



Taunton
flower show

2&3 AUGUST 2024



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COMPETITIONS

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Welcome to the competitive classes for 2024

We are pleased to present the list of competition classes for 2024. We have again made various tweaks and alterations to keep the show topical and fresh.

We encourage all amateur competitors to take part, whatever your skill level.

The show website is fully integrated with this paper booklet and you can submit your entry forms easily via the website. We have not abandoned the traditional postal submissions and we remain grateful to the Taunton Visitor Centre for acting as a collection point for those who wish to deliver their entry forms by hand. If you have any questions about your entries, please contact the helpdesk, details below.

We regret that we have had to reduce the prize money. With costs rising we have had to reconsider the money that we pay – we still feel that this is generous and are aware that for most it is the taking part that counts!

Cups and trophies will now be presented **IN THE FLORAL MARQUEE** at 4.00pm on Saturday.

RETURN OF CUPS: If you won a cup at the show, please return this to us before 1 July 2024. All cups and trophies should be returned to the show office, G1 Viney Court, Viney Street, Taunton, TA1 3FB. Please ring 01823 332010 in advance to check that we are open.

MEMBERSHIP HAS MANY BENEFITS

Members of Taunton Flower Show get free entry to the competitions and free entry to the show on both days. Membership for an individual is £35 and for a couple is £50. This means that it is potentially cheaper to become a member than to pay competition entry fees and then to pay at the gate to get in. There are other benefits too – please see page 42 for more details. Join online at www.tauntonfs.co.uk

PARKING 2024

Setting up your exhibits: Competitors will be able to drive into Vivary Park via the Ash Meadow gate and park near the competition marquee as in previous years.

While the show is in progress, competitors should use one of the public car parks around the town or the park and ride facility.

Dismantling and removal of exhibits: All competitors will be given a free pass to park in the show car park adjacent to Vivary Park after 3pm on Saturday. This means that you will be very close to drive into the showground and park next to the competition marquee for collecting your exhibits when the show closes. Parking here is subject to availability.

COMPETITIONS HELP DESK

The contact details for the individual divisions are shown on the following page.

The general competition classes help desk number is:

07707 451 466

email: entries@tauntonfs.co.uk

message us on facebook: www.facebook.com/tfsentries/ or
Whatsapp to the number above



CONTACTS

The general email address for competition enquiries is entries@tauntonfs.co.uk

Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Fruit, flowers and veg): Ian Coleby, 07707 451466.

Division 5 (Textile Art and Crafts): Pam Martin, somersetstitch@gmail.com.

Division 5 (Cookery, Preserves and other crafts): . Sarah Pearson, 01823 330749.

Division 6 (Fine Art): Adam Grose, adgros@hotmail.com.

Division 7 (Photography): Tina Downham, 07786 236022

Division 8 (Floral Art): Michele Weaver, chele.weaver750@gmail.com.

Division 8 (Floristry): Denise Cross, 01823 325585.

Divisions 9 & 10 (Groups and Young People): Angela Coleby, 07821 646745.

Division 11 (Wine and Beer): Mike Hooper, 07795 210097.

All other enquiries for the competitive classes: Ian Coleby, 07707 451466.

Other general show enquiries: Taunton Flower Show, G1 Viney Court, Viney Street. Taunton, TA1 3FB. 01823 332010. info@tauntonfs.co.uk.

**Entry applications must be sent or delivered to one of the following
by 8pm on Monday 29th July 2024**

- ☞ It is easiest to enter on-line. Please go to www.tauntonfs.co.uk
- ☞ You may email your entry details to entries@tauntonfs.co.uk
- ☞ Deliver the form in this booklet by post or by hand to: Mr I Coleby, Engine House Cottage, Creech St Michael, TAUNTON, TA3 5RA
- ☞ Deliver the form by hand to the Visitor Centre, Market House, Taunton (closes at 4pm).

COMPETITORS STAGING TIMES

Exhibits must be brought to the competition marquee as below. You may drive into Vivary Park and park in front of the competition marquee:

- ☞ Between 12 noon and 11pm on Thursday 1st August.
- ☞ Between 6am and 7.30am on Friday 2nd August.
- ☞ After 11pm on Thursday and before 6am on Friday by prior arrangement only - please phone 07707 451466 in advance to arrange.

All exhibits must be staged and exhibitors must leave the marquee by 7.30am on Friday 2nd August. Judging will commence soon afterwards.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW

These instructions are for general guidance only. You should make sure you have read and understood the Flower Show Regulations 2024 on pages 39 - 41.

- a) We welcome all amateur exhibitors to enter the competition classes and particularly encourage beginners and young people. Some classes or divisions are restricted to members of particular groups, are for novices or are for particular children's age groups. These are shown in this booklet.

Please make sure that you enter your exhibit in the correct class and follow all special instructions very carefully to avoid being disqualified as "not according to schedule".

- b) You must tell us which classes you wish to enter before 8pm on Monday, 29th July 2024. You can do this through our website www.tauntonfs.co.uk or you can use the entry form in this booklet. Hard copy forms must be sent or delivered to either of the addresses shown on the form. If you have any questions, please ring 07707 451466 or email to entries@tauntonfs.co.uk.

You may only make ONE entry in each class.

Entries are FREE for individual members of Taunton Flower Show and for all young people aged 17 and under. You don't have to be a member to take part, but if you do wish to join, please use the membership form in this booklet. If you are not a member, please include a cheque or cash to cover your entries to the correct amount or, if you are entering by email or on-line, please pay cash when you collect your entry cards at the show.

- c) You should bring your exhibits to the competitive marquee between the times shown in this booklet. NOTE that some exhibits must be made up in the tent, these classes are indicated in this booklet. Make sure you bring everything you may need to stage your exhibits. Remember that pots and vases are NOT supplied (apart from in the rose classes) and you should bring your own.
- d) You should collect your entry cards from the control point inside the competitive marquee. Once you have staged your exhibit, place the entry card for that class FACE DOWN with your entry. If you are unsure what to do, please see one of the stewards who will be on duty. Entries in division 11 (Wine and beer) are staged in the wine marquee.
- e) All exhibits should be staged as attractively as possible with the exhibits in the best possible condition. Presentation is a key part of the competition and we encourage a high standard. Some classes allow accessories to be included to decorate the display. Where allowed, this is stated in this schedule and you are encouraged to take full advantage of it.
- f) Fruit, flowers and vegetables are judged in accordance with RHS rules (with the exception of division 4, Novices). The floral art classes will be judged to NAFAS standard. The Rose classes will be judged to The Rose Society UK judging standards. See www.therosesociety.org.uk for information. You will find it useful to make yourself familiar with the RHS booklet titled "The Horticultural Show Handbook" which is available from the RHS website and other on-line retailers and contains excellent advice.
- g) **You MUST have staged all your exhibits and have left the marquee by 7.30am on Friday 2nd August. You may NOT remove your exhibits until the show closes at 5pm on Saturday 3rd August.**
- h) Prize money can be collected after 3pm on Saturday from the control point in the marquee. Cups and trophies will be presented **IN THE FLORAL MARQUEE** at 4.00pm on Saturday.
- j) If you have any questions and queries at all, please speak to the particular division leader or the helpdesk shown on page 3 by phone or email. Have fun and enjoy yourself! We look forward to seeing you at the show!

DIVISION 1 DISPLAY CLASSES

CLASS 101

CLUBS AND GROUPS GROWING AND SHOWING

THE GREENHOUSE

ENTRY FEE: £2

PRIZES: First £50; Second £25; Third £10.

All groups and clubs that enter will be given £25 to cover expenses and TWO pairs of show tickets.

Open to informal groups, gardening clubs, associations and societies.

A display of cut flowers, pot plants, fruit and/or vegetables on the theme of a greenhouse. Whilst the display will normally include all of these, it may be of one type only (e.g. just vegetables) or any combination of types (e.g. cut flowers and fruit).

This class will be judged for quality, variety and presentation of material. Accessories should be used but must not predominate. Space allowed 180cm wide x 75cm deep, any height. Tips for entering this class will be posted to each competitor and on the website. Entries in this class may be limited to a maximum of six.

THE SAMPSON MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded for the best exhibit in this class. 2023 winner: *The Allotmenters Smeatharpe*

CLASS 102

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW MASTER GARDENER

ENTRY FEE: £2

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

Open to individual exhibitors only.

This class is designed to show the all round skill of an individual gardener.

Please name cultivars where possible.

A display of, as a minimum:

two vases of cut flowers,

two flowering pot plants,

five kinds of vegetables,

three kinds of fruit.

You may include more types and higher numbers of each type if you wish.

You should present an attractive display. Accessories, staging and backdrops may be used to enhance the decorative effect. To be displayed in a space 120cm wide x 75cm deep, any height. This class will be judged for quality, variety and presentation of material.

**The LES PRING MEMORIAL CUP will be awarded to the winner of this class.
2023 winner: *Rodney Loader.***

DIVISION 1 DISPLAY CLASSES for individuals or groups

Classes 103 to 106 are open to all, including individuals, clubs, informal groups, associations and societies.

These are the largest horticultural exhibits in the show. They will be staged on tables against the side of the marquee. Stands and backdrops may be used.

ENTRY FEE: £2

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

PLEASE NAME ALL CULTIVARS WHERE KNOWN.

- 103 Display of Fuchsias and/or Pelargoniums. Foliage, accessories, staging and backdrops may be used arranged for effect. Space allowed 120cm wide x 75cm deep, any height.
- 104 Display of pot plants. Foliage, accessories, staging and backdrops may be used arranged for effect. Space allowed 120cm wide x 75cm deep, any height.
- 105 Display of cut flowers. Foliage, accessories, staging and backdrops may be used arranged for effect. Space allowed 120cm wide x 75cm deep, any height.
- 106 Display of 5 vases of cut flowers, 5 separate cultivars. Each vase to contain a single cultivar only. Minimum 3 and maximum 12 stems per vase. Foliage, accessories, staging and backdrops may be used arranged for effect. Space allowed 120cm wide x 75cm deep, any height.

The **BLACKTHORN TROPHY** will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 103 to 106.
2023 winner: Ivor Mace



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DIVISION 2 FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS

ENTRY FEE: 50p

PRIZES: classes 201, 203, 205, 209, 221, 222, 223, 226, 228, 230, 236, 238, 241, 250, 253, 255, 278, 279, 284, 291, 292, 293: First £10; Second £7; Third £5.

All other classes: First £5; Second £4; Third £2.

