

100th SUMMER SHOW

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2019

At the MICA Centre

West Mersea

Open to Exhibitors **8:00am – 10:00am**

Judging begins **10:30am**

Show opens to All **1:30pm**

Prizegiving **3:45pm**

Auction of Produce **4:00pm** ---

MERSEA ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS

GENERAL

We would like to encourage many more people to exhibit. It does not require great expertise or special knowledge. We have all had to start somewhere!.

The single most important rule is to READ THE SCHEDULE. Make sure that your exhibit is not classed as N.A.S., Not According to Schedule. Try to make your exhibit look as attractive as possible. All exhibits, whether they win a prize or not, go to make up the Show.

Evenness, freshness and freedom from disease are more important than size, unless stated.

EXHIBITORS MUST COLLECT THEIR ENTRY CARD FROM A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRIVAL.

For the information of the public, if possible all exhibits of flower, fruit or vegetable varieties should be named, please write this on both sides of the entry card.

Before judging, the show secretaries will make sure that all entry cards are turned over, so that the exhibitors name is not visible. After judging they will be placed face upwards.

VEGETABLES

They should be cleaned, using plenty of water and a sponge. It makes for better presentation if tops are trimmed and bound with raffia, or an equivalent. Be careful, when lifting carrots and parsnips not to break the long 'tail'.

(i) Parsnips, carrots, cabbages, beans and beetroot are usually just laid on the table.

(ii) Potatoes, tomatoes, shallots and peppers are best placed on a white paper plate.

(iii) Shallots should be mounted on a dish of dry sand, and onions on cardboard rings, such as ones cut from kitchen roll containers.

(iv) Brassicas should have not less than 75mm of stump left.

(v) All varieties of peas and beans should have stalks attached.

(vi) Courgettes can be up to 200mm in length or 75mm in diameter for round cultivars.

FRUIT-to be exhibited on White Paper Plates

Try to avoid removing the natural 'bloom'.

(i) With the exception of peaches, nectarines and apricots, all fruit should be shown with stalks.

(ii) Apples and pears should retain their natural bloom.

FLOWERS

Make sure that they are firmly in the vase and drawing up water. Kitchen roll helps to wedge the stems in the vase.

If five blooms are asked for, arrange three above and two below, or vice versa. If three are asked for, place them two and one.

The size of the pot is the internal measurement. Avoid using outer containers for the pot. If the schedule states 'not exceeding', it is quite in order to use a smaller size.

CULINARY

All preserves to have metal screw tops, free from rust, or cellophane jam pot covers. Jars to be free of advertising. Labels to state type and day, month and year made.

RULES and DEFINITIONS

1. All Shows open to any exhibitor
2. All entry forms to be sent to a Show Secretary by 9:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Show date, together with any entry fees payable. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. Entries will also be accepted on plain paper. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in each class unless stated.
3. Exhibits must have been grown or made by the exhibitor. Pot plants must have been tended for 3 months. Materials may be purchased for the Flower Arrangement classes.
4. Novice entries are accepted in any class in any Show, provided the exhibitor has not won a first prize in that section in any previous Show. Entry card must indicate novice status.
5. Exhibitors infringing Rules 3 or 4 will forfeit all prizes and may be debarred from future exhibiting
6. Judging of Flowers and Vegetables will be in accordance with the R.H.S. "Rules for Judging". Judging of Flower Arrangements will be in accordance with "N.A.F.A.S." Rules.
7. The Judges will be empowered to withhold prizes if they consider the exhibitors do not merit them.
8. Exhibits to be staged by 10:00am prompt for both Shows. No exhibits to be taken away before completion of prizegiving. No unauthorised person will be allowed in the Show hall while judging is in progress.
9. The decision of the Judges as to the merits of exhibits shall be final and no appeals therefrom will be entertained. Any appeal or objection against a Judge's decision as to classification of exhibits or as to exhibits not being according to schedule shall be made in writing and handed to the Show
10. The prize money must be collected from the Hon. Treasurer between 3:00 and 3:45pm.
11. While the Committee will take all reasonable steps to prevent loss or damage to exhibits, they cannot be held responsible for the same, and the placing of an entry in the Show implies acceptance of these Rules and Conditions by the exhibitor.
12. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entry

TROPHIES – SUMMER SHOW

1. DENT CHALLENGE BOWL-most points in Vegetable, Flower & Fruit classes 1-66
2. ALDOUS CHALLENGE CUP- runner up in above category
3. USHER CHALLENGE CUP, most points Vegetable classes 1-26
4. MARY KENT CUP, most points Fruit classes 27-34
5. SOCIETY CHALLENGE CUP, most points Flower classes 35-66
6. LAPWOOD CHALLENGE CUP, best flower exhibit classes 35-66
7. MILBURN SALVER, best Pot Plant, classes 53-56. 60 & 61
8. DORA WINCH CUP, best exhibit Fuchsia class 55
9. POND HOUSE TROPHY, most points, Handicraft classes 68-73
10. MARSDEN TROPHY, most points, Photography classes 74-79
11. MERSEA MUSEUM TROPHY, best exhibit Photography classes 74-79
12. SHEILA PHILLIPS TROPHY, most points Home Industries classes 80-96
13. THE GREEN CUP, most points Children's classes 99-103
14. BUCKLE CUP, best exhibit Children's classes 99-103
15. SANDFORD DOD BOWL, best Flower Arrangement classes 104-109
16. GLORIA SEARLE CUP, best Flower Arrangement, classes 104-109
17. W.I. SHIELD, most points by a W.I. Member (all classes)
18. LORNA TARRAN TROPHY for Best Exhibit in Show

THE MAUREEN FORD TROPHY to be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in M.I.H.S. Shows in one calendar year (to be presented at the A.G.M. each year).

