

Martock and District Gardening Society

Established 1890

134th Annual Show 2023

Flowers, Plants, Vegetables, Fruit, Cookery, Photography, Crafts
and Children's Creations



Saturday 26th August 2023
Martock Parish Hall

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This Year's Show

We are very pleased to be holding our Show at Martock Parish Hall again this year for the first time since 2019, after having to make alternative arrangements in recent years because of the pandemic.

We are one of the oldest established Gardening groups in Somerset and can trace our origins back to 1890 when Martock's first Village Show took place. Shows have been held regularly in the village since then and we are delighted to be continuing the tradition once again this year. Our Show is a wonderful traditional community event and long may it continue to be so.

As you will see from the Show Schedule we offer a wide choice of classes and hope that this encourages more people to enter the Show. The more exhibits that we have on display, the more colourful and vibrant the Show will be. It is an amateur Show, it is easy to enter and all entries are free, so don't be afraid of having a go this year.

We would like to thank all of the businesses who place advertisements in this programme for their support. We also take this opportunity to thank everyone who participates in or helps with the running of the Show for taking part. The success of the Show is dependent on community involvement and we thank you all for your support.

As well as organising the Show, our group has an interesting programme of talks and garden visits throughout the year. New members and visitors are always welcome and annual membership is only £10 a year. For further details you can contact me at garethisaac2003@yahoo.co.uk or follow our group on Facebook. Details of our events are also posted on martock.org.uk

Gareth Isaac - Chair, Martock and District Gardening Society

How to Enter the Show

To enter the Show you just need to send an e-mail to: martockgardensoc21@yahoo.com detailing your name, contact telephone number and state clearly which class or classes you wish to enter. We will acknowledge all entries received. All entries are free.

If you do not have access to a computer or need help in submitting an entry online please ring our helpline and we will help you to submit your entry - 07855 056600.

Rules

1. All entries must be submitted by midnight on Thursday 24th August.
2. All entries must be staged between 7pm and 8pm on Friday 25th August or between 9am and 10am on Saturday 26th August.
3. All exhibits must have been grown or made by the exhibitor except in the flower arranging classes.
4. Pot plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
5. An exhibitor may only exhibit one entry in each class.
6. Points for deciding awards will be calculated on the basis of 3 points for 1st prize, 2 points for 2nd prize and 1 point for 3rd prize. In the event of a points tie the exhibitor with the most first prizes will win the trophy.
7. The Show Secretary's decision is final on all matters

Helpful Hints for Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables

Quality, beauty and appearance are foremost. Lusciousness, radiance, freshness, size and uniformity make a big impact on the judge. Only if there are equally good exhibits in the same class does the presence of bent petals, spots and scars affect your chances.

Good presentation always helps. Three beetroot with carefully washed skins, or a bunch of sweet peas elegantly arranged and composed in a pretty vase will win more points than an equally good entry that is all bashed up and bruised.

It is all common sense but please ring Fergus Dowding on 01935 822202 if you feel you would like to clear up any uncertainties. Always worth checking.

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2023 Show Schedule

Classes for children under age 8 at the date of the Show

1. A painting or drawing of a garden
2. A pebble with a flower painted or drawn on its surface

Classes for children under age 12 at the date of the Show

3. A painting or drawing of a garden
4. A pebble with an insect painted or drawn on its surface

Craft Classes

5. Anything made principally from wood
6. Anything made principally from metal
7. An item of pottery or clay
8. A craft item made from any other one material or mixture of materials
9. An item of knitting
10. An item of embroidery or other needlecraft
11. A home-made greetings card (maximum size A5)
12. A painting or drawing of a garden

Photography Classes

No mountings please (maximum size A5)

13. A photo of a flower or flowers

14. A photo of a garden

15. A photo of an insect

16. A photo of a bird

17. A photo of any other animal (not a bird or insect)

18. A photo of a landscape in Somerset

Flower Classes

19. 3 dahlias (same variety)

