



**ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**SPRING SHOW 2024**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**To be held at the  
Northcourt Centre,  
Northcourt Road,  
Abingdon  
OX14 1NS**

**Open to the Public: 2pm**

**Presentation of Awards: 4pm**

**Admission**

**Adults: £2**

**Accompanied children: Free**

**Members: Free**

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## SPRING SHOW RULES

1. Entries in all classes (other than junior classes) are restricted to members of the Society who live within 15 miles of the Northcourt Centre, Abingdon-on-Thames.
2. Floral exhibits shall be from plants which have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months immediately preceeding the show, except in floral arrangement classes. For garden classes the garden must be mainly maintained by the exhibitor and be within the Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council boundaries. The Committee reserves the right to inspect the garden or plot of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibits must be staged between 9.30am and 11.15am on the morning of the show. No exhibitors will be allowed in after the end of staging, and the hall must be cleared to allow judging to commence. Trophies and prizes will be presented, and the raffle drawn, at 4pm. All exhibits must be removed at the end of the show.
4. The Committee cannot accept responsibility for plates, dishes, vases, etc provided by the exhibitor. Exhibits, whether staged or not, remain the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors may make up to two entries in any class, but no exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize in a class. The entry fee is 25p per exhibit. Entries in childrens' classes are free, and children may enter adult classes free of charge.
6. Judges are appointed by the Committee and the Judges' decisions will be final.
7. Judges shall have the right to reduce or withhold awards according to the standard and/or the number of exhibits in any class.
8. Only stewards appointed by the Committee will be permitted to enter the hall while exhibits are being judged.
9. Entry forms accompanied by the total fees must be received by the Show Secretary no later than 9pm on the Wednesday preceeding the show. If entering by telephone or email, payment is due on the morning of the show.
10. Points will be awarded for each class as follows:
  - 1st place: 5 points
  - 2nd place: 3 points
  - 3rd place: 2 points
11. Any exhibitor wishing to raise an objection must do so in writing and hand it to the Secretary within 1 hour of the opening of the show to the public. It must be accompanied by a deposit of £1, which will be returned if the objection is upheld.

## **SECTION C - JUNIOR CLASSES**

*Open to any children aged under 16 years on the date of the show. Age to be stated on entry form and will be taken into account when judging. Entries in these classes are free.*

- 36. Picture - Spring theme - any medium
- 37. Three Gingerbread figures
- 38. Vase of Spring flowers - picked and arranged by the entrant

## **SECTION D - PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Photographs to be not larger than 7" x 5" (17.75 x 12.7cm), mounted on white card with an approx ½" (1cm) border.*

- 39. A Winter photograph (taken in 2023/24)
- 40. A Nature photograph on a Spring theme (taken in 2024)

## **SECTION E - HOMECRAFT - HANDICRAFTS**

*Exhibits in this section should not have been shown previously at an AHS show.*

- 41. One specimen of Handicraft - hard material.
- 42. One specimen of Handicraft made by recycling an item of clothing to make something entirely different.
- 43. One specimen of Hand Knitting/crochet (garment). Not laundered.
- 44. One specimen of Hand Knitting/crochet (non-garment). Not laundered.
- 45. One specimen of Hand Embroidery or Cross Stich.
- 46. Painting - any medium.
- 47. Greetings Card - any medium.

## SECTION B - HOMECRAFT - PRESERVES & BAKING

*Use plain jars with either wax disks and cellophane tops, or new screw lids without wax disks.  
Labels on preservatives to include the day, month and year they were made.*

29. Marmalade - Seville Orange Home made 2024. One 336 - 454g jar.
30. Marmalade - any other sort Home made 2024. One 336 - 454g jar.
31. Citrus Curd Home made 2024. One 225 - 454g jar.
32. Chutney Home made. One 225 - 454g jar.
33. Spiced Fruit Buns 3 - any flour (yeast recipe)
34. Spring Cake Any type of cake. To be judged for decoration only.
35. Apricot & Marmalade Loaf Cake (exhibit whole)

### Ingredients

25g orange marmalade; 100g butter; finely grated zest and juice of one orange; 275g self raising flour; 100g soft light brown sugar; 1 egg, beaten; 100g dried no-soak apricots, chopped; 25g dried cranberries.

For the topping: 100g icing sugar; 4 teaspoons fresh orange juice; 25g chopped apricots and 25g cranberries to decorate.