THE F. C. SPEAR CUP will be awarded for the exhibitor gaining the most points in this division. *2023 winner: Neal Hatch.*

PLEASE NAME ALL CULTIVARS WHERE KNOWN.

POT PLANTS

- 201 Flowering plants, 3 pots not otherwise separately classified in the schedule.
- 202 Begonia Rex, 1 pot.
- 203 Begonia, Tuberos, double large-flowered, 3 pots, 1 tuber per pot.
- 204 Begonia, Tuberos, double large-flowered, 1 pot, 1 tuber.
- 205 Pelargoniums, Zonal, 3 pots.

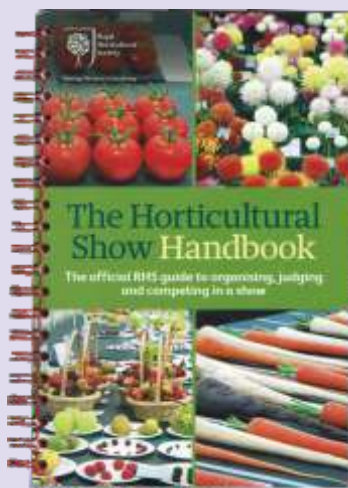
THE FRED PAULL MEMORIAL CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit in this class.
2023 winner: Richard Barton

Exhibits in classes 206 to 212 must be shown in tapered clay or plastic brown pots.

- 206 Pelargonium, Zonal, 1 pot.
- 207 Pelargonium, Regal, 1 pot.
- 208 Pelargonium, Stellar, 1 pot.
- 209 Fuchsias, 3 pots, each pot not to exceed 30cm internal diameter.
- 210 Fuchsia, 1 pot not to exceed 30cm internal diameter.
- 211 Fuchsia. Not less than 45cm of clear stem, in a suitably sized pot.
- 212 Fuchsia. Not less than 75cm of clear stem, in a suitably sized pot.
- 213 Gloxinia, 1 pot.
- 214 Coleus, 1 pot.
- 215 Fern, 1 pot, hardy specimen.
- 216 Fern, 1 pot, greenhouse specimen.
- 217 Foliage pot plant not separately classified, 1 pot.
- 218 Miniature or patio rose, 1 pot.
- 219 Bonsai, 1 container, British grown.

THE W. R. MAYNARD MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 201 to 219 excluding class 205.
2023 winner: L N Earl

If you are entering the horticultural classes, we recommend that you read the RHS handbook which gives excellent advice about preparing and staging your exhibits. It is available through the RHS website or from other online retailers.



CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

- 220 Specimen cacti and/or succulents, bowl garden up to 30cm internal diameter or square.
- 221 3 specimen cacti, in containers not to exceed 15cm internal diameter or square.
- 222 3 specimen succulents, excluding cacti, in containers not to exceed 15cm internal diameter or square.
- 223 Specimen cacti and/or succulents, a collection to fill a space 90cm wide x 65cm deep.
- 224 One specimen cactus in a container not to exceed 30cm internal diameter or square.
- 225 One specimen succulent (other than cactus) in a container not to exceed 30cm internal diameter or square.

The MARKS AND SPENCER CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 220 to 225. 2023 winner: Michael Salter

GENERAL CUT FLOWERS

It is strongly recommended that cut flowers are exhibited in horticultural show vases (known as "bikini vases"). Apart from the rose classes, these are NOT supplied and should be supplied by the exhibitor. The society does have a small number that can be borrowed. These are available on a first come, first served basis when staging your exhibits in the marquee.

USE OF FLORAL FOAM: We discourage the use of floral foam. where possible, please use biodegradable alternatives.

- 226 Gladioli, 400 or 500 sizes (florets bigger than 4½"), 3 spikes, 1 per vase, any cultivars.
- 227 Gladioli, 100, 200 or 300 sizes (florets under 4½"), 3 spikes in 1 vase, any cultivars.
- 228 Gladioli, primulinus, 2 vases, 2 spikes in each, any cultivars.

THE EDNA WEBBER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 226 to 228, (gladioli). 2023 winner: Manfred Roper

- 229 Asters, 1 vase, 5 blooms.
- 230 Phlox herbaceous, 3 vases, at least 3 stems in each.
- 231 Penstemon, 1 vase of 5 stems.



- 232 Zinnias, 1 vase, 5 blooms.
- 233 African Marigolds, 1 vase, 7 blooms.
- 234 Hydrangea, 1 vase, 3 heads. Single cultivar.
- 235 Hydrangea, 1 vase, 3 heads. Mixed cultivars.
- 236 Delphiniums, 3 spikes in separate vases, any single or mixed cultivars.
- 237 Delphiniums, 6 individual florets displayed attractively.
- 238 Hardy herbaceous perennial flowers, 3 kinds, 1 vase of each.
- 239 Hardy perennial flowers, 1 vase not exceeding 12cm wide across the top.
- 240 Hardy perennial flowers, 1 vase more than 12cm wide across the top.
- 241 Flowers raised from seed in the 12 months preceding the show, 3 kinds, 1 vase of each.
- 242 A selection of grasses, 1 vase arranged for effect.
- 243 "Country Garden". A vase of cut flowers, at least 3 cultivars in mixed, bright colours. Arranged for best visual effect to interpret the title. Accessories may be used to enhance the display..
- 244 "On the Beach". A vase of cut flowers to include at least 3 cultivars in blues and yellows. Arranged for best visual effect to interpret the title. Accessories may be used to enhance the display.



FLOWER HEADS DISPLAYED ON BOARDS

The flower heads are usually displayed on a flat board with the stems poking through holes in the board into a container of water or damp material beneath.

- 245 Fuchsias, 9 blooms to be shown on a board not exceeding 30cm x 30cm, at least 3 varieties, each variety to be named.
- 246 Pansies, 6 to be displayed on a board not exceeding 30cm x 30cm.
- 247 Violas, 6 to be displayed on a board not exceeding 30cm x 30cm.
- 248 French Marigolds, 9 blooms to be displayed on a board not exceeding 30cm x 30cm. Single or mixed cultivars.

DAHLIA CLASSES

All cultivars and varieties should be named where possible.

Dahlia blooms sizes:

Giant - over 260mm	Large - between 220mm & 260mm
Mediums - between 170mm & 220mm	Small - between 115mm & 170mm
Miniature not exceeding 115mm	Pompon - not exceeding 55mm. Large Pompon not exceeding 83mm

- 249 Dahlia, decorative, cactus or semi-cactus, giant or large, 1 bloom.
- 250 Dahlias, decorative and/or semi and/or cactus, medium. 2 vases, 3 blooms in each not less than 2 cultivars.
- 251 Dahlias, decorative, miniature and/or small, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 252 Dahlias, ball, miniature and/or small, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 253 Dahlias, pompon, 2 vases, 6 blooms in each, not less than 2 cultivars.
- 254 Dahlias, pompon, 1 vase, 6 blooms.
- 255 Dahlias, cactus and/or semi cactus, miniature or small. 2 vases, 3 blooms in each, not less than 2 cultivars.
- 256 Dahlias, cactus and/or semi cactus, small and/or miniature, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 257 Dahlias, 1 vase, 3 blooms of any type not mentioned above.

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW DAHLIA CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

- 258 3 vases of Dahlias, chosen from those below. More than one vase from the same category is allowed.
- 1 vase, 3 blooms, large decorative/large semi cactus;
 - 1 vase, 3 blooms, medium decorative;
 - 1 vase, 3 blooms, medium cactus/semi cactus;
 - 1 vase, 5 blooms, small decorative;
 - 1 vase, 5 blooms, small cactus/semi cactus;
 - 1 vase, 5 blooms, small ball;
 - 1 vase, 5 miniatures, cactus/semi cactus and or ball or decorative;
 - 1 vase, 6 pompon.

THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY'S SILVER MEDAL will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Dahlia classes. 2023 winner: Neal Hatch.

THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY'S BRONZE MEDAL will be awarded for the second best exhibit in the Dahlia classes. 2023 winner: Neal Hatch.



ROSE CLASSES



These classes are hosted in conjunction with the Rose Society UK

These classes are open to all.

You do not need to be a Rose Society member to take part.

These exhibits must be exhibited in the specified vases. These will be supplied when you bring your exhibits to the marquee.

Hybrid Tea Roses

- 259 1 specimen HT bloom. Exhibited in an 8" vase.
- 260 3 stems of HT blooms, one or more varieties. Exhibited in a 12" vase.
- 261 6 stems of HT blooms, 1 or more varieties. Exhibited in a 12" vase.

Cluster Flowered Roses

- 262 1 specimen cluster flowered stem. Exhibited in a 12" vase.
- 263 3 stems of cluster flowered roses one or more varieties. Exhibited in a 12" vase.
- 264 5 stems cluster flowered roses, 1 or more varieties. Exhibited in a 12" vase.

Miniature and Miniflora Roses

- 265 6 stems, miniature roses, one HT form bloom per stem, 1 or more varieties. Exhibited in a 7" vase.
- 266 5 stems miniature roses, each bearing a cluster of blooms, 1 or more varieties. Exhibited in a 7" vase.
- 267 6 stems miniflora roses, one HT form bloom per stem, 1 or more varieties. Exhibited in an 8" vase.

Bowls

- 268 HT roses, 9 stems. one bloom per stem. Exhibited in a 12" bowl.
- 269 A bowl of mixed roses for quality and arrangement. Any varieties any number of stems. Exhibited in a 12" bowl.
- 270 Bowl (small black) of miniature or miniflora roses, 12 stems. One bloom per stem.
- 271 Bowl (small black) of miniature cluster flowered roses, any number of stems.

Floating Rose Blooms

- 272 One floating bloom for fragrance - judged purely for scent.
- 273 One floating bloom fully open in dish provided.
- 274 One floating bloom at perfect stage in dish provided.

THE ALEXANDER CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit in the rose classes, 259 to 274. 2023 winner: Neil Duncan.

THE ROSE SOCIETY BRONZE MEDAL will be awarded to the best HT rose in the show. 2023 winner: Neil Duncan

SWEET PEAS

- 275 Sweet Peas, one vase, 7 stems in one distinct cultivar. With sweet pea foliage.
- 276 Sweet Peas, one vase, 7 stems in two distinct cultivars. With sweet pea foliage.
- 277 Sweet Peas, one vase, any number of stems, sweet pea foliage. Mixed cultivars.
- 278 Sweet Peas, 3 cultivars, one vase of each, 7 stems in each with sweet pea foliage. Mixed colours.

