



Liss Horticultural Society

Founded in 1940

Affiliated to The Royal Horticultural Society; The Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies; The National Vegetable Society; The National Dahlia Society

Summer/Autumn Flower & Produce Show

The Triangle, Liss

Sunday 6th September 2026

Open to exhibitors who live within a 10 mile radius of Liss

Non-members limited to maximum of 6 classes

Closing Date for Entries Tuesday, 1st September.

Show opens at 2.30pm for viewing

Refreshments & Raffle

Free Admission

Programme of Events

07.30am -10.00am Halls open for staging

10.15am - 2.30pm Halls closed for Judging

2.30pm – 4.00pm Open for viewing

4.00pm approx. Presentation of Trophies

followed by the Raffle Draw

Important Information

Closing Date for Entries Tuesday, 1st September, 8pm.

Exhibitors' Entry forms with fee must be received before 8pm on Tuesday, 1st September. You may hand it into the Triangle office in an envelope addressed to Caroline Sedgwick, Liss Horticultural Society and enclosing your entry fee, before the 1st, or take it to The Triangle Centre, where we will be on hand to receive your applications and answer any queries between **7pm and 8pm on Tuesday, 1st September**. Further details are available from Caroline Sedgwick, Show Coordinator 07775 764493 or Mike Boocock, Chairman & Show Secretary 01730 893569.

Staging of Entries: Sunday 6th September

From 7.30am and to be completed by 10.00am prompt.

Your Entry cards will be in the hall on arrival

Please make sure you have the **exact number** of exhibits in each class as stated in the Schedule.

Stewards will be on hand to help and advise you.

Vases for your exhibits will be provided near the tables that have been set aside for setting up.

Entries in water: please do not set these up at the show tables unless stated.

Prize money will be paid from the Admin table from 2.30pm.

Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30pm.

Definitions:

Class – A numbered entry.

Collection - An assembly of kinds and/or cultivars (varieties) of plants, flowers, fruits or vegetables in one exhibit (class).

Cultivar – is a cultivated variety, simply known as a variety.

Dish – is a specified number or quantity of a fruit or vegetable constituting one entry which may be displayed directly on to the table, or on to a piece of fabric or in a receptacle, of any shape and made from any material.

Display – An exhibit in which attractiveness of arrangements and general effect are considered of more importance than they would have been had the schedule specified a “group” or a “collection”

Novice – A competitor who has not won a prize in that section at a previous Show.

Please do ask if you need any advice or help.

Rules for Exhibitors

1. The Show will be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards as stated in the RHS Show handbook 2016, except where under the schedule they obviously do not apply.
2. Competition for prizes in all sections is open to all irrespective of status.
3. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor, unless otherwise stated and have been in his/her possession for at least six months.
4. Number of Entries per household – only one person per household may enter in a class when the item is grown in the same garden or allotment. This does not apply to needlecraft, cookery, photography or Fuchsia class.
5. Only one entry per person per class.
6. The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and in the event of such a refusal, it is not required to give a reason.
7. Prizes may be withheld or modified if the exhibits are considered unworthy of the prize offered.
8. Any Exhibit that does not comply with the description in the Show Schedule i.e. in size, number or quantity may be disqualified at the discretion of the Judge and given an NAS card which means ‘Not According to Schedule’.
9. The decision of the Judge is final on the relative merits of the exhibits, but the committee reserves the right to refer any points in dispute to the Show Secretary for a decision.
10. Any protest must be made in writing and delivered to the Show Secretary by 3pm on the day of the Show.
11. After judging has taken place no exhibit may be altered or removed before 4.30pm, except by special permission of the Show Secretary.
12. The committee reserves the right for its official representative to visit by appointment, before or after the show, gardens from which plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables have been entered in order to satisfy that the conditions governing competitive exhibits are fulfilled.
13. Liability or Loss – all exhibits, personal property etc. will be at the risk of the exhibitors and the Society will not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. Should a Show, for any reason, not be held, no exhibitor will have any claim on the Society.

Clearing up: We would be most grateful if all exhibitors could help at the end of the show by emptying and stacking the vases in the containers provided.

THE SHOW TROPHIES & AWARDS 2026

Challenge Cups: *These are perpetual and remain the property of the Society, but may be held and maintained by the successful exhibitor for one year.*

The Cups will be engraved with the winners' name at the expense of the Society.

