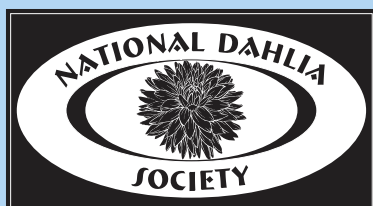


THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY
NATIONAL SHOW



SCHEDULE 2025
2ND TO 4TH SEPTEMBER

Held in conjunction with
RHS WISLEY FLOWER SHOW
2ND TO 7TH SEPTEMBER
WOKING, SURREY, GU23 6QB

**RHS GARDEN WISLEY
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An update to directions and the roadworks will be published in the
NDS Annual 2025 and also
sent out in the exhibitors pack.



The National Dahlia Society
would like to thank
The RHS Wisley Flower Show
for kindly hosting the 2025 National Show

CLASSIFICATIONS AND SUB GROUPS

There are 15 classifications in the Classified Directory. Classification is the form of the flower eg. Cactus, Semi-Cactus, Decorative, Ball, Pom, Waterlily Fimbriated, Collerette, star etc. A Sub Group is the size of the bloom within that classification eg Miniature, Small, Medium, Large, Giant.

REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

1. All entries must be made either via the National Dahlia Society website or by post to The General Secretary 'Woodside', Warwick Road, Chadwick End, Solihull, West Midlands, B93 0BP. Intending exhibitors must state the entry form the classes in which they intend to exhibit, and all such entries must reach the General Secretary by the date specified. All entries must be accompanied by a non--returnable Administration Fee, as detailed on the entry form.
2. An Exhibitor's Number will be sent with an acknowledgement of receipt of entries. If this has not been received two days before the show, to telephone the General Secretary on 07549 662265 for verbal confirmation of Exhibitor Number.
3. Late entries may be accepted, at the discretion of the Show Manager or Overnight Steward, if space permits but not for Division A or B.
4. Only paid up members of the National Dahlia Society may exhibit at this show.
5. All dahlias exhibited in competition must be grown by the exhibitor, except in Floral Decoration and Seedling classes.
6. Two or more members may exhibit from the same garden or piece of land provided that they do not exhibit in the same class.
7. Members and Affiliated Societies may not enter more than once per class except where otherwise stated in the schedule.
8. All exhibits should be named, except those in seedling classes. Cultivar cards for exhibits in seedling classes must be left in the sealed envelope provided, to be opened and displayed on the exhibit after judging.
9. The names of the cultivars entered should also be written on the reverse of the entry card in the spaces provided. Cultivar cards and plastic card holders are provided.
10. Vases and baskets are supplied by the NDS.
11. Exhibits are to be staged as indicated by Class Number.
12. No exhibitor may interfere in any way with exhibits, which are not his or her own without the permission of the Show Manager. Failure to comply with this rule will render the exhibitor liable to disqualification.
13. Exhibitors may commence staging after 5.00pm, vehicles can only be brought on site from 6.00pm, on the day preceeding the exhibition and all exhibits must be ready by 7:30am, all vehicles must be off site by 7.30am on the morning of the exhibition.

Persons under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult in the marquee while judging is in progress.

Judges to meet for briefing at 8.00am, judging to commence at 8:15am. The marquee will be closed to the public until 12 noon while judging is in progress.
14. The decision of the judges, in respect of the relative merits of the exhibits, shall be final. Protests on any other matter concerning an exhibit must be reported to the Show Manager, the Chairman of the Judging Committee or the Chairman of the Show Committee.

