

ROEHAMPTON GARDEN SOCIETY

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Summer Show Special

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The Centenary Summer Show

was held on Sunday 19th June at Site 2.

The 1922-RGS-2022 banner shown above was made by Jenny Cobb, pictured on the left.

Despite the gazebos having to be held down with bags of Country Natural to save them from being blown away by the wind, the weather was kind and stayed dry for us.

To celebrate the 100 years of the allotment's existence the magnificent cakes below were made individually by Ali Linton, Helen Finch and Vivien Fowler, representing flower, fruits and vegetables.



Our president and Putney MP Fleur Anderson came along to cut the cake and partake in the auction.

The delicious cakes were sliced and distributed for all to devour.



At the end of this bulletin is an obituary for George Scandrett, show judge extraordinaire, from whom I learnt a lot.

Carol Martinez, Show Chair.

Section A – Flowers

1. Vase containing 1 HT rose, any colour

First – Mariangela Renshaw

2. The most beautiful / fragrant rose in the garden. Judged by visitors to the show



First – Sheila Konig – also best flower in show.

Sheila's rose was the beautiful apricot coloured one in the middle of the back row.



Sheila receiving her £5 prize from Fleur



Lots of people took part in the voting for the best rose.

3. Vase of multiflora roses, 3 stems of any variety

First – Helen Finch

4. Bowl of any number of roses arranged for all-round effect.

First – Mariangela Renshaw

5. Vase of 6 stems of sweet peas, any 1 variety.

First – Robert & Ali Linton

6. Vase of 12 stems of sweet peas, can be mixed varieties

First – Rob & Ali Linton



Rob's sweet peas growing on Site 3.

7. A vase of pansies or violas with own foliage, not more than 12 stems

First – Carol Martinez

- 8. Vase of cut flowers, 3 or more kinds, any foliage, arranged for all-round effect.

First – Mariangela Renshaw



- 9. Arrangement in a goblet or flowers and / or leaves

First – Vivien Fowler

- 10. Vase of perennial flowers of any one kind

Joint First – Raj Patel & Sally Harvey

- 11. A miniature flower arrangement in a vessel measuring no more than 5x5 cm

First – Mariangela Renshaw



- 12. My favourite Pot Plant

First – Raj Patel

Section B - Vegetables

- 13. 3 asparagus spears

First – Carol Martinez

- 14. 6 pods of broad beans

First – Sally Harvey

- 15. 12 pods of peas

First – Liz Smart



Liz's peas growing on Site 3.

- 16. 12 pods of mangetout or sugar snap.

First – Sally Harvey



17. 2 courgettes, any colour or shape

First – Harriet Hobson

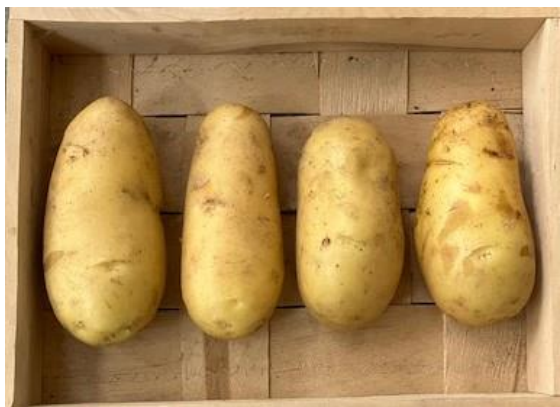


Harriet, proud of her winning courgettes



18. 4 potatoes of any one variety

First – Vivien Fowler



19a). 3 garlic bulbs

First – Julie Hadingham



Julie was very pleased to win first for her garlic.

19b). 3 Elephant garlic

No first prize

20. 3 sticks of rhubarb, (natural)

First – Jenny Gorle



21. 3 different herbs in small bunches

First – Sally Harvey



22. 3 onions, autumn sown, as dug, unwashed and with roots and tops intact

No first prize

23. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad.

First – Sally Harvey

24. Any other vegetable not listed above

First – Carol Martinez (Cauliflower)



25. One specimen each of 1 flower, 1 fruit and 1 vegetable

First – Carol Martinez

26. Any one fruit, vegetable or plant you are proud to display

**Joint First – Raj Patel – Chili Plant
Carol Martinez – Begonia**



Raj with his sensational chili plant

Section C - Fruit

All fruit to be displayed at their best on a small plate so that each individual fruit can be seen

27. 15 gooseberries

First – Sally Harvey



28. 15 raspberries, with calyx

No first prize

29. 12 strawberries, with calyx

First – Carol Martinez

30. Any other fruit

First – Sheila Konig -Loganberries



The soft fruit exhibits – raspberries, strawberries and any other fruit which were loganberries

Section D – Novices - For members who have not previously won first prize for any horticultural exhibit

31. Vase of 3 stems of roses – any one variety
No entries

32. A display of vegetables

**Joint First – Kate Pugh – Fennel
Beverly & Brian Brodie – Beetroot**



33. A display of fruit
No entries

Section E – Cookery

34. 8 cupcakes with a summer theme. Judged by visitors to the show

First – Sylvie Wilcox



Sylvie with Fleur and her cup- cakes, judged by visitors to be the best.



The produce stall at the end of the day with David in the background leading our popular auction of exhibits

Obituary – George Scandrett

Some of the long standing RGS members will remember George Scandrett. We have just learned that he passed away last summer. In his day he had been a very active member of the RGS serving on the committee for some years and latterly he judged the flowers, fruit and vegetables at the RGS shows. For these contributions over a long period he was awarded Life Membership. Over the last few years as age caught up with him, he withdrew from any RGS duties and activities. Here is an obituary from Shirley Gillbe who knew George well.

Helen Finch (Chair of RGS)

There are a small number of individuals to whom the current membership of the RGS owes a debt of thanks and one of those is George Scandrett.

George has been involved with the Society since the heady days of the 60s and 70s when the AGM was a dinner dance at Dryburgh Hall and the profile of gardening in general, and allotments in particular, was high.

But then the dark days came. Interest waned, plots lay empty, and the largest allotment site was turned into Newnes Path. George, together with a few other committed members, kept the Society going. Shows were held and plots were worked, and the Society survived. Today there is a waiting list for allotments and the Society is healthy and wealthy. Thank you, George.

George was a superb gardener. A man of forthright views who didn't much like change (whilst accepting its inevitability), he served on the RGS Committee for decades. And he was generous with his horticultural expertise. As the judge at our shows over many years he was always there at staging to help both the inexperienced and experienced (who could some-times be a little big for their gardening boots) with humour and humility. And his ham sandwiches, provided for the Show workers' lunch, were the stuff of legend, still talked of fondly today.

A great family man, George was also a 'bikey'. He rode a wonderful bike and sidecar combo and only gave up quite recently when his health forced him to do so. He was also a great animal lover and had a pet west highland terrier that frequently accompanied him on his summer watering visits to Site 2.

So thank you from me, Mr Scandrett, for your company, help and support over the years. And from the Roehampton Garden Society for all that you did to keep it going.

Shirley Gillbe