The Marden Trophy..... Most points Overall
Sir Charles Woolley.....Most pts in Section 'A' Flowers
Irene Dance Vase.....Best Vase of Garden flowers 'A' class 24...Flowers
Mrs Bertram Abel-Smith...Best Exhibit in Section 'A' Flowers
Liss Forest Nursery.....Best Exhibit in Section 'B' (excl. 33)..... Pot Plant
H Newman-Collard...Most points in Section 'C'- classes 34 to 72... Vegetables

The JR Thayer Shield ..Best Exhibit in 'C' - Class 34 Collection of Vegetables

Martin Summers.....Best Exhibit in Section 'C'- classes 37 to 72...Vegetables
(excluding, Class 34 to 36)

MM Lowe.....Most points in Section 'C'- classes 53 to 55.....Potatoes

Tom Coombs.....Winner of Class 56 Section 'C'.....Exhibition Shallots

DVN Topliss Most points in Section 'E'.....Floral Arrangements

Floral Cup.....Best exhibit Section 'E'Floral Arrangement

Jean Gilliam Cup.....Best exhibit 'E' - Class79..Novice Floral Arrangement

Margaret Dowell cup.....Best exhibit 'E' – Class82...Mini Floral Arrangement

Gladys Fletcher.....Most pts in Section 'F'.....Craft

FC Twitchen.....Most pts in Section 'H'.....Cookery

Garden Voucher for the 'Best Exhibit' in the Cookery Classes

Garden Voucher for the 'Best Photograph'

Garden Voucher for the 'Best Fuchsia Plant' in class 33-LHS

Garden Voucher for the 'Best Vegetable' (excl. 34 to 36)

Peter James.....Most pts in Section 'J'....Children aged 3 to 4

N Hyson.....Most pts in Section 'J'.....Children aged 5 to 7

Miss I K Nagel.....Most pts in Section 'J'....Children aged 8 to 11

RHS Banksian Medal.....Awarded to the Winner with the highest number of points in Section 'A' and 'C' (Excluding the 2024 & 2025 winners) John Gilbert and Diane Wiles

NVS Medal for the most meritorious vegetables excluding collections

Silver or Bronze Certificates may be awarded in the Dahlia classes.

Points System: All Classes (except collection class 34)

First = 4 pts; Second = 3 pts; Third = 2 pts.

Class 34 - Vegetable Collection. First=12pts; Second=9pts; 3rd=6pts

SECTION “A” -- Flowers

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members

Prizes 1st - £1.50; 2nd - £1; 3rd - 50p

Dahlia Information

A Silver or Bronze certificate may be awarded in the Dahlia classes

Dahlia Sizes refer to the diameter of the bloom

As per the RHS Show handbook 2016.

Only the size of the pompon changed from 50mm (2”) to 55mm (2¼”) in 2016

Pompon not to exceed 55 mm (2¼”)

Miniature Ball between 50mm & 100mm (2” & 4”)

Small Ball between 100mm & 150mm (4” & 6”)

Miniature flower not to exceed 100mm (4”)

Small-flower between 100mm & 150mm (4” & 6”)

Medium-flower between 150mm & 200mm (6” & 8”)

Large-flower between 200mm & 250mm (8” & 10”)

Dahlia Exhibits

Class

1. Vase of 1 bloom - **Cactus or Semi-cactus** - any size
2. Vase of 3 blooms - **Cactus or Semi-cactus** - miniature or small
3. Vase of 3 blooms - **Cactus or Semi-cactus** - medium or large

4. Vase of 1 bloom - **Decorative** - any size
5. Vase of 3 blooms - **Decorative** - miniature or small
6. Vase of 3 blooms - **Decorative** - medium or large

7. Vase of 3 blooms - **Ball** - miniature or small
8. Vase of 3 blooms - **Pompon** (New size not to exceed 55mm)
9. Vase of 3 blooms - **Collerette**
10. Vase of 3 blooms - **Waterlily**
11. Vase of 3 blooms - **any other variety**
12. Vase of 5 blooms - **all different (colours/varieties)**

Section "A" Flowers cont..