15. All Exhibitors must adhere to the Rules laid out in 36th Edition. Where a member has been reported of using internal support of blooms, the matter will be dealt with by the Show Committee. On the reports being confirmed the member shall automatically be banned from exhibiting at shows organised by the National Dahlia Society for one year from the 1st of January of the following year. The Show Committee shall submit a report to the first following meeting of the Executive Council.
16. The judges have the right to withhold any prize where the exhibit(s) is considered unworthy of the award. Highly Commended cards may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
17. Winners of perpetual trophies are required to sign a receipt and arrange for their return to the General Secretary's address by 30th June following, to allow time for their engraving prior to the next year's show.
18. Trophies at the show only 'The Herbert Brown Perpetual Challenge Cup', The 'J W Montague Cup', The 'D B Crane Cup' and The 'Terry Clarke Perpetual Challenge Cup' will be presented at 2.00pm on the first day of the show. Winners of other Trophies are requested to make arrangements with the General Secretary for receipt of their Trophies.
19. ALL FLORAL FOAM IS BANNED FROM USE. Only the use of Newspaper, Dahlia Stalks, Moss, wooden sticks, FibreFloral, Agrawool, or other compostable staging material allowed to stage flowers. Any vases found containing plastic containing oasis could result in vases being NAS and the exhibitor being banned from future shows at Wisley.
20. All exhibits, whether competitive or non-competitive, personal property, etc., will be at the risk of the Exhibitor, and the National Dahlia Society will not be liable for compensation for loss or damage by theft, fire or accident, water or any other cause whatsoever. Exhibitors will be wholly responsible for any claim by their employees under any Act of Parliament, Regulation of Common Law or otherwise.
21. Exhibitors and Judges are requested to read carefully the 36th Edition Classified Directory Please note there are changes to some classes and numbering so please read your Schedule carefully when making your show entries.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR EXHIBITORS, JUDGES and STEWARDS

- A. All exhibitors are respectfully reminded to clear the staging tables of plant and staging material.. Spare blooms of a saleable condition will be greatly appreciated by the NDS and Show Committee and can be put in the buckets provided,
- B. Exhibitors are advised to refer to the current "Classified Directory, Judging Rules & Exhibitors Guide" 36th Edition. The Show Manager or Deputy Manager will be in attendance from 4.00pm on the day prior to the show. Reference should be made to him or her for information, direction or advice as and when required.
- C. Exhibitors Entry Gate: Monday 1st September, please note Exhibitors only may access the gardens as pedestrians via Company of Cooks Gate from 5pm. Vehicle access via Company of Cooks Gate from 6pm. Please show passes at the gate. After unloading blooms please move vehicle to Car Park 3. All exhibitors and helpers will require an exhibitor pass to gain entry to the garden.
- D. The Office is out of bounds while results are being processed.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

DIVISION A: CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES: CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

Class A1 The “HERBERT BROWN” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Presented by the late Mr J Brown. (Open only to Societies affiliated to the National Dahlia Society).

No one variety to be used for more than one classification sub-group.

Five classes of dahlias comprising:

Three blooms GIANT and/or LARGE DECORATIVE

Three blooms GIANT and/or LARGE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS

Together with any three sub-groups from the following:

- (a) One vase, three blooms MEDIUM DECORATIVE
- (b) One vase, three blooms MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS
- (c) One vase, three blooms FIMBRIATED
- (d) One vase, five blooms SMALL DECORATIVE
- (e) One vase, five blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE
- (f) One vase, five blooms SMALL CACTUS OR SEMI-CACTUS
- (g) One vase, five blooms MINIATURE CACTUS OR SEMI-CACTUS
- (h) One vase, five blooms SMALL BALL
- (i) One vase, five blooms MINIATURE BALL
- (j) One vase, six blooms POMPON or five blooms LARGE POMPON
- (k) One vase, five blooms ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATION

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

The entry administration fee will not apply to this class.

Class A2 The “TERRY CLARKE” Perpetual Challenge Cup The Individual Championship

Presented by the late Mr T Clarke. (Class only open to those who do not have an exhibit staged in Class B1 ‘The Wisley Challenge’.)

No one variety to be used for more than one classification sub-group
Three blooms GIANT and/or LARGE (if using GIANT or LARGE they can be staged in three vases, but will count as 1 vase).

Together with any four categories from the following (no category to be used more than once and all vases to contain one distinct cultivar only):

- (a) One vase, three blooms Medium Decorative
- (b) One vase, three blooms Medium Cactus or Semi-Cactus
- (c) One vase, three blooms Fimbriated
- (d) One vase, five blooms, Small Decorative
- (e) One vase, five blooms, Small Cactus or Semi-Cactus
- (f) One vase, five blooms, Miniature Decorative
- (g) One vase, five blooms Miniature Cactus or Semi-Cactus
- (h) One vase, five blooms, Small Ball
- (i) One vase, five blooms, Miniature Ball
- (j) One vase, six blooms Pompon or five blooms Large Pompon
- (k) One vase, five blooms, any other classification

First Place: Society's Silver Medal
Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place: Prize Card

Class A3 The “A T BARNES” Perpetual Challenge Trophy Giant Decorative Championship

Presented by the Late Mr A T Barnes

Twelve blooms, twelve distinct cultivars, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place: Society's Silver Medal
Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place: Prize Card

Class A4 The “STUART OGG” Challenge Cup Large Decorative Championship

Presented by the Late Mr Stuart Ogg VMH

Six blooms not less than three distinct cultivars, in two vases, 3 blooms in each vase.

