

BURWELL ALLOTMENT & GARDEN SOCIETY

SUMMER SHOW 2019 - RULES

1. The Show will be governed in the main by the R.H.S. Show Handbook, which can be examined on application to the Secretary.
2. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse and entry and in the event of such refusal is not to be required to give any reason or explanation. Any obviously infested, uncleaned, dangerous or commercially grown entry will be refused.
3. Entries will be taken as detailed on entry forms. No entry fees are payable. No entries will be accepted after the times publicized.
4. Exhibitors may be amateurs or professionals and all categories are open to members and non-members. However, professional gardeners may only enter exhibits from their private garden or allotment and all exhibitors must have been principally responsible for growing and tending to the exhibit without employee or other household members' help. The sole exceptions are for flower-arrangements where wild-grown blooms and foliage may be incorporated into the display and children's classes where some age-appropriate parental or teacher assistance is allowed.
5. An exhibitor may only enter one entry into each sub-class. In households where there is more than one exhibitor, the rules in (4) above about principal responsibility apply and to be eligible for the Banksian Medal members of the same household must not enter the same sub-class, or alternatively, may enter as a household (e.g. Smith Family).
6. Class cards are issued when exhibits are staged and must be placed with each exhibit, (name hidden). Exhibitors are encouraged to label horticultural exhibits with the name of the variety/cultivar.
7. Each fruit or vegetable exhibit must consist of one cultivar (variety) only unless the schedule for the class specifies a mixed variety entry (for example a trug of mixed vegetables). The numbers of specimens must be as designated for the class otherwise the entry will be disqualified as "not according to schedule".
8. Staging of exhibits may commence at 9.00am **and must be completed by noon** on the day of the show, when all but the judges and officials must leave the hall. The Committee may direct the placing of all exhibits. Exhibits and prize cards must remain on display until the Show closes at 4.30pm, when all exhibits must be collected. Exhibits may not be altered in any way once judging of the class has commenced, including when the Show is open to the public. The Committee will dispose of any exhibits not collected by 4.30pm.
9. For each sub-class (other than children's classes) one first prize, one second prize and one third prize may be awarded. Judges may withhold prizes where the standard is too low, or where there are insufficient entries. There shall be no cash prizes. See also (13, 14 & 15) below.
10. Any exhibit that does not conform to the wording of the schedule will be disqualified as "not according to schedule".
11. The decisions of the judges as to the relative merit of the exhibits, or their adherence to the schedule, will be final. Any complaints on any other matters should be made in writing and directed to the Committee no later than one week following the Show.
12. The Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits or exhibitors personal property before, during or after the Show and the Show Committee or Society will not be liable for compensation for loss of damage.
13. First prize scores 5 place points, second prize 3 place points, third prize scores 1 place point.
14. The RHS Banksian Medal will be awarded to the winner of the highest number of place points combined in Sections A, B and C only. The winner of the Medal in any one year shall not be eligible for the Medal in the following two years. Section Prizes for Best Bloom, Best Vegetable and Best Fruit do not count as additional place points for the Banksian Medal.
15. The Committee, at its discretion, may offer suitable prizes, or prize draws for winning entries, for Children's and non-horticultural other Sections, as publicized.