Class

13. **Asters** (annuals) – vase of 3 stems
14. **Asters** (Michaelmas daisy) – vase of 3 stems
15. **Cosmos** – vase of 3 stems
16. **Chrysanthemums** – vase of 3 stems
17. **Gladiolus** – 1 stem
18. **Marigolds** – 5 heads
19. **Rose** – 1 bloom (foliage optional)
20. **Rudbeckias** – Vase of 3 stems
21. **Sunflower** – 1 stem – single head
22. **Sunflower** – 1 stem - multi-headed
23. **Vase of 5 stems** of any other type of flower not listed in this schedule.
24. **Vase of Garden Flowers** (*excluding shrubs but may include roses*)
25. **Vase of Garden Shrubs and Berries**
26. **Fuchsia – flower heads**, a tray of 9, one or more varieties (Tray supplied)
27. **The Best Flower Exhibit from your Garden** – 1 Stem

SECTION "B" – Pot Plants

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members

Prizes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd – £1, 3rd – 50p, excluding class 33

Prizes: class 33 only 1st – £5 garden voucher, 2nd – £1, 3rd – 50p

NB – Pot plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months before the show except class 33.

All will be viewed from any angle

Inside rim of pots to measure max 8" (20cms) except class 33 max 6" (15mm)

28. **Flowering Pot Plant** excluding fuchsia, geranium and orchid
29. **Foliage Pot Plant**
30. **Flowering Orchid**
31. **Cactus or succulent Plant**
32. **A pot of Geraniums**
33. **Special Fuchsia Class** - Inside rim of pot max 6" (15cm).

The Fuchsia plant grown on from the plug supplied by LHS

SECTION “C” -- Vegetables

(A ‘Dish’ refers to a quantity of vegetables/fruit. Please see page 2)

Each entry in Classes 37 - 55 and 57 - shall comprise of one cultivar only.

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members.

Prizes: Class 34 - 1st - £4; 2nd - £3; 3rd - £2

Classes 35 to 72 - 1st - £1.50; 2nd - £1; 3rd - 50p

Class

34. Collection of 6 kinds of vegetables, one dish of each.

The numbers constituting dishes in the collection must be those specified in the single dish classes. To be staged in (46cm) a space not exceeding 24” x 30” (61cm x 76cm).

35. Collection of 4 different Vegetables (1 of each)

36. A display of Home-Grown Vegetables.

Arranged in a basket or trug not exceeding 18” in length.

You can include salad and herbs

37. Beans – French - a dish of 6

38. Beans – Runner -a dish of 6

39. Beetroot - a dish of 3

40. Cauliflower - 1

41. Carrots - a dish of 3 – long pointed (*tops trimmed not tied*)

42. Carrots – a dish of 3 –stump rooted (*tops trimmed not tied*)

43. Courgettes - a dish of 2

44. Cucumbers - a dish of 2

45. Garlic - a dish of 3 bulbs

46. Leeks - a dish of 3

47. Marrow - 1

48. Onions – each bulb over 250gm, a dish of 3 (*tops tied with raffia*)

49. Onions – each bulb under 250gm, a dish of 3 (*tops tied with raffia*)

50. Parsnips – dish of 3

51. Peppers, hot (chilli) – dish of 6 (*any variety*)

52. Peppers – sweet dish of 2 any variety

53. Potatoes – white, a dish of 4

54. Potatoes – coloured, a dish of 4

55. Potatoes - a dish of 3 coloured & a dish of 3 white

- 56. Shallots** – exhibition, a dish of **6** (*tops tied with raffia for class 56 & 57*)
- 57. Shallots** – pickling, a dish of **6** must not exceed 30mm in diam, (*see above*)
- 58. Squash** – autumn type (butternut etc) a dish of **1**
- 59. Sweetcorn** - dish of **2** (*leave husks on*)
- 60. Tomatoes** – medium, dish of **4** (*approx. 60mm diam.*)
- 61. Tomatoes** – small fruited & cherry cultivars dish of **9**
(must not exceed 35mm diam.)
- 62. Any Other Vegetable** – a dish of **2**
- 63. Herbs** – cut - **5** kinds for culinary use, in a vase, rim
not to exceed 15cm (6”) diam (*Should be named*)

Novice Classes (*open to beginners who have not won a prize
for vegetables before.*)

- 64. Carrots** - a dish of **2** (*Tip, aim for produce of the same*
- 65. Tomatoes** - a dish of **2** (*size in each class*)
- 66. Onions** - a dish of **2** (*a “dish” refers to a quantity of*)
- 67. Potatoes** - a dish of **2**

Fruit

- 68. Blueberries** – Dish of 12 with stalks
- 69. Raspberries** – Dish of 12 with stalks
- 70. Apples, eating** – Dish of 3 with stalks
- 71. Apples, cooking** – Dish of 3 with stalks
- 72. Pears** – Dish of 3 with stalks

SECTION “D” - Miscellaneous

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members.

