

GALLEYWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

2024 PROGRAMME & SUMMER SHOW SCHEDULE

**Flowers • Fruit • Vegetables • Cookery • Crafts
Open to members and non-members**

**Saturday 20th July 2024
at 2.00pm
St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood**

Entry £1



www.galleywoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Chair's Introduction

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and productive gardening year in 2023, and is looking forward to a new gardening year.

Firstly, I would like to announce that Pauline Eagar will be taking over from Richard Studd as Treasurer within the next week or two. Richard has done the Treasurer's role for just over 2 years and I would like to thank him for his hard work managing the Society's finances over this time. Committee member Susan Drummond will be replacing Pauline Eagar as Secretary.

This year our Summer Show took place on Saturday 8 July in Keene Hall. It included our most successful ever plant sale, run by Susan Drummond. Susan grew most of the plants herself from seed. We would like to repeat this success again next year. The 2024 show has a change of date and venue. It will take place on Saturday 20th July at St Michael and All Angels Church on the Common.

Do you have any spare plants which you can donate to the Society for next year's plant sale? We would be very grateful for any you can spare. There is plenty of time to sow seeds for next year's show.

Our year started in January with a very talented speaker by the name of Deb Hart who gave us a demonstration of Wicker Art. The wicker obelisk Deb made was raffled at the end of the meeting.

In February, the GHS team once again won the Inter Society Quiz. We are hosting next year's quiz on Friday 16th February at the Heritage Centre on the Common. We are on the lookout for a second team. Please speak to any member of the Committee if you would like to join us.

In March, Foggy Hau from Abercorn Garden Centre created a hanging basket, which was raffled at the end of the evening.

In June a visit was arranged to Lathcoats for a tour of the Fruit Farm, and in September we went to Buckhatch Nursery and Garden Centre, both fascinating trips.

November's meeting included a quiz written by Pauline Eagar, our Secretary. This was followed by the AGM and an analysis of a questionnaire completed by members in August to October 2023. One of the outcomes is that we will be serving refreshments at the beginning of the meetings, instead of at the end, from 7.25pm. Our Speaker meetings will start at 7.45pm instead of 8pm from January 2024.

Our December meeting saw the return of Robyn Rayner's Floral Workshop. Robyn showed everyone how to make an arrangement of Limoniums in a jam jar. A Christmas quiz was enjoyed by everyone with snacks and drinks provided.

Philip Walters, Chair, Galleywood Horticultural Society

We want to be able to communicate with all our members at short notice so that we can keep you informed of any changes to our programme, as well as keeping everybody up to date regarding our programme of events.

This can best be done by email. If you have an email address could you send it to galleywoodhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com please. The committee do not disclose the information we hold on a member to anyone without their permission. We have phone numbers for a majority of members but some are inaccurate.

We use your personal data for the following purposes:

To manage membership records; to distribute membership cards, yearly schedules and electronic information about the Society and events we may arrange independently or with third parties; to promote horticultural activities; to support our committee members and any other volunteer helper; to maintain our accounts and records; to inform you of news, events and activities that might be relevant to you as a member of a horticultural society.

Our website is: www.galleywoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

GALLEYWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2024

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place in Keene Hall, Watchouse Road, Galleywood on Thursday evenings commencing at 7:30 pm for refreshments with the talks starting at 7:45pm/8:00pm.

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| 25 January | The Greening of London – Speaker: David Williams, City of London Guide and Lecturer. |
| 22 February | The Coast of Essex – Speaker: David Simmons, former Chair of the National Trust Supporter’s Group in Chelmsford. |
| 28 March | Compost and composting- interactive presentation – Demonstrator: Jane Ponton, South East Essex Organic Gardeners (SEEOG). |
| 25 April | Laurence Johnson of Hidcote Manor – Speaker: Margaret Mills. |
| 23 May | Tour of Meadowcroft’s wholesale nursery, W D Smith and Son, 7.30pm to 9pm, meeting place to be confirmed |
| 27 June | Tour of ARU Writtle, grounds, glasshouses and gardens. Meet there 7pm. Meeting place to be arranged. |
| 20 July
(Saturday) | Summer Show – St Michael and All Angels’ Church, Galleywood. |
| 26 September | History of the National Garden Scheme – Speaker: Ed Fairey. |
| 24 October | Plant Hunters – Speaker: Maggie Piper |
| 28 November | AGM and Gardening the Globe; Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Speaker: Alan Murday |
| 12 December | Christmas Social event: Introduction to Bonsai – Demonstrator: John Brown, Chair, Dai-ichi Bonsai Society, Shenfield. |