First Place: Society's Silver Medal
Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A5 The “STEPHEN TRESEDER” Perpetual Challenge Cup
Medium Decorative Championship**

Presented by Stephen Treseder & Son Ltd.

MEDIUM DECORATIVE, three distinct cultivars, three blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

**Class A6 The “CHARLES S M MEDLEN” Perpetual Challenge Cup
Small Decorative Championship**

Presented by Interdahlia Ltd.

SMALL DECORATIVE, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

**Class A7 The ‘DON BRAUN’ Perpetual Challenge Cup
Miniature Decorative Championship**

Presented by the Executive Council

MINIATURE DECORATIVE, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

**Class A8 The “VINCENT F PARKER” Perpetual Challenge Cup
Giant Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Championship**

Presented by Mr Vincent Parker

GIANT CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS, six blooms, each bloom in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

**Class A9 The “SILVERHILL” Challenge Shield
Large Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Championship**

Presented by the late Mr W J Schollar MBE

LARGE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS, six blooms not less than four distinct cultivars, in two vases.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A10 The “F. W. ALESWORTH” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Small Semi-Cactus Championship

SMALL SEMI-CACTUS, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A11 The “CLARA LAWSON BROWN” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Medium Semi-Cactus Championship

Presented by Messrs Brown & Such Ltd.

MEDIUM SEMI-CACTUS, three clearly distinct cultivars, three blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A12 The “HARRY JAMES” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Small Ball Championship

Presented by Mr Harry M James

SMALL BALL, three vases, two or more distinct cultivars, five blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A13 The “FRED OSCROFT” Cup

Miniature Ball Championship

Presented by the late Mr F Oscroft

MINIATURE BALL, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A14 The WESTON TROPHY

Miniature Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Championship

Presented by the late Mr Tom McClelland

MINIATURE CACTUS and/or SEMI CACTUS, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A15 The “E J WIDDOWSON” Perpetual Challenge Trophy Pompon Championship

Presented by Mr E J Widdowson

POMPON (max 55mm) nine vases, not less than six distinct cultivars, one cultivar per vase, six blooms in each vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A16 The “ALBERT BROWN” Memorial Cup Collerette and/or Star Championship

Presented by Mr A Brown

COLLERETTE and/or STAR, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A17 The “JACK KINNS” Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy Waterlily Championship

WATERLILY, three distinct cultivars, five blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A18 The “Mrs A T BARNES” Cup Fimbriated Championship

FIMBRIATED, three distinct cultivars, three blooms of each, each cultivar in one vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A19 LARGE POMPON CHAMPIONSHIP Large Pompon Championship

Three vases, five blooms each vase, two or more varieties.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class A20 “VIVIENNE DALE MEMORIAL” Perpetual Challenge Cup Small Cactus Championship

Presented by the late Mr T Dale

Three vases, five blooms each vase, at least two varieties, one variety per vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

DIVISION B: TROPHY CLASSES

Class B1 ‘THE WISLEY CHALLENGE’

(This class open only to those who do not have an exhibit staged in Class A2)

Four vases of three blooms with at least one vase that must contain a MEDIUM or LARGE or GIANT cultivars. The exhibit must contain at least two classifications and each vase must contain a different sub-group.

(GIANT or LARGE can be staged in three vases, but will count as 1 vase).

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class B2 The “ARTHUR GRIFFITHS” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Presented by the late Mr Arthur Griffiths OBE

POMPON (55mm), two vases, each of six blooms, one cultivar in each vase.

Together with four vases, 4 distinct varieties from the following:

No more than two vases from each section

- (a) SMALL and/or MINIATURE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS, five blooms of one cultivar in each vase.
- (b) SMALL and/or MINIATURE DECORATIVE, five blooms of one cultivar in each vase.
- (c) SMALL and/or MINIATURE BALL, five blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class B3 The SOCIETY CHALLENGE

(This class is open only to Societies affiliated to the National Dahlia Society who do not have an exhibit staged in Class A1).

