

Fulham Horticultural Society Handbook 2024



Annual Show
Saturday September 7th

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100TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION



Diary of Events 2024

Sunday May 5th

Rogation Sunday

Wednesday July 10th at 7pm

Committee Planning meeting *

Saturday September 7th

FHS Annual Show and Prize Giving at St Etheldreda's
Hall

Saturday November 9th at 12pm

FHS Annual General Meeting *

** Location to be decided closer to date*

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Message from Mr Eddie Robinson, **Chairman**

Dear Members

Welcome to our Centenary Year, 2024. The society was established in 1924 and has been holding shows, flower competitions, talks and organising outings ever since. Our record of handbooks shows that we have held events all over Fulham in the past.

In this important year, we will be hosting BBC Radio 4 'Gardener's Question Time' on March 19th and we look forward to your participation in the audience. We will keep you posted nearer the date.

Our Annual Show will be in September and we are always looking for volunteers to support us in this event.

Eddie Robinson
Chairman, Fulham Horticultural Society

**Fulham Horticultural Society is affiliated to Royal Horticultural Society
and the National Vegetable Society**



Helpful hints for showing, vegetables, fruits, and flowers

When showing a class that involves several examples of a fruit or vegetable uniformity is generally more important than size.

Gather, inspect, choose and stage each exhibit well.

If anything is less than perfect don't display it no matter how proud you are of it. Wilting leaves, marked or blighted veg and dying petals will all lose you points.

Look out for pests – gently shake flowers to dislodge flea beetles or place them near a white background to encourage them out. Greenfly infestations can be brushed off stems with a soft paintbrush.

Read the rules – if 5 onions are asked for, it's no use displaying 4 or 6.

Carrots Free from dirt, 3 roots in schedule ideally uniform in shape and size. Foliage cut to about 3".

Parsnips and Beetroot The same as for carrots - do not trim roots, except those small wispy ones that grow on the sides.

Potatoes Clean and uniform in size and shape. Do not peel! When displaying 5 potatoes, generally you put 4 on the base, root end inwards in a fan shape, and put the best one on the top.

Runner Beans and French Beans Can be picked in advance wrapped in a damp cloth and kept in a cool dark place, ie veg compartment in the fridge. Can be straightened (carefully) whilst damp. Leave a short length of stalk.

Onions Towards the end of July take off any unsightly skin BUT be careful not to damage the sound skin which will need final ripening. Onions need lifting at least 3 weeks before the show to skin up, they should have their roots removed, and they then need to be tied with a bow neatly with raffia.

Tomatoes Uniformity is important. Leave on the calyces (stalks) and do not polish.



Leeks Leave the roots on but cleaned. Cut the roots with scissors leaving about 3 inches. Cut neatly above the central leaf, to retain the central leaf.

Courgettes Courgette flowers can be left on or removed. If they are really fresh they are very attractive and might catch the judge's eye.

Sweetcorn. Leave the green husks on but peel down a narrow one inch strip to show the yellow kernels.

Collection of Vegetables. This class can include vegetables which are in the schedule or others which are not.

Any other vegetable. Anything from a single pumpkin to a set of 12 pea pods. The more interesting and unusual the better!

Fruit All fruits (except apricots, nectarines, peaches and nuts) should be shown with stalks intact. Apricots, nectarines and peaches are shown without stalks. All nuts are shown without stalks or husks. The same general notes apply for condition, uniformity, etc. Do not polish fruit.

Flowers Desirable merits and defects vary considerably between varieties and types however some general common hints are - Freshness, cleanliness and condition, form and uniformity, trueness of colour, size of blooms in balance with stems, stems clean and free from defect.

If you would like any help or tips on how to grow or show your flowers/produce then please contact Charles Dowson (charlesdowson@aol.com) or visit www.liapod.co.uk/fhs



Show Schedule
Saturday September 7th 2024, St Etheldreda's Church

Staging 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Judging from 12 noon.

Open to the public - 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Entrance fees and booking entries:

Members, non members and open classes, each entry 50p.

Juniors, each entry 20p.

Individual class numbers must be stated.

Details of entries to be emailed to:charlesdowson@aol.com or telephoned: 07771 547 193

Last emails for entries 8pm Thursday prior to show. Floral Art on Wednesday.

