

ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW 2025

SATURDAY 29th MARCH

**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. Awards 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. All class entries are 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. Entries must be received by the Show Secretary no later than 9pm on the Wednesday preceeding 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.

- 36. Picture - Spring theme - any medium
- 37. Three Easter biscuits
- 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 2024/25)
- 40. A Nature photograph on a Spring theme (taken in 2025)

SECTION E - HOMECRAFT - HANDICRAFTS

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

- 41. One item of Handicraft - hard material.
- 42. One item of Handicraft made from recycled materials.
- 43. One item of Hand Knitting/crochet (garment). Not laundered.
- 44. One item of Hand Knitting/crochet (non-garment). Not laundered.
- 45. One item of Hand Embroidery or Cross Stich.
- 46. Painting - any medium.
- 47. Easter 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 2025. One 336 - 454g jar.
- 30. Marmalade - any other sort Home made 2025. One 336 - 454g jar.
- 31. Citrus Curd Home made 2025. One 225 - 454g jar.
- 32. Chutney Home made. One 225 - 454g jar.
- 33. Hot Cross Buns 3 - any flour (yeast recipe)
- 34. Easter Cake Any type of cake. To be judged for decoration only.
- 35. Orange Sponge Sandwich Cake (exhibit whole)

Ingredients

1 large orange; 175g self raising flour; 1 teaspoon baking powder; 175g soft tub margarine; 175g caster sugar; 3 eggs. For the filling: 4 tablespoons orange marmalade; half an orange; 100 g icing sugar

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180° C/160° C fan/350° F/gas 4.

Grease and line the bases of two 20cm sandwich tins with non-stick baking paper.

Finely grate the zest from the orange and squeeze out 1 tablespoon of juice. Sift the flour and baking powder into a bowl and add the orange zest, juice and all the remaining cake ingredients. Beat until smooth, then divide between the tins and smooth level. Bake for 20 minutes or until each cake springs back when pressed in the centre. Cool in the tins for five minutes then transfer to a wire rack.

Sandwich the cakes together with the marmalade. Cut/pare long, thin threads of the zest from half an orange, then squeeze out the juice. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl and add enough juice to make a fairly runny icing. Add a little orange colour if desired. Smooth over the top of the cake, allowing some icing to drizzle down the sides. Scatter the zest over the top.

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.

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.

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| 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. |

16. Vase of Blossom/Shrub flowers	Up to three stems. Overall width not to exceed 24" (60cm)
17. Vase of Spring flowers	5 stems. One or more cultivars not included elsewhere in Schedule (no shrub flowers)
18. Container of Hyacinths	Up to five bulbs. Container not to exceed 12" (30cm) dia.
19. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)	One bulb in flower (flowers 6-8 weeks after planting)
20. Bowl of planted flowers/bulbs	Container not to exceed 10" (25cm) dia. (Plants may be lifted from own garden)
21. Flowering plant in a pot	Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.
22. Foliage plant in a pot	Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.
23. Cactus or succulent in a pot	Pot not to exceed 9" (22.5cm) dia.
24. Patio pot	Planted for effect. To include at least three different species. Container not to exceed 15" (38cm) dia.
25. Patio pot of bulbs	One cultivar. Container not to exceed 15" (38cm) dia.
26. Rhubarb	Three sticks. Bases intact. Leaves trimmed to 3"/8cm
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 10" (25cm) overall.

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Class	No of Entries	Class	No of Entries

One exhibitor per entry form please!

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