

# Golf Course Allotments and Garden Association

## ANNUAL SHOW AND NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME OPEN DAY SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

### **SATURDAY, 2nd September**

**2.00 pm–4.00pm**

**ENTRIES** desk will be open for all Show entries. You may stage your entries between 2 and 5pm or as soon as tents/marquees are available for staging.

### **SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**8.30am–11.00am**    **ENTRIES** desk open

**8.30am–11.15am**    **STAGING** of all classes

**11.30am–1.30pm**    **JUDGING** of all classes

**1.00pm**                **SHOW OPENS** to all. NGS visitors pay an entrance fee  
Allotment holders and families free

**1.30pm (approx.)**    **VIEWING** of show exhibits after judging finishes

**2.00pm**                **TOURS** (meet at Oak Tree by the Container)

**3.00pm**                **RETRIEVE ENTRIES** if you want to take them home

**3.30pm**                Any exhibits left will be taken to Produce Stall

**3.45pm (approx.)**    **PRIZE GIVING** and **GCAA RAFFLE**

**4.00pm**                **NGS RAFFLE**

**4.30pm (approx.)**    **Show closes**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please help by contributing sandwiches, cakes, and savouries for the **Tea Stall** on the day.

Please also let us have any fresh fruit and vegetables you can spare for the **Produce Stall**, which is very popular.

Jams and preserves also sell well on this stall.

If you have spare plants, particularly unusual ones, the **Plant Stall** would appreciate them.

We would also welcome contributions for the **Bottle Tombola**, and **Preserves** during the weeks before the Show.

Please consider helping, even in a small way, with **preparations for the Show: setting up tents and stalls, tidying common areas, putting up notices**, etc., as well as **manning the stalls on the day**.

It can be a lot of fun and you meet your fellow plot holders! We will be putting up a list of jobs that you can sign up for nearer to the time of the Show.

## WHAT CAN YOU ENTER?

Before the Day of the Show:

**Potato Competition:** Prize is for the highest combined weight of potatoes from 3 tubers which are distributed in late March/early April from the Trading Shed (50p for 3 potatoes). You need to register your name and plot when collecting. Tubers will be dug up approximately one week before the Show by three committee members and weighed. Please mark the growing area CLEARLY.

**Best Plots:** Trophies will be given for :

- \*Best half plot
- \*Best full plot
- \*Best newcomer's half plot
- \*Best Newcomers Full plot

All plot holders are eligible **except** winners in the previous year. Plots will be judged about **two weeks** before the Show.

**Gardener of the Year:**

Nominations should be submitted to the Chairman by 12<sup>th</sup> August . (Note: you may not submit yourself.)

**Raffle:** Don't forget to buy a **Raffle** ticket from the Trading Shed (from August).

## The Allotment Show:

See the various categories and classes in **fruit, vegetables, flowers, produce and baked goods** you can enter below, along with the rules of entry.

### **REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS**

***Entries are welcome from all members of GCAA. Make sure you have first paid your GCAA subscription (£5).***

1. All exhibits should be grown by the exhibitor in their own allotment or garden for at least eight weeks before the Show. Anyone attempting to gain prizes by unfair means shall forfeit all prizes awarded to him/her. The Committee will refuse further entries from that person. Young people may enter in the Novice/Young People's Section, but not in the adult section. Novices may enter in the Novice/Young People's Section and/or the adult section
2. All exhibits should be grouped under the correct class and should not be moved after staging is complete. Each exhibit should be accompanied by a card bearing the Class and Exhibitor numbers, provided by the Entries desk.
3. No competitor shall be allowed to stage more than one exhibit for any one class unless otherwise stated.
4. Proxy entries will be accepted on receipt of a letter to the Show organisers from the exhibitor confirming that they have grown the items on their allotment.
5. The decision of the Judges is final. The Committee, in consultation with the Judges, may withhold any prize in any Class at their discretion. The GCAA reserves the right to consult with the judge in respect to possible changes or amendments. Protests must be made by 5.00 pm on Show Day to be adjudicated later by the Show Committee.
6. Completed entry forms should be returned to the Entries desk **by 11.15 am** on Show Day.
7. All exhibits should be staged between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on the day before the Show **or** between 8.30 am and 11.15 am on Show Day. Judging will commence at 11.30. **Exhibitors must leave the tent by 11.15 am.**
8. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st Prize 4 points, 2nd Prize 3 points, 3rd Prize 2 points, Highly Commended 1 point.
9. All exhibits of fruit and vegetables should be displayed on plates (paper included) **which exhibitors should provide.**
10. All ordinary care will be taken of exhibits but the Association is unable to accept responsibility for loss or damage.
11. Exhibitors will be allowed to recover their exhibits at the time specified in the Show Timetable. **Exhibitors wishing to keep items should mark entry cards with a star sticker available from the entries desk.**

