots not to exceed 8"/21 cms)

81. Bonsai – 1 Specimen

82. Largest Sunflower Head – Adults only

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES**

83. 1 Pot Plant, Foliage or Flowering.

84. Vegetable Man or Animal.

85. Best dress vegetable (any material)

86. Any strange shaped vegetable

87. Sea monster (any vegetation)

88. Largest sunflower head

89. Tiara or Crown – any flower/foliage/vegetation

90. A garden on a plate or tray. Natural material, flowers and foliage should be in scale. Plste or try to be not more than 10” or 25 cm

**FLOWER ARRANGING – JUDGE – To be confirmed**

91.  Flowers in a teacup and Saucer.

92. A design with two placements. Width 2 foot/61 cms and height unlimited

93. My favourite arrangement. Artificial material may be used. Width 2 foot/61 cms and height unlimited

94. Christmas is coming!! Width 2 foot/61 cms and height unlimited

**Guidance**

For the guidance of exhibitors in the vegetable sections, the tables given below show the number of specimens required to constitute a dish both in the single dish classes and in the collections.

**Any other Veg not catered for see below for guidance**:-

Dish

2 Celery

2 Cucumber

2 Stalks Rhubarb

3 Leeks

2 Lettuce

2 Marrows - Max. 350mm

5 Onions -under 250grams

3 Onions - over 250 grams

3 Parsnips

6 Pods of Peas

5 Potatoes

5 Radishes

2 Savoys

9 Shallots

5 Tomatoes - Max 65mm

9 Cherry Tomatoes - max 35mm

5 Beefsteak Tomatoes

5 Turnips

6 Leaves of Spinach

12 Spring Onions

6 Beans, Broad

9 Beans, Runner

9 Beans, Dwarf

3 Beetroot

2 Broccoli

2 Brussels Sprouts

5 Cabbage

5 Carrots, Long rooted

5 Carrots, All other types

2 Cauliflower

3 Chillies