

Pluckley Gardening Society - Schedule of classes awards and prizes 2011

Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society

Rules

1. The Society's year shall commence with the Annual General Meeting, and shall continue until the next AGM. Members' minimum subscription of £7.50 covers a family at one address. No residential qualifications are needed to become a member of the Pluckley Gardening Society.
2. Entry for shows: 20p per class (members); 50p per class (non-members). These must be enclosed with the entry form. Children's classes are free .
3. The definition of a child for children only classes is aged 15 years and under unless otherwise specified. *More than one entry per family is allowed in the Children's classes and the special Spring and Autumn competitions.*
4. The Committee will take all ordinary care of exhibits, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur from any cause whatever.
5. Exhibitors should stage exhibits between 10.15am and 11.45am and not remove them until after the prizes have been presented.
6. Exhibitors will receive (on the morning of the show, and at the venue of the show) a card for each class, bearing his/her exhibition number and class. These cards must be placed face downwards before the exhibit to which each refers. Exhibitors must provide their own plates, dishes, vases, etc.
7. All exhibits should be correctly numbered. Errors in naming, or omitting to name, will not disqualify, but Judges may recognise correctness and distinctness in naming as telling in favour of an exhibitor in a close competition.
8. The Committee reserves the absolute right to reject any proposed entry without assigning any reason.
9. Any exhibit not exactly within the wording of the Schedule will be disqualified. Please note the 'space allowed' in Decorative classes, the number of exhibits to be shown in each class, and if detailed, how they should be presented.
10. The Committee delegates full powers to the Chairman and Show Secretary to enforce the regulations of the Show.
11. With the exception of 'Decorative' classes, any person exhibiting produce not of his/her own growing will be disqualified, and will forfeit all prizes. In 'Decorative' or 'Arrangement' classes the building-up of the exhibit must be of the exhibitor's own arrangement. This can incorporate accessories and purchased flowers/foilage unless otherwise stated in the individual class details.
12. Any protest or objection must be made in writing and lodged with the Show Secretary or Chairman by 3.00pm on the day of the Show.
13. The judges have the power to withhold, prizes where exhibitors are deficient in merit.
14. Certificates showing winners and placings will be awarded. Where a competitor wins more than one placing within a show, all the results shall be summarised upon one certificate.
15. Only officials will be allowed into the hall while judging is in progress.
16. Entries will be taken on the morning of the shows.
17. Competitors are particularly asked not to prepare their exhibits on the Show Benches.
18. Judging will be under RHS Rules.
19. No garden shall supply more than one competitive item in each class. (exceptions – see rule 3)
20. All Challenge Cups remain the property of the Society, and will be held for one year. In order to comply with Insurance Regulations, winners will be asked to sign an acknowledgment of receipt of cups.
21. All matters not provided for in the above rules shall be left to the discretion of the Committee, whose decision will be final.
22. Full acceptance of these rules is a condition of entry.

A copy of the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook may be borrowed briefly from either the Chairman or the Show Secretary.

We have back issues of the RHS publication *The Garden*, which can be borrowed – contact the Secretary.

Checklist for showing

Have you read the rules?

Is your entry in the correct class?

Do you have the right number of stems/flowers/fruit per entry?

Have you chosen the correct medium (vase/plant/bowl, etc) for displaying your entry?

When flower arranging, is your exhibit within the size specified?

Remember, flowers for the flower arranging classes do not have to be home-grown.

Can you find other flowers/fruit/vegetables so that you can enter another class, or even two more?

