



AT THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND

South of England Show 2027 Garden Design

“Restoration”

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June 2027

Restoration

This year's theme encourages the use of restorative materials, planting mediums, colour, shape and form.

We are looking for imaginative interpretations of the theme with your designs and planting schemes, using materials that are readily available either new or recycled.

Size

Each entry will be provided with a 5 x 5m area of grassland.

Entries

All entries must be received by **21st May 2027**.

Entries after this date may not be accepted.

All entries will be provided with three tickets a day for access into the show.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for Gold, Silver-Gilt, Silver and Bronze place.

The People's choice award judged by show visitors will also be awarded a prize.

Maintenance and Show Presence

We ask for the gardens to be maintained throughout the 3 days of the show.

There will be access to water close to the location of the gardens, but we suggest you bring your own hoses and watering cans. We would encourage you to have a presence at the garden throughout the show to make the most of this fantastic opportunity to engage with show visitors and receive feedback for your efforts.

Planting and Breakdown

The building of the gardens can commence on the Monday 7th June and must be completed by 8am on the morning of the first day of the show. Plants used in the display may be sold off on Sunday after 4pm. Exhibitors have the full responsibility of removing all building and plant material and to leave the ground as they found it.

Regulations

1.The competition is open to any groups or individuals with an interest in gardening and garden design, this includes but is not limited to: individual students or a group of students in secondary school or attending a college course in Garden Design, Landscaping or Horticulture, gardening clubs/groups or individuals within the landscaping or gardening profession, community groups like Scouts, Guides, Young Farmers, local businesses.

2.Gardens must be created using the whole allocated 5x5m space. The exhibitor will be responsible for the construction and all costs.

3.Materials used must be readily available either new or recycled.

4.The building of the Gardens can commence on the weekend before the show (from 7th June between 9am and 5pm) and must be completed by 8am on the morning of the first day of the show. Plants can be planted directly into the soil either with or without their pots. Please check with the Chief Steward before you start digging the ground to make sure that you will not damage any cables or pipes

5.A master plan, perspective drawing drawn to scale with as short design explanation is required. The garden built must be the same as the design submitted or an explanation of any changes provided. Both the design and its implementation will be judged as will the quality of the landscape construction and planting of the garden, the planting will be judged on the suitability for the designed garden, e.g if a woodland garden, shade loving plants. If a seaside garden on plants that will cope with exposed sites and sea salt etc. The judge will offer constructive and helpful comments about the design of the garden.

Individual components of a garden may be used more than once but the overall structure must be original. Designs must be submitted by **21st May 2027**

6.There will be a walkway between each garden which should remain clear at all times during the show.

7.The exhibit should be designed so that it is primarily viewed from the front although there will be walkway between each garden to allow the public to view the gardens from all aspects.

8.No mains electricity will be available to gardens but a water tap is located nearby. No generators are allowed. Small solar panels are allowed.

9.All surplus materials must be moved to a designated area or offsite before 8am on Friday 11th June.

10.A maximum spends of up to £2000 is allowed per garden- this is to include construction of the garden and transportation of the materials.

11.Gold, Silver-Gilt, Silver and Bronze will be awarded and prize money of £150 will be awarded for the best in show.

12.You may obtain sponsorship and discreetly acknowledge this in your display after judging has taken place.

13.THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR ANY ARTICLE, MACHINERY OR OBJECT OF ANY KIND EXHIBITED ON THE SHOWGROUND. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility therefore including liability for all claims arising out of the exhibition, handling or housing of such exhibits and the conduct on the garden generally. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all claims, damage or expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor or their exhibits on the Showground. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry. Exhibitors are encouraged to hold public liability insurance and are advised to insure against damage not only as regards to their own property, but also against third party claims.

14.At the end of the Show, you must clear all plants and building materials from the site and leave it in the condition you found it. This must be completed within 24 hours of the show closure. Gardens may be charged if they don't leave the site as they found it. Please note that during show days there is no vehicle movement on the showground between 8.15am and 6.30pm at the earliest.

15.The society will not be responsible for the death, injury, disease or loss caused to any exhibitor or to their agent or servant or to any animal, insect, bird or thing of whatever nature, exhibited by the said exhibitor, , however such damage, loss, injury or disease shall be caused. Under the requirements of the Reporting of Accidents, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation 1995 (RIDDOR) all accidents that are classified as major under these Regulations must be reported to the Society and also to the appropriate statutory authority. All injuries that occur to exhibitors, their staff or members of the public who visit stands, displays or any other facility, no matter how minor they may appear to be, must be reported to the Society in order that the incident can be recorded in the accident book.