No one variety to be used for more than one classification sub-group

Any three different categories from the following:

- (a) Three blooms GIANT and/or LARGE
- (b) One vase, three blooms MEDIUM DECORATIVE
- (c) One vase, three blooms MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS
- (d) One vase, three blooms FIMBRIATED
- (e) One vase, five blooms SMALL DECORATIVE
- (f) One vase, five blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE
- (g) One vase, five blooms SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS
- (h) One vase, five blooms MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS
- (i) One vase, five blooms SMALL BALL
- (j) One vase, five blooms MINIATURE BALL
- (k) One vase, six blooms POMPON or five blooms LARGE POMPON
- (l) One vase, five blooms ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATION

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

The entry administration fee will not apply to this class.

Class B4: The 'TED COLLINS MEMORIAL'

Three Vases from the following:

To consist of: One vase Three blooms Fimbriated

Together with any two categories from the following:

No one category to be used more than once, and all vases to contain one distinct cultivar:

Three blooms MEDIUM

Five blooms SMALL

Five blooms MINIATURE

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

Class B5 Three Vase Cactus/Semi-Cactus Challenge

Three vases from the following: No category or cultivar to be used more than once, and all vases to contain one distinct cultivar.

One vase three blooms LARGE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

One vase three blooms MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

One vase five blooms SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

One vase five blooms MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

Class B6 'NORMAN LEWIS MEMORIAL CUP'

Three vases from the following:

Each vase to contain a distinct cultivar, no category or cultivar to be used more than once:

Three blooms LARGE DECORATIVE

Three blooms MEDIUM DECORATIVE

Five blooms SMALL DECORATIVE

Five blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

Class B7 "HARRY STREDWICK" Perpetual Challenge Cup

Three-vase class consisting of five blooms each vase, three distinct cultivars each cultivar in one vase, comprising:

Five blooms MINIATURE BALL

Five blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE

Five blooms MINIATURE CACTUS and/or SEMI CACTUS

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

Class B8 The "DAVE SPENCER" Cup

The Small Ball, Miniature Ball and Pompon Championship

Presented by Mr David Spencer

No one variety to be used for more than one classification sub-group

Three vases, three distinct cultivars, each cultivar in one vase, comprising:

Five blooms SMALL BALL

Five blooms MINIATURE BALL

Six blooms POMPON or 5 LARGE POMPON

First Place: Society's Silver Medal

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal

Third Place: Prize Card

Class B9 The “FRED FULLER” Perpetual Trophy

Presented by the West Wiltshire Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society

POMPON (max 55mm), six vases, six blooms each vase, not less than three varieties

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class B10 The “MAURICE LORD” Challenge Cup

Presented by Mr Maurice Lord

GIANT and/or LARGE DECORATIVE, nine blooms, not less than eight distinct cultivars, one bloom per vase.

Not more than two blooms of any one cultivar to be used

First Place:	Society's Silver Medal
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Prize Card

Class B11 The ‘ALFIE LAWES MEMORIAL’

Six blooms GIANT DECORATIVE one bloom in each vase

First Place:	Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate
Second Place:	Society's Bronze Medal Certificate only
Third Place:	Prize Card

DIVISION C: SMALL GROWERS CLASSES

Class C1 The UNDER 100 PLANTS CHALLENGE

Open only for those who grow less than 100 plants in total

Three vases, three distinct classifications sub-groups, each classification in one vase, any variety or varieties, from the list below:

- (a) Three blooms LARGE, DECORATIVE or CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, in one vase
- (b) Three blooms MEDIUM DECORATIVE in one vase
- (c) Three blooms MEDIUM CACTUS, in one vase
- (d) Three blooms MEDIUM SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (e) Three blooms SMALL DECORATIVE in one vase
- (f) Three blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE in one vase
- (g) Three blooms SMALL CACTUS in one vase
- (h) Three blooms, MINIATURE CACTUS in one vase
- (i) Three blooms SMALL SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (j) Three blooms MINIATURE SEMI- CACTUS in one vase
- (k) Three blooms SMALL BALL in one vase
- (l) Three blooms, MINIATURE BALL in one vase
- (m) Six blooms POMPON (max 55mm) or three blooms LARGE POMPON (max 83mm) in one vase
- (n) Three blooms WATERLILY in one vase
- (o) Three blooms ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATION in one vase