### Method

Pre-heat oven to 350°F/180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Grease and line a 450g loaf tin. Melt the marmalade with the butter over a low heat, stirring until the fat melts.

Remove from the heat and add the orange juice and zest. Cool for five minutes. Place all the remaining ingredients except the fruit in a bowl and add the melted mixture. Beat together until smooth, then fold in the fruit. Spoon into the tin and bake for 40 minutes until risen and firm in the centre. Cool in the tin for five minutes, then turn out to cool and peel away the lining paper.

Make the topping by blending the icing sugar with the orange juice to make a smooth icing. Drizzle over the top of the cake, then scatter the centre with chopped apricots and cranberries.

## AWARDS

The J&M Barber Cup will be awarded for the most points in Section A.

The Scott Challenge Cup will be awarded for the most points in Section B.

The Challenor Cup will be awarded for the most points in Section E

A prize will be awarded for the most points in Section C

*NB: if two or more competitors gain the same number of points in any section, the winner will be the one who has most first places. If still tied, then the most second places will count. If still tied, the cup will be shared.*

## PRIZE MONEY

### **Classes 1-26, 28-35 & 39 - 47:**

1st: £1.00

2nd: 60p

3rd: 40p

### **Class 27:**

1st: £3.00

2nd: £2.00

3rd: £1.00

## SECTION A - FLOWERS AND PLANTS

**NB: Pot diameter refers to the internal diameter of the pot.**

**Daffodil leaves are allowed in Classes 1-9, and Tulip leaves in Classes 10-12.**

1. Vase of Trumpet Daffodils                      5 stems - one or more cultivars. **Trumpet must be equal to or longer than the outer petals.**
2. Vase of Miniature Narcissi                      5 stems - one or more cultivars with flowers less than 2" (5cm) across
3. Vase of Intermediate Narcissi                      5 stems - one or more cultivars with flowers between 2" (5cm) and 3" (7.5cm) across
4. Vase of Narcissi  
(one bloom per stem)                      5 stems - any one single-colour cultivar with flowers more than 3" (7.5cm) across
5. Vase of Narcissi  
(one bloom per stem)                      5 stems - any one bi-coloured cultivar with flowers more than 3" (7.5cm) across
6. Vase of Narcissi  
(one bloom per stem)                      5 stems - two or more cultivars with flowers more than 3" (7.5cm) across
7. Vase of multi-bloom Narcissi                      5 stems - one or more cultivar
8. Trumpet Daffodil                      1 stem. **Trumpet must be equal to or longer than the outer petals.**
9. Narcissus                      1 stem - flower more than 3" (7.5cm) across
10. Tulip                      1 stem
11. Vase of Tulips - Single                      3 stems - one or more cultivars
12. Vase of Tulips - Double                      3 stems - one or more cultivars
13. Vase of Hellebores                      3 stems - one or more cultivars
14. Vase of Wallflowers                      3 stems - one or more cultivars
15. Auricula, Primula or Primrose                      1 plant in flower. Pot not to exceed 5" (12.5cm) dia.

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| 16. Pansy                               | 3 blooms - one or more cultivars displayed on a card; max 9" x 6.5" (22 x 16.5cm)                                      |
| 17. Vase of Blossom/Shrub flowers       | Up to three stems. Overall width not to exceed 24" (60cm)  |
| 18. Vase of Spring flowers              | 5 stems. One or more cultivars not included elsewhere in Schedule (no shrub flowers)                                   |
| 19. Container of Hyacinths              | Up to five bulbs. Container not to exceed 12" (30cm) dia.  |
| 20. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)             | One bulb in flower (flowers 6-8 weeks after planting)  |
| 21. Bowl of planted flowers/bulbs       | Container not to exceed 10" (25cm) dia. (Plants may be lifted from own garden)   |
| 22. Flowering plant in a pot            | Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.   |
| 23. Foliage plant in a pot              | Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.   |
| 24. Cactus or succulent in a pot        | Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.   |
| 25. Patio pot                           | Planted for effect. To include at least three different species. Container not to exceed 15" (38cm) dia.               |
| 26. Patio pot of bulbs                  | One cultivar. Container not to exceed 15" (38cm) dia.  |
| 27. Spring flower arrangement in a vase | May include purchased flowers or foliage. NO ACCESSORIES. To be staged in a niche 24" (60cm) wide and 30" (76cm) high. |
| 28. Petite Spring flower arrangement    | A petite exhibit not to exceed 25cm overall.   |







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<b>Total</b>		

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Address:

Telephone:

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