

Horticulture

Judge: Roger Duggleby

The following features will be considered when judging all categories: condition, uniformity, and colour.

1. Longest Stick of Rhubarb

Pick the longest stick, remove the leaf, and see if it's a winner!

2. Bunch of Asparagus

They should be clean, fresh, tender and free of blemishes. They should be alike in size, shape and colour.

3. Pot of Pea Shoots

Quick and easy to grow, pick your loveliest pea shoots and pop them in a container with water.

4. 5 of a kind

5 of the same variety, any fruit or veggie, but aim for them to be the same size, shape and colour.

5. Herbs

Herb growers can enter cut herbs in vases, or herbs growing in pots. Cut herbs should be displayed in a vase of water, and pot-grown plants should be shown in pots proportionate to their size. 1 variety of herb, in 1 pot/vase. They should be for culinary purposes, and therefore foliage is the main factor. Seed providers such as coriander and dill, may be shown for leaves but not for seeds. Root providers, such as Florence fennel, should not be included.

6. "Craziest Cress!" - Kids Entry (7 and under or 8 – 12 years)

You could grow a cress head, a dinosaur or even your initials! The more creative the better. Aim to put a smile on our judges faces.

Flowers

Judge: Liz Deane

For environmental reasons, we will respectfully decline any exhibit presented in foam/oasis. Including bio foam, which we have been advised is also not environmentally sound.

The following features will be considered when judging all categories: fully developed stems in good, fresh condition and typical for the species.

1. Three blooms of any variety in one vase

A vase must consist of one cultivar (variety) only. All blooms should be fresh, and free of blemishes. They should be alike in age, size, shape and colour.

2. Jewels

Any arrangements showing off the brightest coloured blooms. Foliage can be mixed into the arrangement, but flowers should be the bulk of it.

3. Evergreen

Using only green foliage / flowers, create any arrangement of any size.

4. Best Blooming Crown – Kid's entry (12 and under) Using flowers, leaves, twigs and any other foliage you can find (with permission), create a crown fit for royalty!

Cookery

Judge: Andra Johnstone

Pastry is to be made by exhibitor, bread should be made the day before, and cakes completely cool.

The following features will be considered when judging all categories: Correct texture for exhibit, good balance of flavours, and of a colour appropriate to the ingredients used. Neat presentation, and attractive design. Judges will take the temperature of the tent into consideration!

1. Preserve

This includes chutneys, sweet pickles, marmalades, jams, jellies and curds. All jars must be clearly labelled with the month and year they were made, and the main ingredients. They must be clean, sealed and unopened. Curds have a short shelf-life and should be made no more than two weeks before the show.

2. Showstopper cake on theme of "My Best Friend"

Take inspiration from your favourite person and create a beautiful showstopper cake!

3. Victoria Sponge (men only)

We like to encourage everyone to take part in our competitions, as an historically female dominated category, here we have one exclusively for the men! A Victoria sponge – two sponges sandwiched with jam, optional whipped double cream, and dredged with icing sugar.

4. Home Made Loaf (2lb Tin)

Either baked in a loaf tin, or shaped by hand. The bread should have a well-coloured crust with a pleasant crunch, an even crumb that's light and airy, with a rounded, fresh, yeasty taste. No loaves baked in bread-making machines please.

5. Fruit Liqueurs

Presented in small, sterilised, stoppered bottles, labelled with ingredients and date bottled. Please provide a small glass alongside for judges to use. Liqueur should be sweet, with an obvious fruit flavour, and a clear bright appearance. They must be made with distilled, unsweetened alcohol of at least 20% ABV (e.g: vodka, gin brandy).

6. 4 Scones

Good rise and even golden colour, fruit or no fruit it's up to you! Try to get identical size and shape across all 4. Best made the morning of the show.

7. Plant Based Cake

Anything goes! But your cake must NOT contain any of the following (unless marked vegan): Eggs, butter, milk, cream, cream cheese, chocolate, or honey.

8. Homemade Quiche

Any flavour combinations you like, just avoid a soggy bottom!

Kids Entry 16 and under:

1. Showstopper cake on theme of "My Best Friend" Take inspiration from your favourite person and create a beautiful showstopper cake!

2. Pizza 9 inches

A nice crispy crust, tomato sauce, add your favourite toppings and see if our judges love it too!

Kids Entry 12 and under:

1. 4 Decorated Cup Cakes

Any flavours, any design, but aim to make our judges smile!

2. Victoria Sponge

Two sponges sandwiched with jam, optional whipped double cream, and dredged with icing sugar.

Photography

Judge: Stuart Brampton

Please provide your photograph(s) printed, with your name, contact details and category on the reverse. Photos cannot be received or entered digitally. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to print the image(s) at a quality they're happy with.

The following features will be considered when judging all categories: the form and feel of the image, the techniques that were used, the lighting, impact and the composition. But even more importantly, a judge will examine how a photograph makes them feel.

1. Reflection

Whether it's light on water, or a person deep in thought, you can interpret this prompt however you like.

2. Moon

Capture the moon (or several moons) to show off it's beautiful and glowing qualities.

- **3.** Growing Show us your best photo of a growing thing! Open to your interpretation.
- Seashell Kids Entries (7 and under or 8 12 years) Head to the beach and collect your favourite shell(s) to photograph! You can photograph them anywhere and in any way you like.

Handicraft

Judging Panel: Susan Hill

The following features will be considered when judging all categories: the workmanship involved, the creative design and originality. Articles must have been created by the exhibitor, and not exhibited at previous shows.

- 1. A drawing, in pencil, pen or charcoal "Home" Whatever "Home" means to you, use it as your inspiration for your drawing! No bigger than A4 please.
- **2. Found Objects** Any item, picture or collage made almost entirely from found objects.
- 3. Handmade Card

Whatever subject and design you like, no bigger than 15 x 20cm.

- **4. Handcrafted item made from any material** A freestyle category, anything from soap to wooden spoons!
- 5. Poem "Community"

Use this prompt to write your poem, it can be inspired by any community, whether yours or one that you admire.

6. Kids Entry (7 and under or 8 – 12 years) Pebble Pictures A decorated pebble or pebbles, any subject or materials you like.