



Malahide Horticultural Society
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affiliated to
The Royal Horticultural
Society of Ireland
and
North Dublin Horticultural
Societies Association

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

ANNUAL SHOW & PLANT SALE

Saturday 26th July 2025

2pm to 5.30pm

St Andrew's Parish Centre,
Church Road, Malahide

Admission €3 for adults

Exhibitors and children free

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

For more information:

malahidehorticulturalsociety.com



COMMITTEE 2025

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The Committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the donors of the Perpetual Trophies.

The Major W.S.G. Drummond Cup will be awarded for the Best Exhibit in the Show.

The Agnes Kirker Cup will be awarded to the exhibitor achieving the highest points in the Show.



JOINING THE SOCIETY

New members are always welcome.

In addition to the Annual Summer Show, the Society conducts a Winter Lecture Programme on gardening and environmental subjects.

The current annual subscription is

€15 (single),
€20 (family).

For details of the Winter Lecture Programme visit our website at
www.malahidehorticulturalsociety.com

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. All exhibits must be the bona fide production of the exhibitor.
2. The Society provides vases, bowls, containers and paper plates.
3. When staging, exhibitors should obtain from the Show Secretary, envelopes containing their class cards. A class card must be placed face down in front of the exhibit to which it relates.
4. **The Show will be organised and judged as set out in “The Horticultural Show Handbook”, RHS, ISBN 0 874 431 98 1** in all classes, with the exception of Sweet Pea classes, where in addition the use of wire or other support attached to the stem or flower will disqualify the exhibit.
5. All exhibits should be named as correctly as possible.
6. Exhibits must be arranged on the space allocated and must remain where placed until the close of the show, at 5.30 p.m.
7. Only one entry may be made in any Class by any exhibitor.
8. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or entries.
9. The Society will not, in any way, be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit or the property of any exhibitor before, during or after the Show.

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

(Continued)

10. Exhibits may be staged on Friday 25th July between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00p.m. and on the day of the show, Saturday 26th July, between 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. No exhibitor shall be admitted after 11.25 a.m. on the day of the show until the official opening at 2.00 p.m.

11. Exhibits not claimed after 5.30 p.m. on the day of the Show will be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee. SEE RULE 13.

12. **ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee for the 2025 Show.

13. **NO EXHIBIT MAY BE REMOVED BY ANY PERSON UNTIL**
5.30 p.m. ON SATURDAY JULY 26th.

14. Judges will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each Class, subject to sufficient merit being shown. For trophies for the highest number of points attained, each 1st place will count as 3 points; each 2nd place will count as 2 points and each 3rd place will count as 1 point. Ties will be resolved by reference to (a) the number of 1st places won or, where these are equal, to (b) the number of 2nd places won or, where the numbers of 1st and 2nd places won are equal, to (c) the number of 3rd places won.

15. Judges may withhold trophies where insufficient merit is shown.

ONLY the Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at this Show.

TOP VASE COMPETITION

Competition Rules

1. The Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of 2 different kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants, two varieties of the same plant are NOT two kinds.
2. The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 points for the overall presentation and effect of flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes.
3. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed.
4. The vase can be any shape or size and made from any material but must be in proportion to the display. No points are awarded for the vase itself.
5. No accessories whatsoever – such as bows and additional foliage - will be allowed. Foliage, which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material – including oasis – to keep the stems in place is allowed.

The M.H.S. Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Top Vase Competition.

Notes for Exhibitors and Judges

- Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering Plant.
- The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, pinks, carnations and sweet william – which are all dianthus – would not be classified as different kinds.
- Only fresh, home grown flowers can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed.
- A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.
- The Top Vase class is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display single species classes at shows.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Vase class, bearing in mind that the entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Judges and exhibitors should note that the display has to be viewed all round.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards.
- Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to and decided by the show officials.

Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.

