

Guidance for entrants to the RGS Shows

Decide now that you will enter at least one exhibit in each Show!

1. Study the rules set out here carefully.
2. Be sure that your entry is exactly as required by the class concerned, e.g., '12 peas -' - 11 or 13 would disqualify your entry.
3. Aim to produce a balanced entry, e.g., 'vase of 3 roses' - avoid 1 large bloom with 2 small blooms; a vase of identical triplets is the ideal. Likewise try to find identical quintuplets when showing '5 potatoes', etc.
4. If you have any queries, or need advice, ask members of the Committee who are at the Store every Sunday between 10 am and 12 noon and who will be at the show from 09.30.
5. In the Cookery classes, please note that presentation is important: the following must be adhered to or the entry may be disqualified:

Produce in jars - the lids must be loosened before putting on show, must be filled to the top and labelled e.g., 'Blackberry Jam'

Where possible choose a dish that is meant to be eaten cold, because it makes the judging fairer

All entries must be covered

A list of ingredients must accompany every entry

6. Salad vegetable (from the RHS show handbook)

"A vegetable used in either a raw or cooked state and served in salads as a cold dish. The following examples are kinds that may be used for horticultural show purposes: beetroot, cabbages, carrots, celeriac, celery, chicory, chives, corn salad, lamb's lettuce, cress, cucumber, dandelion, endive, Florence fennel, kohlrabi, lettuces, onions, oriental brassicas, potatoes, radishes, sweet peppers, tomatoes, turnips and watercress".

7. Sweet Corn: leave a stump at the base, cut cleanly about an inch and a half long. When at the show, peel back around a quarter of the leaves in a strip, so as to show off the well pollinated straight lines of kernels
8. Garlic: Well shaped, solid, clean, well ripened bulbs with thin necks, with dried stem of approximately 25mm.
9. Onions: Trim the brown stems, fold over and tie with raffia.
10. Rhubarb: Do not cut the base but trim the leaves leaving around 7-8 cm of leaf at the top

Method of entry

Exhibitors are requested to enter for each show separately. Entries are to be made only at the Hall on the morning of the Show between 09.30 am and 11.30 am.

Staging

All exhibits are to be staged between 9.30 am and 12.15 on the day of the Show.

Wherever possible give the name of the variety with each exhibit.

All exhibits should be removed between 4.00 pm and 4.15 pm on the day of the Show (not earlier - see rule 13), or it will be assumed they are donations for the auction.

Be careful!

Please study the rules governing entry to the Society's shows.

Failure to follow the rules and regulations will result in disqualification.

Metric measurements have been used throughout