

KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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OFFICIAL GARDEN LIFE FLORAL ART SCHEDULE
OF THE 95TH KENT COUNTY SHOW.

CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

3rd, 4th and 5th JULY 2026

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Kent County Agricultural Society

Registered Charity No. 1001191

FLORAL ART SHOW RULES

This competition will be Judged using NAFAS Competition Manual Forth Edition 2023 and "Plant Material in all its forms July 2016", the latter being available from www.kentfloralart.co.uk/judges.html

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.

1. All Classes are OPEN, Except CLASS 4: NOVICE CLASS is open to competitors who have not achieved an individual 'First' at a Kent Floral Area Show or Kent County Show before.
2. Each exhibit must be the UNAIDED work of the competitor and MUST BE ASSEMBLED IN THE BRACHERS BUILDING with the exception of Classes 1, 6, 7 and 10 which may be brought ready assembled. In all exhibits natural plant material MUST predominate. Artificial plant material is NOT permitted. Many techniques, whether contemporary or traditional, require a great deal of time to complete. Pre-done work of this type is acceptable in any class but must not predominate. Aerosol cans of any description MUST NOT be used in the competition venue.
3. In all classes, except where otherwise stated, exhibits to be staged on tabling approximately 76cm from the floor and covered in fabric. Backgrounds to exhibits will be the sides of the building in some Classes. No other Backgrounds to exhibits may be used behind exhibits. NOTHING may be attached to the staging. Some exhibits will be staged on the open tabling, so please make sure the back of your design is neatened.

4. The positions to be occupied by competitors will be decided by the Competition Secretary and a card with the name and club of the exhibitor will be placed beside each exhibit, these cards may NOT be repositioned by the competitor.
5. All entries must be made on the official Showing Scene website no later than 19th June 2026 via [Showing Scene– www.showingscene.com](http://www.showingscene.com). All entries will be acknowledged by e-mail. Entries will be dealt with in strict rotation. Spaces in some Classes may be limited; entrants will be notified if their entries have not been accepted. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DATE GIVEN AS ALL COMPETITORS NAMES HAVE TO BE IN THE CATALOGUE.
6. ENTRY FEE £5 PER CLASS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS
IMPOSED CLASSES £40 JUNIOR CLASSES FREE TO ENTER
7. No poisonous or toxic plant materials to be used within exhibits.
8. Exhibits may be staged from 9.00am till 9.00pm on Thursday 2nd July 2026. Competitors displaying a vehicle pass can drive to the Brachers Building on the Thursday to unload their flowers etc.
9. Class 9 Imposed Class must be staged between 5.30 pm – 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd July 2026. All components will be provided and will become the property of the competitor. The competitors may only use the components supplied to them. Competitors MUST use some or all of each of the components provided to them. Competitors in Class 9 will be notified of work box items they may use.

10. Judging will commence at 8.00am on Friday 3rd July 2026. NO competitors are allowed in the Brachers Building before 10am on Friday. Only officials, and other authorised persons will be permitted in the competition hall during staging times. No photographs of the Judges' comment cards to be posted on social media.

11. All data given upon entry into classes with the organisers (Kent Floral Art & KCAS) may be provided to Horticultural Societies etc. for the publishing of results. Name, Club Details and results will be published in the catalogue and online. Details may also be provided to the press and Horticultural Societies for publication. By making an entry to a class with the Kent County Agricultural Society and Kent Floral Art you are providing consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way. Kent Floral Art may publish photographs of all exhibits by members of Kent Floral Art clubs in any promotional material.

12. The organisers (Kent Floral Art & KCAS) will accept NO LIABILITY for loss or damage to competitors exhibits or property for the duration of the show and before or after collection. Exhibits may be collected AFTER 5.30pm on Sunday 5th July 2026 or up to lunchtime on Monday 6th July 2026. Please note there is no vehicles allowed before 7.00pm on Sunday evening. It will be possible to drive to the building on Monday morning to assist with the collection of large exhibits with the appropriate vehicle pass. Those exhibits left in the building on Sunday evening may be moved, but left in the building in order that the table drapes may be removed.

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13. NO EXHIBIT MAY BE TOUCHED BY EXHIBITORS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THE JUDGING UNTIL 5.30pm ON SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026 UNLESS SPECIAL PERMISSION IS GIVEN BY THE SHOW CHAIRMAN. The show committee will make arrangements for watering the exhibits overnight and reserve the right to move and/or replace any plant material.

14. All exhibits will be staged in artificial light. All measurements in the staging instructions are approximate. All exhibits must be staged within the space provided. Please check your measurements carefully with those in the schedule.

15. Competitors will be issued with a pre show pass admitting them to the showground on NON SHOW DAYS. You will also be issued with a wristband on show days which you will be required to present.

16. Security

There will be security on the main and back gates 24 hours a day from 8.00am on Monday 29th June to 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th July.

Membership of our show is a great way to show your support. Memberships comes with a variety of benefits. Tickets to our other society events such as Heritgae Transport Show and Biddenden Tractorfest. You also be able to access the members lounge over the Kent County Show weekend for complimentary refreshments.



CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF CARNIVAL

Class 1 – “Divali”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

An Exhibit.

Space Allowed: Width 90cm, depth 68cm, Height optional.

This exhibit may be submitted ready made. Candles may be included but must be artificial.

To be staged on a table covered in pale blue cloth 76cm from floor.

Viewed and judged from the front.

Class 2 – “A Window on the Solstice”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

An Exhibit

Space Allowed: Width 90cm, depth 68cm, Height optional.

To be staged on a table covered in pale blue cloth 76cm from floor.

Viewed and judged from the front.

Class 3 – “Mardi Gras”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

A Pedestal Exhibit

Space Allowed: Width 120cm, depth 120cm, Height optional.

To be staged on the floor with grey carpet tiles against a white wall.

Exhibitor may provide own base.

Viewed and judged from the front.

Class 4 – “Carnival Street”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

An Exhibit – Novice Class

Space Allowed: Width 90cm, depth 68cm, Height optional.

To be staged on a table covered in pale blue cloth 76cm from floor.

Viewed and judged from the front.

Class 5 – “Hand-held Pride”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

An Hand-Tied Exhibit.

Space Allowed: Width 90cm, depth 68cm, Height optional.

The Hand-Tied exhibit is to be displayed supported by a clear glass container (supplied by competitor). Container to be placed on a white plinth 74cm high and 30cm square.

Viewed and judged all around.

Class 6 – “Foliage Pinata”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

A Craft Exhibit featuring manipulated foliage.

The exhibit must include at least one example of manipulated foliage.

Space Allowed: width 90cm, depth 68cm, height optional.

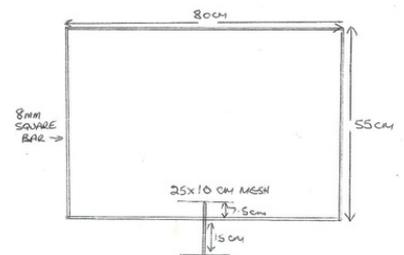
To be staged on an open table covered in pale blue cloth 76cm from floor.

A rectangular black frame (height 55cm, width80cm) with short legs will be supplied to support the exhibit.

The exhibit can be hung from the black metal frame or there is a mesh for floral foam (25 x 10cm) in the middle of the base of the frame which can be used to support the exhibit.

This exhibit may be submitted ready made.

Viewed all around and judged from the front.



Class 7 – “Celebration Cocktail”

Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

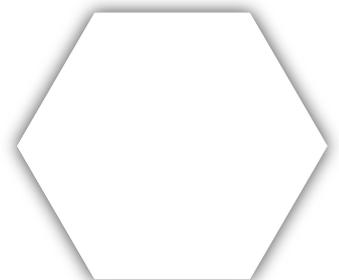
A Petite Exhibit

Space Allowed: Width 25cm, depth 25cm, Height optional.

To be staged on a flat black hexagonal base (30cm from tip to tip) on a table covered in pale blue cloth 76cm from floor.

This exhibit may be submitted ready made.

Viewed all around and judged from the front.



Class 8 – "Day of the Dead"

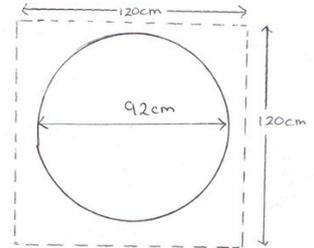
Entry Fee £5. Prize Money 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8, 4th £6

An Exhibit – Club Class.

A maximum of three competitors are allowed for staging a Club Exhibit.

To be staged on the floor within a 92cm diameter black circular base (supplied), within an area of 120cm x 120cm. Height optional.

Viewed and judged all around.



Class 9 – "Preparing for Revelry"

Entry Price £40. Prize Money 1st £24 2nd £17 3rd £13 4th £9

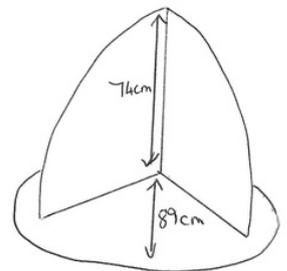
An Imposed Exhibit

Space Allowed: One third segment of a round table (89cm radius) with a dividing board.

The maximum height of back board is 74cm at central point of table.

To be staged on a table covered in a pale blue cloth 76cm from the third segment.

Viewed and judged from the front.



Class 10 – "Balloon Fiesta"

Entry Fee FREE. Rosettes Received for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and VHC Winners

An Exhibit – Junior Class

(6–8 years old/ 9–13 years old/ 14–17 years old)

Space Allowed: width 30cm, depth 30cm, height optional.

To be staged on a table covered in pale blue cloth 76cm from the floor.

This exhibit may be submitted ready made.

Viewed and judged from the front.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Lady Falmouth Perpetual Trophy

Class 3 Winner

Novice Cup

Class 4 Winner

The Tim Day Trophy for Best in Show

Classes 1 – 9

The Kits Wells Trophy for Best Use of

Garden Material

Best Use of Colour

Classes 1 – 9

Classes 1 – 9

Judges Choice

Best Use of Texture

Classes 1 – 10

Classes 1 – 9



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