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Royal Horticultural Society of Aberdeen

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ABERDEEN

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SPRING FLOWER SHOW

To be held in the

**David Welch Winter Gardens
Aberdeen**

on

Saturday 29th. March 2025

**Open 10.30am to 5.00pm
(subject to completion of judging)**

and

Sunday 30th. March 2025

Open 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission Free

* STALLS * RAFFLE *

SHOW SECRETARY

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New Members are always welcome

SHOW REGULATIONS

1. EXHIBITORS

- a) The prizes offered for exhibits in this schedule are open to all persons (including non-members of the Society) complying with the terms thereof and with these rules.
- b) **Entry Fees are 30p per entry with a maximum of £3. Members and under 18s free.**
- c) Directors of the Society may exhibit, except in a class of which that Director is a Convenor.

2. EXHIBITS

- a) Horticultural exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and must have been in his possession for two months prior to the Show.
- b) In Floral Art classes plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor but must be arranged and staged by the exhibitor at the Show.
- c) Bulbs and pot plants must be grown in the container in which they are to be displayed.

3. ENTRIES

- a) Exhibitors are allowed two entries in each class except classes 12 – 14 and 80 – 86 where only one entry is permitted.
- b) Entries on the form provided should be **posted or e-mailed** to the Secretary as soon as possible, but not later than **8.45pm on the Friday evening** prior to the show **except in classes 12 – 14 and 80 – 86 which must be received by 4pm on the Wednesday prior to the Show. Email entries MUST have an address and phone number.**
- c) The Directors reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry.
- d) An exhibitor who is unable to stage an entry should advise the Secretary as soon as possible.

4. EXHIBITORS CARDS

These should be collected from the Secretary's Show Office, each exhibit to have one card which will be placed with the name downwards.

5. LIFTING CARDS

These should be collected by exhibitors at the time of staging, and only the holders of such cards will be allowed in the hall during staging and removal exhibits. Additional Lifting cards for assistants will be available upon request at the Secretary's Show Office.

6. STAGING

- a) **All exhibits for competition must be staged on Friday prior to the show between 2.00 pm and 9.15pm. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE OUT OF THE WINTER GARDENS BY 9.20PM).**
- b) The Show will be staged and judged in accordance with the Rules in the current edition of the Royal Horticultural Society's Publication, "The Horticultural Show Handbook", supplemented by the Rules of Specialist Societies. Exhibitors must follow the direction of the Show Manager regarding staging.
- c) **EXHIBITORS CARS MAY BE UNLOADED AT THE REAR OF THE WINTER GARDENS, THEY MUST THEN BE MOVED TO THE CAR PARK.**

7. JUDGING

- a) Only Officials will be allowed in the hall during judging.
- b) Judging will take place between 8.15am and 10.30am on the Saturday of the Show.
- c) The decision of the judges shall be final on the relative merits of the exhibits, but the Directors reserve to themselves the decision on any other points of dispute.
- d) Any exhibit which is not according to schedule will be disqualified.
- e) Prizes may be withheld when exhibits are deficient in quality or condition.

8. PROTESTS

Protests or complaints must be lodged in writing to the Secretary by 1pm on the Saturday.

9. TROPHIES

- a) In computing points gained towards the award of a trophy, 10 points for first place, 6 for second and 4 for third will be given if the first prize is over £5; 5 points for first, 3 for second and 2 for third will be given if the first prize is under £5.
- b) Trophies for most points will only be awarded if there is an outright winner. In the case of two or more competitors having the same points, the award will go to the one with the most first prizes, failing that the one with the most second prizes.
- c) The trophies are insured by the Society against all risk anywhere in the United Kingdom, and the Secretary must be notified in writing immediately in the event of any trophy being damaged, lost or destroyed.
- d) **TROPHIES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TROPHY CONVENOR NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE DATE OF THE NEXT SHOW.**

