

Fulham Horticultural Society



Handbook 2022

Annual Show September 10th

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Founded 1924





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Diary of Events 2022

Sunday May 22nd Rogation Sunday

There will be a service of blessing at the allotments in Bishop's Avenue at 3pm. (TBC)

Saturday September 10th

FHS Annual Show and Prize giving at St Etheldreda's Church.

Saturday November 12th at 12pm

FHS Annual General Meeting, St. Etheldreda's Church Hall

Wednesday July 27th at 7pm

Committee Planning meeting, St. Etheldreda's Church Hall

Message from Mr Eddie Robinson, Chair:

Dear Members,

Welcome to the latest Fulham Horticultural Society Handbook which contains, I hope, just about everything you need to know about what the society does.

Much effort goes into its preparation which is why when the show for 2020 was cancelled owing to coronavirus we decided to use the 2020 Handbook for the 2021 show. The decision to hold a show in 2021 is an indication of the determination of members not to cancel yet again and also thanks to St Etheldreda's Caretaker, Martin Chapple for use of the hall.

Founded in 1924, the society is the last remaining horticultural society in inner London and with the centenary approaching in 2024 I am keen to boost entries for the annual show to be held on Saturday September 10th, 2022.

In this year's handbook you will find a simple 'how to' guide to entering, some testimonials from the 2021 show entrants, and some helpful hints for first timers. In addition, all committee members have agreed to mentor anyone who would like some help growing to show.

As well as shows, we are now widening our activities by holding displays at Fulham Palace during the Chilli Festival. We have purchased new tables so that we can hold outdoor events in future. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our committee members and other volunteers.

We look forward to seeing even more of you participating in 2022.

Eddie Robinson
Chairman, Fulham Horticultural Society

Fulham Horticultural Society Affiliated to Royal Horticultural Society, National Vegetable Society, British Pelargonium and Geranium Society



Testimonials from 2021 show

Given that it's been around since 1924, I always like to try to support the Fulham Horticultural Society's Annual Show by entering as much produce from my allotment as possible. The first time I did it I was really apprehensive as to whether my vegetables would look silly alongside more established growers - but I needn't have worried as my courgette won first prize – and I was thrilled! On the morning of the Show I visit my plot to see what I can possibly enter – which must be a tradition amongst local growers in Fulham dating back nearly a hundred years – I like that. And, if you haven't already, you should give it a try – I look forward to seeing you there!

Abel Hadden

Just to say how much we have enjoyed showing flowers, craftwork and photos at every FHS show for years. A great opportunity to contribute to a very worthwhile local tradition - and if you win a prize or two, so much the better!

Julian Peach

I am not a serious grower but managed to win a category the first time I showed, which made me feel great. I show in the produce, flower and domestic categories and the sense of achievement is much greater than the small amount of effort I put into it. It's fantastic see everyone else's contributions to the show and to help keep such a venerable tradition alive.

I thoroughly recommend showing something, as it feels very satisfying to be a part of it on the day.

Alex Ellerington

Fulham Horticultural Society

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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 rafia.

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

Saturday September 10th, 2022, St Etheldreda's Church Hall

Staging 10.00am to 12.00 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.

Entries to be emailed to: charlesdowson@aol.com

or telephoned: 07771 547 193

Last 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

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

Domestic

60. Jar of jam (stone or soft fruit)
61. Jar of marmalade
62. Jar of chutney
63. Carrot Cake tray bake***
64. 6 cup cakes
65. Any other unusual bake!

Handicraft (all own work)

66. Photograph 1, 'The Weather'
67. Photograph, set of 3, 'Flowers'
68. Birthday card
69. Flower made from recycled materials

Floral Art

70. Please telephone 07771 547 193 if interested

Junior Classes (all own work, under 16)

71. Smiling cookie
72. Garden in a recycled container e.g. jar/wellington boot
73. Picture of a garden in Autumn

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	Pumpkin/Squash	10
3	Beetroot	15	10	Radish	10
9	Broad beans	15	150mm	Vase of herbs	10
9	Brussel Sprouts	15			

Domestic Class Recipe - Carrot cake tray bake

Ingredients

soft butter, for greasing
200ml vegetable oil
200g light muscovado sugar
3 large eggs
200g plain flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tsp baking powder
2 tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground cloves
zest of ½ orange
200g peeled and coarsely grated carrots (roughly 3 medium carrots)

For the cream cheese frosting

100g soft butter
zest of 1 orange
300g icing sugar
125g cold full-fat soft cheese

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C, fan 160°C, gas 4. Grease a 20cm x 30cm x 5cm deep baking tin with butter and line with baking paper.

In a bowl, whisk the oil, muscovado sugar and eggs together until smooth and there are no lumps of sugar. Sift over the flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, ground cinnamon and ground cloves and add the orange zest and a pinch of salt. Whisk until evenly combined, then fold through the carrots. Pour into the prepared tray and smooth into the corners.

Bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 35-45 minutes until golden, risen and a cocktail stick comes out clean when inserted in the middle. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the frosting, beat the butter and half the orange zest using an electric whisk until soft and creamy. Sift over the icing sugar and beat for 2-3 minutes until evenly combined and it has the consistency of coarse breadcrumbs. Beat in the cold soft cheese for 3-4 minutes until fully incorporated and light and fluffy.

Spread the frosting over the cooled cake and sprinkle over the remaining orange zest to serve.

As the cake is bigger than a plate in size, you may wish to cut a piece of clean cardboard to size and cover it with clean foil to act as a cake board.

The Society's trophies and winners 2021

THE COBB CHALLENGE CUP*

Awarded for the Highest Total points for Horticulture at all shows

Winners were:

2021 Mr S. Whitten

2019 Mr J. Rielly

2018 Mr C. Dowson

2017 Mr S. Whitten

THE HILL MEMORIAL CUP*

Awarded for the second Highest points for Horticulture at all shows

Winners were:

2021 Mr C. Dowson

2019 Fulham Palace Apprentices

2018 Mr S. Whitten

2017 Mr C. Dowson

*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 A. Hadden

2019 Mr A. Hadden

THE FREDERICK HOARE CUP

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

2021 Mr C. Dowson

2019 Mr S. Whitten

THE BARRY TINSLEY CUP

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

2021 Mr S. Whitten

2019 Mr S. Whitten

THE VINEYARD TROPHY

Awarded for the best exhibit in the fruit class at the Autumn show

2021 Mr C. Dowson

2019 Fulham Palace Apprentices

THE BEATRICE HUNT

2021 Miss C. Dowson

2019 Mr J. Rielly

MEMORIAL CUP

For the highest total points in the Pot Plant classes at all shows

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ROSE BOWL

Awarded for the highest total points in the Rose classes at all shows

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

2019 Mr A. Ellerington

THE GODDARD MEMORIAL VASE

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

2019 Ms N. Coleman

THE TOMS MEMORIAL CUP

Awarded for the best exhibit in show

2021 Mr C. Dowson

2019 Mr C. Dowson

THE ASTOR CUP

Awarded for the highest points in Class 3 of the Gardens competition

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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