**12. Challenge Cups must be returned, cleaned and polished, to the Trading Shed or Show Secretary at least 14 days before the Show**

**13. Best Plots** will be judged by three Committee members at a convenient time before the show.

## **AWARDS**

**Bonner Memorial Trophy:** awarded to member with best kept full plot

**GCAA Best Kept Half Plot:** Trophy awarded to member with best kept half plot

**GCAA New Members Best Kept Half Plot:** Trophy awarded to new gardener with best kept or most improved half plot

**GCAA Best New Member's Best Kept Full Plot:** Trophy awarded to the new gardener with the best kept or most improved full plot

**Points will be awarded based on the following criteria:**

Cultivation & neatness: 30

Flowers: variety: 10

Vegetables: variety: 25

Fruit: variety: 10

Overall quality: 10

Compost bin: 5

Biodiversity (e.g. rainwater butts, nesting boxes): 10

**Total possible points: 100**

**Gardener of the Year Award: The Rose Hacker Cup** is awarded annually to a member of the Association "who has shown good gardening practices over a number of years". The winner is chosen by the Committee based on nominations from the membership as a whole. Serving committee members are not eligible.

## **HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS**

***How to impress the Judge and win more points!***

**BEANS, RUNNER OR DWARF:** Pods long, straight, clear, even, fleshy and brittle, with stalks.

**BEETROOT:** Uniform size, deep, not flat, small tap roots, well coloured, 3" (7.5cm) stem, tied.

**CABBAGE:** Of medium size, hearts firm, well-formed leaves, clean with 4" (10cm) of stem.

**CARROTS:** Of medium size according to variety, good and even form, skin clear, good, bright colour, no side shoots, with 3" (7.5cm) stalk.

**CAULIFLOWER:** Medium size, firm, rounded, free from stain or frothiness, white and clean with 4" stem.

**MARROWS:** Of medium size, approximately 9" (23cm) long and 3" (7.5cm) diameter.

**ONIONS:** Skin clear, rounded or globular, the neck tied with raffia, solid shape, no splits or over skinning.

**PEAS:** Pods large well filled, of good deep green colour, with bloom, free from rust, of fair size and clean.

**POTATOES:** Medium size, free from disease, eyes few and shallow, skin clear, fresh and clean.

**SHALLOTS:** Uniform in size, firm and bright.

**TOMATOES:** Medium size, skins clear, speckle free and unbroken, flesh solid and ripe, with fresh stalks.

## SHOW SECTIONS AND CLASSES

Decide which classes you would like to enter and then circle the class numbers so that you can easily enter them on the entry form

### VEGETABLE SECTION

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
1. AUBERGINES	Two with stalks
2. BEANS, RUNNER	Six pods of one variety, with stalks
3. BEANS, FRENCH	Six French Beans, one variety with stalks
4. BEANS, ANY OTHER	Six beans, any other variety
5. BEETROOT	Three of one variety, with 3" (7.5 cm) of tied stalk
6. CABBAGES	Two of one variety, with 4" (10 cm) stalks
7. CARROTS	Three of one variety, with 3" (7.5cm) of tied stalk
8. COURGETTES	A pair for table use, with stalk
9. CUCUMBER	Two of one variety, with stalk
10. LEEKS	Three of one variety. All foliage to be shown; roots may be trimmed
11. LETTUCE	Two of one variety
12. MARROW	One
13. ONIONS	Five dressed, under 8 oz
14. ONIONS	Three dressed, over 8 oz
15. PARSNIPS	One variety, with 3" (7.5 cm) of tied stalk
16. PEPPERS, Sweet	Pair of one variety with stalk
17. PEPPERS, Chili	Pair of one variety with stalk
18. POTATOES	Three of one variety
19. PUMPKIN	One of any variety, named, judged on quality
20. SHALLOTS	Six of one variety
21. SQUASH	One of any variety, named (e.g. patty pan, crook necked)
22. SWEET CORN	Two cobs, one variety
23. TOMATOES, Cherry	Outdoor or indoor, plate of 5, one variety, with stalks
24. TOMATOES, Medium	Outdoor or indoor, plate of 5, one variety, with stalks
25. TOMATOES, Large	Outdoor or indoor, plate of 3, one variety, with stalks
26. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE	Not listed above, named
27. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE	Not listed above, named
28. MIXED CULINARY HERBS	One vase of mixed herbs
29. CULINARY HERBS	One variety, in a vase

