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**NATIONAL SHOW**



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# RHS GARDEN WISLEY WOKING, SURREY GU23 6QB

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would like to thank  
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# 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 preceding 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.
14. 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.

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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: Tuesday 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" Award**

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 and Certificate

Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

The entry administration fee will not apply to this class.

## **Class A2 - The "TERRY CLARKE" Award**

### **The Individual Championship**

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

## **Class A3 - The "A T BARNES"**

### **Giant Decorative Championship**

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

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

## **Class A4 - The "STUART OGG" Award**

### **Large Decorative Championship**

LARGE DECORATIVE, Two vases, three blooms per vase, any cultivars.

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

## **Class A5 - The "STEPHEN TRESEDER" Award**

### **Medium Decorative Championship**

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

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

**Class A6 - The "CHARLES S M MEDLEN" Award  
Small Decorative Championship**

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

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

**Class A7 - The 'DON BRAUN' Award  
Miniature Decorative Championship**

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

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

**Class A8 - The "VINCENT F PARKER" Award  
Giant Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Championship**

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

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

**Class A9 - The "SILVERHILL" Award  
Large Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Championship**

LARGE CACTUS and/or SEMI-CACTUS, nine blooms, minimum of two varieties in three vases, three blooms per vase.

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

**Class A10 - The "F. W. ALESWORTH" Award  
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 and Certificate  
Second Place: Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A11 - The "CLARA LAWSON BROWN" Award  
Medium Semi-Cactus Championship**

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

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

**Class A12 - The “HARRY JAMES” Award  
Small Ball Championship**

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

First Place: Society’s Silver Medal and Certificate  
Second Place: Society’s Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A13 - The “FRED OSCROFT” Award  
Miniature Ball Championship**

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

First Place: Society’s Silver Medal and Certificate  
Second Place: Society’s Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A14 - The WESTON Award  
Miniature Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Championship**

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

First Place: Society’s Silver Medal and Certificate  
Second Place: Society’s Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A15 - The “E J WIDDOWSON” Award  
Pompon Championship**

POMPON (max 55mm) nine vases, not less than six distinct cultivars, one cultivar per vase, six blooms in each vase, no variety to be used more than once.

First Place: Society’s Silver Medal and Certificate  
Second Place: Society’s Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A16 - The “ALBERT BROWN” Award  
Collerette and/or Star Championship**

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

First Place: Society’s Silver Medal and Certificate  
Second Place: Society’s Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A17 - The “JACK KINNS” Award  
Waterlily Championship**

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

First Place: Society’s Silver Medal and Certificate  
Second Place: Society’s Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

**Class A18 - The "Mrs A T BARNES" Award  
Fimbriated Championship**

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

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

**Class A20 - "VIVIENNE DALE MEMORIAL" Award  
Small Cactus Championship**

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

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

## **DIVISION B: CERTIFICATE 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 one vase).

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

### **Class B2 - The "ARTHUR GRIFFITHS" Award**

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 Certificate  
Second Place: Society's Bronze Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

### **Class B3 - The SOCIETY CHALLENGE**

(This class is open only to Societies affiliated to the NDS 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 Certificate      Third Place: Prize Card  
Second Place: Society's Bronze Certificate

The entry administration fee will not apply to this class.

#### **Class B4: - The 'TED COLLINS MEMORIAL' Award**

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 Certificate

Second Place: Society's Bronze Certificate

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 Certificate

Second Place: Society's Bronze Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

#### **Class B6 - 'NORMAN LEWIS MEMORIAL Award'**

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 Certificate

Second Place: Society's Bronze Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

#### **Class B7 - "HARRY STREDWICK" Award**

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 Certificate

Second Place: Society's Bronze Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

**Class B8 - The “DAVE SPENCER” Award**  
**The Small Ball, Miniature Ball and Pompon Championship**

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 Certificate

Second Place: Society’s Bronze Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