PERPETUAL FLOWERING CARNATIONS AND PINKS

Exhibits should be displayed with foliage

279 Perpetual Carnations, Championship Class, a vase of 12 blooms, any cultivar(s).
THE H. S. HARE CUP and a gold medal card will be awarded for the best exhibit in this class. 2023 winner: Ivor Mace.

280 Perpetual Carnations, a vase of 5 blooms, fancy, any cultivar(s).

281 Perpetual Carnations, a vase of 5 blooms, self, any cultivar(s).

282 Perpetual Carnations, a vase of 3 blooms, fancy, any cultivar(s).

283 Perpetual Carnations, a vase of 3 blooms, self, any cultivar(s).

284 Pinks Championship Class, a vase of 12 stems, any cultivar(s).

A Gold Medal card will be awarded to the winner of this class. 2023 winner: Not Awarded

285 Pinks. A vase of five stems, mixed doubles.

286 Pinks, a vase of five stems, mixed with an eye.

287 Pinks, a vase of three stems, fancy, any cultivar(s).

288 Pinks, a vase of three stems, self, any cultivar(s).

289 Pinks. One single stem, fancy.

290 Pinks. One single stem, self.

HANGING BASKETS AND PATIO TUBS

Hanging baskets must be ready to hang from hooks that will be provided.

291 Hanging basket to be viewed from all sides, basket not to exceed 36cm across the top.

292 Hanging basket to be viewed from all sides, basket more than 36cm across the top.

293 Patio tub or container to be viewed from all sides, overall space allowed 100cm diameter.

THE S. J. FARLEY MEMORIAL CUP will be awarded for the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 226 to 290 (cut flowers). 2023 winner: Neal Hatch.

THE F. W. PENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 226 to 290 (cut flowers). 2023 winner: Neil Duncan

The following general cups will be awarded.

Other cups and trophies are shown throughout the schedule.

The ASHFORDS CUP is awarded for the best horticultural exhibit in divisions 1 to 4 by an individual exhibitor. 2023 winner: Ivor Mace

The ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BANKSIAN MEDAL is awarded for individual winner of the most prize money in the horticultural classes 102 to 434. 2023 winner: Neal Hatch

The CRITTALL WARMLIFE CUP is awarded for exhibitor gaining the most points in the whole schedule of classes 102 to 1132. 2023 winner: Andy Ryall

DIVISION 3 FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

ENTRY FEE: 50p

PRIZES:

Classes 301, 302, 303, 304, 311, 312, 321, 353 to 356: First £10; Second £7; Third £5.

Classes 371 to 375: First only £6.

All other classes: First £5; Second £4; Third £2.

PLEASE NAME ALL CULTIVARS WHERE KNOWN.

TAUNTON VEGETABLE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

These classes will be judged for quality, variety and a high standard of visual presentation. Accessories, staging, backboards and foliage (such as parsley etc) may be used arranged for best presentational effect to make an attractive display.

301 Collection of vegetables, 7 kinds in a maximum space 90cm wide x 75cm deep. Not less than 2 of each kind.

The National Vegetable Society Plaque will be awarded to the winner of this class. 2023 Winner: Pat Carter.

302 Collection of vegetables, 5 kinds displayed attractively in a maximum space 90cm wide x 75cm deep. Not less than 2 of each kind.

303 Collection of root vegetables, at least 3 kinds exhibited for best visual effect in a trug or similar sized basket. Not less than 2 of each kind.

304 Collection of saladines, at least 4 kinds. Choice of vegetables eaten raw or cooked and eaten cold, in a space 90cm wide x 75cm deep. Not less than 2 of each kind.

TOMATO CLASSES

Tomatoes should be ripe, firm, blemish free, well coloured fruits of the appropriate size, not polished and with fresh calyces (stalks). Display on paper plates or boards. All cultivars should be named where possible

305 Tomatoes, medium, red, 5.

306 Tomatoes, medium, any other colours, 5.

307 Tomatoes, beefsteak or large, 3.

308 Tomatoes, plum, 5.

309 Tomatoes, small fruited, 9.

310 Tomatoes, 1 truss, any variety.

311 Tomatoes, a display of at least 3 varieties, to be exhibited attractively in a trug or similar basket. Will be judged on quality of fruit and attractiveness of the display.

POTATO CLASSES

Potatoes should be clean, blemish free, medium sized, evenly matched, well shaped with shallow eyes. They should be lightly washed and displayed on a paper plate or board. All cultivars should be named where possible.

312 Collection of potatoes, 4 cultivars (named if possible), 4 plates of 5.

313 Potatoes, coloured (including red), cultivar to be named if possible, 1 plate of 5.

314 Potatoes, white, cultivar to be named if possible, 1 plate of 5.

ROOT VEGETABLE CLASSES

Root vegetables should be carefully washed. Stalks and leaves neatly trimmed to about 75mm and tied. Vegetables should be blemish free, evenly matched and evenly coloured. Display directly on the showbench, Plates are not needed. Carrots should be laid side-by-side in a triangular formation with the root facing front. All cultivars should be named where possible.

- 315 Parsnips, 3.
- 316 Carrots, a long pointed cultivar, 3.
- 317 Carrots, other than a long pointed cultivar, 3.
- 318 Turnips, 3.
- 319 Beetroots, round, 3.
- 320 Beetroots, cylindrical, 3.

ONIONS, SHALLOTS AND LEEKS

Leeks should be thoroughly washed with the soil teased from the roots which should not be cut off. The leaves should not be cut and should be in good condition and tied in two or three places along their length. Onions and shallots should have the roots neatly trimmed and the neck tied. Flaking skin should be removed, but be careful not to over-peel. You should exhibit large firm, well-ripened specimens. Onions and shallots should have thin necks and unbroken skin, free from damage and disease. Onions are normally staged on rings or soft collars to keep them upright. Shallots can be shown sitting in a dish of sand. All cultivars should be named where possible.

- 321 Collection of 3 onions exceeding 250g each, 3 onions not exceeding 250g each, 6 large shallots and 6 pickling shallots not exceeding 3cm diameter.
- 322 Onions, not exceeding 250g each, 5.
- 323 Onions, over 250g each, 3.
- 324 Shallots, large, 10.
- 325 Shallots, pickling, not exceeding 3cm diameter, 10.
- 326 Leeks, intermediate, not exceeding 35cm long from root base to button, 3
- 327 Leeks, blanched, over 35cm long from root base to button, 2

PEAS AND BEANS

You should exhibit large, long, fresh, smooth pods of good colour well filled with tender peas or beans. Runner and French beans should have no outward signs of seeds. Exhibits should be well-matched and shown on a plate or board with a short portion of stalk retained. Cultivars should be named where possible.

- 328 Peas, 9 pods.
- 329 Runner beans, 9.
- 330 Dwarf beans, 9.
- 331 Broad beans, 6.

SALADINES

Saladines are vegetables normally eaten raw or cooked and eaten cold. They should be fresh, clean and evenly matched. Lettuce are normally shown with the roots left on and neatly enclosed in a plastic bag to retain freshness. Display garlic the same way as onions. Radishes are shown as a tied bunch complete with foliage. Cucumbers should be of a good, fresh green colour with a short stalk. Cultivars should be named where possible.

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- 332 Celery, 2 heads.
- 333 Cucumbers, frame, 2.
- 334 Cucumbers, ridge, 2.
- 335 Lettuce, cos, 2.
- 336 Lettuce, cabbage, 2.
- 337 Lettuce, 3 of different varieties.
- 338 Peppers, sweet, any colour, 3.
- 339 Peppers, hot (Chilli), 6.
- 340 Garlic, 3 bulbs. NOTE: Elephant garlic should be entered in class 351.
- 341 Radish, small salad, 1 bunch of 9
- 342 Aubergines, 3

CABBAGES, COURGETTES, CAULIFLOWERS AND HERBS

Cabbages and cauliflowers should have solid heads of equal size with approx 75mm of stem. Remove a minimum of outer leaves. Courgettes: select uniform, slim, young, tender specimens which can be staged on plates with or without flowers. Marrows and squashes should be matching, tender and young. Wipe clean and exhibit directly on the showbench. Spinach beet should have large, fresh, thick and undamaged, well coloured leaves and stalks displayed in a vase. Cultivars should be named where possible.

- 343 Cabbages, red, 2 heads.
- 344 Cabbages, green, 2 heads.
- 345 Cauliflowers, 2 heads
- 346 Courgettes, 3. Not exceeding 150mm long (or 75mm diameter for round varieties).
- 347 Vegetable marrow, 2. Not exceeding 350mm length (or 500mm circumference for round varieties).
- 348 Squashes, 2.
- 349 Spinach Beet or Chard, 10 leaves displayed in a vase.
- 350 Broccoli, sprouting, 9 shoots
- 351 Any other vegetable not classified, 3. Variety and cultivar to be named.
- 352 "My Herb Garden", Collection of fresh herbs for culinary use - at least 5 distinct kinds (named) displayed attractively and imaginatively for best visual effect in a maximum space 60cm wide x 75cm deep. Accessories, staging and backcloths etc can be used.

FRUIT CLASSES

All fruit should be ripe. Apples, pears and gooseberries may be shown unripe. Specimens should be well-matched, clean and blemish free. Fruit has a natural bloom on its surface and this should be retained if possible and not washed off. Stalks and calyces should be left on and fresh. The plant foliage should be used to decorate the exhibit. All cultivars should be named where possible.

- 353 Basket of Fruit: A collection of fruits, at least 4 kinds, to be displayed attractively in a basket.
- 354 Collection of fruit - 3 kinds, 1 dish of each kind to be displayed attractively.
- 355 Apples, collection of culinary, 3 named cultivars, 5 of each.
- 356 Apples, collection of dessert, 3 named cultivars, 5 of each.
- 357 Apples, dessert, 1 dish of 5.
- 358 Apples, culinary, 1 dish of 5.

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- 359 Plums or gages, 5 light coloured.
- 360 Plums, 5 dark coloured.
- 361 Pears, 1 dish of 5.
- 362 Pears, 2 cultivars, 1 dish of 5 of each cultivar.
- 363 Raspberries, 1 dish of 15
- 364 Blackberries, 1 dish of 15.
- 365 Gooseberries, 1 dish of 15.
- 366 Currant x Gooseberry hybrids, eg jostaberry or worcesterberry, 1 dish of between 200g and 250g.
- 367 Currants, red, 1 dish in bunches. Not less than 200g and not more than 250g.
- 368 Currants, black, 1 dish in bunches. Not less than 200g and not more than 250g.
- 369 Blueberries. 1 dish of not less than 200g and not more than 250g.
- 370 Any other fruit, not listed above, quantity according to type.

