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The Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland (RHSI),
The North Dublin Horticultural Societies Association (NDHSA)
The National Vegetable Society of Ireland (NVSI)

Annual Show 2026

Monday 3rd August 2-5pm

**St. Colmeille's GFC
Glen Ellan Road, Swords K67 H996**

Staging: Sunday 3pm-8pm & Monday 8am-11am

**Admission Free!
Great Raffle
Children's Treasure Hunt**

Membership of the Society

New members are always welcome! Membership is also a very important source of income to help fund our Annual Show. You can help support one of the oldest traditions in Swords by becoming a member for an annual subscription of just €10. We run a series of talks, workshops & garden visits during the year, and hope to host Autumn talks starting in September/October. Everyone is welcome to our Talks, and paid-up members receive a special discount. We will keep you posted on upcoming events via our WhatsApp Group, which are also on our website: www.fingalhorticulturalsociety.com

If you have never been at our show before, then why not come along this year. Our exhibitors come from all over Dublin to showcase their produce. You don't have to exhibit to visit. The show is open to the public for viewing from 2pm-5pm, and entrance is FREE!

Committee Officers for 2026

PRESIDENT.....Mary Watson
CHAIRMAN.....Michael Connolly
SECRETARY/SHOW MANAGER.....John Harford
TREASURER.....Pat Thornton

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Website: www.fingalhorticulturalsociety.com

To our Judges, Exhibitors, Supporters,
and all who helped to make this show a success may we say:

Go raibh maith agat!

Presentation of Prizes

All Cups & Trophies will be presented by the President at 4:30pm.
All Children's prizes can be collected after 4pm.

Special Awards

LADY TALBOT PERPETUAL CUP
Highest Points in Show

MISS TWIGG PERPETUAL CUP
Runner-Up Highest Points

CLARKE PERPETUAL CUP
Best Swords Floral Display

SWORDS TIDY TOWNS PERPETUAL CUP
Best Business Frontage Window Display

MADALEINE HARFORD PERPETUAL CUP
for Class 216, 3 Flowering Pot Plants

NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL
for Best Exhibit in Vegetables

**All our trophies are Perpetual & must be returned at
least two weeks prior to the Annual Show next year**

Enter by Phone/Text: 086-3901105 or
by Email: info@fingalhorticulturalsociety.com

Be sure to include:

Class Numbers, Full Name, Address, Mobile, Email, Children's Age

Flowers

Classes 101-104 for growers of 120 plants or less.

In Sweet Pea classes, the use of wire or other support attached to the stem or flower will disqualify the exhibit.

- 101 Sweet Pea, 1 stem, any variety.
- 102 Sweet Pea, 1 vase, 6 stems, one variety.
- 103 Sweet Pea, 1 vase, 6 stems, mixed varieties.
- 104 Bowl of Sweet Pea, not more than 15 stems, bowl supplied.

- 105 Sweet Pea, 1 stem, any variety.
- 106 Sweet Pea, 1 vase, 6 stems, one variety.
- 107 Sweet Pea, 1 vase, 6 stems, mixed varieties.
- 108 Sweet Pea, 1 vase, 15 stems, 3 varieties.
- 109 Sweet Pea, 2 vases, 6 stems per vase, a different variety in each.
- 110 Bowl of Sweet Pea, not more than 20 stems, bowl supplied.

- 111 Bowl of Old-fashioned SweetPea, not more than 12 stems, not cordon grown, no Spencers, with any foliage. To be judged for quality and decorative effect.

- 112 Rose, Large Flowered (H.T.), single stem.
- 113 Roses, Large Flowered (H.T.), 2 stems, may be mixed.
- 114 Rose, Cluster Flowered (Floribunda), single stem.
- 115 Roses, Cluster Flowered (Floribunda), 2 stems, may be mixed.
- 116 "Cycle of Bloom", 1 vase, 3 blooms of one variety, 1 bloom just showing colour & the first petals about to unfurl, 1 specimen bloom & 1 blown rose with good colour & substance.
- 117 Miniature Rose, 1 pot.
- 118 Framed Rose, single stem, (picture frame 10"x8" provided).

- 119 Gladioli, 1 vase, 3 spikes, one variety.
- 120 Gladioli, 1 vase, 3 spikes, mixed varieties.
- 121 Gladioli, 1 vase, 1 spike.

- 122 Dahlias, 1 vase, 3 blooms, decorative.
- 123 Dahlias, 1 vase, 3 blooms, ball.
- 124 Dahlias, 1 vase, 3 blooms, waterlily.
- 125 Dahlias, 1 vase, 3 blooms, cactus or semi-cactus.
- 126 Dahlias, 1 vase, 3 blooms, Pom-Pon.
- 127 Dahlias, 1 vase, not more than 12 blooms.
- 128 Any 3 Dahlias.