**Class B9 - The “FRED FULLER” Award**

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

First Place: Society’s Silver Certificate

Second Place: Society’s Bronze Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

**Class B10 - The “MAURICE LORD” Award**

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 Certificate

Second Place: Society’s Bronze Certificate

Third Place: Prize Card

**Class B11 - The ‘ALFIE LAWES MEMORIAL’ Award**

Six blooms GIANT DECORATIVE one bloom in each vase

First Place: Society’s Silver Certificate

Second Place: Society’s Bronze Certificate

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 and Certificate

Second Place: Bronze Medal and Certificate

Third Place: Prize 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 and Certificate

Second Place: Bronze Medal and Certificate

Third Place: Prize 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 and Certificate  
Second Place: Bronze Medal and Certificate  
Third Place: Prize Card

## **DIVISION E: THREE AND TWO VASE CLASSES**

### **Class E3 - SMALL**

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

### **Class E4 - MINIATURE**

Nine blooms in three vases, three blooms per vase any combination.

### **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**

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

**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.

**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 not previously won a First Prize at the National or Northern National Show and 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 American 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" Award**

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" Award**

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" Award**

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

### **Class S5 - The “JALDEC” Award**

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” Award**

Awarded to the best vase in Seedling Classes S2 to S7.

A Silver Medal awarded to the winner of the Jescot Award 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**

### **The “G. F. DRAYSON” Award**

For the Best GIANT or LARGE Decorative bloom in the Show.

### **The “CORONATION 1953” Award**

For the Most Meritorious Exhibit of Pompon or Large Pompon in the competitive classes.

### **The “BRISTOL” Award**

For the Best Vase of Pompon or Large Pompon in the Show.

### **The “STELLYVONNE” Award**

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 Fimbriated in the Show

### **The “TERRY GILLAM” Award**

The Best Vase of Semi-Cactus in the Show

### **The “JIM MILLS” AWARD**

The Best LARGE/GIANT exhibit in the Novice Classes.

### **The “CRANE” Award**

The Best Exhibit in Show.

## **SILVER CERTIFICATES**

Silver Certificates will be awarded to the following best vases of:

Miniature Decorative, Small Decorative, Medium Decorative, Large Decorative and Giant Decorative.

Miniature Semi-Cactus, Small Semi-Cactus, Medium Semi-Cactus, Large Semi-Cactus, Giant Semi-Cactus.

Miniature Cactus and Small Cactus.

Miniature Ball and Small Ball.

Pompon and Large Pompon.

Best Giant or Large in Division G.

## **MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES**

Silver Certificate to be awarded to the Best Vase from the following five classifications, Silver Medal to be awarded to the Best Vase overall.

Waterlilly

Collerette

Star

Fimbriated (Derek Hewlett Award and Stelyvonne Award)

Single

Silver Medal and Certificate to be awarded to the Best Vase of:

Decorative

Semi-Cactus (Terry Gillam Award)

Cactus

Ball

Pompon (Bristol Award)

Silver Medal and Certificate to winner and Bronze Medal and Certificate for runner up for the following:

Best Vase in Show (Viv and Tiv Dale Award)

Best Exhibit in Show (The Crane Award)

## **SPONSORSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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# NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY ENTRY FORM 2026

**ANNUAL SHOW: WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER**

1. Closing date for entries: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026. Entries to be made via the NDS website: [www.dahlia-nds.co.uk](http://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk) by midday, or by sending the paper entry form by first post to be received by 19<sup>th</sup> 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 National Dahlia Society.

Administration Fee enclosed: £

**ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY FORM**  
**BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE**

Name of Society: (for Classes A1 and B3 only).

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Initials:                      Surname:  
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Full Postal Address:  
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Postcode:                      Telephone Number:  
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Email Address:  
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**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 the Name and Address of Overseas raiser below:

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LAE (classes ringed)  Amount Received: £  Initials:   
No of Classes:



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