

## **ADVICE FOR EXHIBITORS**

- All exhibits should display the name/variety wherever possible.
- All cut flowers must be exhibited in water.
- Where vase size is specified, the dimensions are as follows:  
2" diameter is 5" tall, 3" diameter is 6" tall, 4" diameter is 10" tall.
- Where no vase size is specified exhibitors to provide own container.
- Where the class requires a bowl the diameter of the container must be larger than its depth; the diameter of a vase is less than its depth.
- Exhibits should be at their best i.e., in flower and not gone to seed or dropping pollen. All dead or damaged flowers and leaves should be removed. Where there is more than one item shown together, consideration should be given to the overall composition of the exhibit.
- It is advisable to bring your own oasis, scissors, secateurs, etc. Oasis or other materials may be used to hold stems in place within the vases; these must be removed by the exhibitor at the end of the show.
- All pot sizes stated are the pot's internal measurements.
- Classes which are exhibited in boxes provided, have a solid black lid with 6 holes into which the flowers are placed so that the stems can reach the water held in the box. Boxes are 2" deep.
- Narcissus may be turned slightly so that one petal is at 12 o'clock.
- Tips for conditioning plant material:  
Re-cut stems on a slant, take off all unwanted leaves and any below the waterline, plunge into water preferably with flower food.  
Soak oasis in water containing flower food.  
Roses and woody stemmed plants, especially any with soft foliage, benefit from steeping the lower 1"-2" of stem in boiling water for 30 seconds, then immediately into water for 2 hours. Hollow stemmed flowers are not good in oasis (daffodils etc.,). A piece of drinking straw 1"-2" up the inside of the stem can help.  
Keep vegetables fresh by wrapping in damp paper and refrigerate overnight.

### **To help with Daffodil identification:**

- Use the RHS International Daffodil Register and classified list available on the internet. You will need to know the name (or part of the name) to use this website.
- There is also a handy Horticultural Classification of Daffodils in this handbook and on the website [grayshottgardeners.net](http://grayshottgardeners.net).

### **To help with Camellia identification:** (see our website [grayshottgardeners.net](http://grayshottgardeners.net), 'Shows' tab, bottom of page for more information)

- A single bloom is defined as one row of up to 8 petals.
- A double bloom is all other flower forms.

## **POINTS AWARDED**

1st Place .....4 points    3rd Place .....2 points  
2nd Place .....3 points    Highly Commended.....1 point