First Place: Silver Medal

Second Place: Bronze Medal

Third Place: Bronze Card

Class C2 THE SMALL GROWERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Open only for those who grow less than 200 plants in total

Three vases, three distinct classifications sub-groups, each classification in one vase, any variety or varieties, from the list printed below:

- (a) Three blooms LARGE, DECORATIVE or CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, in one vase.
- (b) Three blooms MEDIUM DECORATIVE in one vase
- (c) Three blooms MEDIUM CACTUS in one vase
- (d) Three blooms MEDIUM SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (e) Five blooms SMALL DECORATIVE in one vase
- (f) Five blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE in one vase
- (g) Five blooms SMALL CACTUS in one vase
- (h) Five blooms MINIATURE CACTUS in one vase
- (i) Five blooms SMALL SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (j) Five blooms MINIATURE SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (k) Five blooms SMALL BALL in one vase
- (l) Five blooms MINIATURE BALL in one vase
- (m) Six blooms POMPON (max 55mm) or five blooms LARGE POMPON (max 83mm) in one vase
- (n) Five blooms WATERLILY in one vase
- (o) Five blooms ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATION, in one vase

First Place: Silver Medal
Second Place: Bronze Medal
Third Place: Bronze Card

Silver Medal Certificate for Best Exhibit and Bronze Medal Certificate for runner-up in Division C

DIVISION D: INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

Division D can only be entered by exhibitors who have not previously won a First Prize in Division A or B, previous winners of the Bentley Trophy or have entered any class in Division A or B.

Class D1 GIANT and/or LARGE excluding LARGE POMPON'

Three blooms, 1 bloom per vase

Class D2 MEDIUM DECORATIVE or SEMI-CACTUS or CACTUS or FIMBRIATED

Three blooms in one vase

Class D3 SMALL DECORATIVE or SMALL BALL

Three blooms in one vase

Class D4 SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

Three blooms in one vase

Class D5 MINIATURE DECORATIVE and/or MINIATURE BALL

Five blooms in one vase

Class D6 MINIATURE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS

Five blooms in one vase

Class D7 POMPON

Six blooms in one vase

Class D8 ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATION

Five blooms in one vase

Class D9 EXHIBITORS CHOICE

Nine blooms, three blooms in each vase

Silver Medal Certificate for Best Exhibit in Classes D1 to D9 and Bronze Medal Certificate for Runner-Up

Class D10 THE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

Not open to previous winners. Open only to those who have not won a first prize in Division A or Division B Championship Classes at any of the National Shows in previous years.

Any 3 categories from the following (no category to be used more than once and all vases except (a) to contain one distinct cultivar only):

- (a) Three blooms LARGE, DECORATIVE or CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, in one vase
- (b) Three blooms MEDIUM DECORATIVE in one vase
- (c) Three blooms MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (d) Five blooms SMALL DECORATIVE in one vase
- (e) Five blooms MINIATURE DECORATIVE in one vase
- (f) Five blooms SMALL CACTUS in one vase
- (g) Five blooms SMALL SEMI-CACTUS in one vase
- (h) Five blooms MINIATURE CACTUS in one vase
- (i) Five blooms SMALL BALL in one vase
- (j) Five blooms MINIATURE BALL in one vase
- (k) Six blooms POMPON (max 55mm) or five blooms LARGE POMPON (max 83mm) in one vase
- (l) Five blooms ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATION, in one vase

First Place:	Silver Medal
Second Place:	Bronze Medal
Third Place:	Bronze Card

THE “ BENTLEY” PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Presented by Messrs Joseph Bentley Ltd. Barrow-on-Humber Lincs.
To be awarded to the winner of the Intermediate Championship.

DIVISION E: THREE AND TWO VASE CLASSES

Class E1 SMALL DECORATIVE and/or SMALL BALL

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

Class E2 SMALL CACTUS and/or SMALL SEMI-CACTUS

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

Class E3 MINIATURE BALL and/or MINIATURE DECORATIVE

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

Class E4 MINIATURE CACTUS and/or SEMI CACTUS

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

Class E5 WATERLILY

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

Class E6 COLLERETTE and/or STAR OPEN CENTRE

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms of one cultivar in each vase.

Class E7 THREE DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATIONS

Three vases of dahlias, three blooms in each vase, each vase to contain a distinct cultivar. Excluding GIANT cultivars.