*Keep up to date with any further information and details about meetings and visits by visiting our website:

RULES FOR ENTRIES IN SUMMER SHOW

1. Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Classes are open to all amateur gardeners who grow produce primarily for domestic use and maintain their garden or allotment for their own use and not for profit.
2. All exhibitors must not be professional gardeners or employ professional assistance.
3. No person will be allowed to exhibit any plant or other produce that has not been in his or her possession for three months previous to the day of the Show unless raised from seeds, cuttings etc within a shorter period; flower arranging classes excepted. Any offender will forfeit all awards and be barred from exhibiting at future shows. Should an objection arise, the Committee reserves the right to inspect the garden where the exhibit has been grown.
4. Intending exhibitors should give notice of all entries no later than the Friday prior to the Show. A number of late entries, however, will be accepted up to 09.45am on the day of the Show.
5. The judges shall have the power to make additional awards for any exhibit of superior merit, or to withhold any award if no exhibit is considered worthy.
6. Judging will be entirely at the discretion of the judges who will be guided by RHS Guidelines.
7. All exhibits must be staged and ready for judging by 09.45am.
8. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the Hall whilst judging is in progress (10.00am - 12.00pm).
9. The Show Committee will take every possible care of exhibits while in their charge, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage in any way whatsoever.
10. No exhibitor will allowed to remove exhibits before 4.00pm.
11. The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.
12. Only one exhibitor from any one garden, or allotment, may enter in the same class.
13. Each exhibitor may only enter one exhibit per class (unless specified otherwise in the schedule).
14. The Peter Seabrook Award, Jean Baldwin and Bill Hamblin awards to be returned clean and undamaged to the GHS Show Secretary by 30th April of the following year.
15. The use of peat in any pots is not permitted; only peat-free products to be used.

Labelling: To create interest with the public, please name all varieties, where possible.

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Entry forms may be given to any Committee Member listed in the front of this Schedule or placed in the collecting box in the Keene Hall foyer. Entries may also be emailed to: galleywoodhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

TIMETABLE

Saturday 20th July 2024

Staging	8.45am – 9.45am
Judging	10.00am – 12.00pm
Open to public	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Raffle and Presentation of Awards	3.30pm
Exhibits to be removed	3.45pm

SECTION 1 – FLOWERS

(Oasis must not be used to stabilise fresh and dried flowers in vases)

Rosette for highest number of points in Section 1

Rosette for second and third place in Section 1

Rosette for best exhibit in Section 1

Roses

1. One Hybrid Tea Rose
2. One Floribunda Rose (stem cluster)
3. Bowl of roses, two or more varieties

Sweet Peas

4. Vase of sweet peas – one colour, or mixed colours

Other flowers

5. Shrub/tree in flower: three stems – one or more varieties
6. Vase of flowers (to be judged by the public for scent alone)
7. Vase of any flowers, mouth of vase up to 15cm/6 inches
8. Vase of any flowers, mouth of vase greater than 15cm/6 inches and up to 30cm/12 inches
9. Vase of dried flowers, grasses, etc., - any size

Best Vase of flowers

Rosette for first, second and third

10. Vase with 5 – 10 stems

No marks awarded for the vase which can be any material or shape, but should be in proportion to the display. (Vase – any vessel used for cut flowers which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.)

No accessories e.g. bows or additional foliage. Packing to keep stems in place is allowed.

A vase of between five and ten flowering stems (a minimum of two different kinds of plants, two varieties of same plant are **not** two kinds).

Collection will be judged for overall quality, presentation and effect.

Stems must show flowers only – no seed heads or berries. Leaves growing naturally from flowering stems and still attached are allowed.

No oasis for fresh, or dried, flowers/grasses display, or arrangement, to be used.