SECTION A FLOWERS

CLASS

1. **ROSES, LARGE FLOWERED**, Vase of 2 blooms.
2. **ROSES, LARGE FLOWERED**, 1 bloom
3. **ROSES, CLUSTER FLOWERED**, 1 stem.
4. **ROSES, MINATURE**, 1 pot, any size.
5. **ANY ROSE**, not provided for in classes 1 to 4, 1 vase, 3 stems.
6. **ROSE**, to be judged on scent, 1 bloom.
7. **PANSY**, 5 blooms, mixed, in vase or container provided.
8. **PANSY**, 5 blooms, same colour, in vase or container provided.
9. **VIOLA**, 5 blooms, may be mixed, in vase or container provided.
10. **CARNATIONS**, 1 vase, 3 blooms, may be mixed.
11. **GLADIOLI**, 1 vase, 1 spike.
12. **GLADIOLI**, 1 vase, 2 spikes, may be mixed.
13. **DAHLIAS, DECORATIVE, BALL or WATER LILY**, may be mixed, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
14. **DAHLIAS, CACTUS, or SEMI-CACTUS**, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
15. **DAHLIAS, POMPOM**, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
16. **DAHLIAS**, any classification not already provided for, 1 vase, 3 blooms, may be mixed
17. **HARDY HERBACEOUS**, excluding dahlias and gladioli, 1 vase, mixed.
18. **HARDY HERBACEOUS**, excluding dahlias and gladioli, 1 vase, same variety.
19. **HYDRANGEAS**, 1 vase, 3 stems.
20. **MARIGOLDS**, 5 blooms.
21. **FLOWERING SHRUBS**, other than hydrangea, 1 vase, may be mixed.
22. **ANNUAL FLOWERS**, excluding sweet pea, 1 vase, mixed.
23. **TOP VASE COMPETITION**, See pages 6 & 7 for details.

SECTION A FLOWERS

THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES relating to Section A are: -

LORD & LADY TALBOT CUP

for the highest points attained in Section A

E. TROY CUP

for the best exhibit in Section A

JOHN O'DRISCOLL CUP

for the highest points attained in Classes 1 to 6 (Roses)

DELANEY CUP

for the winner in class 10 (Carnations)

MARIAN NURSERIES CUP

for the winner in Class 18 (Hardy Herbaceous)

M.H.S. PERPETUAL CUP

for the winner in class 23 (Top Vase Competition)

SECTION B SWEET PEA

OPEN CLASSES

Malahide Sweet Pea Championship

- 24** 3 vases, 6 stems per vase, a different variety in each vase.
- 25** 2 vases, 6 stems per vase, a different variety in each vase.
- 26** 1 vase, 6 stems, two varieties.
- 27** 1 vase, 9 stems, 3 varieties.
- 28** 1 vase, 15 stems, mixed varieties.
- 29** 1 vase, six stems, any one variety.
- 30** 1 vase, 1 stem, any variety.
- 31** Bowl of sweet pea, maximum 20 stems, bowl supplied by Society.
- 32** Three vases, 6 stems per vase, a distinct variety in each vase which has been bred in Ireland and catalogued for sale. Each variety to be clearly named on one label per vase.
- 33** Two or more bush-grown varieties in a vase of 5 stems. Varieties to be clearly named on one label.
[REMINDER: Novice growers are also eligible to enter this class.]
- 34** Bowl of old-fashioned sweet peas, not more than 12 stems, not cordon grown, no Spencer's with any foliage. To be judged for quality and decorative effect.

SECTION B SWEET PEA

Classes for Sweet Pea Growers of not more than 120 plants.

Classes 35 to 38 inclusive are open to any person who grows not more than 120 sweet pea plants.

- 35** 1 vase, one stem, any variety.
- 36** 1 vase, 6 stems, any one variety.
- 37** 1 vase, 6 stems, mixed varieties.
- 38** Bowl of sweet pea, maximum 12 stems, bowl supplied by Society.

THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES relating to Section B are:

John Warren Perpetual Trophy

For the winner of class 24

Hilltop Stores Cup

For the best exhibit in classes 25 to 34

Benjamin Bassett Memorial Cup

For the highest points in classes 24 to 34

Newgreen Cup

For the highest points in classes 35 to 38

The “National Sweet Pea Society” Affiliated Society Bronze Medal will be Awarded for the best vase of sweet pea in Section B.

SECTION C

FRUIT

CLASS

- 39 RED CURRANTS**, dish of five strings
- 40 BLACKCURRANTS**, dish of 5 strings.
- 41 LOGANBERRIES**, dish of 12
- 42 RASPBERRIES**, dish of 12.
- 43 STRAWBERRIES**, dish of 6
- 44 GOOSEBERRIES**, dish of 12
- 45 ANY OTHER FRUIT**. Not more than 5 individual or 5 strings.
IMPORTANT: see Rule 8.
- 46 COLLECTION OF FRUIT**, any 3 kinds, 3 specimens of each.

SECTION C FRUIT

THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES relating to Section C are:

DESMOND FOLEY PERPETUAL CUP

Will be awarded for the highest points attained in Section C

A Silver Spoon will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section C.

SECTION D

VEGETABLES

CLASS

- 47 PARSLEY, 5 stems**
- 48 FRENCH BEANS, 1 dish, 5 pods.**
- 49 BROAD BEANS, 1 dish, 5 pods.**
- 50 PEAS, 1 dish, 5 pods.**
- 51 LETTUCE, 1 head.**
- 52 ONIONS, sets only, 1 dish of 3.**
- 53 SHALLOTS, 1 dish of 5.**
- 54 CARROTS, 1 dish of 3.**
- 55 BEETROOTS, 1 dish of 3.**
- 56 POTATOES, 1 dish of 5.**
- 57 RUNNER BEAN, longest, 1 pod.**
- 58 TOMATOES, 1 dish of 5, ripe.**
- 59 TOMATOES, 1 truss, ripeness to count.**
- 60 MIXED HERBS, 3 vases, 1 type in each vase (excl Parsley)**
- 61 CUCUMBER, 1 specimen.**
- 62 COURGETTES, 1 dish of 3.**
- 63 SCALLIONS, 1 bunch of 6.**
- 64 RHUBARB, 5 sticks.**
- 65 ANY OTHER VEGETABLE, not more than 3 of any one kind.**
- 66 TOP TRAY COMPETITION: See pages 24 and 25 for details.**

SECTION D VEGETABLES

THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES relating to Section D are: -

P.J. FOGARTY CUP

for the highest points attained in Section D

JOE THOMPSON CUP

for the best exhibit in Section D excluding Class 66 (Top Tray)

MRS B. DUNNE MEMORIAL TROPHY

for the winner in class 60 (Mixed Herbs)

J. McCREADIE CUP

for the highest points attained in classes 47 to 56

KAY O'KANE MEMORIAL CUP

for the winner in Class 66 (Top Tray Competition)

