

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 7" tall, 3" diameter is 8" tall, 4.25" diameter is 12" 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 equipment e.g., scissors, secateurs, with you. Materials may be used to hold stems in place within your vases; these must be removed by the exhibitor at the end of the show. Please use only biodegradable Oasis or preferably alternative materials such as pin holders, chicken wire, pebbles, sand, gravel, clay, marbles, kitchen paper towels, compact moss, twigs or a potato!

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.

In the Spring Show classes 1-6 and 10-19b the '3 cut blooms' should all be of the same cultivar.

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. 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 cold water for 2 hours. Hollow stemmed flowers can benefit from a piece of drinking straw 1" - 2" up the inside of the stem.
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.

To help with Camellia identification: see our website 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.

To help with Tulip identification: see our website grayshottgardeners.net, 'Shows' tab, bottom of page for more information.

For other useful information please see our FAQs section on our website

Stewards will be available to help on Show day