### 30. COLLECTION OF ANY SIX VEGETABLES – ONE OF EACH

The collection may be staged on a tray or board in a basket no larger than 45 cm x 45 cm (18" x 18"). Up to 10 points will be awarded for overall quality and 10 points for overall presentation and appearance. Judges' discretion allowed. Maximum 20 points. Please choose from this list:

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>
Aubergine	Courgette	Sweet Pepper
Beetroot	Cucumber	Potato
Broccoli – one head	Leek	Pumpkin
Cabbage – one head	Lettuce – cos variety	Squash / Gourd
Carrot	Lettuce – round variety	Swede
Cauliflower – one head	Marrow	Sweetcorn
Celeriac – top rimmed	Onion (medium or large)	Tomato (medium or large)
Celery – one plant	Parsnip	Turnip

### 31. COLLECTION OF THREE SALAD VEGETABLES

Quantities shown below. This exhibit should occupy a space no more than 40 cm (16") square. For each exhibit, up to 10 points will be awarded for overall quality and 10 points for overall presentation and appearance. Maximum 20 points.

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Number</u>
Beetroot	Three with 3" stalk	Sweet Pepper	Two with stalks
Celery	One whole plant	Radish	Three with 3" stalk
Cucumber	Two with stalks	Salad Cabbage	One
Lettuce	One head with some Trimmed root	Spring Onions	Six tied together
Chili Pepper	Two with stalks	Tomatoes	Three medium or large, or five of one cherry variety

### NOVICE / YOUNG PERSONS SECTION

For adult members showing for the first time at our Show or young persons under 16 years old. Please note that novices may also enter any other classes in this schedule, but young persons can only enter in this section and in the designated classes of the domestic section.

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| 32. TOMATOES              | Plate of three, one named variety, with calyces attached                              |
| 33. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE   | One; please take from vegetable section.  |
| 34. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE   | One; please take from vegetable section.  |
| 35. VASE OF MIXED HERBS   | Grown by plot holder  |
| 36. VASE OF MIXED FLOWERS | Annuals and/or perennials   |
| 37. ANY FRUIT             | Quantities as in Fruit Section  |
| 38. ARRANGEMENT           | Mixed autumn theme, can include foliage and/or berries,<br>arranged in a vase of bowl |
| 39. VEGETABLE SCULPTURE   | Based on vegetable or fruit. ( <i>Young Persons only</i> )                            |

### 40. COLLECTION OF THREE KINDS OF VEGETABLES – **NOVICES ONLY**

The collection may be staged on a tray or board in a basket no larger than 45 cm x 45 cm (18" x 18"). Up to 10 points will be awarded for overall quality and 10 points for overall presentation and appearance **for each basket**. Judges' discretion allowed. Maximum 20 points. Please choose **one of each vegetable** from this list:

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>
Aubergine	Courgette	Sweet Pepper – any colour
Beetroot	Cucumber	Potato
Broccoli – one head	Leek	Pumpkin
Cabbage – one head	Lettuce – cos variety	Squash / Gourd
Carrot	Lettuce – round variety	Swede
Cauliflower – one head	Marrow	Sweetcorn
Celeriac – top rimmed	Onion (medium or large)	Tomato (medium or large)
Celery – one plant	Parsnip	Turnip

## FLOWER SECTION

**Flower Exhibits RULES:** Stems used in displays must show flowers only; no seed heads or berries are allowed (except Class 43). Vases can be made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase. No accessories such as bows and additional foliage are allowed. Foliage growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material (including Oasis) to keep the stems in place is allowed.

