Dahlia Show

30 August 2025



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Delgany and District Horticultural Society

Dahlia Show 30TH August 2025 at St. Patricks Primary School Hall, Greystones

SHOW REGULATIONS for EXHIBITORS

- 1. Potential entries MUST be notified to the Show Secretary, by e-mailing ddhs.showentries@gmail.com on the Thursday before the show.
- 2. Entry Fees: €10 for unlimited entries, €1 per class except for entries to Juniors, gratis.
- 3. Entry fees may be paid when collecting Class Cards from the Show Secretary. Fees are due for actual exhibits on the bench only.
- 4. Staging hours are 6.00 to 7.00 pm on the Friday preceding the Show and from 9.00 to 11.30 am on the Saturday.
- **5.** All exhibits should be staged before 11.30 am on Show Day and may not be removed before 5 p.m. If they are not claimed after 5.00 p.m. they may be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.
- **6.** All horticultural exhibits must have been in the Exhibitor's possession for not less than three months on show date. Only one exhibit may be entered from the same garden in the same class. Please name your varieties if possible.
- 7. Containers will be supplied in all classes unless otherwise stated. All exhibits are staged at exhibitor's risk. When staging please do not move another exhibit before consulting a Committee Member.
- **8.** NOVICE: An exhibitor who has never won a first prize in the class or group of classes concerned.
- 9. Shows will be organised, and classes will be judged as set out in "The Horticultural Show Handbook", RHS, ISBN 0 874 431 98 1, with the exception of Sweet Pea classes where in addition, the use of wire or other support attached to the stem or flower will disqualify the exhibit; the Judge's decision will be final. 10. Points awarded 3, 2, 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd resp., unless otherwise stated.
- 11. The Society will not, in any way, be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibitor or the property of any exhibitor before, during or after the Show.

TIPS for EXHIBITORS

- Our aim is to make exhibiting at a D&DHS Show an enjoyable learning experience with winning regarded as a bonus. Do ask, as help is readily available!
- Read the class schedule with care this aspect is honoured more in the breach than in the observance.
- Decide which classes you plan to enter. To enable space to be allocated on the show benches please give advance notice of your entries by e-mailing ddhs.showentries@gmail.com on or before 7 pm on the Thursday before the Show.
- Be fair to the Show Secretaries: Provide a list of entries and come to staging early, staging the best you have in good time will be more fulfilling than staging a lot badly. Feel free to ask for advice and help if uncertain.
- Exhibitors are encouraged not to use oasis foam for staging, and, where possible, to use alternative bio-degradable material or chicken wire.
- Exhibitors, when removing your exhibits at the end of the show, please also remove all your staging materials including oasis.

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DAHLIA SHOW Saturday 30August 2025 St. Patrick's Primary School Hall, Greystones Entries close at 7pm, Thursday 28 August 2025

Show Secretary: Mary Wall - Please send your Entries to our show email at *ddhs.showentries@gmail.com JUDGES:* Alick Branigan for Dahlias. Noel Jackson for Flowers and Vegetables. Trevor Stevenson for Novice classes in Dahlias

DAHLIAS

OPEN CLASSES (Open to indoor & outdoor growers) (pre-entry essential for classes 1 & 2)

- 1. John Markham Championship: 3 vases, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar to a vase, 3 different classifications, excluding giant or large.
- 2. Miniature Championship: 3 vases, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar to a vase, of Miniature Decorative, Miniature Ball & Miniature Cactus/Semi-Cactus.
- 3. Large or Medium-flowered Decorative, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 4. Small-flowered Decorative, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 5. Miniature-flowered Decorative, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 6. Large or Medium Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 7. Small Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 8. Miniature Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 9. Small Ball, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 10. Miniature Ball, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 11. Waterlily, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 12. Collerette, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 13. Pompon, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 14. Any dahlia not provided for, 1 vase, 1 bloom, giant or 3 blooms of any other cultivar

Dahlias grown without covers.

- 15. **Greystones Outdoor Championship.** 2 vases, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar to a vase, excluding giant or large, 2 different groups.
- 16. Medium decorative, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 17. Small or Miniature decorative, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 18. Medium cactus/Semi cactus, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 19. Small or Miniature cactus/Semi cactus, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 20. Small or Miniature ball, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 21. Any dahlia not scheduled, 1 vase, 1 giant or 3 blooms of other.

Novice Classes

- 22. Any dahlia, other than Small or Miniature, 1 vase, 3 blooms, may be mixed.
- 23. Small or Miniature decorative, 1 vase, 3 blooms, may be mixed.
- 24. Small or Miniature cactus/Semi cactus, 1 vase, 3 blooms, may be mixed.

Class for DDHS members only

25. John Markham Pompon, 1 vase, 1 bloom.

ANNUAL SWEET PEA

- 26. 1 vase, 6 stems, 1 cultivar, own foliage
- 27. 1 vase, 6 stems, mixed cultivars, own foliage
- 28. 1 bowl, not more than 20 stems, bowl provided by the exhibitor.