10. PRIZE MONEY

- a) Prize money will be paid in the Secretary's Show Office between 1pm and 3pm on the Saturday and 12.30pm and 4.00pm on the Sunday. Any amount over £15.00 may be paid by cheque.
- b) **PRIZE MONEY NOT CLAIMED BY 4.00PM ON THE SUNDAY WILL BE REGARDED AS A DONATION TO THE SOCIETY.**

11. REMOVAL

- a) **Exhibits may be removed only after 4.00pm and before 4.30pm on the Sunday.**
- b) The Society will not be responsible for exhibits not collected by 4.30pm on the Sunday.
- c) The Society will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
- d) **EXHIBITS MUST NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 4.00 PM ON SUNDAY.**

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SECTION 1 OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD ON STAGING DAY, ALSO GROUPS, SCHOOLS OR OTHER YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

ALL POTS TO CONTAIN ONE VARIETY

Class

1. One pot containing one Hyacinth bulb.
2. One Hyacinth bulb grown in water.
3. One pot of Hyacinths containing 3 bulbs.
4. Amaryllis. One pot containing one bulb.
5. Tulips. One pot containing 5 bulbs.
6. One 3 Litre Pot Div. 1 or Div. 2 Daffodils.
7. One 3 Litre Pot Any other Division of Daffodils.
8. One pot of bulbous plants (excluding Hyacinths, Tulips and Daffodils) e.g. Grape Hyacinth, Scilla, Crocus etc.
9. One Pot Plant in Flower not otherwise mentioned
10. One Foliage Plant.
11. One collection of Alpine plants in a space not exceeding 45cm x 45cm. Plants may be in separate pots.

Prizes:	Classes 1 – 2	1 st	£2.00	2 nd	£1.20	3 rd	£0.80
	Classes 3 – 11	1 st	£2.50	2 nd	£1.50	3 rd	£1.00

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ABERDEEN SHIELD will be awarded to the group with the highest aggregate of points in Section 1.

THE MRS RHODA DAVIDSON CHALLENGE CUP for the entrant with the highest aggregate of points in Section 1.

SECTION 2: JUNIOR FLORAL ART OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS ON STAGING DAY

All exhibits are to be assembled in the hall.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material (i.e. fresh, dried or preserved), with or without accessories. Artificially coloured plant material may be used where appropriate. All fresh plant material is to be in water or water retaining substance (moss, succulents, lichen, fruit and vegetables excepted).

Exhibits must be free standing and will not occupy a space more than 60cm wide. The bench is approximately 67cm deep.

"A BREATH OF FRESH AIR"

Class			
12	"FROM THE WOODS"	An Exhibit.	11 years and under.
13	"SPRING VIBES"	An Exhibit.	12 years and over
14	"GARDEN BOWL"	An Exhibit in a Bowl	Under 18 years

SPACE ALLOWED 60cms.WIDE

Prizes: 1st £2.50 2nd £1.50 3rd £1.00

The **FULLERTON CUP** will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section 2.

SECTION 3: JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS

Unless otherwise stated, open to all under 18 years on staging day. Entries must not have been shown previously at an R.H.S. Aberdeen Show.

Class

Classes for age 11 and under

15	EASTER CARD MADE OUT OF DRIED FLOWERS (MAX A5)
16	DECORATED HARD BOILED EGG
17	PLANT GROWN BY YOURSELF
18	DRAWN PICTURE OF A SPRING FLOWER (MAX A4)

Classes for age 12 years and over

19	COLOURED DRAWING OF A POLLINATING INSECT (MAX A4)
20	PHOTOGRAPH OF A SPRING FLOWER (no larger than postcard size, mounted on plain white card 20cm x18cm)
21	DECORATED JAM JAR WITH A POSY OF SPRING FLOWERS
22	WINDCHIME MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIAL

Prizes: 1st £2.00 2nd £1.20 3rd £0.80

The **IRENE WATSON TROPHY** will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section 3. Miscellaneous Classes.

SPECIAL PRIZE of £5.00 donated by Mrs H. Main for most points in classes in 12-22.