HEAVIEST AND LONGEST

The following classes will be judged solely on size or weight as appropriate. First Prize only will be awarded.

- 371 Longest bean. Exhibits must be left at the control desk, marked with your initials. They will be placed on the show bench by a steward immediately prior to judging.
- 372 Heaviest onion, as grown, foliage and roots intact.
- 373 Heaviest three potatoes, weighed together.
- 374 Heaviest Marrow.
- 375 Heaviest Tomato.



The ILTON CUP is awarded for the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 301 to 352 (Vegetables). 2023 winner: Pat Carter

The TAUNTON PERPETUAL CUP is awarded for the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 353 to 370 (Fruit). 2023 winner: Andy Ryall

The CHARLES CLIFFORD ALLEN PERPETUAL CUP is awarded for the best exhibit in classes 301 to 304, 311, 312, 321, 353 to 356 (Collections). 2023 winner: Robert Forgan.

DIVISION 4 UP AND COMING GARDENERS

For those who would like to have a go at showing.

This division is open only to those who have not previously won a first prize in any class in divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Taunton Flower Show.

ENTRY FEE: 50p

PRIZES: Class 401: First £10; Second £7; Third £5. Class 419: First prize only £5.

All other classes: First £5; Second £4; Third £2.

The **TOM NASH PERPETUAL TROPHY** will be awarded for the exhibitor gaining the most points in this division. **2023 winner: Terry Bunyard**

We have given some advice on presentation of horticultural exhibits in the relevant sections of divisions 2 and 3 in this schedule. You will find this advice useful when preparing your exhibits in these novices classes. Where possible, please give the name of the cultivars (varieties) you have exhibited. This is most easily done on a small white card next to your entries.

HAVE A GO CHALLENGE CLASS

401 **“From My Garden”**. A display of 3 kinds of vegetables, 2 kinds of fruit and 1 vase of flowers. To be displayed imaginatively and attractively in a space 60cm wide x 75cm deep. The produce will not be judged to RHS rules but will be judged on quality and variety of material. You should aim for a good overall visual effect. You may use accessories, foliage etc to enhance your display.

The FRED LEAMON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the winner of this class. 2023 winner: Lizzie Livingstone.

VEGETABLES

- 402 Onions, 3, not exceeding 250g each.
- 403 Onions, 3, over 250g each.
- 404 Runner beans, 6.
- 405 Carrots, 3.
- 406 Beetroots, 3.
- 407 Courgettes, 3.
- 408 Leeks, 2.
- 409 Lettuces, any variety, 2.
- 410 Collection of saladines, at least 3 kinds. Choice of vegetables eaten raw or cooked and eaten cold. Not less than 2 of each kind.
- 411 Potatoes, 3 of any one variety.
- 412 Tomatoes, not cherry, 1 dish of 3.
- 413 A truss of cherry tomatoes.
- 414 Cucumbers, 2.
- 415 Radishes, 1 bunch of 5.
- 416 Garlic, 3 bulbs.
- 417 Any other vegetable not listed in division 4, number according to type.

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- 418 Herbs, 3 named and in water, displayed attractively in separate containers for best visual effect.
- 419 Longest runner bean (novices). Exhibits must be left at the control desk marked with your initials. First Prize only awarded.

FRUIT

- 420 "From the Hedgerow". A dish of fruit picked from the hedgerow and displayed attractively.
- 421 Raspberries, 1 dish of 10.
- 422 Pears, one dish of 3.
- 423 Eating apples, one dish of 3.
- 424 Cooking apples, one dish of 3.
- 425 Novice collection of fruit - 3 kinds, 1 dish of each to be displayed attractively.

FLOWERS

- 426 A single rose, any colour.
- 427 Rose, 3 blooms with foliage.
- 428 Pinks or carnations, three blooms.
- 429 "Sunset". A vase of cut flowers, primarily in reds, yellows and orange. Arranged for best visual effect to interpret the title. Accessories may be used to enhance the display.
- 430 Flowering pot plant, 1 pot.
- 431 Foliage pot plant, 1 pot.
- 432 Hardy perennial flowers, 1 vase not exceeding 15cm wide.
- 433 Sweet pea, 1 vase, 6 spikes with sweet pea foliage.
- 434 Dahlias, any variety, 1 vase of 3 blooms.
- 435 Hydrangeas, 1 vase of 3 heads



DIVISION 5

COOKERY AND PRESERVES, TEXTILE ART AND CRAFTS

All classes in this division apart from classes 527 and 528 are only open to **INDIVIDUALS** and must have been made by the exhibitor in whose name it is exhibited.

Exhibitors are advised to follow all instructions carefully

Entries must not have been exhibited previously at Taunton Flower Show

Unless shown otherwise, the entry fees and prizes in this division are:

ENTRY FEE: 50p

PRIZES: First £5; Second £4; Third £2

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

COOKERY CLASSES

Exhibits will be judged to agreed national standards for skill, technique and finish as well as for presentation. No items of meat, fish or fresh cream or of any liquids which may spill, may be included in the classes in Division 5. All cookery entries in classes 501 and 503 to 512 must be displayed on non-breakable plates or boards and covered with clingwrap or a non-breakable, see-through cake dome.

Class 501

COOKERY CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRY FEE: £2

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

Show a **titled** display of your choice of five items of baking to impress the judges. The items to be displayed within a space 60cm x 65cm with no height restriction. Please note the space available and cook appropriately. Each item to be judged must be labelled. **Accessories and display materials should be used to enhance the display.** Each item will be marked separately out of ten points and up to ten points will be awarded for presentation and interpretation of the wording of the class.

The LAKELAND TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of this class.

2023 winner: Ami Wyllie.

Class 502

AFTERNOON TEA

ENTRY FEE: £1

PRIZES: First £10; Second £7; Third £5.

Afternoon Tea has become 'the way' to celebrate special occasions. How would you celebrate? Try your hand at preparing a selection of your choice of cakes to be enjoyed for afternoon tea – displayed on a tiered cake stand of not more than 30cm in diameter.

The MR MILES TEA ROOM TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of this class.

2023 winner: Monica McKee

Class 503

SPECIAL OCCASION CAKE

ENTRY FEE: £1

PRIZES: First £10; Second £7; Third £5.

A Special Occasion cake that will stand within a 10in/25cm diameter circle. Let your imagination go 'wild' and 'wow' the Judges! Please label appropriately so that the Judges can know the occasion for which this cake might be baked. Please display this cake on a non-breakable plate or board and cover with cling wrap or a non-breakable cake dome.

- 504 A Victoria Sponge sandwich using 3 hens eggs, raspberry jam filling and caster sugar dusting, and using a sponge tin no larger than 8in or 20cm in diameter.
- 505 A Somerset Apple Cake.
- 506 Five plain scones.
- 507 Six named savoury biscuits.
- 508 A lemon tart with sweet pastry.
- 509 Focaccia Bread with rosemary and sea salt.
- 510 Six iced biscuits with the theme 'By the Sea'.
- 511 Chocolate Swiss Roll with buttercream filling.
- 512 **FOR NOVICES ONLY:** Five pieces of traybake of your choice with ingredients listed. Open to individuals who have not won a first prize in a cookery class previously at this show.

A voucher donated by LAKELAND will be given to each of the first prize winners in classes 503 to 512.

PRESERVES CLASSES

Exhibits will be judged to agreed national standards for skill, technique and finish as well as for presentation. All jams, jellies and marmalades to be sealed with a NEW plain plastic lined twist top without a wax disc OR a clear cellophane cover with a wax disc. Curds must be sealed with a wax disc and a clear cellophane cover. Pickles and chutneys should be at least two months old and should be covered with a NEW plain plastic lined twist top. All preserves must be in plain, unmarked jars and have plain white labels showing full date of making and contents.

Class 513

Preserves Championship

ENTRY FEE: £2

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

How do you preserve nature's harvest to enjoy throughout the year? Display 3 jars of preserves to show how you can keep a variety of produce to be enjoyed through to the next harvest. These items to be displayed within a space 60cm x 65cm. Each preserve must be suitably labelled. Each item will be marked separately out of ten points and up to ten points may be awarded for presentation and interpretation of the wording of the class..

The MOUNTFIELD FRUIT FARM CUP will be awarded to the winner of this class.
2023 winner: Dale Knight

- 514 A jar of Seville Orange Marmalade.
- 515 A jar of Strawberry Jam.

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- 516 A jar of pickle of your choice.
- 517 A jar of your favourite chutney.
- 518 Lemon curd using 150ml freshly squeezed lemon juice, 110g unsalted butter, 350g granulated sugar and 150ml beaten fresh egg.
- 519 **FOR NOVICES ONLY:** Your favourite single fruit jam. Open to individuals who have not won a preserves class previously at this show.

CRAFT CLASSES

Class 520

Craft Championship

ENTRY FEE £2

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

This is an opportunity to show all your ability in original textile and non-textile art and craft skills together. Display five items of work demonstrating your skill in at least three different disciplines, all to be the work of the same exhibitor, and to be displayed in a table top space 135cm x 65cm with no height restriction.

Accessories may be used to enhance the display, but the items to be judged must be listed or individually titled. Each item of work will be marked separately out of ten points and up to ten points may be awarded for presentation of the whole exhibit.

The SECRETARY'S CUP will be awarded to the winner of this class.

2023 winner: Suzy Denner.

- 521 An item of paper art. Maximum size 30cm in any dimension. Will be displayed on a flat table, please supply your own stand if required.
- 522 An aged Birthday Card for either a girl or boy. To be created by the exhibitor from base materials and using no commercially made components. To be displayed in a transparent cover, which must be removable for judging, **on a stand supplied by the exhibitor.** Please describe the materials and techniques used on a separate card - to be displayed with the entry.
- 523 New Home Card in which commercially generated components may be used. To be displayed in a transparent cover, which must be removable for judging, **on a stand supplied by the exhibitor.** Kits may be used in this class.
- 524 Father's Day Card using sewing techniques. To be displayed in a transparent cover, which must be removable for judging, **on a stand supplied by the exhibitor.** Kits may be used in this class.
- 525 A handmade christmas present in any medium. Maximum size 30cm in any dimension. Will be displayed on a flat table, please supply your own stand if required.
- 526 A small item or decoration made from willow no bigger than 20x20cm.