**Late entries, except Floral Art, will be accepted until 11.00am on show day.*

***See rules section for vegetable collection requirements.*

**** Recipe at back of handbook.*

In the forthcoming shows the Show Committee is asking exhibitors wherever possible in the vegetable and main flower classes to name the varieties. This, we think, will be of great interest to others and particularly to visitors to the shows. Cards will be available for this purpose. Any problems you may have please come and ask us.



List of classes you can enter

1. **Chrysanthemums, incurved or intermediate, 2 blooms, 1 variety**
2. **Chrysanthemums, reflex, 2 blooms, 1 variety**
3. **Chrysanthemums, incurved or intermediate, 1 bloom**
4. **Chrysanthemums, reflex, 1 bloom**
5. **Chrysanthemums, 3 stems**

Classes 6-10 should be same variety

6. **Dahlias, under 50mm (2"), 3 blooms**
7. **Dahlias, 50-100mm (2-4"), 3 blooms**
8. **Dahlias, 100-150mm (4-6"), 3 blooms**
9. **Dahlias, 150-200mm (6-8"), 1 bloom**
10. **Dahlias, single, 3 blooms**
11. **Dahlias, mixed 5 blooms**
12. **Roses, 2 stems, any variety**
13. **Flowers, 1 kind, not specified elsewhere**
14. **Vase of mixed flowers**

Classes 15-22 maximum pot size 180mm (7")

15. **Pot plant, cactus or succulent**
16. **Pot plant, fuchsia**
17. **Pot plant, zonal pelargonium (double or single)**
18. **Pot plant, ivy leaved pelargonium**
19. **Pot plant, scented leaf pelargonium**
20. **Pot plant, flower, not specified elsewhere**
21. **Pot plant, foliage**
22. **Dwarf sunflower in pot**
23. **Brussel sprouts, 9**
24. **Leeks, 3 (top trimmed)**
25. **Lettuce, 2 with root**
26. **Onions, 3 up to 250g (9ozs)**
27. **Onions 3 over 250g (9ozs)**
28. **Shallots, 9 under 30mm (1")**
29. **Shallots, 9 over 30mm (1")**
30. **Tomatoes, 5 cherry**
31. **Tomatoes, 5 any other kind**
32. **Celery, 2 roots trimmed**
33. **Parsnips, 3 with 80mm (3") tops**



34. **Potatoes, 5 white, 1 variety**
35. **Potatoes, 5 coloured, 1 variety**
36. **Potatoes, 5 white 1 variety, 5 coloured 1 variety, to be staged on one dish**

37. **Carrots, 3 with 80mm (3") tops, stump root**
38. **Carrots, 3 with 80mm (3") tops, long root**
39. **Beetroot, 3 with 80mm (3") tops, globe root**
40. **Beetroot, 3 with 80mm (3") tops, long root**

41. **Marrow, 1 heaviest**
42. **Marrow, 1 not over 300mm (12")**
43. **Marrow, 1 over 300mm (12")**

44. **Courgette, 1**
45. **Beans runner, 9 pods**
46. **Beans runner, longest**
47. **Beans dwarf French, 9 pods**
48. **Cabbage, 2 with 50mm stalks**
49. **Collection of Vegetables, 5 different kinds ****
50. **A small vase of fresh mixed herbs (maximum 150mm diameter vase)**
51. **Cauliflower, 1, 50mm root**
52. **Any other vegetable ****
53. **An amusing or bizarre vegetable**

54. **Rhubarb, 3 sticks trimmed**
55. **Peppers, 4**
56. **Cucumber ridge, 1**
57. **Cucumber any other variety, 1**
58. **Fruit – choose one from; bunch of grapes, 10 raspberries – Vineyard Trophy**
59. **Apples, 3**
60. **Any other fruit (not grapes, raspberries or apples)**



Domestic

61. **Jar of pickled vegetables**
62. **Jar of Chutney**
63. **3 Cheese Biscuits**
64. **Pineapple Upside-down Cake *****
65. **Five cup cakes**
66. **Birthday Cake celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the FHS**
67. **Bottle of home made cordial**

Handicraft (all own work)