Flowers...continued

- 129 Viola, 5 blooms, may be mixed, in container & tubes provided.
- 130 Pansy, 5 blooms, one kind, in container & tubes provided.
- 131 Pansy, 5 blooms, mixed kinds, in container & tubes provided.

- 132 Bowl of Floating Flowers.
- 133 Carnations, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 134 Pelargoniums/Geraniums, 1 vase, 3 stems.
- 135 Marigolds, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 136 Begonias (Tuberous), 3 blooms on board or tray.
- 137 Hydrangeas, 1 vase, 3 blooms.
- 138 Any flowering shrub, other than Hydrangea, 1 vase.
- 139 Annuals, excluding Sweet Pea, 1 vase, may be mixed.
- 140 Collection of Cut Flowers, 1 vase mixed.
- 141 Hardy Herbaceous (excluding dahlias), 1 vase, mixed.

- 142 Hanging Basket.
- 143 Hanging Container other than a basket.
- 144 Planted Container, not to exceed 70cm/28"
- 145 Planted Window Box, not to exceed 90cm/36"

FHS PERPETUAL CUP – Best Exhibit Sweet Pea (101-111)

BROADMEADOW PERPETUAL CUP – Best Exhibit Roses (112-118)

ST. BRIGID'S PLAQUE – Best Exhibit Dahlias (122-128)

LADY MOORE PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Classes 119-141

MARJORIE ORME PERPETUAL PLAQUE
Best Exhibit Cut Flowers (119-141), excluding Dahlias (122-128)

LIGHTFOOT PERPETUAL CUP – Best Exhibit Classes 142-145

Pot Plants

- 201 Cactus, max pot 7".
- 202 Cacti, mixed varieties, 3 pots or pans not exceeding 4" each.
- 203 Succulent, max pot 7".
- 204 Fuchsia, single/semi-double (7 petals or less) max pot 7".
- 205 Fuchsia, double (8 or more petals) max pot 7".
- 206 Begonia, flowering.
- 207 Foliage plant, max pot 7".
- 208 Pelargonium ornamental foliage, max pot 7".
- 209 Ivy Leaf Pelargonium, max pot 7".
- 210 Basic Zonal Pelargonium, max pot 7".
- 211 Regal Pelargonium, max pot 7".
- 212 Pelargonium Scented Leaf, max pot 7".
- 213 Impatiens, Busy Lizzie (excluding New Guinea), max pot 7".
- 214 Streptocarpus, max pot 7".
- 215 Any other pot plant, not provided for, max pot 10".

- 216 Flowering plants, 3 pots, max pot 10"
 (Special Award in honour of Madaleine Harford)



SNEYD PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Pot Plants (201-216)

WILTSHIRE PERPETUAL CUP – Best Exhibit Pot Plants (201-215)

MADALEINE HARFORD PERPETUAL CUP – Winner Class 216

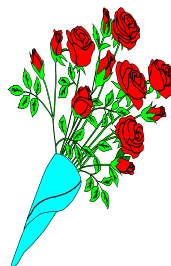
The Complete Gardener

Special Award & a piece of Crystal to the winner

- 220 A display of Flowers, a Pot Plant, Vegetables & Fruit containing the following:
 - 1. One vase of Flowers (5 stems of any one cultivar)
 - 2. One Flowering or Foliage Pot Plant max pot 10"
 - 3. One dish of Vegetables (quantity as per Show Schedule)
 - 4. One dish of Fruit, Hard Fruit e.g. Apples 3, Soft Fruit e.g. Raspberries 10, Tomatoes 5 may be exhibited as a fruit in this class.

Flower Arranging

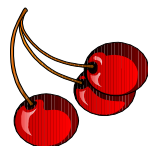
- 301 An arrangement, mainly white with a splash of colour, space allowed 60cm.
 302 A miniature arrangement incorporating a whiskey glass, not to exceed 25cm in any direction.



FHS PLAQUE - Best Exhibit Classes 301-302

Fruit

- 401 Cooking Apples, dish of 5.
 402 Dessert Apples, dish of 5.
 403 Pears, dish of 3.
 404 Plums, dish of 5.
 405 Any other fruit
 (up to 3 entries allowed, if they are different).
 406 Collection of fruit, displayed on a plate not exceeding 12".



