

# The Horticultural Society of Canberra, Inc.

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## SCHEDULES FOR SHOWS 2023

*The Autumn Flower Show*

*4 – 5 March, 2023*

*The Spring Bulb and Camellia Show*

*16 – 1 September, 2023*

*The Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show*

*28 - 29 October, 2023*

*The Spring Exhibition and Rose show*

*11 – 12 November, 2023*

**IMPORTANT** Venues for this year's shows have not been finalised at the time of printing of this booklet. Details will be published on the Society's website [www.hsoc.org.au](http://www.hsoc.org.au) when they become available or by contacting The Honorary Show Secretary, Phone (02) 6251 2859 in the week prior to each show

### IMPORTANT ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

**Note:-** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that entries by email are received. Some late entries may be accepted from pre-registered exhibitors, at the discretion of the Show Secretary &/or Show Organiser (i.e. Time, space and manpower permitting).

**Entries close at 8 pm. on the Thursday before each Show with Honorary Show Secretary, David Ross, 4 Henry Street, Cook, ACT. Phone 62512859**

**Email**

**[davidross28@bigpond.com](mailto:davidross28@bigpond.com)**

**Or**

**Glenn Sheldrick,**

**Phone 0428380673 (M)**

The Hall will be open for the staging of exhibits on:-

Friday 5.00pm to 10.00pm

Saturday 7.30am to 10.00am

Other times by arrangement.

Exhibits in dahlia, daffodil, iris and rose championships (see notes on pages 6 & 25) must be staged by 9.00am on the first day of the Show.

All other exhibits should be staged by 10.00am on the first day of the Show and from that time the Hall will be under the control of the judges and officials.

Each show will be open to the public as follows:-

Saturday - 10am to 4.00pm

Sunday - 10am to 3.15pm

Exhibits must not be removed from the Hall until **3.15pm** on the **Sunday** and all exhibitors are responsible for the removal of their exhibits **at that time**.

Hall Clearance will commence at **3:30 pm sharp**.

**Please make alternative arrangements if you cannot be there at 3.15pm**

## GENERAL SHOW RULES

### Administration

1. Exhibits will be received only on the express condition that the exhibitor has agreed to abide and be bound by the Show rules of the Society. Entries will be judged according to the standards of the Horticultural Society of Canberra Inc, and the decision of the Judges and Council is final on all matters.
2. There are no entry fees.
3. Unless otherwise stated, prizes in all classes other than Floral Art will be –  
1st: \$2, 2nd: \$1.
4. Prize money won by the exhibitors must be collected on the Sunday before the show closes. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor and uncollected money will revert to the Society, unless other arrangements have been made.
5. All entries for competition, with the exception of exhibits in the Floral Art Sections, must, unless otherwise stated in this schedule, be the property of and grown by the exhibitor and/or his or her employees.
6. All trophies are to be held in the Canberra area unless the Society's Council decides otherwise.
7. Most Successful Exhibitor awards are made on the basis of: -  
1st-- 3 points, 2nd-- 2 points and 3rd/ HC-- 1 point.
8. Where any exhibit or class is to be point scored, score cards will be filled in and signed by the Judge/s and remain with each exhibit until closing on Sunday.
9. Judges decision: No second or subsequent prize will be awarded where less than three entries are staged unless the Judge decides that an exhibit is worthy of an award, but the Judge may withhold any award if an exhibit is considered unworthy.
10. Judges will normally be available for a short time after judging, for comments and advice.

### Exhibition

11. For parts of the schedules where there are separate progressive and/or novice sections, exhibitors who are listed as **Open** may only exhibit in the **Open** classes. Exhibitors who are listed as **Progressive** may only exhibit in the **Progressive** or **Open** classes. Lists of exhibitors in each of these groups are provided at the beginning on the relevant part of the schedule except for Floral Art where it is incorporated in the Special Rules (see page 4).  
Persons not listed therein are eligible to enter in any of **Novice**, **Progressive** or **Open** sections. Experienced visiting exhibitors will be expected to show their speciality/ies only in the **Open** classes. Where no list of exhibitors is provided, **Novice** classes are intended for inexperienced exhibitors only. Successful exhibitors may, at any time, be required to show in **Open** or **Progressive** classes as applicable.
12. Wiring of cut and specialist flower exhibits is not permitted.

13. Where the number of cuts or stems is specified they shall be taken as the number clearly visible at the top of the container.
14. Where the number of blooms is specified, buds showing colour shall count as blooms, except in Floral Art.
15. Green two-piece vases are available and exhibitors are to use them for both specialist and general flowers—where practicable, unless otherwise stated.
16. No packing or support material shall be visible above the container.
17. In seedling classes, blooms must be a new variety raised by the exhibitor, and not yet in commerce. Breeding should be indicated, if known.
18. Once an exhibit has been marked “N.A.S.”, no unit within that exhibit shall be eligible for any award.