PRIZEGIVING

We have changed the location of the cup presentation ceremony.

This will now take place at 4pm on Saturday in the **FLORAL MARQUEE**. If you have won a cup, please be in the floral marquee ready for the presentation. All are welcome to attend.

Prize money will be paid as usual from the control point in the competition marquee from 3pm on Saturday.

GROUP ENTRIES

Classes 527 and 528 are open to groups only.

ENTRY FEE: £2

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

Class 527

Open to Members of Somerset WIs only

A DAY AT THE RACES

A display, made by at least two members of a WI, on the theme of a day at the races. The display should contain two items of baking, one jar of preserves and two craft items to interpret the title. It will be displayed in a table top space 135cm x 65cm with no height restriction. Accessories may be used to enhance the display and interpretation. Please list, or individually label, the items to be judged. Each individual item will be judged out of ten points and up to ten points may be awarded for display and interpretation. Please enter in the name of the WI.

The CARTER CUP, donated in 1953 for the Women's Institute, will be awarded to the winner of this class. 2023 winner: Not Awarded

Class 528

Open to all formal and informal groups

OUR FAVOURITE DECADE

A display of three items of craftwork made by three people from a group of family and/or friends, who enjoy making things for fun. To illustrate your favourite decade. To be displayed on a covered table top space 60cm x 65cm with no height restriction. Accessories may be used to enhance the display. Please list, or individually label, the items to be judged. Each item will be marked out of ten points and up to ten points may be awarded for display.

The HART TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of this class. 2023 winner: Quantock Stitches

TEXTILE CLASSES

Entries must be created by the exhibitor and **include a small card** explaining in up to 50 words how the entry was made and the products used. Additional items can be used to enhance the display of the exhibit. Please specify where kits and commercial patterns have been used.

Textile Art Classes

Entries to be created with any combination of textiles, threads, fibre, yarn, paint, dye, beads and other textile embellishments.

Wall hangings can be framed or unframed and must be no more than 100cm wide x 150cm long and be ready to hang. Other items can be used to enhance presentation.

529 An embellished wall hanging inspired by the sights of summer.

530 An embellished wall hanging made with recycled materials.

531 An embellished book.

532 A decorative 3D flower arrangement.

533 An embellished candle decoration.

Quilting Classes

Entries can be constructed in any type of fabric and can be pieced and quilted by hand or machine.

- 534 A quilted cushion.
- 535 A quilt made in recycled fabrics.

Embroidery Classes

Entries can be constructed with any type of thread or fabric and can be hand or machine embroidered, unless otherwise stated.

- 536 A framed embroidery.
- 537 An embroidered hanging decoration.
- 538 A embroidered bag.

Felting Classes

Entries can be created with any type of fibre and method including wet felting, hand felting or by an embellisher machine.

- 539 A felted floral decoration.
- 540 A felted picture.

Knitting & Crochet Classes

Entries can be created by the stated method with any type of yarn.

- 541 A pair of knitted gloves.
- 542 A crocheted toy.

Spinning & Weaving Classes

Entries can be woven or spun with any type of fibre.

- 543 A project created in hand spun yarn.
- 544 A picture created by any type of weaving.

Other Textile Classes

Entries can be created in any type of fabric, thread, or fibres and must be no more than 100cm x 100cm and be ready for display on a table.

- 545 A garment repaired with decorative darning.
- 546 A project created with naturally dyed materials.

The F C BENNETT MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 521 to 546. 2023 winner: Suzy Denner

DIVISION 6 FINE ART and CALLIGRAPHY

Open to **INDIVIDUALS** only.

ENTRY FEE: 50p.

PRIZES: First £5; Second £4; Third £2

Except for deep edge canvasses, artwork must be framed, strung and ready to hang on hooks provided by the show. They will be displayed on vertical boards along the side of the marquee. No clip frames. Presentation forms an integral part of the competition.

Signatures will be covered during judging.

Exhibits will be judged based on composition, techniques applied and overall visual context and impact.

Paintings, classes 601 to 609 - Frame must not exceed 100cm in either direction. The artwork may be any size within the frame.

Sculpture, class 610 - Base must not exceed 60cm in either direction. No height limit.

Entries must not have been exhibited previously at Taunton Flower Show

601	An oil or acrylic painting on canvas or board - botanical or still life.	607	A drawing in any medium.
602	An oil or acrylic painting on canvas or board - a portrait.	608	An original print - etching, lino etc, (no photographic, digitally enhanced photographic or Giclee prints).
603	A watercolour painting - a portrait.	609	An abstract painting in any medium.
604	A watercolour painting - Still Life.	610	A sculpture or carving (not turned wood) in any medium.
605	A watercolour painting - landscape or seascape.		
606	An artwork in pastel or oil pastel.		

The Judges' Choice

A cash prize of £25 will be awarded for the best fine art exhibit in classes 601 to 610.

2023 Winner: Hester Mortimore

CALLIGRAPHY and CREATIVE WRITING

Calligraphy

Exhibits must be framed, strung and ready to hang on hooks provided by the show. The frame must not exceed 50cm in either direction. The work may be any size within the frame.

- 611 An item of calligraphy, monochrome.
- 612 An item of calligraphy, illustrated and coloured.

Creative Writing

- 613 A poem in a style of your choice titled 'My Summer', 500 words maximum and must be mounted on A4 black card. Type in Calibri font, size 12 or handwritten.
- 614 A short story on a topic of your choice, maximum 250 words. Printed to fill an A4 sheet.

DIVISION 7 PHOTOGRAPHY

THESE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS ONLY (NO GROUPS)

CLASSES 701 to 707

ENTRY FEE 50p

PRIZES: First £5; Second £4; Third £2

The SOMERSET COUNTY GAZETTE TROPHY will be awarded to the individual exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 701 to 707. *2023 winner: Dawn Mahoney*

The Antique Village will present a special prize for the best photograph in classes 701-707. *2023 winner: Dawn Mahoney*

Entries to classes 701-707

Exhibitors are advised to follow all instructions carefully.

Print Size - A5 (210mm x 148.5mm / 8"x 6") Landscape or Portrait. PRINT TO EDGE, BORDERLESS.

Print Paper - All photos must be printed on photographic paper.

Backing Card/Board - Please fix photos to a stiff piece of A5 (photo size) card/board, to prevent the photo curling. No Mounts.

- Please write your name & class number clearly on the back of the photo card.
- No image may be entered into more than one class.
- Please only submit photography taken for this year's photographic topics.
- Photographic images must not have been submitted into the photography classes in previous years.

701 **Close up** - try your skills at close up photography.

702 **Generations** - this could be anything from people to objects.

703 **Spring** - capture the feeling of new beginnings in the springtime.

704 **Happiness** - make us smile from a simple image.

705 **Night time** - steady hands for this one.

706 **Pets** - we all love to see your extended family - time to showcase.

707 **Pairs** - think about the composition using two of something interesting.

Cut out and keep in your pocket or purse as a reminder of the classes when you are out and about with your camera.

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701 **Close up**

702 **Generations**

703 **Spring**

704 **Happiness**

705 **Night time**

706 **Pets**

707 **Pairs**

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE CLASS

ENTRY FEE: £1

PRIZES: First £20; Second £10; Third £7.

THE ANTIQUE VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the winner of this class. *2023 winner: Dawn Mahoney*

A maximum of 30 entries only can be accepted for this class. They will be taken in the order submitted. We will let you know if you cannot enter this class.

708 Sunrise or Sunset - capture the start or the end of the day.

Mounts - The picture must be properly mounted on card. External dimensions of the mount must be 50cm x 40cm. Internal dimensions should suit the photograph which can be of any size within the mount.

Print Size - any size within the mount.

Print Paper - all photos must be printed on photographic paper.

Backing Card/Board - Please fix to a stiff piece of card/board, to prevent curling. Please write your name clearly on the back.



DIVISION 8 FLORAL ART AND FLORISTRY

PRIZES: Classes 802, 803: **PRIZES:** First £20; Second £10; Third £7. (Entry fee £1)
Classes 804 to 816: First £10; Second £7; Third £5. (Entry fee £1)

JUDGES

JUDGES: Gill Casey - National Judge and Julia Harrison - Area Judge
Carol Cuthbert (Floristry)

A definition of an exhibit as taken from the NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th Edition 2023

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, in all its forms, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.

Disqualification will take place for the following reasons:

- **Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in the show schedule, e.g., the measurements or components.**
- **If inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems are not in water or water-retaining material. Unless they fall in the exception category: Air plants, cacti, fruits, fungi, grass turf, lichen, moss, succulents, vegetables, and long-lasting plant material WHICH WILL REMAIN TURGID (not wilting) FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW.**
- **If artificial plant material is used, i.e. no artificial flowers or fake grass, (unless specifically allowed by the show schedule).**

Further details and definitions can be found in the current edition of the NAFAS Competitions Manual. All classes will be judged in accordance with this manual, a copy of which can be obtained from NAFAS website.

NAFAS is encouraging the use of alternatives to floral foam. In classes where floral foam can be used, we ask that an alternative method of arranging the flowers be used if possible.

All classes to be judged in accordance with NAFAS Competitions Manual, 4th Edition 2023 (Blue Book).

Class 801 is staged on a base 30cm from the ground, exhibitors to provide their own covering.

Classes 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810 and 811 will be staged on tables 76cms from the ground covered with a black cloth.

Class 802 and 806 are against the side of the marquee against a white background.

Class 802 is arranged on the ground or can be a pedestal. Exhibitors can provide their own base if required.

Classes 803 and 812 are staged on bases 30cm from ground covered with a black cloth. No individual backgrounds may be used.

Class 813 is for Novices. A novice is someone who has never entered a show or someone who has not previously won a first in any large show such as Bath and West, Taunton Flower Show, Devon County Show or Area Shows.

Class 814 will be staged on a table measuring width 182cm, depth 76cm, height 76cm. Covered with a black cloth although Exhibitors can provide their own covering to go on top of the black cloth.

All exhibits must be staged within the space provided. Only entries in classes 808, 809, 811 and 812 may be brought ready assembled. All measurements are approximate.

All exhibits, accessories and equipment are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors are requested to collect their exhibits promptly at the end of the Show on Saturday 3rd August in accordance with Taunton Flower Show Regulation, 2024. Only two exhibitors per entry will be allowed to dismantle exhibits.