JOHN WARREN MEMORIAL SALVER

For the highest points in class 58 and 59

SECTION E

POTTED PLANTS

CLASS

- 67 CACTI, MAMMILLARIAS**, 3 pots or pans not exceeding 5", 3 varieties.
- 68 CACTI**, other than Mammillaria, 3 pots or pans not exceeding 5", 3 varieties.
- 69 CACTI**, any variety, 3 pots or pans not exceeding 3", 3 varieties.
- 70 CACTUS**. 1 specimen, pot not exceeding 8".
- 71 SUCCULENTS**, 3 pots or pans not exceeding 5", 3 varieties.
- 72 SUCCULENTS**, 3 pots or pans not exceeding 4", 3 varieties.
- 73 SUCCULENT**, 1 specimen, pot not exceeding 6".
- 74 BEGONIA**, single, 1 pot, any size.
- 75 BEGONIA**, double, 1 pot, any size.
- 76 PELARGONIUM ZONAL**, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 77 PELARGONIUM REGAL**, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 78 PELARGONIUM**, Bicolor, Tricolor or Bronze Leaf, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 79 PELARGONIUM, ANGEL**, 1 pot not exceeding 6".
- 80 PELARGONIUM, SCENTED LEAF**, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 81 PELARGONIUM, DWARF ZONAL**, 1 pot not exceeding 4½".
- 82 PELARGONIUM, IVY LEAF**, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 83 PELARGONIUM**, other than above, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 84 FUCHSIA**. Any type, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 85 FUCHSIA**, 1 pot, single or double flowered, not exceeding 7".
- 86 FUCHSIA**, 3 pots, one or more cultivars, single or double, not exceeding 7".
- 87 FOLIAGE PLANT**, 1 pot any size.
- 88 FERN**, 1 pot not exceeding 10".
- 89 BUSY LIZZIE**, 1 pot not exceeding 8".
- 90 ANY FLOWERING PLANT** not provided for above, pot any size.

SECTION E

POTTED PLANTS

THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES relating to Section E are:

TOM WILLIAMS CUP

for the highest points attained in Section E

JOHN O'DRISCOLL MEMORIAL SILVER SALVER

for the highest points attained in Classes 76 to 83 (Pelargonium)

W.S. O'BRIEN CUP

for the highest points attained in Classes 67 to 73 (Cacti and Succulent)

GRACE LIVINGSTONE MEMORIAL SALVER

for the best exhibit in Section E

SECTION F

COOKERY / HOME PRODUCE

CLASS

- 91. MUFFINS 3**
- 92. FRUIT TART** on a plate, short pastry.
- 93. WHEATEN BREAD.**
- 94. SCONES 3.**
- 95. FRUIT CAKE**
- 96. HOMEMADE BISCUITS, 6.**
- 97. JAM,** Raspberry, 1 pot.
- 98. JAM,** Blackcurrant, 1 pot.
- 99. JAM,** Strawberry, 1 pot.
- 100. JAM,** Gooseberry, 1 pot.
- 101. JAM,** any other variety, 1 pot.
- 102. CHUTNEY,** any variety, 1 pot.

SECTION F

COOKERY / HOME PRODUCE

THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES relating to Section F are:

BALGRIFFIN LADIES CUP

Will be awarded for the highest points in Section F.

ULSTER BANK PERPETUAL TROPHY

Will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section F.

M.H.S. CUP

Will be awarded for the highest points in classes 97 to 102 inclusive.

SECTION G

HOME INDUSTRIES / ART & CRAFTS

CLASS

- 103. HANDKNITTED ITEM**
- 104. TAPESTRY.**
- 105. EMBROIDERY / FINE HAND STITCHING.**
- 106. PHOTOGRAPH, of a garden.**
- 107. PAINTING, Still-life, any medium. Not to exceed 24” incl. frame.**
- 108. PAINTING, Landscape, any medium, not to exceed 24” incl. frame.**

SECTION G

HOME INDUSTRIES / ART & CRAFTS

THE PERPETUAL TROPHY relating to Section G is:

JENNIE WILLIAMS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Will be awarded for the highest number of points attained in Section G.

SECTION H FLORAL ART

Entrants to the below class 109 or 110 must give notice by 3pm sharp Thursday 24th July 2025 that they (Name) intend to exhibit, and the floral art entry is in strict conformity with the rules in this Society Schedule, which rules they agree to accept as binding.

Please email the below addresses

gscoghlan@gmail.com and MalahideHortSociety@outlook.com to confirm entrance.

109. NOVICE CLASS:

**“A Summer Basket” – An Exhibit to be staged in a basket.
Width 60cms. Height Optional.**

110. OPEN CLASS

“Hazy Days of Summer” – An Exhibit to feature garden plant material. Width 60cms. Height Optional.

1st Prize €25, 2nd Prize €15, 3rd Prize €10. Classes 109 and 110.