68. **Photograph 1, 'Portrait of a Tree'**
69. **Photograph, set of 3, 'Seasons'**
70. **Handmade Birthday Card**
71. **A handmade Christmas Decoration**
72. **A picture, painting or illustration theme 'Anniversary'**
73. **A hand made item of clothing, knitted or sown**

Floral Art (art of arranging living or dried plant material)

74. **Please telephone 07771 547 193 if interested**

Junior Classes (all own work, under 16)

75. **A decorated cardboard sun**
76. **Animal Model made only from fruit and/or vegetables, in a rigid container up to 230mm x 380mm**
77. **Picture or drawing theme of 'Space'**
78. **Handmade birthday card**



Rules of the Fulham Horticultural Society

1. Name of Society

The society shall be known as the Fulham Horticultural Society.

2. Objects

The objects of this society are:

- a. *To encourage and assist in the cultivation of flowers and vegetables.*
- b. *To organise shows, Garden Competitions, Exhibitions and Lectures*
- c. *To organise social activities amongst the members*

3. Officers

The officers of the society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Show Secretary and Honorary Public Relations Officer. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for the ensuing year, except the President who shall be elected for a period of three years only, with no two successive terms of office. All other officers are eligible for re-election. The officers of President and Vice President shall be restricted to persons who have rendered distinguishing service in furthering the objects of the Society and who's names are submitted to the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the committee.

4. Committee

The management of the Societies affairs shall be vested in the committee which shall consist of the Officers of the society and other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for the ensuing year. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of the society to fill the unexpired period of any vacancy arising through resignation or any other cause. The Committee shall have the power to appoint from its members such Sub-Committees as it may deem necessary.

5. Committee meeting

The committee shall meet as often as may deem necessary the quorum for the transaction of business shall be five members.

6. Membership

Membership shall be open to all residents living within a five mile radius of the Old Town Hall Fulham Broadway. The minimum annual subscription shall be reviewed and fixed every year at the Annual General Meeting and be due and payable on the 1st January in each year. Members shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Society and shall have the privilege of exhibiting at or competitions. All members are eligible for election to any office in the society.



7. Conduct of members

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member of the Society whose conduct in the opinion of the committee is considered prejudicial to the interest of the Society. This power shall be exercised only on a two-thirds majority vote of the committee members present at the meeting convened for this purpose at which the members concerned shall have the right to attend, and if expelled, shall have the right of appeal at the next Annual General Meeting.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in October or November of each year to receive the reports of the Committee, to approve and adopt the audited accounts made up to 30th October, to elect the Officers, members of the committee and two Auditors for the ensuing year and to transact any other general business. Eight members shall form a quorum. Notice of the meeting shall be served on all members not less than 21 days prior to the date of the meeting. No member shall cast more than one vote at any such meeting. Junior members are ineligible to vote until their sixteenth birthday.

9. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Society shall be convened at any time by the Honorary Secretary on the receipt by him of a requisition in writing signed by not less than seven members, specifying precisely the business to be dealt with. The notice of such a meeting shall be served on all members not less than one month prior to the date of the meeting and shall specify in precise terms the business to be discussed. No other business of any kind can be discussed or transacted at any Special General Meeting. Members shall form a quorum. No member shall cast more than one vote at any such meeting.

10. Alteration of rules

Notice of any proposed alteration to the Rules must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than one month before the date of the Annual General meeting, stating the proposed amendment in precise terms. The proposed alteration must be notified to all members not less than 21 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting at which it is proposed. No rule or part of a rule, shall be altered or amended otherwise than at a General Annual Meeting of the Society.

11. Affiliations

The Society shall be affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and to any other Societies or Organisations which the Committee may consider desirable.