Class E8 EXHIBITORS OWN CHOICE

Three vases: three blooms each vase, any varieties, exhibitors choice.

Class E9 GIANT DECORATIVE

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in separate vases.

Class E10 MEDIUM DECORATIVE or MEDIUM CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS or FIMBRIATED

Two vases, six blooms, three blooms each vase, any cultivar or cultivars

Class E11 LARGE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS and/or LARGE DECORATIVE

Six blooms, one or more cultivars, in two vases, three blooms in each vase.

Class E12 POMPON

Twelve blooms Pompon (max 55mm), in two vases, six blooms of one distinct cultivar in each vase.

Silver Medal Certificate for Best Exhibit and Bronze Medal Certificate for runner-up in Division E.

DIVISION F: SINGLE VASE CLASSES

Class F1 GIANT or LARGE DECORATIVE

One bloom, predominantly white or yellow.

Class F2 GIANT or LARGE DECORATIVE

One bloom, predominantly orange, bronze, flame or red.

Class F3 GIANT or LARGE DECORATIVE

One bloom, predominantly pink, lilac or purple.

The first colour stated in the Classified Directory is the predominant colour in classes F1 to F3.

Class F4 LARGE DECORATIVE

Three blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F5 LARGE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS

Three blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F6 MEDIUM DECORATIVE

Three blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F7 MEDIUM CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS

Three blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F8 FIMBRIATED

Three blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F9 SMALL DECORATIVE

Five blooms of one cultivar, in one vase.

Class F10 SMALL BALL

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F11 SMALL SEMI-CACTUS

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F12 SMALL CACTUS

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F13 MINIATURE DECORATIVE

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F14 MINIATURE BALL

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F15 MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI CACTUS

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F16 WATERLILY

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F17 COLLERETTE

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F18 POMPON (Max 55mm)

Five blooms one cultivar in one vase.

Class F19 OTHER TYPES

Three blooms of one cultivar from Groups 1, 2, 10, 12, 13, 14 or 15 as in Classified Directory, in one vase.

Class F20 THREE VASES OF DAHLIAS

One bloom each vase, each vase to contain a separate classification group (groups 1 – 15). Only one size from each classification group permitted.

Class F21 ONE VASE FIVE BLOOMS FIVE VARIETIES

Class F22 ONE VASE FIVE BLOOMS LARGE POMPONS

Silver Medal Certificate for Best Exhibit and Bronze Medal Certificate for runner-up in Division F.

DIVISION G: NOVICE CLASSES

The Novice Division is only open to exhibitors who have won no more than a total of three first prizes at previous National shows from 2022 onwards or have not entered Division A, B or D. Winners of more than three first prizes or the Montague Cup for the best vase in the Novice Division at the Wisley or the Silver Medal for the best exhibit at Newby Hall will no longer be eligible to enter in the Novice Division - this excludes seedling and sport classes

Class G1 GIANT or LARGE DECORATIVE

One bloom

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G2 MEDIUM

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G3 SMALL DECORATIVE and/or MINIATURE DECORATIVE

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G4 SMALL and/or MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI CACTUS

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G5 SMALL and/or MINIATURE BALL

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G6 LARGE POMPON (Max 83mm)

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G7 POMPON (Max 55mm)

Six blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G8 WATERLILY

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G9 COLLERETTE and/or STAR

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G10 FIMBRIATED

Three blooms, one or more cultivars, in one vase

First Place £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G11 IRISH DAHLIA SOCIETY MEDAL

Three vases of dahlias, one bloom each vase, each vase to contain a separate classification group (groups 1 – 15). Two subgroups from the same group not permitted.

First Place: Irish Silver Medal and £6, Second Place £4, Third Place £2

Class G12 AMERICAN MEDAL CHALLENGE

Two vases, three blooms each vase, two different classifications.

Excluding GIANT and LARGE, (other than LARGE POMPON)

First Place Medal Presented by the Americal Dahlia Society and £6

Second Place £4, Third Place £2

DIVISION H: FLORAL CLASSES

Baskets and vases can be provided by the Society. The oversize rule does not apply. The entry administration fee will not apply to Division H.

Class H1 Arrangement of Dahlias

600mm width. Other foliage and flowers can be included. Exhibitor can provide own container or basket. Exhibit must be left for the duration of the show.

