

Gala Water Horticultural Society Show

ENTRY FORM

Remember to:

- 1 **Bring your entry form (adults only - children don't need one) with**
- 2 **Exhibits on the Friday evening or Saturday morning. Adult**
- 3 **Membership £2 for the next year and entry into the show.**

2 Bring your exhibits to the Hall on:

- o the Friday on the eve of the Show between 7pm and 9 pm and
- o the Day of the Show between 8am and 9.45am

3 Complete a card (available when you submit your entry form to the Secretary or at the Hall) and bring it with each entry:

- o with your name on one side
- o the number of the class you are entering on the other side
- o if entering the children's section, your age under the class

Late entries may be taken on the day at the discretion of the committee.

To the Secretary, **Gala Water Horticultural Society**

Please enter me for the classes numbered as follows : -

Nos.

I hereby declare my exhibits to be in accordance with rule 6 (Reproduced below) and I accept the conditions as stated.

> VI. All articles intended for Competition should be made or grown by the Exhibitor. Horticultural exhibits must have been in their possession at least six weeks previous to the day of Competition, and been grown in their own ground, or within their own premises. Any member violating this rule shall be expelled, and shall forfeit their prize money. <

Name

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 Date

Top Vase Award

1. The Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed, flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that this is two different KINDS of plants, two varieties of the same plant are NOT two kinds.
2. The display will be judged out of a total 35 points: 25 for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers; 10 for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes.
3. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed. The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
4. No accessories such as bows and additional foliage will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed.
5. Packing material - including 'oasis' - to keep the stems in place is allowed.
6. Prizes:

1st	£10
2nd	£6
3rd	£4

Top Tray Award

1. The exhibitor must display for effect, 3 groups of vegetables (the quantity of each as given), choosing 3 types from the following 8: 3 carrots (with top foliage trimmed to 3" / 7.5cm); 2 cauliflowers; 3 onions (tops may be tied or whipped with raffia or string); 3 parsnips (with top foliage trimmed to 3" / 7.5cm); 6 pods of peas; 3 potatoes; 6 pods of runner beans; 6 tomatoes (with calyces). Each type of vegetable will be judged out of 20 points: 7 for shape, size and colour; 7 for condition; 6 for uniformity. The overall mark will therefore be out of 60 points.
2. All vegetables are to be displayed for effect, The display area must be 18"x24" / 45cmx60cm. No part of the vegetables may exceed this area or be bent within it.
3. A black cloth is permitted, or if a tray or board is used, it may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories, such as plates, sand, rings etc, will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.
4. Prizes:

1st	£10
2nd	£6
3rd	£4

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To encourage, promote and support Gardening and other Horticultural activities in the Galawater area. To raise funds towards the same aim.

SOCIETY RULES.

- I. The Society shall be called "THE GALA WATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY" and shall be under the management of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee of nine or more ordinary members. Three ordinary members at the top of the list retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election.
- II. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held within 2 - 6 weeks of the show when the Office-Bearers for the current year shall be elected. The date to be announced at the show. Prize Money not claimed by that time shall be added to the Funds of the Society. Extraordinary Meetings may be called upon the requisition of three members, intimation of which shall be given to the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of meeting with notification of its object.
- III. Committee Meetings shall be held at least half-yearly, one of which shall be held before the first week in December to revise Prize List, any three members constituting a quorum. The President, Vice-President or ordinary member at the top of the list, shall be chairman and shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.
- IV. For Competition, Members shall be confined to Stow, Fountainhall, Caitha and Heriot Districts.**
- V. The Committee shall have power to frame the Rules regulating Competitions, fix the Prize List, and appoint Judges. In awarding prizes, the decision of the Judges shall be final, and all complaints and disputes must be submitted to the Committee, whose decision shall also be final.
- VI. All articles intended for Competition should be made or grown by the Exhibitor. Horticultural exhibits must have been in their possession at least six weeks previous to the day of Competition, and been grown in their own ground, or within their own premises. Any member violating this rule shall be expelled, and shall forfeit their prize money.

BYE-LAWS

1. Membership is available to adults who satisfy General Rule IV upon payment of £2 annually to the treasurer. Membership year will be 1st September until following August 31st.
2. Entries made by members and children are free. Late entries may be entered at the discretion of the Staging Committee. One entry is permitted in all classes.
3. All articles intended for Exhibition must be handed in between 7pm and 9pm the day preceding the show or between 8am and 9.45am on the morning of the show to the Staging Committee, who will stage all Exhibits. **Exhibits must not be removed until the Exhibition is closed.** During the judging, only the officials in charge will be permitted to be present. The public will be admitted at 2.00pm. The official opening and presentation of prizes will take place at 3pm.
4. The name of each competitor must be written on the reverse of a card attached to each exhibit, otherwise the exhibit will be set aside from the competition. The age should be written on the front of the card for entries in the children's categories. Cards to be obtained from the Secretary.
5. **Any person found touching articles etc. at the Show will be expelled.**

6. Prize Money will be paid on Show Day between 3.30p.m. and 4.00p.m., on production of List of Prizes gained.

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Helpful hints for entering the show

These hints give an outline of the most important points. For more detail you could contact the Secretary - who has copies of booklets produced by the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the Royal Horticultural Society which provide detailed guidance.

Copies of these may be borrowed from the President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Check the schedule carefully to make sure your entry matches exactly what is required e.g. the right no. of items, size, age, colour, subject matter etc.

Make sure you give your entry form to the Secretary no later than the Thursday before the show. This enables the committee to set aside the right amount of space for each class.

Floral Art

Exhibits are judged on interpretation; colour harmony; design (balance, proportion, space, form, texture); suitability and condition of plant material; suitability of other components (base, accessories, container, background). The marks available for the design component are generally double those for the other components.

Plant material must predominate and should be well prepared and in good condition. Make sure any cut ends are in water or water retaining material. Unless otherwise specified artificial plant material should not be used. Bases should be neatly covered, drapes clean and well pressed.

Crafts

Generally items should be fit for purpose; pleasing to look at and handle; clean and correctly finished. Items incorporating a variety of appropriate techniques allied to high standards of workmanship are likely to gain most marks. Presentation is often enhanced by techniques such as mounting on a suitable background, lightly stuffing to emphasise shape or propping up rather than lying flat

Art and photography Judges are likely to bear the following factors in mind:- balance and composition; use of materials; perspective; colour; tonal value; eye appeal (focal point).

Posters should catch the eye, hold attention and encourage the viewer to read all the information. They must easily be read from a distance.

Hand knitted work Tension should be consistent and firm, yet elastic, with even stitches. There should be an accurate pattern with no large holes where stitches have been picked up, no visible joinings of yarn. There should be no loose ends, dropped stitches or knots. Casting on/off should be even with 'give'.

Needlework Seams should be correctly stitched, neatened with appropriate allowances and pressing. There should be no seam/hem imprints and no tacking threads. Stitching should be even with good tension.

Cookery

General Points Exhibits are judged on external appearance (colour, shape, uniformity); internal condition (depth of crust, texture, distribution of ingredients) and flavour. The majority of the marks are given for flavour.

Bread Should be well risen and evenly baked to warm golden brown. Usually presented on a bread board having been baked 24hrs before judging.

Cakes Should be well risen and even in shape. It is acceptable for plain cakes and tea breads to have a domed appearance with slight surface cracking. Usually presented on a plate with a sweet doyley, lining papers removed.

Scones Even in shape, size and colour. Should stand erect, almost as tall as round (5-6 cm is a suitable diameter). Flat on top, pale golden colour