ENTRIES MUST NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 4PM ON SUNDAY

**SECTION 4: OPEN TO ALL
ALL POTS ONE VARIETY**

Class	
23	White Hyacinths. One pot containing 3 bulbs.
24	Pink / Red Hyacinths. One pot containing 3 bulbs.
25	Blue Hyacinths. One pot containing 3 bulbs.
26	Yellow Hyacinths. One pot containing 3 bulbs.
27	Single Tulips. One pot containing 5 bulbs.
28	Double Tulips. One pot containing 5 bulbs.
29	One 3 Litre Pot Division 1 Daffodils.
30	One 3 Litre Pot Division 2 Daffodils. – yellow perianth.
31	One 3 Litre Pot Division 2 Daffodils. – white perianth.
32	One 3 Litre Pot Division 3 Daffodils.
33	One 3 Litre Pot Division 4 Daffodils.
34	One 3 Litre Pot Any other Division Daffodils.

Prizes: 1st £2.50 2nd £1.50 3rd £1.00

The **CITY OF ABERDEEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CUP** will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section 4.

**SECTION 5: MISCELLANEOUS
ALL POTS OR CONTAINERS TO CONTAIN ONE VARIETY (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**

35	One container of Hyacinths
36	One container of Tulips
37	One container of Daffodils Div. 1
38	One container of Daffodils – excluding Div. 1
39	One container of Daffodils Div. 6
40	One container of one variety of a miniature species of bulbous plants
41	One pot containing one bulb Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)
42	One container of Crocus
43	One container of Species Crocus
44	One pot of any other corm, tuber or bulbous plant not otherwise mentioned
45	One pot containing one flowering Orchid
46	One pot plant in flower not otherwise mentioned
47	One foliage plant
48	One Alpine plant in flower
49	One Alpine plant not in flower
50	One collection of Alpine plants, in a space not exceeding 45cm x 45cm. Plants may be in separate pots
51	One container planted for Spring colour, not exceeding 45cm x 45cm (Non Bulbous) Plants MUST be grown in the container.

Prizes:	Classes 35 – 40, 50, 51	1st £5.00	2nd £3.00	3rd £2.00
	All other classes	1st £2.50	2nd £1.50	3rd £1.00

The **ELIZABETH ADAIR TROPHY** will be awarded for the best exhibit in class 40

The **FINLAYSON TROPHY** will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section 5, excluding Class 40 (One container of one variety of a miniature species of bulbous plants)

SECTION 6: CUT FLOWERS
ALL VASES ONE VARIETY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Class	
52	Three 20cm vases – 3 blooms/stems of 1 variety per vase drawn from 3 divisions.
53	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 1 – yellow perianth
54	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 1 – white perianth
55	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 2 – yellow perianth
56	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 2 – white perianth
57	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 3 – yellow perianth
58	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 3 – white perianth
59	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 4 – yellow perianth
60	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 4 – white perianth
61	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 6 – yellow perianth
62	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms Div. 6 – white perianth
63	One vase – 3 Daffodil blooms/stems miniature yellow perianth
64	One vase – 3 Daffodil blooms/stems miniature white perianth
65	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms/stems any other Div. yellow perianth
66	One 20cm vase – 3 Daffodil blooms/stems any other Div. white perianth
67	One 20cm vase – 5 Daffodil blooms Div 1 or 2 – yellow perianth
68	One 20cm vase – 5 Daffodil blooms Div 1 or 2 – white perianth
69	One 20cm vase – 5 Daffodil blooms/stems other than Div. 1 or 2 – yellow perianth
70	One 20cm vase – 5 Daffodil blooms/stems other than Div. 1 or 2 – white perianth
71	One 20cm vase – 5 or more Daffodil blooms/stems containing more than 1 cultivar
72	Six vases – 1 Daffodil bloom per vase, drawn from at least 2 divisions
73	One vase – 1 Daffodil bloom, any division, yellow perianth
74	One vase – 1 Daffodil bloom, any division, white perianth
75	One vase – 3 Tulip blooms
76	One vase – 1 Tulip bloom
77	One vase – any Spring Flowers, any types, any number of blooms, one variety or mixed except daffodils
78	One vase – flowering shrub/trees, one variety or mixed