The exhibitor will indemnify the Society for all claims arising out of the exhibit and the Exhibitor's Show Staff and invitees conduct at the Show Garden generally and against all claims, demands, damages, proceedings, costs or expenses whatsoever in any way relating to or arising out of the use of the show garden by the Exhibitor.

16.The Society reserves to itself, by its Council and Committee, the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and Regulations, and arbitrarily to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show. Also, to refuse or to cancel any entries; to postpone or abandon the exhibit; and relax conditions as the Society may deem expedient.
By Order of the Council.

17.Plants used in the display may be sold in the plant sell-off which takes place on the Sunday of the show after 4pm.

18.Three entry tickets per day will be allocated to each Garden. Further entry tickets can be purchased.

19.Smoking is NOT allowed at any time whilst in the show garden area.



Hanging Basket Competitions at the South of England Show 2027

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June 2027



This year's classes encourage the use of various materials. We are looking for imaginative interpretations of the themes with your designs and plating schemes.

Entries

All entry forms must be received by **31th May 2027**.

Entries after this date may not be accepted.

Each entry will receive one adult admission ticket into the show. Entries must be delivered to the Horticultural marquee by 6pm on Thursday 10th June.

Assessment

There will be four main considerations that the judges will be assessing.

These are: Creativity, Use of Plants, Use of Colour and Overall Aesthetic.

Equipment

Hanging baskets and liners can either be purchased by yourself or we can provide the hanging basket and the basket lines these would need to be collected at Spring Live on 17th and 18th April 2027.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

If you would like to collect your hanging basket after the show, please collect from 4pm on Sunday 13th June or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 14th June

Please note: if you are collecting your hanging basket on the Sunday cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm and only with valid vehicle passes

The competition is open to Individuals, Groups and Classes

If you have any further questions, please let us know:
01444 892 700 or email horticulture@seas.org.uk

Schedule of Classes

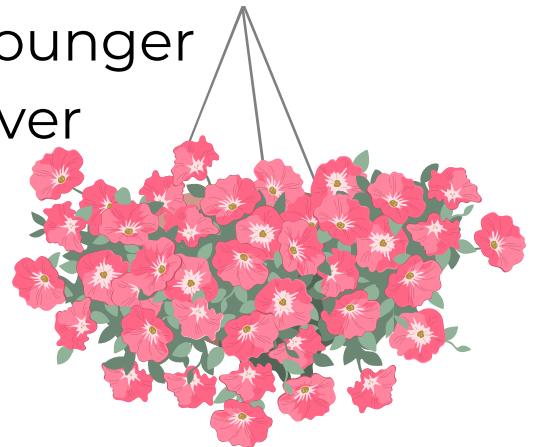
- Class 1 An arrangement of Soft Fruit
HB1A- 16 years old and younger
HB1B- 17 years old and over



- Class 2 An arrangement of Vegetables
HB2A- 16 years old and younger
HB2B- 17 years old and over



- Class 3 An arrangement of Flower and Foliage to the theme "Traditional Summer Basket"
HB3A- 16 years old and younger
HB3B- 17 years old and over



Regulations

1.The competition is open to all.

2.Entries can be a team/ class or individual effort

3.If you are wanting the Society to provide your items these must be collected during Spring Live on the 17th and 18th April 2027.

4.All entries must be marked with School name, group, club etc and name of entrant(s). Any items that are not clearly marked will be withdrawn from judging.

5.Each entry will receive 1x one day adult ticket into the show. Children under 16 years of age do not pay to enter the show, but must be accompanied by an adult

6.Entry forms must to received by **31st May 2027**. Any entries after this date may not be accepted & will have to provide their own hanging basket and liners.

7.Entries must be on site by 6pm on Thursday 10th June 2027 and dropped off in the Horticultural marquee

8.Judging will commence at 8am on Friday 11th June 2027

9.Baskets can be collected from 4pm on Sunday 13th June 2027 or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 14th June 2027. After this point we do not have the provision to store the entries.

Please note if you are collecting your basket on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm Please note on the entry form you must specify if and when you are going to be collecting your basket.



2027 Flower Arranging SCHEDULE & ENTRY FORMS

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June 2027

Entries close Monday 31st May 2027



Registered Charity No. 227033.

