

Hints for Flower Show Exhibitors

READ THE SCHEDULE. Do not assume the schedule or classes are the same as for previous shows. Schedules are reviewed prior to each show. Any amendment to a class will impact the way an exhibit is to be presented.

- Exhibitors **must prepare their own exhibits** for tabling taking into account any specific requirements mentioned in the Schedule – e.g. exhibitor to provide own container or a specific type of container such as a vase or bowl. **Note:** A vase is taller than it is wide and a bowl is wider than it is high.
- Any work created or practiced at a workshop prior to exhibition is ineligible for entry.
- Consider the classes and plant material you wish to enter in advance of the show date – do not wait until the day before or the morning of the show. If required to provide your own container for an exhibit consider what you are going to use.
- Determine when to pick your plant material – late afternoon or early morning – carry a container of water with you and immerse the stems immediately. Do not pick in the heat of the day.
- If stems need to be recut do this under water cutting the stem on an angle providing a larger surface for water to be taken up.
- Exhibits should be good quality flowers and/or foliage without disease or blemishes.
- With the exception of floral art, or any class specifically mentioned in the schedule (*including floral art*), all competition exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor for at least three months prior to the show.
- **Float Bowls** -- flowers should float unaided and cover 2/3 of the water surface allowing room for movement.
- If the schedule specifies a specific **number of stems** ensure that number of stems is clearly visible at the rim of the container.
- Where specified - Not Necessarily Distinct (**NND**) means exhibits may be the same or different cultivars. Distinct (**D**) means different cultivars or varieties.
- If exhibiting **Floral Art** read the specific conditions relevant to those classes.

Key Highlands Garden Society Dates for your Diary:

While weather and the pandemic make longer-term plans very difficult, some highlights that the Committee believes can be confidently placed in your calendars for the rest of the year.

Friday July 15th: 5.30pm Member Meeting – Speaker Jane Lemann – The Gib Project 1993 –, Uniting Church Hall, Bowral.

Friday August 19th: 5.30pm Member Meeting – Speaker to be confirmed, Uniting Church Hall/Zoom.

Friday September 2nd: Spring Flower & Camellia Show: 1.30pm for entries, 3.30pm for Public Viewing, 4.30pm Floral Art Demonstration, 5.15pm Talk – Ongoing Care of Camellias, 5.45pm Presentation of Prizes.

Saturday September 17th: 10.00am – 12.00 noon Friendship Garden – Diedre Hill, 'Quindelup', Glenquarry.

Friday October 21st: 5.30pm Member Meeting – Speaker to be confirmed. Uniting Church Hall/Zoom

Saturday October 22nd: Friendship Garden, Margaret Stuart, 'Parkhill', Moss Vale.

Friday November 18th: 2.00pm The Rose Show – Evening AGM, Uniting Church Hall only. Election of Officers. **Saturday November 18th:** Friendship Garden at the home of Michael & Allison Bunyan, Burradoo.

At a date to be announced in the Spring, there will be an event in the Scented Garden in Lions Park, Bowral, to recognise the restored Scented Garden, funded by the Society & WSC.