### **Organisation**

19. All exhibits, personal property, etc., shall be at the risk of the exhibitors, and the Society shall not be liable for compensation for the loss or damage from any cause. Should a show not be held for any reason, no exhibitor shall have any claim on the Society. Exhibitors will be wholly responsible for any claim made by their employees or representatives.
20. For the benefit of visitors, it is most desirable that exhibits be identified (species and cultivar) if possible.
21. Any exhibit may be transferred to another position or class at the discretion of the Chief Steward/Judge – before judging.
22. Any exhibit showing signs of pest or disease may be removed at the discretion of the Chief Steward.
23. In order to maintain the high standard and spectacle of the shows, the Committee reserves the right to renew or remove any exhibit showing severe decline after judging. Replacements will be made, where possible, with similar material.

### **Orchid sections**

24. Plants entered in the Orchid sections shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the previous six months.
25. Exhibitors in the Orchid sections may use ferns and/or foliage to embellish exhibits. Such plants are not to be taken into consideration in judging.
26. Where orchids are exhibited as species the name used should indicate current usage. Growers are encouraged to take into account the ongoing revisions of the popular genera. Whilst no set guideline for nomenclature will be provided the revisions recognized in “What Orchid is That?” edited by Alec Pridgeon, and the Royal Horticultural Society Manual of Orchids are recommended. A complete set of ongoing Rules and Definitions is available from the Orchid Society of Canberra, Inc.
27. For further information contact Mark Fraser on 6287 1106 after 6 pm.

### **General Definitions**

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| <b>distinct</b> | means different cultivars or varieties |
| <b>nnd</b>      | means not necessarily distinct         |
| <b>cultivar</b> | means variety                          |

## **Special Rules and Information for Floral Art Exhibitors**

(please note also General Show Rules 1- 22)

| OPEN     |         | PROGRESSIVE |            |
|----------|---------|-------------|------------|
| R Bourke | D Hill  | K Coyle     | I Ottaway  |
| N Gamack | L Kwong | N Little    | R Rohrlach |
| J Gainey | C May   | E Marburg   |            |
|          | C Ryan  |             |            |

### **a) Classification of Floral Art exhibitors (see Show Rule 11)**

### **b) Exhibits must be the individual competitor's own work.**

### **c) Information**

Floral Art classes will be judged according to the Australian Floral Art Association, Inc. (AFAA) Manual. If exhibitors are in doubt about any part of this schedule it is strongly recommended that they phone Christine Ryan (02 6248 5862). The Australian Floral Art Association Inc (AFAA) Manual is readily available for perusal from Christine Ryan. For regular exhibitors, it is advisable to purchase the manual.

### **d) Unless otherwise stated:-**

1. An exhibit is made of plant material, with or without accessories.
2. No artificial plant material may be used.
3. Plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
4. Fresh plant material must be in in water or in water-retaining material unless such material remains turgid throughout the event .
5. Painted and/or artificially coloured plant material may be used.
6. Fresh plant material, unless it has lasting qualities, should be in water or water retaining material (wired work excepted).
7. Plant Material must predominate over all other components of the exhibit.
8. Competitors may use own drapes, bases, accessories and backing in stated staging areas but must attached them to any part of the room.
9. **Competitors are requested to ensure that no water damages the floor and that worksheets are used on the floor at all times during staging.**
10. Competitors must collect own debris and remove the same to designated disposal areas.
11. NO AEROSOL/SPRAY painting permitted in the venue or environs.
12. No photographs may be transmitted to electronic media prior to judging.
13. A design must not be changed in any way after it is judged.
14. Exhibits will be marked "Not According to Schedule" if they are out of the Class allotted space.
15. The bay space is 750mm, unless otherwise stated.
16. Prizes will be 1<sup>st</sup>: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$5 - unless otherwise stated.
17. **Children's Section** Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$3, 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$2. and each exhibitor will receive a gift donated by Flower Power.

**e) Definitions**

**ACCESSORIES:** Anything added to an arrangement/design to assist in presentation of its planned order of the elements according to the principles of design.

**CONTEMPORARY DESIGNS** are European influenced and incorporate the leading trends, e.g. Pinning, Gluing, Weaving, etc. Decorative mechanics are displayed.

**DESIGN:** The planned order of the elements, according to the principles of design. A design may include one container or more, and may include background or base.

**DESIGN ELEMENTS:** Space, line, form, pattern, texture, colour.

**DESIGN PRINCIPLES:** Balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion, scale.

**TRADITIONAL DESIGN:** Designs developed from the late 1940's onward. Most of these designs radiate from a central area. There are 3 main types - Massed, Massed Line and Line. Refer to A.F.A.A. Manual pages 37 to 45.

**MODERN DESIGNS** refer to the 20th Century. Materials are used in a well defined manner. Depth and space are a vital part of the design. Containers, if used, should be compatible.

**PLANT MATERIAL:** Any part of cultivated, uncultivated and marine plants, fresh or dried.

**EUROPEAN INFLUENCE:** Design styles originating in various European countries each with their own particular approach to design.