PRIZE MONEY

1st Prize 60p, 2nd Prize 40p,

Children's:

1st Prize 80p, 2nd Prize 50p, 3rd Prize 30p

VEGETABLES

1. Three Potatoes, white, one variety
2. Three Potatoes, coloured, one variety
3. Collection of 6 potatoes- 3 white (1 variety) & 3 red (1 variety)
4. Four Carrots, long pointed
5. Four Carrots, other than long pointed
6. Four Tomatoes, yellow, striped or beefsteak
7. Three Beetroot (trimmed to 7.5cm/3")
8. Two Cucumbers
9. Four Red Tomatoes (display with calyx)- 35mm-65mm
10. Six Tomatoes Cherry or Plum 35mm or less
11. Single truss of Cherry Tomatoes (ripe and unripe)
12. One Lettuce
13. Six Climbing Beans (not Runner, with trimmed stalk)
14. Three Onions – no bulb to exceed 8oz. (trimmed and tied)
15. Three Onions for size and quality, (trimmed and tied)
16. 12 Shallots – pickling (not to exceed 30mm diameter)
17. Nine Shallots - exhibition
18. One Cabbage
19. Six Runner Beans (with trimmed stalk)
20. Ten Dwarf French Beans (with trimmed stalk)
21. Three Courgettes (10cm-15cm/4" – 6" in length)
22. Heaviest Ripe Tomato
23. Any other vegetable (not listed above), 1 specimen
24. Longest Runner Bean
25. Collection of 3 kinds of vegetable – at least 2 of each variety.
26. A collection of vegetables as harvested 100 years ago (not cleaned or trimmed, 3 varieties)

FRUIT

Note: please display fruit with stalks where applicable

27. Plate of 12 Raspberries
28. Plate of 12 Blackberries
29. Four Apples – dessert
30. Four Apples – cookers
31. Plate of 12 Blueberries
32. Four Plums
33. Plate of any other fruit (not listed above)
34. Collection of Fruit

Hints: R.H.S. Handbook page 48, (Available from Show Secretary)

FLOWERS

Note: Society vases must be used in all classes where a VASE is stipulated.

35. Vase of 5 stems flowers grown from seed during last 12 months
36. Large Dahlia bloom
37. Vase of Mixed Perennials (5 stems)
38. Vase of 6 stems of Cosmos
39. Vase of 3 blooms of Decorative, Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias
40. Vase of 3 blooms of any other Dahlia
41. Vase of 3 stems of Calendula/Marigolds
42. Vase of one stem of Gladioli
43. Vase of one stem of Specimen bloom Rose
44. Vase of 3 stems of any Rose
45. One Rose to be judged for fragrance only
46. Vase of 3 stems of Pelargoniums (Geraniums)
47. Any flowering bulb(s) cut or growing
48. Bowl of Floating Flower Heads (min. 3 blooms, bowl max.30cm/ 12")
49. Vase of 5 stems of Lavender any varieties
50. Vase of 3 stems of 3 varieties of Herbs
51. Vase of 5 stems/one variety of flower grown from seed within 12 months
52. Vase of Silver Foliage, any variety(ies), 5 stems
53. One Cactus/Succulent
54. One Foliage Pot Plant
55. One Fuchsia growing in a pot (*max. 30cm/12"*)
56. One Flowering pot plant, other than Fuchsia, Begonia, Pelargonium
57. 5 flowers heads of Fuchsia (display rack provided)
58. Vase of 3 stems of flowering shrub, other than Fuchsia
59. Vase of 3 stems of shrub bearing hips or berries
60. One flowering Begonia
61. Flowering Orchid
62. Vase of Ornamental Grasses (5 stems)
63. Vase of 6 Sweet Peas
64. Vase of one Hydrangea head
65. Three stems of Fuchsia
66. Vase of 1 Sunflower

MEMBERS ONLY CLASS

67. Truss of tomatoes from Supersweet 100 seeds as provided at the February/March meetings. Judged by weight. (Winner will receive a voucher entitling them to 1 year's membership of the Society)

HANDICRAFTS

- 68. A Gardening Apron
- 69. A Darned Sock
- 70. Handmade Toy
- 71. A Pincushion
- 72. Decorated Shoe
- 73. 100th Birthday Card

PHOTOGRAPHY

May be digital or conventional, but not digitally altered.
Photos unmounted, black and white or coloured prints.

Maximum size 12.5cm x 17.5cm/ 5" x 7" unless otherwise stated.