Class H2 Arrangement of Dahlias

In a vase, other foliage and flowers can be used. Exhibitors may use their own vase or a vase can be provided. Exhibit must be left for the duration of the show at exhibitors own risk.

Class H3 The “KEN FIELDER” Dahlia Picture Frame Challenge

One DAHLIA bloom in 8 x 6 inch Frame (frame supplied by Society). Flower and foliage to remain within the confines of the frame. Only dahlia foliage allowed. Size limits on blooms will not apply.

Silver Medal Certificate for Best Exhibit and Bronze Medal Certificate for runner-up in Division H.

DIVISION S: SEEDLING AND SPORT CLASSES

For classes S2 to S8, cultivars must not have been in British commerce for more than 18 months prior to the show nor exhibited in a Seedling or Sport class at a NDS Show in previous years. Variety names should not be written on the exhibitor card, but only on the variety name card and placed in the envelope provided to be opened and displayed on the exhibit after judging has been completed.

Exhibits classes S2 to S6 and S8 must be judged for exhibition potential, with consideration being given for the cultivar's ability to compete in its relevant group or section. Class S7 to be judged for cut flower potential.

All entry forms must be made in the name and address of the raiser with the name and address of the exhibitor who must be a member added if different.

Trophy Class exhibits to receive Silver and Bronze Medal Cards only.

Exhibitors may make multiple entries in classes S1 to S8.

The entry administration fee will not apply to Division S.

Class S1 The "PHILIP DAMP" Award

One vase of a new overseas raised seedling that has not been exhibited at a NDS Show in previous years. Exhibits must be judged for exhibition potential, with consideration being given for the cultivar's ability to compete in its relevant group or section. Any number of entries can be made. Exhibitors must show three blooms of any one variety.

The engraved Silver Medal may be awarded to the raiser only.

The engraved Bronze Medal may be awarded to the runner-up raiser only.

Medals for this class kindly sponsored by The Midlands Dahlia Society

Class S2 The "G F CROWLEY" Perpetual Challenge Cup

Presented by the late Mr G F Crowley

One vase of a new British seedling. Three blooms of one cultivar, SMALL or MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, including Group 11.

Class S3 The "ERNEST LUCKHURST" Memorial Cup

One vase of a new British seedling.

Three blooms of one cultivar, SMALL or MINIATURE DECORATIVE or SMALL or MINIATURE BALL or POMPON.

Class S4 The "HAMARI" Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Presented by the late Mr W Ensum

One vase of a new British seedling. Three blooms of one MEDIUM flowered cultivar, including Group 11.

Class S5 The “JALDEC” Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Presented by the late Mr D Hewlett MBE

One vase of a new British seedling. Three blooms of one GIANT or LARGE flowered cultivar to include Group 11 (excluding LARGE POMPON), to be shown separately, or in one vase.

Class S6 One vase, three blooms of a new British Seedling

In the Groups not covered by the existing trophies ie: Groups 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 13, 14 or 15.

Class S7 One vase, three blooms

A new British Seedling to be judged for cut flower potential. (Not to be judged to exhibition standards). The cultivar not having been exhibited in classes S2 to S6

THE “JESCOT” Perpetual Challenge Cup

Presented by Messrs. E. Cooper & Son. Awarded to the best vase in Seedling Classes S2 to S7.

A Silver Medal awarded to the winner of the Jescot Cup and a Bronze Medal to the Runner-Up.

Class S8 Sports

One vase, 3 blooms, to include 2 blooms of the sport and one bloom of the parent.

Exhibitors who have entered in Classes S1 to S5, if not the raiser, will receive the Silver Medal Certificate and Bronze Medal Certificate.

SPECIAL AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED ON SHOW DAY

The “HERBERT BROWN” PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the late Mr J. Brown in memory of Herbert Brown to the winner of The Affiliated Societies Championship.

The “TERRY CLARKE” PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mr T Clarke to the winner of The Individual Championship.

The “D. B. CRANE” CUP

Presented by Mr Howard H Crane to the Most Meritorious Exhibit by a Society Member.

The “J. W. MONTAGUE” CUP

Presented by Mr J W Montague for the Best Vase in the Novice Division G.

SPECIAL AWARDS

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY Gold Plated Medal to be awarded to Novice Class G12.

IRISH DAHLIA SOCIETY Silver Medal to be awarded to Best Exhibit in Class G11.

IRISH DAHLIA SOCIETY Bronze Medals to be awarded to Runner-up to Best Exhibit in Class G11.