20. 3 cactus or semi-cactus dahlias (same variety)

21. 1 specimen dahlia

22. 3 roses (same variety)

23. 1 specimen rose

24. Best scented rose

25. 1 sunflower

26. 5 fuchsia flower heads

27. A vase of sweet peas

28. 3 of any one flower not scheduled in another class

29. 6 stems of flowers of herbaceous perennial (at least 3 varieties)

30. 1 stem of flowers (any number of flowers but a single stem)

Pot Plant Classes

31. An orchid

32. A cactus

33. A succulent

34. A bonsai

35. A carnivorous plant

36. A fuschia

37. A flowering plant not scheduled in another class

38. A combination of plants in a terrarium

Flower Arranging Classes

39. A miniature flower arrangement (not exceeding 150mm in any direction)

40. An arrangement of flowers in a vase

41. An arrangement of seed heads

42. An arrangement of herbs

Vegetables and Produce Classes

43. 3 leeks

44. 3 potatoes

45. Heaviest potato

46. 3 carrots (with stalks attached)

47. 3 beetroot (with stalks attached)

48. 3 onions

49. 5 shallots

50. 5 tomatoes

51. 1 tomato

52. 1 greenhouse cucumber

53. 1 ridge cucumber

54. 3 courgettes

55. 2 squash

56. A pumpkin

57. 5 French beans (with stalks attached)

58. 5 runner beans (with stalks attached)

59. Longest runner bean

60. 3 of any one vegetable not scheduled in another class

61. A freak vegetable

62. 3 poultry eggs

63. An arrangement of seasonal produce

Fruit Classes

64. 3 cooking apples (any one variety)

65. 3 dessert apples (any one variety)

66. Heaviest apple

67. 3 of any one other hard tree fruit - not apples

68. A bunch of grapes

69. 9 raspberries

70. 6 of any one other soft fruit

Cookery and Preserves Classes

71. A jar of jam

72. A jar of jelly

73. A jar of marmalade

74. A jar of lemon curd

75. A jar of chutney

76. A 3 egg Victoria sandwich - no topping - only jam in the filling

77. 5 scones

78. 5 shortbread

79. A loaf of bread

Drinks Classes

80. A bottle of home-made cordial or squash

81. A bottle of home-made cider

82. A bottle of home-made wine

83. A bottle of home-made beer

84. A bottle of home flavoured fruit liqueur or spirit





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For the best entry in the Craft Section

Martock Plate

For the best entry in the Photography Classes

Society's Shield

For the winner of most points in the Flower and Pot Plant
Section

Geoff Belben Trophy

For the best entry in the Flower and Pot Plant Section

Alfred Brooks Cup

For the most outstanding Flower Arrangement

Mrs Hodges Cup

For the best entry in the Cookery and Preserves Section

Chairman's Cup

For the non-member winning most points in the Show

Ian Baker Plate

For the best entry in the Vegetable, Fruit and Produce Sections

Hungerford Jackson Cup

For the winner of the most points in the Vegetable, Produce
and Fruit Sections (open to Gardening Society members only)

Jubilee Cup

For the winner of the best front garden competition

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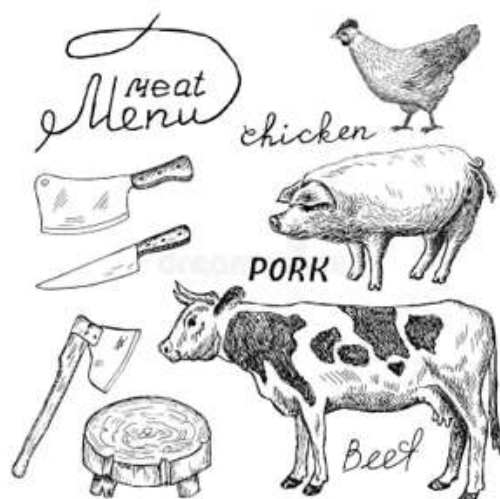
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