Vegetables

- 501 Onions (sets only), 1 dish of 3.
 502 Shallots, dish of 5.
 503 Scallions, 1 bunch of 6.
 504 Carrots, 1 dish of 3.
 505 Parsnips, 1 dish, 3 roots.
 506 Turnips, 1 dish, 3 roots.
 507 Beetroot, 1 dish of 3.
 508 Potatoes, 1 dish of 5.
 509 Tomatoes, 1 dish of 5.
 510 Tomatoes, 1 truss, ripeness to count.
 511 Cucumber, 1 specimen.
 512 Marrow, 1 specimen.
 513 Courgettes, 1 dish of 3.
 514 Parsley, 5 stems.
 515 French Beans, 1 dish, 5 pods.
 516 Runner Beans, 1 dish, 5 pods.
 517 Broad Beans, 1 dish, 5 pods.
 518 Peas, 1 dish, 5 pods.
 519 Lettuce, 1 head.
 520 Cabbage, 1 head.
 521 Rhubarb, 5 sticks.
 522 Any vegetable not provided for above
 (up to 3 entries allowed if they are different)
 523 Mixed Herbs (excluding parsley), 3 vases, 5 sprigs of one type
 in each vase.
 524 Collection of Vegetables, 5 varieties, displayed on a board not
 exceeding 2ft x 3ft. Staging board supplied.



JOE LOWNDES PERPETUAL TROPHY - Winner Mixed Herbs (523)

SHEEHY PERPETUAL PLAQUE - Winner Vegetable Board (524)

SHEEHY PERPETUAL PLAQUE - Highest Points Vegetables (501-524)

CECIL LOGAN TROPHY - Best Exhibit Vegetables (501-522)

**NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL
 Best Exhibit in Vegetables (501-522)**

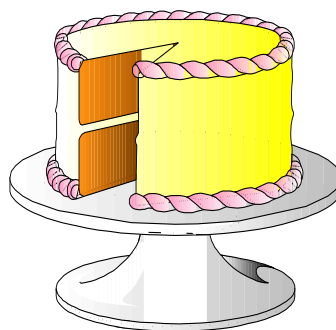
SHEIL, BYRNE PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Classes 401-406

Cookery

- 601 Tea Brack.
- 602 Apple Tart.
- 603 Cheesecake, 1 portion, named.
- 604 Scones, plate of 5.
- 605 Queen Cakes (undecorated) plate of 5.
- 606 Sponge Cake, sandwich (undecorated).
- 607 Cupcakes, decorated, plate of 5.
- 608 Brown Bread.
- 609 White Soda Bread.
- 610 Any other Bread, named
(up to 3 entries allowed if they are different)
- 611 Biscuits or Tray Bakes, plate of 5.
- 612 Madeira Cake.
- 613 Fruit Cake.
- 614 "Tempting Dessert" of your choice,
presented in a single portion and named.
Judged on presentation only.

- 615 Jam, 1 pot, Blackcurrant.
- 616 Jam, 1 pot, Strawberry.
- 617 Jam, 1 pot, Gooseberry.
- 618 Jam, 1 pot, Rhubarb.
- 619 Jam, 1 pot, Plum.
- 620 Jam, 1 pot, Raspberry.
- 621 Marmalade, 1 pot.

- 622 Any other Jam or Preserve not already provided for
(up to 3 entries allowed if they are different)



NOTE: All Jams and Preserves (Classes 615-622) MUST be sealed, named and dated.

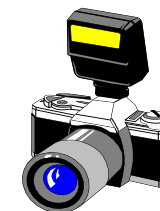
MARGARET SAVAGE PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Baking (601-614)

DICKIE PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Jams (615-622)

JOLLY PERPETUAL CUP - Best Exhibit Classes 601-622

Hobbies

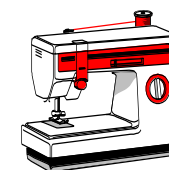
- 701 Photograph, Animal, Bird or Insect.
- 702 " My foreign holiday.
- 703 " Water Feature.
- 704 " Special occasion.
- 705 " A Garden.
- 706 " A Fingal Event, named.



(Photographs maximum size 7"x5", colour, unmounted, & photographed by Exhibitor, with name & Class No. on the back)

- 707 Hand knitted garment for an Adult.
- 708 Hand knitted garment for a Child.
- 709 Aran knitting, any article.
- 710 Crochet, any article.
- 711 Soft Toy.
- 712 Embroidery, any demonstration of your skills.
- 713 Needlework not provided for i.e. dressmaking/sewing etc.
- 714 Handcrafts, any other material, i.e. Wood, Metal, Clay etc.

- 715 Watercolour Painting.
- 716 Oil Painting.
- 717 Picture, any other medium.