**THE SPECIAL AWARDS LISTED BELOW WILL NOT BE
PRESENTED AT THE SHOW BUT ARRANGEMENTS
FOR COLLECTION CAN BE MADE VIA THE GENERAL
SECRETARY**

The “G. F. DRAYSON” TROPHY

Presented by the Executive Council for The Best Giant or Large Decorative bloom in the Show.

The “CORONATION 1953” CUP

Presented by The Executive Council for the Most Meritorious Exhibit of Pompon or Large Pompon in the competitive classes.

The “BRISTOL” TROPHY

Presented by Mr F Newbery & Miss A Newbery for the Best Vase of Pompons or Large Pompon in the Show.

The “STELLYVONNE” TROPHY

The Best Vase of Fimbriated Dahlias (Group 11) in the Show

The “VIV and TIVY DALE” AWARD

The Best Vase in Show

The “DEREK HEWLETT” MEMORIAL AWARD

The Best Vase of Small Cactus in the Show

The “TERRY GILLAM” BIKINI VASE TROPHY

The Best Vase of Small Cactus or Semi-Cactus in the Show

“The JIM MILLS” AWARD

The Best Large/Giant exhibit in the Novice Classes.

SILVER MEDALS

The Society's Silver Medal will be presented with all Perpetual Cups and Trophies ie: Division A Championship and Division B Trophy Classes, Class B1 'The Wisley Challenge', Class B4 The 'Ted Collins Memorial', and the Special Awards.

The Society's Silver Medal will also be awarded to:

- Division G, Winner of Montague Cup
- The best vase of Cactus or Semi-Cactus blooms in the Show
- The best vase of Medium, Small or Miniature Decorative blooms in the Show.
- The best vase of Waterlily blooms in the Show
- The best vase of Ball blooms in the Show
- The best vase of Open Centre blooms in the Show
- Silver Medal Card to the Best Exhibit in Trophy Seedling Class

BRONZE MEDALS

The Society's Bronze Medal will be presented to the runners-up for all Perpetual Cups and Trophies ie: Division A Championship and Division B Trophy Classes, Class B1 'The Wisley Challenge', Class B4 The 'Ted Collins Memorial', and the Special Awards.

Excluding the Derek Hewlett Award, the Society's Bronze Medal will also be awarded to the runners-up to:

- Division G, runner up to Montague Cup
- The best Vase of Cactus or Semi-Cactus blooms in the Show
- The best Vase of Medium, Small or Miniature Decorative blooms in the Show.
- The best Vase of Ball blooms in the Show
- The best Vase of Waterlily blooms in the Show
- The best Vase of Open Centre blooms in the Show
- Bronze Medal Card to the Runner-Up to Best Exhibit in Trophy Seedling Classes

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY ENTRY FORM 2025

Annual Show: Tuesday 2nd September to Thursday 4th September

- 1. Closing date for entries: Wednesday 20th August 2025. Entries to be made on the NDS website: www.dahlia-nds.co.uk by midday, or by sending the paper entry form by first post on 20th August to the General Secretary, 'Woodside', Warwick Road, Chadwick End, Solihull, West Midlands, B93 0BP.
- 2. Entries will not be accepted from any Member whose subscription is in arrears, nor unless accompanied by the correct entry fee.

For additional information see Show Regulations.

FIXED ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: £5.00

The administration fee will not apply to Classes A1 and B3, Division H or Division S.

If you are bringing helpers with you, please supply their names for exhibitor passes to be allocated to gain entry to the garden.

Number required: Names:

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Late entries may be accepted, at the discretion of the Show Manager or Overnight Steward, if space permits but not for Division A or B.

Please tick if you are entering Division G (Novice): ☐

Enter Class numbers in the boxes below:

Cheques should be made payable to the National Dahlia Society.

Administrative fee: enclosed: £

ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY FORM
BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

NAME OF SOCIETY: (Classes A1 and B3 only)

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Initials: Surname:

Full Postal Address:

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Postcode: Telephon Number:

SEEDLING CLASSES

Exhibitors entering the Seedlings or Sports Classes (Division S) must certify that their entries conform to the rules stated in the Schedule by signing here:

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Exhibitors in Class S1 must provide Name and Address of Overseas raiser:

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LAE (Classes ringed) No of Classes: Amount received: £ Initials:



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