801 **CARNIVAL - A club or group exhibit.**

Space allowed: width 125cm, depth 125cm. Height optional. Staged on a base supplied, 122cm width, 122cm depth, height 30cm from the ground. Exhibitors to provide total covering for this base.

To be viewed and judged all round. To be staged by no more than three exhibitors.

PRIZES: First £70; Second £30; Third £10 (entry fee £3)

All entries staged (including prize winners) £25

THE WESTERN PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION TROPHY will be awarded for the best exhibit. 2023 winner: Burnham Area Evening Flower Club

802 **FRENCH FLAIR - An exhibit**

Space allowed: width 122cm, depth 122cm, height optional. To be viewed and judged from the front. Exhibitors to provide their own base if required and place on the ground.

THE GOODLAND CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit.

2023 winner: Joy Garland.

803 **IN THE ART STUDIO - An exhibit.**

Space allowed: 96cm diameter, height optional. Staged on a 91cm diameter round base, covered in black fabric, 30cm from the ground. To be viewed and judged all round.

THE E.W. BRICE MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded for the best exhibit.

2023 winner: Nicky Heal

804 **DREAMING SPIRES – An exhibit - NO FLORAL FOAM TO BE USED**

Space allowed: width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional. Staged on open tables. To be viewed all round but judged from the front.

805 **STEAMPUNK – An exhibit - NO FLORAL FOAM TO BE USED**

Space allowed: width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional. Staged on open tables. To be viewed all round but judged from the front. Steam



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Punk is inspired by Victorian era/industrialisation/mechanisation. Accessories play a more important role in this style than is usual, but plant material must predominate.

806 **WOODLAND WALK – A foliage exhibit with no flowers.**

Space allowed: width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional. Staged on tables against the side of the marquee. To be judged from the front.

807 **WASHED BY THE TIDE – A Seascape – NO FLORAL FOAM TO BE USED.**

Space allowed: width 91cm, depth 76cm, height optional. Staged on open tables. To be arranged all round but judged from the front.

808 **FAIRY TALE - A petite exhibit.**

Space allowed: width 25cm, depth 25cm, height 37cm. Staged on open tables. To be viewed all round but judged from the front. May be brought ready assembled.

THE FREDERICK & FLORENCE GILL MEMORIAL ROSEBOWL will be awarded for the best exhibit. 2023 winner: Sheila Bailey

809 **A HANDBAG - A craft exhibit the handbag to be made by the Exhibitor.**

Space allowed: width 40cm, depth 40 cm, height optional. Staged on open tables. Natural plant material to be used, artificial plant material may be used but cannot predominate. May be brought ready assembled.

810 **SEWING BEE - An imposed exhibit.**

This class will start promptly at 6.00 pm. An exhibit in which all components are provided. A selection of components or all may be used. Space allowed: width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional. Staged on open tables. To be viewed all round but judged from the front. Places are limited. £10.00 per entry will be charged. Please bring own secateurs/scissors.

811 **SEASHELL - A miniature exhibit.**

A small scale design. Space allowed: width 10cm, depth 10cm, height 15cm. To be viewed all round but judged from the front. May be brought ready assembled.

812 **NATURES MOSAIC - NO FLORAL FOAM TO BE USED.**

To be staged on low tabling covered in a black material, 30cm from the ground. Space allowed: width 50cm, depth 50cm, height 20cm. May be brought ready assembled.

813 **WAYS WITH WOOD – NOVICE CLASS - An exhibit.**

Space allowed: width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional. Staged on open tables. To be arranged all round but judged from the front.

814 **HOGWARTS - A table exhibit.**

Staged on a table measuring width 183cm, depth 76cm, height 76cm. Plant material may flow over sides and corners by no more than 15cm. To be decorated by up to 2 people. Please provide all cloths to cover the table. To be viewed and judged all round.

FLORISTRY

At least two-thirds of the finished design must be fresh flower and/or plant material. The fresh flower and/or plant material to be visually dominant. The judges will be looking for a high standard of technique and design. The design will be judged in the competitor's allocated space, but the wired design must be wearable. In classes where floral foam could be used, we ask that a biodegradable version is used if possible. All classes to be judged in accordance with Society of Floristry rules.

All exhibits must be staged within the space provided. All entries may be brought ready assembled. All measurements are approximate.



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815 A wired design suitable to be worn on a Drag Queen Stage Show. Space available width 40cm, depth 40 cm, height optional.

The Bridgwater College Cup will be awarded for the best exhibit in this class.

2023 winner: Sarah Inskip

816 A table design arrangement in a medium, to include a structure, for an upmarket buffet reception. Space available width 60cm, depth 60 cm, height optional.

THE WILLIAMS CUP will be awarded for the best use of foliage in any class.

2023 winner: Sheena Page

THE H SAMUEL PERPETUAL TROPHY will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 802 to 814. 2023 winner: Ann Manley

THE FOXWELL CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 802 to 814.

2023 winner: Sheila Bailey

THE DODD BOWL will be awarded for The Most Innovative Design.

2023 winner: Ann Manley

THE ANSON CUP will be awarded to the people's choice.



DIVISION 9 MIXED GROUPS

ENTRY FEE: £1

PRIZES: First £10; Second £7; Third £5.

Entries in the classes in this division **MUST** have been made or produced by a group of at least **THREE** people. The judging will take account of the effort and creativity demonstrated by the exhibitors.

The group can be members of a family, a group of friends who have come together to make this entry, a school or youth or social group, etc.

These classes are ideal for residents of care homes or day-centres who can take part in a creative group activity.

Entries must be in the name of the group not in the name of an individual. Please include a label showing the number of exhibitors and if there are children in the group, please indicate the children's ages.

- 901 A THEME PARK using predominately recycled materials. No longer or wider than 75cm diameter, height unrestricted.
- 902 AN ATHLETICS STADIUM using predominately recycled materials. No longer or wider than 75cm, height unrestricted.

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903 GROWING, MAKING AND BAKING

A class for a group to exhibit a range of skills and techniques: growing, arranging, baking and craft. The group can be any group of friends, family, care home, day-centre or social group. The group should have at least three people. Please select a name for your group and enter in the name of the group. The aim is to produce the most attractive and interesting display of well-made, good quality exhibits.

You will have a maximum space of 90cm x 70cm. There is no height limit.

Exhibit to be based on a park theme:

2 different kinds of vegetables grown in your garden.

1 vase of flowers grown in your garden.

2 items of baking, displayed on a plate and covered in plastic wrap.

2 items of craftwork, to include some bunting as one item.

You may use accessories to enhance the display to give the best visual effect.

DIVISION 10 YOUNG PEOPLE

ENTRY IN THIS DIVISION IS FREE

PRIZES: First £5; Second £4; Third £2.

Please make sure your entries are the correct size as stated in the descriptions below.
All entries can be brought ready made except where shown below.

The theme for this year is **FUN AND GAMES**

FLOWERS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

FUN WITH FLOWERS COMPETITION

The competition where all the flowers, foliage, accessories and containers are provided for you to make an arrangement on a given theme. You must be in the tent promptly at 5.30pm on Thursday 1 August 2024 for classes 1001 and 1002 and 6.30pm for classes 1003, 1004 and 1005 ready to start making your arrangement. All you need to bring is your imagination. Don't worry if you have not arranged flowers before: stewards will be available to help.

IMPORTANT: Please make sure that you are ready in the tent promptly at the time specified above as competitors will all start their arrangements together.

Entries may be limited to a maximum of 8 entries in each class in the order in which they are received. Please note that some entrants might be asked to move to another class depending on numbers.

The County Flowers Cup will be awarded to the best exhibit in classes 1001 to 1005.

2023 winner: Keira Hollow.

- 1001 SACK RACE 7 years and under.
- 1002 ROLL THE DICE, 9 years and under.
- 1003 EGG AND SPOON RACE. 11 years and under.
- 1004 TOP HAT MAGIC. 13 years and under.
- 1005 HALF TIME REFRESHMENT 17 years and under.



1006 An arrangement of FLOWERS and FOLIAGE on a FUN and GAMES theme. Please try to use an alternative to floral foam as this is not biodegradable. Must be made up by the exhibitor in the marquee. 17 years and under. **The LEN MEUX MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of this class.**
2023 winner: Lani Clarke.



1007 A COLLECTION OF HERBS. Display imaginatively with a FUN theme, a minimum of four kinds in water with labels. 17 years and under. May be brought ready assembled. **THE MRS GAY PENNY CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit.**
2023 winner: Lani Clarke.

1008 Grow three SUNFLOWERS and display imaginatively. 17 years and under. May be brought ready assembled.

1009 Grow CRESS in a recycled container with a games theme. 11 years and under.

1010 Make a COLLAGE of a CIRCUS. Size A3. 17 years and under.

1011 A CLOWN made predominantly from any natural plant material. Vegetables, fruit, seeds, nuts, etc. can be used. Some extra craft items can be used to enhance your exhibit. NOT to be painted. NO pasta. 7 years and under.

1012 A TROPHY made predominantly from any natural plant material. Vegetables, fruit, seeds, nuts, etc. can be used. Some extra craft items can be used to enhance your exhibit. NOT to be painted. NO pasta. 17 years and under.

1013 A GARDEN on a PLATE with a SPORTING theme. Must be made up by the exhibitor in the marquee. 11 years and under.

1014 Make a BUG HOUSE/HOTEL using any type of balls. 17 years and under.

The BINDLEY TROPHY will be awarded to the best exhibit in classes 1008 to 1014.
2023 winner: Jacob Shopland.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

1015 A HAPPY FACE on a PAPER PLATE using any art and craft materials.

1016 A FISH made from cardboard tubes.

1017 A FINGER PAINTING of a SLIDE. Size A4. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back.

The Pre-school Arts and Crafts trophy will be awarded to the best exhibit in these classes. 2023 winner: Hadleigh Lister

ARTS AND CRAFTS

PRIZE SHIELDS will be awarded for the best exhibit in the craft section, classes 1018 to 1042, in the age groups 8 years and under, 11 years and under and 17 years and under. **2023 winners: Willoughby Griffiths, Mary Farquhar, Beatrix Fox.**

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

- 1018 HANDWRITING. The verse given below is to be written in pen or pencil on A5 paper. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. Your entry may be decorated. 7 years and under.
- 1019 HANDWRITING. The verse given below is to be written in pen on A5 paper. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. Your entry may be decorated. 11 years and under.
- 1020 HANDWRITING. The verse given below is to be written in pen on A5 paper. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. Your entry may be decorated. 17 years and under.