SECTION 2 – POT PLANTS

(Classes 11 – 18 maximum pot size, up to 22.5cm/9 inches in diameter)

Rosette for highest total number of points in Section 2

Rosette for second and third place in Section 2

Rosette for best exhibit in Section 2

- 11 One pot plant for foliage effect
- 12 One fuchsia in a pot
- 13 One tuberous begonia in a pot
- 14 One pot of zonal or regal pelargonium
- 15 One flowering pot plant – including orchids (excluding fuchsia, pelargonium and tuberous begonia)
- 16 One pot plant – cactus or succulent
- 17 Cactus garden, pot size up to 22.5cm/9 inches in diameter
- 18 One unusual pot plant

Free-standing planted containers – including hanging baskets

(any shape over 22.5cm/9 inches diameter)

- 19 Single or mixed flowers

SECTION 3 – FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

(Oasis must not be used to stabilise for fresh or dried flower arrangements. Home grown or British grown flowers and/or foliage where possible.)

Rosette for highest number of points in Section 3

Rosette for second and third place in Section 3

Rosette for best exhibit in Section 3

NOTE: Accessories permitted in all classes

Arrangements should be no wider than 50cm/20 inches

- 20 Mixed or single coloured nosegay (a small bunch of flowers, typically scented)
- 21 An arrangement of seven flowers (foliage allowed)
- 22 An arrangement depicting “The 2024 Paris Olympics”
- 23 An arrangement of dried flowers and/or grasses
- 24 A foliage arrangement
- 25 An arrangement in an unusual container

SECTION 4 – VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Rosette for highest number of points in Section 4

Rosette for second and third place in Section 4

Rosette for best exhibit in Section 4

Vegetables (one cultivar unless otherwise stated)

- 26 Three beetroot – round, cylindrical or long – please specify (7.5cm/3 inches of leaf stem and tied)
- 27 Three courgettes– one cultivar
- 28 Pair of marrows – table size (up to 38cm/15 inches long)
- 29 Nine pods of beans
- 30 Nine pods of peas
- 31 A bunch of nine spring onions
- 32 Four onions, any variety – with leaves loosely tied in a bunch
- 33 Nine shallots – large culinary – ripened, tops turned over and tied
- 34 Two cucumbers
- 35 Five potatoes – one or two kinds
- 36 Two lettuce (with washed roots)
- 37 Five tomatoes – one cultivar
- 38 Bunch of nine radish
- 39 Any vegetable not previously mentioned in the Schedule (numbers as per The Horticultural Show Handbook: The Official RHS Guide to Organising, Judging and Competing in a show).
- 40 Plate of culinary herbs, cut – three or more varieties
- 41 Free-standing planted containers, including hanging baskets (any shape over 22.5cm/9 inches diameter), with vegetables

Best tray of vegetables

Rosette for first, second and third

- 42 Collection of three types of vegetables

A collection of three types of vegetables; numbers of each variety are listed in The Horticultural Show Handbook: The Official RHS Guide to Organising, Judging and Competing in a show.

Each type will be judged for size, shape and colour.

A tray or board measuring (internally) a maximum of 45cm x 60cm/18 inches x 23.5 inches.

A cloth is permitted and the tray may be painted.

Parsley is allowed for garnishing but no other foliage or accessories such as sand, plates, rings etc. allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped.

Fruit

- 43 Raspberries, one plate, twelve berries with stalks

- 44 Currants – black, red, or white (ten trusses)
- 45 Strawberries, one plate, eight berries with stalks
- 46 One plate of fruit other than currants, strawberries and raspberries (numbers as per The Horticultural Show Handbook: The Official RHS Guide to Organising, Judging and Competing in a show).

Best tray of fruit

Rosette for first, second and third

- 47 Collection of three types of fruit

A collection of three types of fruit of any variety: max 10 soft and stoned fruit of each variety. Each type will be judged for size, shape and colour.

A tray, or board, measuring (internally) a maximum of 45cm x 60cm/18 inches x 23.5 inches.

A cloth is permitted and the tray may be painted.

SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY GROUP e.g. schools, clubs etc.