MALAHIDE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SILVER SALVER

Will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Open Class 110.

(Prizes are subject to Sufficiency and Merit of Entries)

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The Perpetual Trophies will be formally presented
on **Saturday 26th July 2025 at 4.45pm**

followed by the Raffle

TOP TRAY COMPETITION

Competition Rules

1. The Top Tray class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list of eight. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets: Carrots (3), Cauliflowers (2), Onions (3), Parsnips (3), Peas (6 pods), Potatoes (3), Runner Beans (6 pods), Tomatoes (6). Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into 3 sections as follows: 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition; 6 points for uniformity. The overall mark will therefore be out of 60.
2. All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 18 in by 24 in (45 x 60cm), without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 18in by 24in (45x60cm) can be used to display the vegetables, or the area can simply be marked on the staging. Where a tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 18in by 24in (45x60cm).
3. A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories, such as plates, sand, rings etc., will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.
4. The **Kay O’Kane Memorial Cup** will be awarded to the winner of the Top Tray Competition

TOP TRAY COMPETITION NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

- Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 3in (7.5cm).
- Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached.
- Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower bud case).
- Judges may handle exhibits, open pods etc to check for quality.
- The tray, board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way – such as cutting holes for standing onions in.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Tray class remembering that entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards.
- Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to, and decided by, the show officials.

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JUDGES for EXHIBITION 2025

Vegetables

Noel Jackson

Fruit

Noel Jackson

Flowers

Thomas Butterly

Sweet Pea

Thomas Butterly

Pot Plants

Christine O'Flynn

Home Industries & Crafts

Carol Heavey

Cookery / Home Produce

Carol Heavey

Flower arrangements

Sharon O'Sullivan

PLANT SALE

There will be a sale of plants and related items during the Show. Members are invited to donate any plants, rooted cuttings, bulbs, tubers etc. which they can spare. Please name the items as accurately as possible. These may be left at the Plant Stall during the Show.

OUR THANKS TO ALL DONORS

SHOW DATES FOR 2025

May 29–June 2	Bord Bia BLOOM
June 29	Delgany Rose and Sweetpea Show
June 28-29	Flavours of Fingal*
June 29	Ardgillan Rose Show*
July 12	Rush Annual Show*
July 26	Malahide Horticultural Society*
August 4	Fingal (Swords) Horticultural Society*-Annual Show
August 10	Tullamore Show
August 30	Delgany & District Horticultural Society-Dahlia Show
August 30	Howth & Sutton Horticultural Society*- Autumn Show
September 7	Balbriggan & District Horticultural Society*
September 13-14	Naul Garden and Flower Club* - Autumn Show
September 19-21	Harrogate Autumn Show
October	End of Season Show

***Points counted for Exhibitor of the Year, highest points from 5 shows**

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NORTH DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION (NDHSA)

“EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR” COMPETITION

The “Exhibitor of the Year” Perpetual Trophies will be competed for at the NDHSA Annual Summer Shows **as indicated above. (*)**

There are two categories for the “Exhibitor of the Year” competition.

A. Cut Flowers and Pot Plants

B. Fruit and Vegetables

The names of the exhibitors obtaining the ten highest aggregate of points in **each** of the two categories at each Show will be sent to the Association for inclusion in this competition.

Exhibitors may exhibit at any number of shows but only the highest points from 5 shows as referred to above will be counted in the competition for each category. Points will be determined on the basis of 3,2,1, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in all individual classes in the open horticultural classes. Results will be recorded and distributed after each show and awards will be presented at the End of Season Show held in October.

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 - Jesson Garden Centre, Donaghmede

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Times Past



In 1901 a Flower Show was held, on what was then called St. James's Square, just where the apex of the tennis courts face the Grand Hotel.

It was indeed a grand occasion with the gentry in attendance and all entertained by various pipe bands.

This annual event continued for many years and in 1942 the Malahide Horticultural Society was founded.