Playing tennis on the court, dressed all in white
Now out on the pitch, running with the ball,
Skittles in the alley, loud whoops and cheers.
All these games are great, how I love them all.

Snakes and ladders, draughts and chess,
Board games when it's dark and cold;
Round the fire throwing the dice
Excitement and fun for young and old.

Fun games keeps you fit and strong
Keeps you moving and keeps you sound,
Fun and games is key for life,
By the fire or running around.

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS AND GUIDES

- 1021 For Rainbows and Beavers only: Make a MASQUERADE MASK. This can be made at home individually and not necessarily within a Rainbow or Beaver pack. **The CAREW FISHER CUP will be awarded to the winner of this class.**
2023 winner: Lola Dehaan
- 1022 For Brownies and Cubs only: Make a JESTER'S HAT from recycled materials and decorate attractively. This can be made at home individually and not necessarily within a Brownie or Cub pack. **The DOROTHY BOND BROWNIE TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of this class.**
2023 winner: Rowan McCaffrey
- 1023 For Guides and Scouts only: Make a SPORTS THEMED HAT from any material or craft items. This can be made at home individually and not necessarily within a Scout or Guide pack.

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- 1024 Make a model of a RACE TRACK. 17 years and under.
- 1025 A painting or drawing of a SPORTING CHARACTER using any medium. Size A4. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 7 years and under.
- 1026 Make and decorate a PINATA. Maximum size 50 x 50 cm, height unlimited. 17 years and under.
- 1027 Make a SET of SKITTLES. 11 years and under.
- 1028 Compose and decorate your own POEM about MY FAVOURITE GAME. Computer NOT to be used. Size A4. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 11 years and under.
- 1029 Make a POSTER to promote MY LOCAL PARK. Hand drawn or computer generated. Maximum size A3. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 17 years and under.
- 1030 Make a POSTER to promote a NEW COMPUTER GAME HERO. Computer only and size A4. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 17 years and under.
- 1031 A collage of a PLAY PARK. Maximum size A3. 11 years and under.
- 1032 PAINT a PEBBLE with a FUN theme. 7 years and under.
- 1033 PAINT a PEBBLE with a GAMES theme. 11 years and under.
- 1034 Make a HELTER-SKELTER model. 11 years and under.
- 1035 Make a MEDAL for a sport in the OLYMPIC GAMES. Minimum diameter 30 cm. 11 years and under.
- 1036 Make a SOMERSET THEMED board game. Maximum size A3. 17 years and under.
- 1037 UPCYCLE SOME CLOTHING into a SPORTS MASCOT. State on a label what the original clothing was. 17 years and under.
- 1038 Make a FRIENDSHIP BRACELET. 17 years and under.
- 1039 Make a PUPPET. 17 years and under.
- 1040 Make a FUN DREAMCATCHER. Will hang up in the marquee. 17 years and under.
- 1041 Make some CHEERLEADER POM-POMS 17 years and under.
- 1042 A painting of a SUMMER BEACH SCENE. Maximum size A3. 17 years and under.

COOKERY

**The COOKERY CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit in the cookery classes.
2023 winner: *Beatrix Fox***

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW JUNIOR MASTER BAKER

- 1043 Make a QUICHE and 5 MINI CAKES of your choice suitable for a PICNIC. Display together attractively and cover using clear plastic wrap. Accessories may be used to enhance the display. 17 years and under.
- 1044 Make a CLOWNS FACE on a shop bought PIZZA BASE and display on a plate covered with clear plastic wrap. 7 years and under.
- 1045 Make and decorate 5 CUP CAKES on an OLYMPIC THEME. Display on a plate and cover with clear plastic wrap. 11 years and under.
- 1046 Make any SPONGE CAKE decorated on a FUN and GAMES theme. Display on a plate covered with clear plastic wrap. 17 years and under.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Antique Village will present a special prize for the best photograph in classes 1047 to 1050. 2023 winner: Chloe Wilson

Presentation forms an integral part of the judging for these classes. Photographs must be mounted on stiff A5 (21cm x 15cm) card. The photographs should be smaller than A5 and firmly stuck to the mount.

- 1047 A photograph, BALLOON(S). The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 11 years and under.
- 1048 A photograph, PARTY TIME. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 11 years and under.
- 1049 A photograph, CAUGHT in ACTION The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 17 years and under.
- 1050 A photograph, FUN and GAMES. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 17 years and under.

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR.

PRIZES: First £10; Second £7; Third £5.

This class is based on the division 7 photographic challenge, class 708, and is designed to encourage a high standard of photography. Pictures will be judged on artistic skill, technical ability and good presentation. The photograph must be firmly mounted on stiff card. The card mount **MUST** be A4 size. The photograph can be any size you wish within the mount to achieve the best artistic effect.

- 1051 OPEN category. The photograph may be of any subject you like. The exhibitor's name to be stated on the back. 17 years and under.

The TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of this class.
2023 winner: Lily Bisiker



DIVISION 11 HOMEMADE WINE

In conjunction with Taunton Amateur Winemakers.

ENTRY FEE: 50p

PRIZES: First £5; Second £4; Third £2.

The classes will be held in the Wine Marquee.

All individual competitors are eligible to enter these classes.

Entries should be made on the normal Taunton Flower Show entry form and the form should be sent to the address shown.

The TAUNTON WINEMAKERS CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit.

2023 winner: Mike Hooper

JUDGING OF WINES

Judges will use the definitions contained in the "Handbook of the National Guild of Wine and Beer Judges" - revised 2000 and this should be consulted by competitors requiring full details. **Please see the rules for these competitions on page 39.**

Labels to identify your wines and their class will be supplied to you when staging your entries. (No other labels should be used). Those wishing to have their labels before the show may send a copy of their entry form and a SAE, to Ian Coleby, Engine House Cottage, Creech St Michael, TAUNTON, TA3 5RA. Please allow enough time for the postal service.

DEFINITIONS OF WINES

Aperitif. A wine that can be drunk by itself before a meal and stimulates the appetite.

Table Wine. A wine that is suitable for accompanying a meal. Generally not too strong in bouquet and flavour, with an alcohol content of only 10-12%.

After Dinner Wine. This wine can be white, golden, red or tawny. It needs to be rich in bouquet and flavour, medium to sweet, full bodied and of high alcohol content. It should preferably be served at the end of a meal.

Social Wine. Widely made and drunk. This wine is intended for drinking other than with a meal. It is usually less strong and rich than a dessert wine, though with more flavour and sweetness than a table wine.

Rosé Wine. Not necessarily made from rose petals, this wine should be pink to pale red, delicate in bouquet and flavour, light in texture and alcohol and medium dry. It is suitable for serving at the table with many dishes.

WINE CLASSES

KITS MAY BE USED IN CLASSES 1101 TO 1112

- 1101 Aperitif-Dry - Any style (see rule 2b).
- 1102 Aperitif - Sherry Medium.
- 1103 Table Wine - white dry.
- 1104 Table Wine - red dry.
- 1105 Table Wine - white medium.
- 1106 Table Wine - rosé, medium dry.
- 1107 After Dinner wine - white or golden.
- 1108 After Dinner wine - red or tawny.
- 1109 Social Wine - white or golden, medium sweet.

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- 1110 Social Wine - red , medium sweet.
- 1111 Fresh grape - white, dry.
- 1112 Elderflower - medium to sweet.
- 1113 Root or vegetable wine, including leaf and grain – medium sweet.
- 1114 Flower (excluding Elderflower) - medium to sweet.
- 1115 Flower (excluding Elderflower) - medium to dry.
- 1116 Elderberry and/or blackberry - dry.
- 1117 Elderberry and/or blackberry - sweet.
- 1118 Wild fruit (i.e. any hedgerow fruits) - sweet.
- 1119 Citrus wine - sweet.
- 1120 Citrus wine - medium or dry.
- 1121 Mead (ie wine with a honey base, medium or sweet).
- 1122 Three bottles of wine for a dinner. To include a bottle of white dry for a fish course, a bottle of red dry for a main meat course and a bottle of after dinner wine for a sweet course.

**Beginners Classes - for those who have not won a first prize in this division before.
Kits may be used in these classes**

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| 1123 White wine - sweet. | 1124 White wine - dry. |
| 1125 Red wine - sweet. | 1126 Red wine - dry. |

LIQUEUR CLASS

- 1127 A liqueur, (see rule 2c). Must have a base of home made wine.
- 1128 A liqueur, made from a kit. (see rule 2c).

INFUSIONS

- 1129 Any fruit infusion, eg sloe or damson gin. Please state the fruit and alcohol source on the label.
- 1130 Any non-fruit infusion. Please state the ingredient and alcohol source on the label.

RECIPE CLASS

- 1131 Ginger Wine made to the following recipe:
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| 80g (3oz) Root Ginger | 2 Oranges. |
| 2 Unwaxed Lemons. | 225g (1/2lb) Sultanas Chopped or Minced. |
| 1.3kg (3lb) Sugar | Yeast Nutrient. |
| Yeast, Universal. | Water to make 4.5l (1 gallon). |

Method and Guide

Peel the orange and lemon thinly, avoiding the white pith, and put the peel and juice into a bucket along with the chopped sultanas.

In a suitable sized pan bring 3½ litres of water to the boil and add to it the sugar and the ginger peeled and grated, return to the boil and reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes, bring to boiling and pour over contents of bucket.

Lightly cover to prevent contamination and allow to cool to 20°C. Add yeast and nutrient, cover and leave in a warm place for 10 days.

Next strain into demijohn, top up with cooled boiled water and fit airlock, and allow to ferment. Once all fermentation has stopped, rack into a clean demijohn and leave for 2 -3 months or longer before bottling.

RULES APPLICABLE TO EXHIBITORS IN THE WINE CLASSES

Please read in conjunction with Taunton Flower Show regulations.