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| 41. ANNUALS          | One vase of one kind, not listed below                                      |
| 42. ANNUALS          | One vase, mixed   |
| 43. AUTUMN COLOUR    | Vase of foliage seeds and berries;<br>vase neck not exceeding 6" (15 cm)    |
| 44. DAHLIAS          | Decorative, Cactus, or Semi-cactus:<br>vase of five blooms, any one variety |
| 45. DAHLIAS          | Vase of mixed varieties viewed all round                                    |
| 46. FLOATING FLOWERS | Leaves allowed  |
| 47. MIXED FLOWERS    | Annuals and/or perennials; vase to be viewed all round                      |
| 48. PERENNIALS       | Vase of one variety, excluding those previously listed                      |
| 49. PERENNIALS       | One vase, mixed   |
| 50. ROSES            | One vase, mixed or of one variety   |
| 51. ANY OTHER FLOWER | For which there is no separate class, in one vase                           |

## FRUIT SECTION

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| 52. APPLES, Culinary    | Three of one variety, with stalks     |
| 53. APPLES, Dessert     | Three of one variety, with stalks     |
| 54. BLACKBERRIES        | Ten, with stalks                      |
| 55. PEARS               | Three of one variety, with stalks     |
| 56. PLUMS               | Three of one variety, with stalks     |
| 57. RASPBERRIES         | Ten, with stalks                      |
| 58. ANY OTHER FRUIT     | Not listed above, named, with stalks  |
| 59. DISH OF MIXED FRUIT | Not more than 12" (30 cm) in diameter |

## DOMESTIC SECTION

Open to both men and women, with two classes for young persons. All cooked items must have list of ingredients on card next to entry, please.

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| 60. POT OF JAM: Stone Fruit                              | e.g. plum, cherry                            |
| 61. POT OF JAM: Seed Fruit                               | e.g. raspberry, strawberry                   |
| 62. POT OF JELLY   | Any sort, labelled                           |
| 63. POT OF MARMALADE                                     | Labelled                                     |
| 64. POT OF CHUTNEY                                       | Labelled                                     |
| 65. JAR OF PICKLES OR PRESERVES                          | Other than chutney, labelled                 |
| 66. CAKE: Vegetable                                      | Made using vegetables, e.g. carrot           |
| 67. CAKE: Fruit  | Made using fruit, e.g. apples                |
| 68. SAVOURY PASTRY / QUICHE                              | Made using vegetables                        |
| 69. ANY OTHER EXHIBIT                                    | Appropriate to the domestic section          |
| 70. YP COOKIES / BISCUITS<br><i>(Young Persons only)</i> | Plate of six cookies or biscuits             |
| 71. YP CAKE / CAKES<br><i>(Young Persons only)</i>       | Plate of six small cakes, or one large cakes |

## NOVELTY SECTION

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| 72. CHARD            | One full plant in a vase  |
| 73. FREAK OR UNUSUAL | Vegetable, fruit, or flower   |
| 74. RHUBARB          | Longest stick, without leaves;<br>to be measured in a straight line |
| 75. BEAN, RUNNER     | Longest runner bean, with stalk                                     |
| 76. CARROT           | Longest carrot  |
| 77. MARROW           | Heaviest; to be judged by weight                                    |
| 78. PARSNIP          | Longest parsnip   |
| 79. PUMPKIN          | To be judged by weight  |
| 80. TOMATOES         | One truss, outdoor or indoor, judged by weight                      |





GCAA ANNUAL SHOW  
ENTRY FORM

**ENTRIES DESK COPY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT NO \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY NO \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSES:

Vegetable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17  
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31  
Novice/YP 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 (*Note: 39 YP only; 40 Novices only*)  
Flower 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51  
Fruit 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59  
Domestic 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 (*Note: 70 & 71 YP only*)  
Novelty 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

TOTAL NO OF ENTRIES \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUR COPY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT NO \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY NO \_\_\_\_\_

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