We hold a flower arranging competition every year during our South of England Show to offer the chance for budding florists to show off their flower arranging talents

If you have never entered before or have any questions, please do get in touch with us at
horticulture@seas.org.uk
01444 892 700 ext 209

Horticulture Commitee

Mr N Ellis- Chair

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Ms A Waterman

Ms M Neden

All kindly volunteer their support and expertise

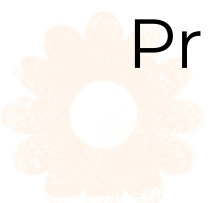
Prize cards and Prize Money

Prize cards and prize money will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class.

Prize money will be awarded after the show.

Sponsorship

If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring any of the classes please contact sponsorship@seas.org.uk

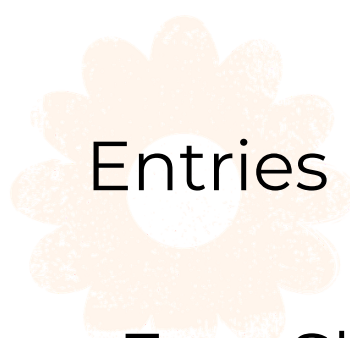


Prizes to be given in all classes

Prize giving will be at approximately 4.00pm
on
Sunday 13th June



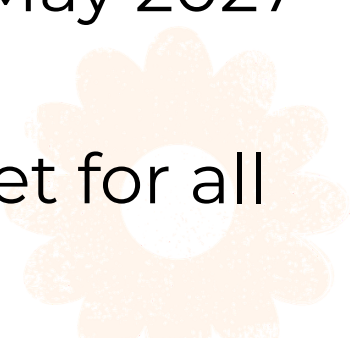
All Classes open to any Individuals and
Horticultural Clubs/Societies or Groups



Entries close on Monday 31st May 2027



Free Showground entry ticket for all
Competitors



Entry fee for each class: £1

Late entries will be accepted after closing
date at £2.50 per entry



Happy arranging and Good Luck!!!

Schedule of Classes

- Class 1 An arrangement of Flower and Foliage to the theme “Anniversary Celebration”.
- With use of free hedgerow and garden foliage.***
To be viewed from the front - no larger than 45cm wide x 45cm deep x 1 metre tall
- Please refer to regulation 4.
- FA1A- Open to any person 12 years old and under
FA1B- Open to any person 16 years and under
FA1C- Open to any person over 16 years
- Class 2 An arrangement of shop brought flowers to the theme “Summer Celebration”
- With use of free hedgerow and garden foliage.***
To be viewed from the front - no larger than 45cm wide x 45cm deep x 1 metre tall
- Please refer to regulation 5.
- FA2A- Open to any person 12 years old and under
FA2B- Open to any person 16 years and under
FA2C- Open to any person over 16 years
- Class 3 A large focal display to the theme of “The Diamond Years” to celebrate 60 years of the South of England Agricultural Society
- 100 x 100 cm square wooden base provided.***
Height is optional - please provide your own base covering, design is to be viewed from the front. A floral design to embrace 60 years of SEAS- Be bold be brilliant
- FA3A- Open to any person 16 years and over
FA3B- Open to any person 16 years and under.

REGULATIONS

1. Entries close: Monday 31st May 2027
2. Staging: Thursday 10th June before 6.00 pm
3. Staged on trestle tables covered in pale grey material with a black backdrop.
4. Please provide your own vase or staging for Classes 1 and 2.
5. For class 2 a maximum spend of £20 is permitted. A receipt should be shown upon staging.
6. Unfortunately, floral foam contains the same amount of plastic as 10 plastic shopping bags, is non-biodegradable, non-recyclable and toxic for both humans and animals. It's such an issue that the South of England Show Ground are banning the use of using Oasis fully in 2027 to keep in line with the RHS guidelines
7. Please note if you are using oasis your entries will be refused on day of staging.
8. Entries to remain intact until 4.00pm on 13th June 2027.
9. Each person entering will receive one free admission ticket at Staging on Thursday 10th June 2027 ie admission tickets will be given only on receipt of exhibit. Further tickets may be purchased at the gate or one line at tickets.seas.org.uk/events
10. Exhibitors must comply with the instructions of the Stewards.
11. Consequential or other injury or loss arising therefrom or thereto, must be borne by the Exhibitor. The Society will not be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit, in whole or in part, from any cause.
12. The Society reserves to itself by its Council and Committee, the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations and arbitrarily to settle and determine all matters arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show. Also, to refuse or to cancel any entries and to postpone or abandon the Exhibition without explanation.