- 74. Vintage Vehicle
- 75. Fountains
- 76. Seashells
- 77. Food for Thought
- 78. 'Tommy's' on the Strood
- 79. Vintage Gardening Implements

HOME INDUSTRIES

Bread and cake must be fully thawed if previously frozen

- 80. Victoria Sandwich, filling jam only 3 egg recipe - Men only
- 81. Round of Shortbread
- 82. Red Cross Cake (recipe at the back of schedule)
- 83. Soda Bread (own recipe)
- 84. Sunshine Cake (recipe at the back of schedule)
- 85. 5 Jam Tarts
- 86. 6 Cheese Straws
- 87. Gingerbread
- 88. Plain Scone Round
- 89. Caraway Seed Cake (recipe at the back of schedule)
- 90. Jar of Strawberry Jam
- 91. Jar of Raspberry Jam
- 92. Jar of any other Jam
- 93. Jar of Curd
- 94. Jar of Chutney
- 95. Jar of Honey
- 96. Jar of Marmalade

CHILDREN – under 16 years

- 97. 3 Wool Pompoms
- 98. Painted Stone
- 99. 100th Birthday Card
- 100. Jam Jar of Cottage Flowers
- 101. Lego Model
- 102. 6 Peppermint Creams

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

(Classes 103-108 staged against a white background with white table covering, width and depth not to exceed 2ft, height optional). Accessories may be used in classes 103-106)

- 103. Celebrating 100 years
- 104. Cottage Garden in a Jug
- 105. A Buttonhole and a Corsage (a male & female pair)
- 106. Roses in a Rose Bowl
- 107. *Petite exhibit- 9" overall maximum
- 108. *Miniature exhibit- 4" overall maximum

***A black stepped platform will be provided.**

Remember these classes are judged at eye level where possible

SUMMER SHOW – RECIPES

RED CROSS CAKE

(USED DURING WW1)

1 cup brown sugar	3 oz water
2oz raisins	3 oz margarine
¼ grated nutmeg <u>or</u> ½ tsp ground nutmeg	
1 tsp ground cinnamon	1 tsp ground ginger

Boil the above ingredients for 3 mins. Cool the mixture and then add: 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda dissolved in 2 fl oz water and stir. Add 2 cups of plain flour and ½ tsp baking powder. Put the fairly dry mixture into a greased 2lb loaf tin and bake 180C, 350F or Gas 4 for 30-40 mins. Cake will have a 'soft cookie' texture and will keep at least a week.

SUNSHINE CAKE

(FROM A 1912 COOK BOOK)

1 cup sugar	5 egg yolks
¼ tsp salt	¾ cup flour
½ tsp cream of tartar	5 egg whites
1 ½ tblsp orange juice	1 tsp lemon juice

Beat yolks until lemon coloured and thick. Add sugar and flavouring and continue beating. Mix and sift flour and cream of tartar. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites, alternating with the flour. Bake 45mins at 180C, 350F or Gas 4. Leave to cool and then add frosting.

FROSTING: 2 cups icing sugar, 2 tblsp orange juice & grated rind. Beat until smooth.

CARAWAY SEED CAKE

(VICTORIAN RECIPE)

6 oz softened Margarine	6 oz caster sugar
3 eggs	8 oz self-raising flour
3 level tsps. Caraway seeds	2 tblsp milk

Put all the ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat until smooth.

Spoon into a 2lb loaf tin and bake at 160C, 320F or Gas 3 for 45 mins to an hour.

Leave in tin to cool 10-15 mins before turning out.

ENTRY FORM – SUMMER SHOW 2019

This form must be delivered to a Show Secretary by 9:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the Show.

Late entries will not be accepted. Only one exhibitor to use this form.

Additional forms may be obtained from a Show Secretary or plain paper may be used.

To: The Show Secretary: I wish to exhibit in the following classes.

(Please mark with a cross in the relevant numbered box).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	

.....entries x 20p =p enclosed

Novice..... Age if under 16 years.....

Name.....

Address.....

MERSEA ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2019

1:30 pm MICA CENTRE

WEST MERSEA

www.mersea-island-garden-club.org.uk

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Summer Show Schedule- our 100th Summer Show- quite a milestone!

We very much hope that you will not only come to join us at the MICA on August 17th but will make a great effort to enter a Class or two. There is everything from Flower's, Fruit & Vegetables to World War 1 recipes or perhaps a photo of the wonderful 'Tommies' by the Strood. How about getting your grandchildren to enter a painted stone or Lego model? The list is endless!

We have 3 outings planned for June and July- Scotney Castle, Lullingstone Castle and Wisley RHS.

Heather Cook on 01206 386385 has all the details.

Please support us and make this a memorable year for MIHS.

Happy Gardening

Philippa Fairbanks
Chairman.

Mersea Island Horticultural Society- Privacy Notice

Societies like ours, which only process the personal data within the society and matters only relating to the Society do not need to be registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

However, we do adhere to the principle's outlined within the GDPR.

Where you provided us with personal data (ie:name,address,phone number & e-mail address) we will only use that information to notify you of updates to The Shows and Outings on an occasional basis and will never share your information with a 3rd party without your prior consent.

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