1. STAGING AND COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS will be in accordance with Taunton Flower Show Competition Classes Regulations. Collection must be supervised and checked by an appointed steward.
2. BOTTLES:
 - (a) Still Wines must be exhibited in clear unthreaded and unbranded glass bottles approx. 26 fl.oz. (75cl) capacity with rounded and NOT sloping shoulders. Bottles should be filled so that when the cork is fully inserted the gap between the bottom of the stopper and the wine is between 6 to 20 mm (approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ ").
 - (b) Aperitif Dry, any colour, competitor to state on the supplied label by the Judge's reference number either Citrus, Herb or Sherry.
 - (c) Liqueurs must be exhibited in clear colourless glass punted $\frac{1}{2}$ wine bottles of approx. 13 fl.oz. (370ml) to leave airspace as in (a). Entries for Class 1127 MUST have a base of home-made wine. May be fortified to a maximum of 40% with a recognised spirit. The flavour and spirit to be stated on the label. (e.g. Cherry brandy). For class 1128, kit liqueur flavour to be stated on label.
3. CORKS: White, plastic-topped, flanged cork stoppers must be used, corks may be wired for travelling purposes. NOTE: Flush corks and all-plastic stoppers MUST NOT be used, capsules must not be fitted.
4. LABELS: All labels to be placed 25mm (1 inch) from the bottom of the bottle.
5. NO EXHIBIT may be tasted or in anyway interfered with whilst on the show bench by the exhibitor or any other person unless accompanied by a steward or the show secretary.
6. CARE OF EXHIBITS: All reasonable care will be taken, but the Committee cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage, however sustained.
7. Kit, grape concentrate and kit liqueur classes. These wines must contain no additional fruit/juice ingredient. The wines in these classes may be improved but ONLY by additional acid or sugar to balance the wine, or in the case of a kit wine, using an alternative yeast or yeast nutrient.
8. TROPHIES: will only be given when the Judge has first given a First Award.
9. JUDGES AND STEWARDS: Judges and stewards may enter any class. However should a judge be allocated a class in which they have an entry, they should inform the convener of judges who will ask another judge to perform finalisation in that class.
10. WINES: Which have been fortified by the addition of alcohol spirit will be disqualified. The liqueur class will be exempt from this rule.
11. POINTS AWARDED AT JUDGES DISCRETION: 1st - 10; 2nd - 7, 3rd - 5, H.C. - 3, C - 1.
12. TROPHIES: Are the responsibility of the holders while in their possession, and should be returned when requested by the committee.

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW COMPETITION CLASS REGULATIONS

1. The competition classes are for amateur exhibitors only.
2. All exhibits must have been grown or made by and be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor. Any competitor obtaining a prize fraudulently will forfeit all prize money to which they may otherwise be entitled and may be excluded from future shows.
3. The Directors have power to refuse any exhibit that they consider unworthy of being shown and also to reject and order the removal of any unsightly or unsuitable stands, receptacles or staging.
4. All exhibits, stands, equipment, stock and other property belonging to exhibitors are the responsibility of the exhibitor and remain in the Showground at their own risk. The Directors will endeavour to provide protection, but it will not accept any liability for loss or injury arising from any cause whatsoever within the Showground. Exhibitors are advised that it is unwise to leave any items of value within the Showground.
5. Every exhibitor must submit an entry form on-line, by post or email specifying the classes to be entered with the requisite entry fees by the time specified in the schedule. Members of the Flower Show may enter exhibits without fee other than in any imposed class or for group exhibits. Exhibitors may only make one entry in each class.
6. A non-member exhibitor whose entry fees amount to at least £10 will receive one non-transferable ticket for admission once to the Show and which will be issued with their class tickets in the Competition Marquee when staging their entries.
7. Exhibits must be staged during the times quoted in the schedule and MUST remain staged until the show closes on Saturday, when a bell or whistle will be sounded. The marquee will be cleared and exhibitors will be readmitted to remove their exhibits. These must be removed by 6pm. Any exhibits left after this time will be disposed of.
8. Exhibitors will be allowed to take into the showground only such assistants as are reasonably required for the staging of their exhibits.
9. A card for every class entered will be supplied from the control point in the Competition Marquee. The exhibitor will be responsible for the proper placing of exhibits in the space allotted with the card face down, unless otherwise specified in the Schedule.
10. Exhibitors must provide their own accessories, vases, dishes, baskets and other requisites, except where otherwise stated in the schedule.
11. Judging will commence at 7.45am on Friday. Judging of all exhibits will be in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines of the Royal Horticultural Society and/or those of a specialist national society where appropriate. No exhibitor, unless officially engaged, will be allowed to remain in the marquee during judging. Any protest against the decisions of the judges must be made in writing to the Show Secretary before noon on Friday accompanied by a deposit of £5 which will be returned if the protest is upheld or otherwise forfeited. Subject to the results of any protest, the decision of the judges is final and binding.
12. Judges shall not be competitors in any class in which they are appointed to judge and they shall not be present during the staging of exhibits. Judges may cut, taste or otherwise examine any exhibit and have the power to withhold or reduce prizes for any exhibit that, in their opinion, does not merit an award.
13. Irrespective of the prize money awarded in each class, points will be awarded for the determination of trophies as follows: First Prize: 6 Points; Second Prize: 4 Points; Third Prize: 2 Points unless otherwise indicated in the schedule. In the event of a draw, the trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of first prizes in the classes applicable to the cup. If there is still a draw then the highest number of second prizes and then third prizes will be taken into account and if it is still a draw then the cup will be

awarded jointly.

14. If the judges award equal prizes in any class the points/prize money relating to that prize and the appropriate number of prizes next below it/them in that class according to the number of joint winners, will be added together, and the total divided equally between each of those joint winners.
15. Prize money may be collected from the Control Point in the Competition Marquee between 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Saturday. **Prizes not claimed at the Show will be assumed to have been donated to the Show.**
16. The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal is awarded to winner of the largest total amount of money in prizes in the whole of the horticultural classes at the show. Any competitor who has won the Banksian medal in the last two years is not eligible to win this medal. Those sharing in the cultivation of, and exhibiting from, the same garden and/or allotment are considered to be a single exhibitor. If one is awarded the medal then none of them is eligible for the next two years.
17. In the event of the cancellation of the Show by the Directors before its advertised time of opening by reason of any circumstances beyond the control of the Directors, no exhibitor shall have any claim on the Society for any loss, damage, interest or compensation whatsoever.
18. Definitions of terms used in this schedule such as 'kind', 'cultivar' and the definitions of fruit or vegetables etc are taken from the glossary to the "Horticultural Show Handbook" published by the RHS.
19. Participants and visitors must behave in a reasonable manner and with respect for other exhibitors and TFS volunteers and staff. Participants and visitors must comply with all reasonable instructions given by the stewards and officers of TFS.

ACCESS AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

The show is a temporary, outdoor event on open parkland and is subject to varying weather and ground conditions and care must be taken. We therefore advise that you check the weather forecast for the day of your visit, consider the nature of the show and the effects of any inclement weather on surface conditions, and wear suitable clothing and footwear. In extreme weather conditions, access may be restricted in the interest of safety.

Parking for staging exhibits in the Competitive Marquee will be in the central arena as directed by stewards. There will be a one-way traffic system in operation within the park and the surrounding roads. For access to the show for staging exhibits, traffic should come along The Mount/Mountway into Ash Meadows and when leaving, traffic must follow the direction signs.

Pedestrian access for staging exhibits prior to the show opening will be ONLY from the Mount Gate. For site security reasons, pedestrians will NOT be able to enter the showground from the Town or Wilton gates before the show opens.

Cars MUST be cleared from the arena before 8am on Friday. On Saturday, cars will be admitted to the showground as soon as possible when the Show closes. No precise time can be given as it will depend on the conditions and the speed that the roadways are largely cleared of pedestrians and judged safe by showground staff.

Wet weather arrangements: Heavy rain may mean the park is waterlogged and we may have to restrict or prohibit vehicle access. In these circumstances, special arrangements will be made and we will post these on the website or notify people by email.

Dogs, except for assistance dogs, are not admitted to the showground.

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW MEMBERSHIP

You don't have to be a member to take part, but it does have many benefits:

- Free entry to the show on both Friday and Saturday.
- Free entry in the individual competitive classes
- Early admission from 9:30am on Friday 2nd August 2024.
- Use of the exclusive Members' Area.
- Member's Pack. This will be sent in July.
- Competition Schedule.
- Free Show Programme.
- Email newsletters.
- Discounts are available with some local businesses and with some regional shows in Devon and Somerset.

Annual subscriptions for 2024:

Single Adult £35.00

Husband & Wife / Partner / Joint £50.00

Children 17 and under - no charge when accompanied by fee paying adults.

To renew your membership or to join Taunton Flower Show and gain the benefits listed above, please visit our website www.tauntonfs.co.uk. Or complete the form below and send it, with your remittance to the TFS Office.

Please include your email address to receive newsletters and updates throughout the year!

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 I/We hereby apply for membership of the Show and agree to abide by its rules.

I/We have no objection to storage of my/our membership and subscription payment details on computer.

Personal contact information provided on this application form will be kept in a secure database and will be used solely for the purpose of sending your members packs and newsletters. It will not be shared with or sold to any third party.

Name:	Tel No:
Address:	
	Post code:
Email (must supply for newsletters and updates):	
I am applying for (indicate as appropriate): Single Adult..... Joint Adult.....	
Full names of each member:	

Please return completed forms to:
 Membership Secretary, Taunton Flower Show, G1 Viney Court, Viney St, Taunton, TA1 3FB
 Cheques to be made payable to Taunton Flower Show



TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW 2024 - ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor's Name (capitals please)

Address

Telephone number (including dialing code)

Young people: age at 1st August 2024 (if **17 years or under**) years

If you would like to be added to our email mailing list to receive Flower Show news by email, then please include your email address below.

My email address

Please tick the appropriate box below

I am a fully paid up individual member of Taunton Flower Show or I am aged under 17. Entries in all classes is FREE.	
I am NOT a member of Taunton Flower Show. I enclose a cheque or cash for £ to cover my entry fees. If my fees are £10 or more I will receive a free all day ticket to the show. If my entry fees are less than £10 I will receive a free late entry ticket valid after 3pm on Saturday,	
This is a group or club entry. We enclose a cheque or cash for £ to cover entry fees. If the fees are £10 or more we will receive one free all day ticket to the show. If entry fees are less than £10 we will receive one free late entry ticket.	

I have listed my entries overleaf. I declare that these comply with the Taunton Flower Show Regulations, 2024.

Signed Dated

Cheques should be made payable to "TDH&FS".

If you wish to have receipt of your entry form acknowledged, please include a SAE or your email address here.

ENTRIES CLOSE 8PM ON MONDAY 29 July 2024

**Entry forms must be sent or delivered to one of the following
by 8pm on Monday 29 July 2024**

- Mr I Coleby, Engine House Cottage, Creech St Michael, TAUNTON. TA3 5RA
- Delivered by hand to the Visitor Centre, Market House, Taunton (closes at 4pm).
- By email or on-line. See the website or email us at entries@tauntonfs.co.uk.



