

## **New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' & Floral Art Society Society Rules & Show Rules**

### **THE SOCIETY'S RULES**

1. The Society shall be called the New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Society. (NBAGFAS)
2. The purpose of the Society is to promote and encourage interest in the cultivation of flowers, fruits & vegetables and of floral art. To this end regular shows, demonstrations, meetings and similar events shall be arranged.
3. Membership shall be open to any non-professional gardener.
4. Membership subscriptions shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting for the following year commencing January and shall be shown in the list of forthcoming events for that year. Junior members shall be under 16 years of age.
5. Subscriptions shall be paid at the beginning of each year. No one may exhibit at a show unless the above subscription has been paid.
6. The general business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee elected from the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted during the year.
7. Committee meetings shall be held as and when required and arranged by the secretary.
8. The Annual General Meeting shall be held as determined by the Committee.

9. These rules shall be altered by agreement at the Annual General Meeting.

The Society is affiliated to :-

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)  
The Royal National Rose Society (RNRS)  
The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies of Great Britain. (NAFAS)

### **RULES FOR EXHIBITING (HORTICULTURAL CLASSES)**

1. All exhibits must be the property of and grown by or have been in the possession of the member exhibiting for at least two months prior to the Show at which they are exhibited and in the case of vegetables, harvested within four weeks.
2. No more than one exhibit may be made in each class by any one member.
3. No pot plant, cactus or succulent may be shown more than once in any calendar year.
4. All exhibits must be staged in baskets, vases, containers, bowls or dishes provided by the exhibitor.
5. In order to be assured of space at the Shows members must send a note to or telephone the Show Secretary not later than the Thursday preceding the Show.

6. All exhibits must be staged between 9 am and 11 am on the morning of the Show. All unauthorized persons must leave before the judging. No exhibit may be removed before the end of the Show. Cups and awards will be presented at 4 pm.
7. The decision of the judge is final. Awards may be given at the discretion of the Judge irrespective of the number of exhibits in each class and may be withheld if the exhibits are not of sufficient merit.
8. The various terms are defined as follows :-
  - Bowl:** a vessel for displaying cut flowers in water or for growing bulbous plants and having a diameter at its mouth at least equal to but usually greater than its height.
  - VASE:** A vessel for displaying cut flowers in water and having a greater height than the diameter of its mouth.
  - KIND:** One representative of a family or genus; thus three kinds of fruit should, for example, be one exhibit of apples, one of pears and one of plums. Two varieties of apples and one of pears would not suffice.
  - VARIETIES:** Variations of a family or genus eg for a class of potatoes three varieties would be King Edwards, Kerr's Pink and Majestic.
  - BOX:** An inverted box covering water containers, with holes through which florets can be displayed.
9. The numbers of each kind exhibited in collections of fruit or vegetables is the same as in the individual class for that kind. If there is not an individual class consult the Show Secretary.
10. No cup will be awarded to the same competitor for more than two consecutive years.

11. All exhibits, personal property, etc. shall be at the risk of the exhibitors and the Society shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatever.

#### **RULES FOR EXHIBITTING (FLORAL ART CLASSES)**

Judging will be according to NAFAS rules

#### **RULES FOR EXHIBITTING (HOME PRODUCE CLASSES)**

All home produce exhibits must be covered with clear plastic.

#### **HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS**

##### **General**

1. Study carefully the rules for exhibiting. The Horticultural Show Handbook (2008) from the Royal Horticultural Society may provide helpful advice.
2. Be careful to stage the *EXACT NUMBER STATED IN THE CLASS IN WHICH YOU ARE EXHIBITING*. One more or less than the required number will disqualify your exhibit.
3. Aim at uniformity. Mixing extra large specimens with smaller ones in the same display weakens the exhibit.
4. Collections should be artistically arranged in boxes or trays.
5. All single variety exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables should be correctly labelled, if possible, or marked 'name unknown'.
6. If you need any advice or assistance the Committee will be glad to help you.

## Vegetables

7. For vegetables, quality, together with a size suitable for table use is important. A meritorious exhibit is one where all the specimens are exactly alike, clean, fresh and without blemish.
8. Potatoes should be of medium size of about 6 oz per tuber (170 gms), shapely, clear skinned, eyes should be few and shallow.
9. Green vegetables eg cabbages, lettuce etc. should be gathered early in the morning of the Show and not when flaccid by the sun.
10. Do not skin onions. Let them be thoroughly ripened and then merely rub off the loose scales.
11. All under-ground produce should be washed and rinsed until thoroughly clean. Leaves should be trimmed to within a few inches of the root.

## Fruits

12. Fruits should rather be above average size of the particular variety and perfect in colour, shape and condition, unpolished. They should be exhibited with stalks attached. The looks of soft fruit exhibits are improved by using the foliage of the relative fruit as background.
  13. Apples should be exhibited stalks downwards.
- ## Flowers
14. Colour, shape and freshness of flowers and plants are more important than size. Flower stems may be of different length to allow artistic staging.
  15. Pot plants should be staged on saucers or similar containers.

## ANNUAL HORTICULTURE TROPHIES AND AWARDS

### Awarded at individual Shows :-

DAFFODIL CUP - Spring Show

THE ROSE CUP AND DAHLIA CUP - Autumn Show

**Trophies awarded during the year to the exhibitor gaining the highest aggregate number of points in various classes as follows:-**

CHALLENGE CUP - vegetables

FRUIT BOWL - fruit

ALLEN CUP - foliage & flowering pot plants, cacti & succulents

COLLINGS CUP - flowers (excluding classes contributing to other cups)

BOULTON CUP - highest aggregate number of points in all classes.

### FLORAL ART TROPHIES

Awarded at each Show:-

BEGINNERS CUP - First prize in Beginners Class \*

HIGH POINTS CUP - highest aggregate number of points

BEST IN SHOW CUP - best exhibit in each Show

Awarded over the year:-

FESTIVAL CUP - highest number of points during the year

### HOME PRODUCE TROPHY

NAN ASKER TROPHY - highest aggregate number of points

\* **BEGINNER** means an exhibitor who on the 1<sup>st</sup> January has not won a first prize in any previous Show. He or she remains eligible to enter the Beginners Class throughout the year even if a first prize is won in that class at an earlier Show in the year.