Prizes:	Class 52	1 st £7.50	2 nd £4.50	3 rd £3.00
	Classes 53 – 78	1 st £2.50	2 nd £1.50	3 rd £1.00

2012 CHAIRMANS CUP to be awarded to the best Vase in Section 6.
SPECIAL PRIZE of £5.00 donated by Mrs H. Main for most points in Classes 53 – 78
£15 Scamp Voucher for winner of Class 52
£15 Special prize for winner of Class 72

SECTION 7: OPEN TO HORTICULTURAL APPRENTICES IN FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

Class	
79	A collection of Spring Flowering plants arranged for effect in an allotted area

Prizes:	1 st £5.00	2 nd £3.00	3 rd £2.00
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R.H.S.A. JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP awarded for best exhibit in Section 7.

SECTION 8: FLORAL ART

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule. NAFAS rules state that disqualification will take place for the following reasons:

1. Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. the measurements or the components.
2. Inclusion of any fresh plant material that does not have its roots or the cut end of its stem in water or water retaining material (For exclusions see the NAFAS Competitions Manual Fourth Edition 2023, Page 12).
3. Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed in the show schedule). For further details and definitions please refer to the NAFAS Competitions Manual Fourth Edition 2023, in accordance with which all classes will be judged.

* This class is for the less experienced flower arrangers. Those who have reached a standard whereby they have been able to demonstrate, etc (whether or not they are qualified) are not eligible for this Class.

Exhibits must be free standing. All measurements are approximate. The background is Pale Green and table covering white.

ALL EXHIBITS ARE TO BE ASSEMBLED IN THE SHOW

THEME: "A BREATH OF FRESH AIR"

Class				
80	"A BOX OF SPRING BEAUTY"	A Traditional style Exhibit featuring Spring Flowers incorporating a box (This class is confined to anyone who has not won a first prize in the Floral Art Section of this Society). Width 76cm, Depth 67cm, Height 100cm		
81	"INTO THE WOODS"	An Exhibit. Professional flower arrangers i.e. judges, demonstrators, teachers, florists etc are excluded from this class. See * above. Width 76cm, Depth 67cm, Height 100cm		
82	"FRESH AND DRIED"	An Exhibit featuring fresh and dried foliage. Width 92cm, Depth 67cm, Height 100cm		
83	"PLANTED TO PERFECTION"	An Exhibit which must include growing plants and cut flowers. Width 76cm, Depth 67 cm, Height 120cms.		
84	"BEND ME, SHAPE ME"	A Modern / Abstract Exhibit Width 76cm, Depth 67cm, Height 120cm		
85	"DANCING DAFFODILS"	An Exhibit. Width 76cm, Depth 67cm, Height 120cm		
86	"JOY ON A PLATE"	A Petite Exhibit not exceeding 25cm width, depth 25cm and height may be up to 37cms. (See NAFAS competition manual 2023)		
Prizes:	80 – 85	1 st £10.00	2 nd £6.00	3 rd £4.00
	86	1 st £5.00	2 nd £3.00	3 rd £2.00

The **PRESIDENT'S ROSEBOWL** will be awarded to the 1st prize exhibit in Class 80

The **MILNE CUP** will be awarded for the best exhibit in Section 8

The **HELEN WEBSTER TROPHY** will be awarded for the most points in Section 8

The **ELIZABETH ANN MEMORIAL CUP** will be awarded to the 1st prize exhibit in Class 84

SECTION 9: PHOTOGRAPHY

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| 90 | LET SPRING BEGIN |
| 91 | HIGHLAND LANDSCAPE |

Exhibits must not be larger than postcard size and mounted on plain white card 20cm x 18cm

Prizes:	1 st £2.00	2 nd £1.20	3 rd £0.80
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JUDGES FOR 2025

BULBS	CUT FLOWERS	FLORAL ART	JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS	PHOTOGRAPHY
Mr. W. Copland Portsoy	Mr. B. McLeod Meigle	Mrs. F. Sharp Turriff	Mrs. J. Scott Newtonhill	Mrs. V. Walker Tornaveen

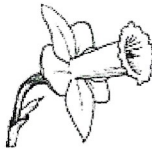
The Directors of the Society would like to record their appreciation of the valuable services the Judges carry out during the show.

HORTICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION

DIVISION 1

TRUMPET DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

One flower to a stem; corona ("trumpet") as long as, or longer than the perianth segments ("petals")



DIVISION 2

LARGE-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

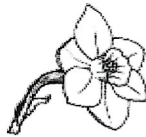
One flower to a stem; corona ("cup") more than one-third, but less than equal to the length of the perianth segments ("petals")



DIVISION 3

SMALL-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

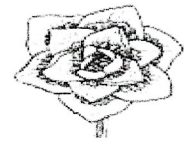
One flower to a stem; corona ("cup") not more than one-third the length of the perianth segments ("petals")



DIVISION 4

DOUBLE DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

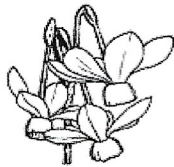
One or more flowers to a stem, with doubling of the perianth segments or the corona or both



DIVISION 5

TRIANDRUS DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

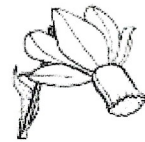
Characteristics of *N. triandrus* clearly evident: usually two or more pendent flowers to a stem; perianth segments reflexed



DIVISION 6

CYCLAMINEUS DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

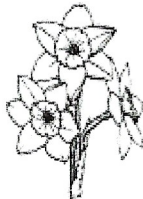
Characteristics of *N. cyclamineus* clearly evident: one flower to a stem; perianth segments significantly reflexed; flower at an acute angle to the stem, with a very short pedicel ("neck")



DIVISION 7

JONQUILLA AND APODANTHUS DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

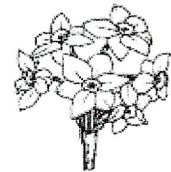
Characteristics of Sections Jonquilla or Apodanthus clearly evident: one to five (rarely eight) flowers to a stem; perianth segments spreading or reflexed; corona cup-shaped, funnel-shaped or flared, usually wider than long; flowers usually fragrant



DIVISION 8

TAZETTA DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

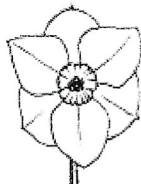
Characteristics of Section Tazettae clearly evident: usually three to twenty flowers to a stout stem; perianth segments spreading not reflexed; flowers usually fragrant



DIVISION 9

POETICUS DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

Characteristics of the *N. poeticus* group: usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments pure white; corona very short or disc-shaped, usually with a green and/or yellow centre and a red rim, but sometimes of a single colour; flowers usually fragrant



DIVISION 10

BULBODIUM DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

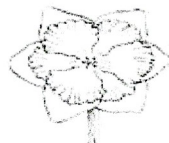
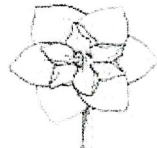
Characteristics of Section Bulbodium clearly evident: usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments insignificant compared with the dominant corona; anthers dorsifixed (ie attached more or less centrally to the filament); filament and style usually curved



DIVISION 11

SPLIT-CORONA DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

Corona split - usually for more than half its length a) Collar Daffodils Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments opposite the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in two whorls of three b) Papillon Daffodils Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments alternate to the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in a single whorl of six



DIVISION 12

OTHER DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

Daffodil cultivars which do not fit the definition of any other division

DIVISION 13

DAFFODILS DISTINGUISHED SOLELY BY BOTANICAL NAME

1. Exhibit according to schedule e.g. Correct variety and number of bulbs
2. Neat Staking.
3. Strong upstanding stems and foliage.

4. No bleaching of foliage base
5. Fresh Flowers, no fading of colour or shrivelling of florets or petals.
6. Containers of suitable size and type.