Prizes: 1st - £1.50

- 73.** The Biggest Potato (First prize only)
- 74.** The Heaviest Marrow (First prize only)
- 75.** The Heaviest Pumpkin (First prize only)
- 76.** The Ugliest Vegetable or Fruit (First prize only)

SECTION “E” - Floral Arrangement

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members

Prizes: 1st - £3; 2nd – £2; 3rd – £1;

Plant material need not have been grown by the Exhibitor.

Niche size is 18” wide by 20” high for classes 77 to 81.

Class

77. “To the Moon”

Max size of arrangement 18” wide x 20” high

78. “An arrangement of Foliage showcasing bark ”

Max size of arrangement 18” wide x 20” high (46cm x 51mm)

79. “A Novice Arrangement” Niche 18” wide x 20” high. Entries from beginners who have not won a floral arrangement prize before.
(This class is not available for the Toplis Trophy)

80. “Arrangement in a shoe”.

81. Flower Arrangement for the Centre of a Table with a Harvest theme

82. Miniature Floral Arrangement. Max size 4” (10cm) cube

83. Floating Flowers – An arrangement in a bowl/dish not exceeding 8” (20cm) in diameter. *The flowers must not be touching the base.*

SECTION “F” Crafts

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members

Prizes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd – £1, 3rd – 50p

Classes 84 to 89 must not have been shown in Liss before

84. An article of Hand Embroidery

85. A child’s garment recycled from an adult garment – include a photo of the original garment

86. A Spectacles case

87. An article of Patchwork

88. An item of jewellery

89. A Piece of Pottery

SECTION “G” Photography

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members

Prizes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd – £1, 3rd – 50p

A Photographic Image, (unframed)

Max size A4 (30cm x 21cm) including mount if used

(NB. Velcro pads may be used to display the Photos)

90 “Life in Liss”

91 “Wild life in my garden”

92 “Patterns”

SECTION “H” – Cookery

Entry fee 10p per class for members, 50p per class for non-members

Prizes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd – £1, 3rd – 50p

93. Orange Marble Cake (*using the attached recipe*)

Recipe: 225g (8oz) S R flour, 225g (8oz) golden caster sugar

225g (8oz) soft-tub margarine, 50g (2oz) plain chocolate, melted

4 eggs

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 orange

Icing: 175g (6oz) plain chocolate, 100g (4oz) unsalted butter, 50g (2oz) white chocolate, melted.

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C; Gas mark 4, grease an 8- or 1.7L/3 pint ring mould, inch (20cm) round cake tin then line with thin strips of non-stick paper. Mix the flour, sugar, eggs, margarine and beat together for about 2 mins until smooth. Place half the mixture in a separate bowl and stir in the melted chocolate. Add the orange zest and juice to the other half. Place alternate spoonfuls in the tin and draw a knife through to create a marbled effect. Bake for 50 mins or until a warmed skewer inserted into the middle comes out cleanly. Cool in the tin for 5 mins then turn out onto a wire rack and lift away the mould/tin. To make the icing, break the chocolate into pieces and place in a bowl with the butter and 2 tbsps of water. Place over a pan of warm water or in the microwave and melt together stirring occasionally. Pour the icing over the cake, spreading it evenly on top and sides. Leave to set for 30 mins. Place the white chocolate in a small icing bag and drizzle over the top.

94. Small olive loaf

95. Open glazed apple tart

96. Six macaroons

97. Three Fruit Scones

98. Three Blueberry Muffins

SECTION “H”– Cookery cont.

*Items 99 – 103 must be labelled & dated - judged for taste & texture
Tops to be covered in cellophane*

- 99. A jar of Marmalade – any fruit**
- 100. A jar of Jam – any fruit**
- 101. A jar of Citrus Curd**
- 102. A jar of Tomato Chutney**
- 103. A jar of any Chutney**

SECTION “J” Children’s Classes (Free entry)

Open to all children who have a family member living in Liss

Full name and age to be given on the entry form please
There must be *no* adult help making the exhibit.

Prizes: Classes 104 - 112: 1st - £1.50, 2nd – £1, 3rd – 50p

Ages 3 to 4 years

Class

- 104. A pressed flower picture**
- 105. Decorate a plant pot**
- 106. Make a bug hotel from found/recycled materials**

Ages 5 to 7 years

Class

- 107. A pressed flower picture**
- 108. Decorate a plant pot**
- 109. Make a bug hotel from found/recycled materials**

Ages from 8 up to and incl. 11 years

Class

- 110. A pressed flower picture**
- 111. Decorate a plant pot**
- 112. Make a bug hotel from found/recycled materials**

Entry form attached on page 12