**National Dahlia Society Virtual Dahlia Show 2**

 Show closing date 25th September 2020

Only one entry per exhibitor per class except where specified

**All photographs must be taken between 16th and 25th September 2020 and include a card clearly indicating the date on which they were taken.** Please read all the rules before taking your photographs

Schedule

Class 1. One bloom Giant Decorative Dahlia - over 260mm . Up to 2 entries per exhibitor allowed

Class 2. One bloom Giant Cactus/Semi-Cactus Dahlia – over 260mm. Up to 2 entries per exhibitor allowed

Class 3. One bloom Large Decorative Dahlia - 200mm – 260mm. Up to 2 entries per exhibitor allowed

Class 4. One bloom Large Cactus/Semi-Cactus Dahlia – 200mm-260mm. Up to 2 entries per exhibitor allowed

Class 5 . Any three blooms of Medium Decorative Dahlias in one vase - 150mm -220mm

Class 6. Any three blooms of Medium Cactus/Semi-Cactus Dahlias in one vase – 150mm-220mm

Class 7. Any three blooms of Small Decorative or Small Ball Dahlias in one vase. 100mm- 170mm

Class 8. Any three blooms of Small Cactus or Semi- Cactus Dahlias in one vase. 100mm -170mm

Class 9. Any three blooms of Miniature Decorative/Ball Dahlias in one vase. Max. 115mm

Class 10. Any three blooms of Miniature Cactus/Semi -Cactus Dahlias in one vase. Max 115mm

Class 11. Any three blooms of Fimbriated Dahlias In one vase

Class 12. One bloom Fimbriated Dahlia

Class 13. Any three blooms of Waterlily Dahlias in one vase

Class 14. Any three blooms of any other type of dahlia in one vase (eg.Collerette, Star, Single.)

Class 15. Any three blooms of Pompon Dahlias, 50mm - 55mm ***or*** three Large Pompon Dahlias, in one vase. 50mm - 83mm .

Class 16. Seedlings. Any one bloom grown from seed judged for potential. Up to two entries per exhibitor allowed in this class

Class 17. One dahlia bloom, photo to be taken on the growing plant. More than one bloom may be in the photo but the best bloom will be judged

Class 18. An informal arrangement of dahlias in any container, for decorative effect, with any foliage

Class19. A container grown dahlia plant in bloom

Class 20. Best use of dahlias in a garden display. May also include other plants.

Class 21. A photo of anything else dahlia related.

**The best three entries in classes 18, 19, 20 and 21 will be judged and whittled down to three by our judges and posted on the NDS Facebook page. The winners will be decided by the amounts of likes they get on the Facebook page. The results will be announced on 28th/29th September 2020**

**To enter the show**

Entries may be submitted any time before 5pm Friday 25th September .

One entry per class except where specified - varieties to be named as far as possible. Any number of classes may be entered.

Entry fee a minimum of £5 donation purchased on the National Dahlia Society website page. [www.dahlia-nds.co.uk](http://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk) Please use a credit card if possible.

**On receipt of your entry you will be issued with a number. Do not email your entries before you have confirmation and your exhibitor’s number. This is not an automatic process so please allow time for us to send your number.**

**All photographs must include a card clearly indicating the date on which they were taken**

 **Email photographs to:-** **virtualshow2@outlook.com** **stating which class you are entering, variety name if known and your Exhibitor’s number.**

**A few hints/rules on taking your photographs**

* **Use portrait not landscape mode**
* **Photograph against a plain background**
* **To help light your entry, light is best in front not the back**
* **No editing whatsoever except for cropping the photo**
* **Please make sure your entries are in the correct class for a fair judging. If in any doubt the show team will use their discretion**
* **No artificial support should be used**
* **Late entries will not be accepted**
* **Judges’ decision final**
* **There is no cash prize in lieu of vouchers**

The winners will be announced on 28/29th September 2020

All exhibitors will be able to down load a certificate of participation, winners will receive prize cards by post. Prizes sponsored by Halls of Heddon.

Some useful definitions.

A Decorative Dahlia is one that is fully double i.e. with no open centre showing and with generally broad and flat petals.

A Ball Dahlia is fully double, ball-shaped with petals rounded at the tips.

A Cactus Dahlia is fully double with pointed petals, furling for most of their length; semi –cactus petals are slightly less furled.

A Waterlily Dahlia is fully double and the petals are broad and slightly turning in giving a shallow saucer-like appearance.

Pompons are fully double with involuted petals conforming to the sizes given in the above schedule