Spring Show 2011

Saturday 16th April

Setting up – 10.15am to 11.45am

Prize giving at 3.30pm

Certificates to be awarded as per rules 13 & 14

Entry fees: 20p per class (members); 50p per class (non-members)

Children only classes – free

Decorative Classes

Purchased flowers can be used in the arrangements

(Maximum width allowed not more than 18" except Class 4)

For all decorative classes see rule 11

- 1 Spring a Surprise
- 2 Custard and Cream
- 3 Woodland in Spring – an arrangement including wood
- 4 A petite arrangement in an Egg Cup - 4" - 9"
- 5 An Arrangement in a 6-Eggbox - children aged 8 and under
- 6 An Arrangement in a 6-Eggbox – children aged 9-15

For all Daffodil Classes, please refer to pictures and descriptions below



Trumpet Daffodil

Type A
Solitary flowers with a trumpet that is as long as or longer than the petals



Small Cup Daffodil

Type C
Solitary flowers with a cup less than a third of the length of the petals



Dwarf Daffodil

Type E
Natural growth habit of not more than 10" in height



Multi-headed Dwarf Daffodil

Type G
Any daffodil with 2 or more flowers to a stem with a natural growth habit of not more than 10" in height



Large Cup Daffodil

Type B
Solitary flower with a cup more than a third but less than equal to the length of the petals



Double Daffodil

Type D
One or more flowers to a stem with doubling of the petals, or cup, or both



Multi-headed Daffodil

Type F
Any daffodil with 2 or more flower heads per stem



Poeticus Narcissus

Type H (Division 9)
A narcissus with pure white petals and a short corona of light yellow or green with a red edge

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Flowers

- 7 Vase of 3 type A Daffodils, yellow trumpet - any one variety
- 8 Vase of 3 type A Daffodils, white trumpet - any one variety
- 9 Vase of 3 type B Daffodils, yellow cup - any one variety
- 10 Vase of 3 type B Daffodils, white cup - any one variety
- 11 Vase of 3 type B Daffodils, bicolour - any one variety
- 12 Vase of 3 type C Daffodils - any one variety
- 13 Vase of 3 type D Daffodils - any one variety
- 14 Vase of 3 type E Daffodils - any variety
- 15 Vase of 1 type F Daffodil - any variety
- 16 Vase of 1 type G Daffodil - any variety
- 17 Vase of 3 Type H Daffodil, (Division 9) Poeticus – any one variety
- 18 Vase of 3 Daffodils - any one variety not already mentioned
- 19 Vase of 3 Red Tulips - any one variety
- 20 Vase of 3 Small Tulips - any one variety
- 21 Vase of 3 Tulips (not red) - any one variety
- 22 Vase of 3 Tulips multi-headed - any one variety
- 23 Vase of 5 stems of Grape Hyacinths - any variety
- 24 Vase of 3 stems of Perennials - any varieties
- 25 Vase of 3 stems of Polyanthus - any varieties
- 26 Vase of 3 stems of Mixed Flowering Trees/Shrubs - one stem of each variety
- 27 Vase of 3 stems of Wallflowers - any varieties
- 28 Vase of 3 stems of Cut Hyacinths - any varieties
- 29 Vase of 3 stems of any Perfumed Flower or Plant - any varieties
- 30 Vase of Flowers
- 31 1 Pot Plant – Foliage*
- 32 1 Pot Plant – Flowering*
**Pots not to exceed 10". Must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 6 months*
- 33 **Special Spring Competition** Pot or bowl of Grape Hyacinths as purchased by members at the Autumn Show or AGM at any stage of development

Vegetables

- 34 A Specimen Vegetable
- 35 4 Stems of Parsley
- 36 3 Sticks of Rhubarb
- 37 6 Stems of Sprouting Broccoli
- 38 2 Leeks
- 39 2 Spring Cabbage
- 40 A Carved Vegetable - Children 15 years and under only

Mrs J L Highwood Daffodils Cup Awarded to member with most points in Classes 7 to 17

Sheila Terry Cup Awarded to winner of Special Spring Competition (Class 32)

Spring Cup Awarded to Best Exhibit in Show

Ethel Kettle Cup Awarded to Best Pot Plant in Show

Medals Awarded to the winners of the children's classes

The points are awarded as follows: 1st – 4 points; 2nd – 3 points; 3rd – 2 points; highly commended – 1 point

Potatoes for special autumn competition available to buy at the show (class 57)

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Autumn Show

Saturday 10th September

Setting up – 10.15am to 11.45am

Prize giving at 3.30pm

Certificates to be awarded as per rules 13 & 14

Entry fees: 20p per class (members); 50p per class (non-members)