Rules for all shows

1. **Classes are open to all residents who plant and tend their gardens or allotments within a five-mile radius of Fulham Old Town Hall, without paid help and who do not obtain their livelihood, or part thereof, from horticulture. All exhibits must have been in the possession of the Exhibitor at least two months prior to the show. (Domestic classes and Floral Art excepted). Handicraft: No exhibit shall be allowed that has been shown at previous Society show. Any member who moves outside the 5-mile radius and wishes to retain membership is eligible to compete in all shows.**
2. **All entries must be made on the official entry form. Entries for Floral Art Classes must be received by the Show Secretary not later than Wednesday, all other classes by Thursday prior to the Show. Telephone entries until 8pm.**
3. **Entrance fees members each entry 50p. Individual class numbers must be stated.**
4. **Exhibit cards will be supplied by the society, and these must be placed downwards by or under the exhibit.**
5. **For the purpose of the shows Antirrhinums and Petunias will be classed as annuals.**
6. **The Judge's decision will be final.**
7. **Exhibitors may use the vases which the society now owns, or provide their own vases, tops of vases not to exceed vase 150mm (6") diameter. Milk bottles, jam jars or similar container are not allowed.**
8. **No exhibitor may stage more than one exhibit in any class.**
9. **All foliage must be the natural foliage of the exhibit. All foliage must be home grown, except in Floral Art Classes.**
10. **No unauthorised person will be allowed in the hall during judging.**
11. **The Judges are empowered to withhold an award, or awards, in any class if the exhibits are unworthy.**
12. **The exact number of flowers or vegetables must be shown, and no flowers may be wired, pot plants excepted.**



13. **No exhibit may be removed from the hall until after the distribution of prizes. All exhibits remaining after half-an-hour of the end of the prize distribution will be disposed of by the Committee for the benefit of the Society.**
14. **An exhibitor found showing produce not grown in accordance with Rule 1 will be disqualified from winning a prize or award at any show and will be expelled from the Society, non-members automatically barred.**
15. **An exhibitor winning a prize or award must on receipt of 24 hours' notice from the Show Secretary allow an official of the Society to view the plant from which the winning exhibit was taken in its growing state.**
16. **The committee, whilst exercising reasonable care, cannot accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, exhibitors' property.**
17. **The committee shall have the power to interpret these rules and to adjudicate on any matter in connection with any show.**
18. **Protests must be made in writing with a deposit of 50p, to the show Secretary, within one hour after the show opens to the public. Deposit will be refunded if protest is upheld.**
19. **All Shows are judged under R.H.S. and N.A.F.A.S. rules.**
20. **Only society members are eligible to compete for the society Trophies. All trophies must be cleaned polished and returned to the Show Secretary (address at the front of this book) or other agreed venue.**
21. **Points - First = 4; Second = 3; Third = 2; H.C. = 1**
22. **A Novice is a competitor who has not won first prize at any previous show. Floral Art: one who has not won two first prizes.**
23. **Preserves includes Marmalade, Jams, Curds and Bottled fruit.**
24. **Prizes at all shows are: First £1.**



Vegetable Collection Requirements

The following list shows the number of each variety of vegetables and herbs to be exhibited in collection and the maximum number of points which each different vegetable collects. A collection must be staged in or on one container.

Quantity required for:

SHOW	COLLECTION POINTS	SHOW	COLLECTION POINTS
1	Cauliflower 20	1	Cabbage 15
3	Carrots 20	9	Dwarf beans 15
3	Leeks 20	2	Fennel 15
3	Onions 20	2	Garlic bulbs 15
2	Parsnips 20	2	Lettuce 15
9	Pods of peas 20	4	Peppers 15
5	Potatoes 20	12	Shoots of broccoli 15
5	Tomatoes 20	2	Swedes 15
2	Aubergines 18	2	Sweetcorn 15
2	Celeriac 18	2	Turnips 15
1	Marrow 18	10	Leaves spinach 12
9	Runner beans 18	3	Sticks rhubarb 12
9	Shallots 18	10	Green salad onions 10
2	Artichokes 15	1	P u m p k i n / Squash 10
3	Beetroot 15	10	Radish 10
9	Broad beans 15	150mm	Vase of herbs 10
9	Brussel Sprouts 15		



Domestic Class Recipe – Pineapple Upside-down Cake

Ingredients

200ml runny honey

2 x 425g tins of pineapple rings in juice

200ml vegetable oil

200g self-raising flour

500ml natural yoghurt

200g desiccated coconut

2 large eggs

12 glacé cherries (60g)

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Place your largest non-stick frying pan on a medium-high heat with 1 tablespoon of the honey, then arrange 12 pineapple rings on top in a single layer, reserving the juice for later. (This might be a bit of a squeeze, but you'll fit them in – see the tip for what to do with any leftover pineapple.) Cook for 4 to 5 minutes on just one side, or until the honey has almost disappeared and the pineapple is starting to caramelize.