Alternative mediums to Oasis

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What are the alternatives to floral foam?

Here are a few eco-friendly suggestions and tips...

Use pebbles, sand, gravel, clay, marbles, wood, compact moss, Wool or even fruit to support floral arrangements. <https://woolshred.co.uk/>





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“Bug Hotel”



Returning competition for children to build their very own “Bug Hotel” to be displayed at the South of England Show!

We want young gardeners and bug enthusiasts to create a bugs dream habitat using any items that can be saved from going in the bin such as old plastic tubs, old drinks bottles or a container up to 25l.

The competition is open to Individuals, Groups and Classes

Size

Must not exceed 60cm x 60cm or up to a 25l container

Entries

All entries must be received by 31st May 2027.

Entries after this date may not be accepted.

Each entry will receive one adult admission ticket into the show.

Entries must be delivered to the Horticultural marquee by 6pm on Thursday 10th June.

Assessment

There will be four main considerations that the judges will be assessing.

These are: Creativity, Use of Container, Use of Colour and Overall Design.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

If you would like to collect your container after the show, please collect after 4pm on Sunday 13th June or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 14th June.

Please note if you are collecting your container on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm.

If you have any further questions, please let us know:

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Examples



Made using big water bottles

Made using Milk carton



Made using toilet roll tubes

**From the South of England
Show 2027**



Regulations

- 1.The competition is open to children aged 2 – 16 years old**
- 2.Entries can be a team/ class or individual effort**
- 3.You will need to provide your own materials**
- 4.All entries must be marked with School name, group, club etc and name of entrant(s). Any items that are not clearly marked will be withdrawn from judging.**
- 5.Each entry will receive 1x one day adult ticket into the show. Children under 16 years of age get free entry to the show, but must be accompanied by an adult**
- 6.Entry forms must to received by May 31st 2027**
- 7.Entries must be on site by 6pm on Thursday 10th June 2027 and dropped off in the Horticultural marquee**
- 8.Judging will commence at 8am on Friday 11th June 2027**
- 9.Hotels can be collected from 4.30pm on Sunday 13th June 2027 or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 14th June 2027. After this point we do not have the provision to store the entries. Please note if you are collecting your hotels on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until at least 6.30pm.**

Please note on the entry form you must specify if and when you are going to be collecting your hotel.



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Pressed Flowers in a Frame



A new addition to the South of England Show's Horticulture marquee: Pressed Flowers in a frame

The competition is open to Individuals, Groups and Classes

Size

Frame must not be larger than A4 paper.

Entries

All entries must be received by 31st May 2027.

Entries after this date may not be accepted.

**Each entry will receive one adult admission ticket into the
show.**

**Entries must be delivered to the Horticultural marquee by 6pm
on Thursday 10th June.**

Assessment

**There will be four main considerations that the judges will be
assessing.**

**These are: Creativity, Use of flower, Use of Colour and Overall
Design.**

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

**If you would like to collect your frame after the show, please
collect after 4pm on Sunday 13th June or between 9am and
5pm on Monday 14th June.**

**Please note if you are collecting your frame on the Sunday that
cars are not able to access the showground until after 6.30pm.**

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How to press flowers

Tips

- Chose flowers that are close to blooming
- Make sure the flowers are dry- if they are wet or damp they could mold
- If using flowers from a bouquet keep them in water until ready to press

How to press flowers in a book

- Choose the flowers you want press. Remove any bulky stems or extra leaves
- Open a thick heavy book. Place some parchment paper, coffee filter or tissue paper in the book and lay the flowers flat on the paper - make sure that they don't overlap. Cover with another sheet of paper and close the book. Stack more heavy books on top and leave them in a dry place for 2-4 weeks.
- When the flowers are crisp and paper thin, arrange them onto a sturdy piece of paper or card using a small amount of glue to hold them into place.
- Place card into a frame.

Regulations

- 1.The competition is open to children aged 2 – 16 years old**
- 2.Entries can be a team/ class or individual effort**
- 3.You will need to provide your own materials**
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- 7.Entries must be on site by 6pm on Thursday 10th June 2027 and dropped off in the Horticultural marquee**
- 8.Judging will commence at 8am on Friday 11th June 2027**
- 9.Frames can be collected from 4.30pm on Sunday 13th June 2027 or between 9am and 5pm on Monday 14th June 2027. After this point we do not have the provision to store the entries. Please note if you are collecting your frames on the Sunday that cars are not able to access the showground until at least 6.30pm.**

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