Children only classes – free

Decorative Classes

Purchased flowers can be used in the arrangements

(Maximum width allowed not more than 18" except Class 4)

For all decorative classes see rule 11

- 1 An arrangement of Roses and Hips
- 2 An arrangement in a Candlestick including a candle
- 3 Seed Harvest
- 4 "Amber Lights" A petite arrangement between 4" & 9"
- 5 A named collection of autumn berries, fruits and nuts – children aged 8 and under
- 6 A named collection of autumn berries, fruits and nuts – children aged 9-15
Miniature Garden. To be displayed in a seed tray. Competition for children aged
- 7 15 years and under for the Pluckley Garden Cup

Flowers

- 8 One Specimen Rose Bloom
- 9 A Bowl of Roses, any variety or varieties
- 10 Vase of 3 stems of Roses - any variety or varieties
Vase of 3 stems of Roses, one variety - Bud, Bloom and Blown-one flower head
- 11 on each stem
- 12 Vase of 3 stems of Annual Asters
- 13 One Specimen, Dahlia Bloom, any variety
- 14 Vase of 3 heads Dahlias - Ball variety
- 15 Vase of 3 heads Dahlias - Cactus variety
- 16 Vase of 3 heads Dahlias - any other variety not mentioned
- 17 Vase of 6 stems of Hardy Perennials – 2 stems each of 3 varieties
Flowering pot plant (*Pots not to exceed 10". Must have been in exhibitor's*
- 18 *possession for at least 6 months*)
- 19 Vase of 3 stems Annuals – any variety or varieties
- 20 Vase of 3 stems Climbing Plants - any variety or varieties
- 21 Vase of 3 stems Michaelmas Daisies - any variety or varieties
- 22 Vase of 3 stems Flowering Shrubs (not Roses) - any variety or varieties
- 23 Vase of 3 stems Berries - any variety or varieties
- 24 Vase of 3 stems Flowers - not already mentioned
- 25 Largest Sunflower Head (rule 19 does not apply)
- 26 A vase of Grasses - any variety or varieties, bamboos included

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Fruit

- 27 5 Culinary Apples – one variety
- 28 5 Dessert Apples – one variety
- 29 A plate of Edible Berries- including hulls, one or more varieties
- 30 5 Pears – one variety
- 31 Any stoned fruit – one variety

Vegetables

- 32 Collection of 5 Salad Vegetables - displayed as grown, on a plate
- 33 3 Onions - grown from seed
- 34 3 Onions - grown from sets
- 35 7 Shallots
- 36 3 Beetroot
- 37 2 Cucumbers
- 38 5 Tomatoes (not green)
- 39 7 Small Tomatoes (not green)
- 40 Tomatoes on a vine at any stage of ripening
- 41 3 Potatoes – any colour or variety
- 42 3 Carrots
- 43 1 Cabbage
- 44 2 Marrows
- 45 3 Courgettes
- 46 5 Runner Beans
- 47 3 Sweet Peppers
- 48 3 Chilli Peppers
- 49 2 Squash
- 50 Collection of Named Herbs – displayed in a vase
- 51 2 Vegetables of any one variety not already mentioned
- 52 Longest Runner Bean
- 53 Strangest Shaped Vegetable or Fruit (Rule 19 does not apply)
- 54 Heaviest Pumpkin
- 55 Master Gardener – 5 items all different, comprising 2 vegetables, 2 flowers and 1 fruit assembled on a plate
- 56 Largest Tomato
- 57 **Special Autumn Competition** -Largest Crop from Potato Purchased at Spring Show (see special rules)

Special Autumn Competition – Class 57

The crop of one seed potato as purchased at the Spring Show

This will be a main crop seed potato, of a particular kind purchased from a leading supplier

Your potato (one per family member) should be grown in a container no larger than 5 gallons

This, together with its undisturbed contents, should be brought along to the Autumn Show. During judging, the buckets' contents will be tipped out, sieved and the resultant crop weighed