Classes confined to exhibitors who grow 120 plants or less.

- 29. 1 vase, mixed, 6 stems, own foliage
- 30. 1 bowl, not more than 20 stems, bowl provided by the exhibitor.

OTHER FLOWERS AND SHRUBS

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- 31. Pansies, 5 blooms in phials provided or exhibitors 'own bowl.
- 32. Violas, 5 blooms in phials provided or exhibitors 'own bowl.
- 33. Annual Asters, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 34. Carnations, Border or Perpetual-flowering, 1 vase, 3 blooms
- 35. Annuals other than those already in schedule, 1 vase, 3 stems
- 36. Gladioli, 1 vase, 1 stem.
- 37. Gladioli, 1 vase, 3 stems
- 38. Rudbeckia, 1 vase, 3 stems
- 39. Any other perennial (other than shrub/tree) flowers not already scheduled, 1 vase, 3 stems, 1 distinct variety.
- 40. Any other perennial (other than shrub/tree) flowers not already scheduled, 1 vase, 6 stems, 2 or more varieties.
- 41. Large-flowered Roses, 1 vase, 1 bloom.
- 42. Large- flowered Roses, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
- 43. Cluster-flowered Rose, 1 vase, 1 stem.
- 44. Hydrangea, 1 vase, 3 stems
- 45. Flowering shrub or tree, 1 vase, 3 stems, excluding Hydrangea.
- 46. Shrub or tree with ornamental/variegated foliage, 1 vase, 3 stems

PLANTS GROWN IN CONTAINERS

- 47. Begonia, 1 pot.
- 48. Orchid, 1 pot.
- 49. Plant with ornamental foliage (Orchids, Cacti-Succulents excluded)
- 50. Plant in flower, plant height 45cms or less, 1 pot (Begonia, Orchids, Cacti/Succulent excluded)
- 51. Plant in flower, plant height 46cms or more, 1 pot (Begonia, Orchids, Cacti/Succulents excluded)
- 52. Cactus, 1 pot, any size.
- 53. Succulent, other than cactus, 1 pot, any size.
- 54. Garden of cacti and/or succulents

VEGETABLES

- 55. Collection of 5 vegetables (distinct kinds), to be shown in **your own** container (2 of each vegetable, 5 pods of peas or beans)
- 56. Garden peas, plate of 5 pods
- 57. Broad Beans, plate of 5 pods
- 58. French Beans, plate of 5 pods
- 59. Runner Beans, plate of 5 pods
- 60. Carrots, plate of 3
- 61. Potatoes, plate of 5 tubers (grown in own garden soil)
- 62. Potatoes, plate of 5 tubers (grown in a proprietary compost)
- 63. Onions, small, plate of 5 bulbs
- 64. Onions, large, must be grown from seed, 3 bulbs.
- 65. Beetroot, plate of 3
- 66. Lettuce, 1, shown with roots, in a vase.
- 67. Cabbage, plate of 1
- 68. Courgettes, plate of 3, (10cms to 20cms long)
- 69. Cucumber, plate of 1
- 70. Marrow, 1 fruit.
- 71. Any vegetable not already scheduled, plate of 2
- 72. Parsley, 1 vase, 5 stems tied in a bunch.
- 73. Culinary herbs excluding parsley, 1 vase, bunch of 5 distinct herbs to be named.
- 74. Small tomatoes (e.g., Cherry) not exceeding 3.5cms in diameter, plate of 9, (single truss or 9 separate tomatoes)
- 75. Medium tomatoes approximately 6.5cms in diameter, plate of 5
- 76. Large tomatoes with minimum diameter of 7.5cms, plate of 3

FRUIT

- 77. Any Dessert Apples, plate of 3
- 78. Any Cooking Apples, plate of 3
- 79. Grapes, plate of 1 bunch

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80. Pears, plate of 3

81. Any other fruit, plate of 5

Trophies

Dahlias

Class 1	Silver Medal-Irish Dahlia Society- for Best Vase
Class 2	Bronze Medal - Irish Dahlia Society-for Best Vase

Classes 3-12&14 Thornton Cup for Best Vase
Class 13 Hackett Cup for Best Vase
Class 15 Bronze medal for Best Exhibit
Classes 16-21 O'Brien Cup for Best Exhibit
Classes 22-24 Fairfield Salver for Best Exhibit
Class 25 John Markham Trophy for Best Exhibit

Annual Sweet Peas

Classes 26-30 Powers Nursery Cup for Best Exhibit

Other Flowers and Shrubs

Classes 31-40	Woodland Cup for Best Exhibit
Classes 41-46	Perpetual Silver Cup for best exhibit.

Plants Grown in Containers

Classes 47-54 The DDHS Cup for Best Exhibit

Vegetables

Class 55	Society Silver Medal for Best Exhibit
Classes 56-59	Patrick Mooney salver for Best Exhibit
Classes 60-73	Greystones Cup for Best Exhibit
Classes 74-76	Mrs Jury Cup for Best Exhibit

Fruit

Classes 77-81 Rowan Cup for Best Exhibit