2. Place the remaining honey into a large mixing bowl with the vegetable oil, flour, 200ml of yoghurt and most of the desiccated coconut. Crack in the eggs and use a spatula to mix together, then loosen with 2 tablespoons of the reserved pineapple juice.
3. Line a 30cm x 20cm roasting tray with greaseproof paper. Arrange the pineapple rings in the tray caramelised-side down and so they're slightly overlapping, drizzling over any remaining pan juices, then place a glacé cherry in the centre of each ring. Pour over the batter, level off the top, then bake for 30 minutes, or until beautifully golden.
4. Carefully turn the cake out onto a board and peel off the greaseproof. Top with a dollop of yoghurt and sprinkle over the reserved desiccated coconut, to serve.



The Society's trophies and winners 2023

THE COBB CHALLENGE CUP*

Awarded for the Highest Total points for Horticulture at all shows

Winners were:

2023 Mr S. Whitten
2022 Mr C. Dowson
2021 Mr S. Whitten
2019 Mr J.Rielly

THE HILL MEMORIAL CUP*

Awarded for the second highest number of points for Horticulture at all shows

Winners were:

2023 Mr C. Dowson
2022 Mr S. Whitten
2021 Mr C. Dowson
2019 Fulham Palace Apprentices

*No exhibitor may win these cups more than once in every three successive years.

THE COLLINS MEMORIAL CUP

Awarded for the highest total points in the Dahlia Classes at all shows

2021 Mr K. Mottram
2021 Mr A. Hadden
2019 Mr A. Hadden

THE FREDERICK HOARE CUP

For the highest total points in the vegetable classes at all the shows

2023 Mr S. Whitten
2022 Mr C. Dowson
2021 Mr C. Dowson

THE BARRY TINSLEY CUP

For the highest total points in the Chrysanthemum, classes at all shows

2023 Mr S. Whitten
2022 Mr S. Whitten
2021 Mr S. Whitten



THE VINEYARD TROPHY

Awarded for the best exhibit in the fruit class at the Autumn show
2023 Mr C. Dowson
2022 Mr C. Dowson
2021 Mr C. Dowson

THE BEATRICE HUNT

2023 Ms N. Coleman
2021 Mr C. Dowson
2019 Mr J. Rielly

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ROSE BOWL

Awarded for the highest total points in the Rose classes at all shows
2022 K. Mottram
2021 Mr. E. Robinson
2019 Mrs J. Cruddas

THE FLORAL ART CUP

AWARDED FOR THE HIGHEST TOTAL POINTS IN FLORAL ART AT ALL SHOWS

2019 Mrs S. Kay

THE HOLT CUP

Awarded for the best set of Three Photographs in the Photograph Competition
2022 Ms N. Coleman
2019 Mr A. Ellerington

THE GODDARD MEMORIAL VASE

Awarded for the highest total points in the Domestic Classes at all shows
2022 Ms N. Coleman
2019 Ms N. Coleman



THE TOMS MEMORIAL CUP

Awarded for the best exhibit in show
2022 Mr C. Dowson
2021 Mr C. Dowson
2019 Mr C. Dowson

THE ASTOR CUP

Awarded for the highest points in Class 3 of the Gardens competition
2022 Ms. S. Willows
2021 Mr A. Hadden
2019 Mr A. Hadden





THE BENEFITS OF BEING A FULHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBER

We really value your support; it enables the society to:

Offer our members access to The Pelargonium Society, National Vegetable Society and Royal Horticultural Society quarterly magazines and advice lines.

Offer group discounts to RHS Wisley.

Let members have access to website that is full of helpful hints, tips and recipes plus photos from members.

Keep the oldest and only remaining Horticultural Society in inner London thriving.

Provide a forum for all of the community whose interest is in gardening and growing. You do not have to have an allotment and you can be very old or very young (or anywhere in between).

Provide monthly newsletters.

Let members showcase their produce and home crafts in an annual show, with prize money and trophies to the winners.

It is a great way to meet other likeminded community friends!

It is our policy to request discounts for our members with any new garden centres in the area.

Thank you for supporting the Fulham Horticultural Society. Your membership fees are working hard to enable this brilliant Society to last for years to come.

The Committee wish to record their thanks to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and St Etheldreda's Church. Special thanks to all members for their donations and to the Exhibitors for their help.





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