The heaviest crop will be the winning entry

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Home Produce

- 58 A Victoria Sponge
- 59 5 Herb Scones
- 60 5 Pieces of Flapjack
- 61 Apple cake as recipe

Apple Cake Recipe
5oz (150g) melted margarine
2 large eggs
8oz (225g) caster sugar
1tsp almond essence
1tsp baking powder
8oz (225g) self raising flour
12oz (350g) Bramley apples, peeled,
cored and sliced
1oz (25g) flaked almonds
Demerara sugar

Method
Grease an 8" (20cm) loose bottomed
round cake tin
Put all ingredients, except the apples
flaked almonds and Demerara sugar
into a mixing bowl. Mix well until
smooth
Spread half of the mixture over the
base of the tin
Cover with sliced apples
Put the remaining mixture over the
apples roughly in teaspoon sized dots
Sprinkle the Demerara sugar and
flaked almonds over the top
Cook at 160 °C or gas mark 3 for
about 90 minutes until pale golden and
shrinking away from the sides of the
tin. Cool slightly before removing from
the tin

- 62 3 Decorated Cup Cakes
- 63 A Jar of Chutney
- 64 A jar of Marmalade
- 65 A Home-Made Liqueur

The Nora Evans Cup Awarded to member with most points in Decorative Classes over the two shows

The John Gann Challenge Cup Awarded to member with most points in Dahlia Classes

The Mrs I Dawes Cup Awarded to member with most points in Home Produce Classes

P Hatcher Cup Awarded to member with heaviest Pumpkin (Class 53)

The Hallet Cup Awarded to member with best exhibit of specimen rose (Class 8)

The W Meakin Cup Awarded to member with largest sunflower head (Class 25)

The Maj. Gen. Boucher Cup Awarded to member gaining most points in vegetable classes over the two shows

The Alton Cup Awarded to member gaining most points in potato classes

The Pluckley Garden Cup Awarded to member's child for the best miniature garden (Class 7)

The Poplars Cup Awarded to member's child gaining the most points in the children only classes over the two shows

WH Gann Cup Awarded to Best Fruit or Vegetable Exhibit in Autumn Show

SW Highwood Cup Awarded to member with most points in the rose classes

Medals Awarded to the winners of the children's classes

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Bulbs for special spring competition available to buy at the show

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Note for both Shows

When more than one member of a family wishes to compete in the same show, print separate entry forms for each competitor.

Entry form for Spring Show

Please enter me in the following classes:

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Address: _____

I enclose my entry fee of _____

(20p per class for members; 50p per class for non-members)

To be handed in at the Village Hall on the morning of the show

Entry form for Autumn Show

Please enter me in the following classes:

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Address: _____

I enclose my entry fee of _____

(20p per class for members; 50p per class for non-members)

To be handed in at the Village Hall on the morning of the show

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Membership Benefits

Discounts available usually only on plants, not discounted items

Membership cards must be produced

Blossoms Nursery, Charing Heath: Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday - 10% discount

Greenways Garden Centre, Bethersden: Open 7 days a week all year - 10% discount

Hall Court Geraniums, Bethersden: Open every weekend March –October or by appointment during the week (Tel 01233 820828) www.hallcourt.co.uk 10% discount

Madrona Nursery, Pluckley: Open Monday, Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday from March-October 10% discount

Tel 01233 820100 www.madrona.co.uk

Oakover Plant Centre, Hothfield: Open Monday to Saturday - 10% discount

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EVENTS

Tuesday 8 February

Talk on Pruning and Early Spring Tasks

By Fiona Abrahams

Pluckley Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30

Saturday 16 April

Spring Show

Pluckley Village Hall

Sunday 15 May

The American Garden

Saltwood 2.00-5.30

Wednesday 8 June

Pimms Evening at

Sheerland Farm by kind

Permission of Mrs Gill Highwood

Saturday 13 August

Day Coach Trip to RHS Hyde Hall, Essex

Book to secure your place

9.00-6.00

Saturday 10 September

Autumn Show

Pluckley Village Hall

Thursday 27 October

AGM

Photographic Competition

Fish and Chip Supper

Pluckley Village Hall 7.30