Rosette for best exhibit in Section 5

- 46 Three vegetables, any kind – one type
- 47 A collection of vegetables (number not specified)
- 48 A collection of salads (number not specified)
- 49 Any kind of fruit(s)
- 50 A pot plant
- 51 Mixed flowers (own container) not less than nine flowers

SECTION 6 – COOKERY AND PRESERVES

Rosette for highest number of points in Section 6

Rosette for second and third place in Section 6

Rosette and Jean Baldwin Award for best exhibit in Section 6

Cookery

- 52 Lemon Drizzle cake
- 53 Gluten free Cake
- 54 Chocolate Orange cake (from recipe provided)
- 55 Any cake or sponge not already listed (name of cake correctly labelled)
- 56 Sultana Flapjacks
- 57 Biscuits or Cookies

Preserves and Wines

- 58 One jar citrus marmalade
- 59 One jar soft or stone fruit jam
- 60 One jar fruit jelly
- 61 One jar of chutney/relish/pickles

- 62 One bottle of homemade wine (in a clear bottle – please specify the name of the wine and the date of production)
- 63 Non-alcoholic drink

SECTION 7 – HANDICRAFTS

Items should have been completed in the last 12 months.

Exhibitors may enter up to two items in each class in this section only.

Rosette for highest number of points in Section 7

Rosette for second and third place in Section 7

Rosette and Bill Hamblin Award for best exhibit in Section 7

- 64 Hand or machine knitted article
- 65 A crocheted article
- 66 Other craft using paper, fabric, wool, or cotton – e.g. a piece of patchwork, quilting, appliqué, rag rugging, decoupage, etc.
- 67 Any article hand embroidered (framed or not framed)
- 68 Any article cross stitched (framed, or not framed)
- 69 A greeting card – any medium
- 70 Photograph – “Beautiful Britain” – maximum size: 7 x 5 inches, colour, or black and white, judged for general appeal.
- 71 A picture – any medium except needlework and photography
- 72 A piece of woodwork
- 73 A piece of metalwork

SECTION 8 – CHILDREN’S ENTRIES

Rosette for best exhibit

Rosettes for first, second and third places in classes.

Pre-school, infant and KS1 children (age to be stated)

- 74 A pot of cress – pot size, diameter up to 9cm/3.5 inches
- 75 6 Cup cakes, decorated
- 76 A strange shaped vegetable

Junior School, Up to age 11 years

- 77 A decorated stone
- 78 An animal made of fruit and/or vegetables
- 79 A pressed flower arrangement (as a Birthday card)

The **Peter Seabrook Award** is awarded to the **Show Champion** – the exhibitor who gains the most points in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

TIPS FOR EXHIBITORS

Detailed information on all aspects of exhibiting can be found in the RHS Handbook. A reference copy is held by the Show Secretary.

Judges will be looking for:

Section 1. Flowers.

Use flowers that are fresh and free from damage by pests or disease.

Section 2. Pot Plants

Well balanced, healthy plants. Clean pots before staging and remove any debris from the top of the compost. Plants may only be entered for one year.

Section 3. Flower Arrangements

Use flowers and foliage that are fresh but these need not have been grown by the exhibitor. Make sure the size specified for each class is met. No oasis to be used in any display/arrangement. Please use British-grown flowers where possible.

Section 4. Vegetables and Fruit

Exhibits should be fresh, tender and clean. They should be free from damage by pests or disease. All fruits should have stalks left on and currants should be left on their trusses. Do not polish exhibits, especially fruit.

Section 5. Cookery and Preserves

Colour, consistency and flavour are paramount. No pre-packed products should be used in the preparation of exhibits. Jars should be no bigger than 454g (1lb) and should be correctly sealed and labelled. Do not re-use commercial jars that still have original labels.

New Exhibitors

If you are in any doubt about your exhibit, please contact any member of the committee who will be happy to help you either before or on the day of the show.

ENTRY FORM
(Please detach)

**GALLEYWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW
Saturday, 20th July, 2024**

**Name
Address**

Telephone no.

I wish to enter the following classes:

The closing date for entries is **Friday, 19th July 2024**.
Entry forms may be handed to any member of the committee.
Alternatively, you may like to submit your entry by email:
galleywoodhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

GALLEYWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

- Membership – £12.00 per person per year
- No entry fee for regular monthly meetings
- Talks on gardening and related subjects
- Visits to places of horticultural interest
- Social activities

Ask any Committee Member for more details.

The Galleywood Horticultural Society is grateful for the support it receives from:
Galleywood Parish Council
Longacres Garden Centre Chelmsford
Abercorn Plant and Garden Centre, Great Baddow
Lathcoats Farm Shop, Great Baddow
Kings Seeds, Kelvedon