

### **Entry form**

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Email .....

Circle the classes you wish to enter.

Flowers      01      02      03      04      05      06      07      08

Fruit          21      22      23      24      25

Vegetables   41      42      43      44      45      46      47

Total number of entries .....

Free for members and children.

Non-members £1 total, payable at set-up on Saturday morning.

**I agree to abide by the rules**

Signature .....

Return this form to: Gina Hewitt, 49, Westway Gardens, Merstham  
Surrey RH1 2JB

**by 7pm Thursday 29th August.**

Telephone 01737 772201

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**Merstham Horticultural Society**

Est. 1904

## **Autumn Show Schedule**



**Saturday 31st August 2019**

**Staging 10:30 to 11:30am**

**Merstham Community Hub**

**2A Portland Drive**

**Merstham, RH1 3HY**

### **Show rules**

1. Judging will be according to RHS rules.
2. Exhibitors do not need to be a member of the society.
3. No exhibitor shall make more than one entry in the same class.
4. The cultivation of all exhibits must have taken place in the garden or allotment of the exhibitor and must be entirely that of the exhibitor.
5. Exhibits should be named.
6. Whilst taking every possible care of exhibits the committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
7. The committee reserve to themselves the right to decline to accept any entry.
8. Society vases (SV) will be provided for classes 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 47.
9. Paper plates are provided for classes 21 to 25 and 41 to 47.
10. In fruit and vegetable classes mixed cultivars (varieties) are not permitted.

### **Show timetable**

- ♦ Entry forms should be with the show secretary by 7pm on Thursday 29th August. Late entries **can** be made on the 31st August but **only** with the agreement of the Show secretary and by 10.30am.
- ♦ Hall opens at 10.30am for exhibitors. Entry cards must be placed with exhibits in the appropriate classes.
- ♦ Exhibits to be staged by 11.30am.
- ♦ Judging commences at 11.35am and no exhibitors shall be present.
- ♦ Show opens to the public for viewing at 1pm.
- ♦ Presentation of prizes, trophies and drawing of the raffle at 2.45pm.
- ♦ Show closes at 3pm. Exhibits must be removed between 3.10pm and 3.25pm.

### **Flower section**

*Banksian medal for the most points in horticultural classes.*

*Woodhouse Shield for the child with the most points in all classes.*

*Dr Weir award for the best flower exhibit.*

1. One specimen rose. (SV)
2. Three roses, mixed colours allowed. (SV)
3. One pot plant up to 150mm.
4. One pot geranium / pelargonium.
5. One fuchsia bush.
6. Three dahlia blooms. (SV)
7. Three chrysanthemum blooms. (SV)
8. One vase of garden flowers. (SV)

Note: One or more cultivars can be shown in each flower class.

### **Fruit section**

*Len Kingston Memorial Shield for the best fruit exhibit.*

21. Three dessert apples.
22. Three cooking apples.
23. Three pears.
24. One dish of nine berries.
25. Any other fruit – minimum of two.

### **Vegetable section**

*Charles Walters Memorial Shield for the best vegetable exhibit.*

41. Seven runner beans.
42. Three carrots.
43. Three courgettes.
44. Three onions 250g or under.
45. Four potatoes.
46. Four medium tomatoes.
47. Any other veg; two large or five small.



### **Officers / committee**

Chairman: Mr Dave Pilgrim— 01342 841761

Secretary: Mrs Elaine Williams—(01737) 210609

Treasurer: Mr Brian Williams —(01737) 210609

Show secretary: Gina Hewitt = (01737) 772201

Committee: Pam Cooper, Gina Hewitt .

### **Membership**

Annual £16 - Visitors £3 per meeting

Meetings - 1st Monday of the month at 8pm

Canada Hall, Battlebridge Lane, Merstham, Redhill, RH1 3LH

### **2019/2020 programme**

2nd Sept 19 AGM

7th Oct 19 Steve Bradley — Winter in the Garden

4th Nov 19 Mrs Baralett — Christmas Decorations

2nd Dec 19 Christmas Social

6th Jan 20 Meeting at The Merstham Hub

3rd Feb 20 Mr G. Pattison - Herbaceous Borders & Colour

2nd Mar 20 Mr B. Newman -Year on the Allotment

6th Apr 20 Paul Patton - Growing for the Kitchen

9th May 20 Plant Sale

1st Jun 20 Mr N. Choat - Wild Surrey—Landscapes

6th July 20 John Negus - Shrubs of Distinction

### **Advice for exhibitors**

- ♦ Exhibits should be clean and free from pests, disease and blemish.
- ♦ Condition, uniformity, size, shape and colour are factors to aim for.
- ♦ Bring extra blooms and vegetables in case of damage.
- ♦ Flowers are best cut in the evening or early morning leaving the stems as long as possible.
- ♦ Each bloom should be clearly seen.
- ♦ Fruit should be staged symmetrically on plates.
- ♦ Handle all fruits as little and as gently as possible and by their stalks so that the natural bloom is not spoilt.
- ♦ Exhibit stone, top and soft fruit with stalks.
- ♦ Vegetables should be staged as attractively as possible on plates or direct on the table.
- ♦ Exhibit peas and beans with stalks in a line with the tail end facing the front.
- ♦ Wash clean any root vegetables leaving 75mm of foliage.
- ♦ Courgettes should be approx. 150mm in length and up to 35mm in diameter.
- ♦ Do not overdress onions, tie the tops with raffia.
- ♦ Select potato specimens between 200g and 250g with shallow eyes.
- ♦ Tomatoes should be ripe with firm, fresh calyces.