CUFFE PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Photographs (701-706)

CRAIGIE PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Handcrafts (707-714)

**SWORDS CRAFT CENTRE PERPETUAL TANKARD
Best Exhibit Classes 715-717**

***WHILE CHILDREN MAY BE ENCOURAGED & GUIDED,
EXHIBIT MUST BE THEIR OWN WORK.***

Children under 9 Yrs on day of show

- 801 A vase (or jam jar) of flowers cut from a garden you love.
- 802 Model using any or all of the following fruit/veg/flowers/foliage.
- 803 Best dressed hard-boiled egg.
- 804 Any item created from odds & ends – use your imagination!
- 805 Any fruit or vegetable grown in your garden.
- 806 Drawing or Painting, A4 size.

MILLENNIUM JUNIOR PERPETUAL TROPHIES - Winners Classes 801-806

Children under 12 Yrs on day of show

- 807 Miniature Garden, not to exceed 14"x14" (36cm x 36cm).
- 808 Miniature Flower Arrangement.
- 809 Model using any or all of the following fruit/veg/flowers/foliage
- 810 Best dressed hard-boiled egg.
- 811 Handcrafts, any item.
- 812 Sweets, Cakes, Scones or Biscuits, homemade, 3 on a plate.
- 813 Greeting Card, handmade not to exceed 12"x12" (30cm x 30cm).
- 814 Any fruit or vegetable grown in your garden.
- 815 Painting or Drawing, not to exceed 14"x14" (36cm x 36cm).
- 816 Writing in Irish or English, 25-30 words approx.

GLEBE PERPETUAL CUP - Best Exhibit Classes 807-816

THORPE PERPETUAL CUP Highest Points Classes 807-816

Children under 16 Yrs on day of show

- 817 Miniature Garden, not to exceed 14"x14" (36cm x 36cm).
- 818 Handcrafts, any item.
- 819 Model using any or all of the following fruit/veg/ flowers/foliage
- 820 Sweets, Cakes, Biscuits or Scones, homemade, 5 on a plate.
- 821 Any fruit or vegetable grown in your garden.
- 822 Painting or Drawing, not to exceed 14"x14" (36cm x 36cm).

OLD MILL PERPETUAL CUP - Best Exhibit Classes 817-822

TYRELL PERPETUAL CUP - Highest Points Classes 817-822

Rules

- 1 Entries must be submitted on or before Friday 31st July to assist with setting up the hall and allowing sufficient space per class, last minute changes will be accommodated.
- 2 Exhibits may be staged on Sunday between 3pm and 8pm or on the morning of the Show between 8am and 11am. No exhibitor shall be admitted after 11am on Monday until the official opening at 2pm.
- 3 Exhibitors should obtain from the Committee their Class Cards. A Class Card must be placed face down in front of the exhibit to which it relates. In the case of Children's Section age should be written on the back of card, as adjudicator may take this into consideration.
- 4 Exhibits must not be removed before 5pm on the day of the show.
- 5 Where Trophies & Cups are awarded for the Highest Points, each 1st place will count as 3 points, 2nd place 2 points & 3rd place 1 point. In the event of a tie, the Exhibitor with the greater number of 1st places (then 2nd & 3rd) will be declared the winner.
- 6 Entrance to all classes is free and major prize winners will be awarded trophies. In the case of Children's Classes 1st Prize of €3, 2nd Prize of €2 and 3rd Prize of €1 will be paid.
- 7 All exhibits must be the bona fide production of the Exhibitor, except in Flower Arranging classes where materials used need not be grown by the Exhibitor.
- 8 In accordance with the rules of the Society the Committee have the right to inspect the gardens or allotments of persons who have submitted entries.
- 9 In Hobbies & Children's sections, exhibit must have been created in the last 12 months.
- 10 Judging will be conducted under the Code of Rules adopted by the Royal Horticultural Society.
- 11 In Sweet Pea classes, the use of wire or other support attached to the stem or flower will disqualify the exhibit.
- 12 A competitor may not enter more than one exhibit in any class, except in Classes 405, 522, 610 and 622 where a maximum of 3 entries are permitted, provided each exhibit is different.
- 13 Two or more persons may not exhibit in the same class from the same garden, except in Flower Arranging and Children's Sections.
- 14 The Society will not in any way be responsible for loss of or damage to any exhibit before, during or after the Show, but all reasonable care shall be exercised.
- 15 Vases will be supplied by the Society.
- 16 In the case of any misprint or misinterpretation of any items in the Schedule the Committee's decision is final.

NORTH DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION

Annual Show Dates for 2026

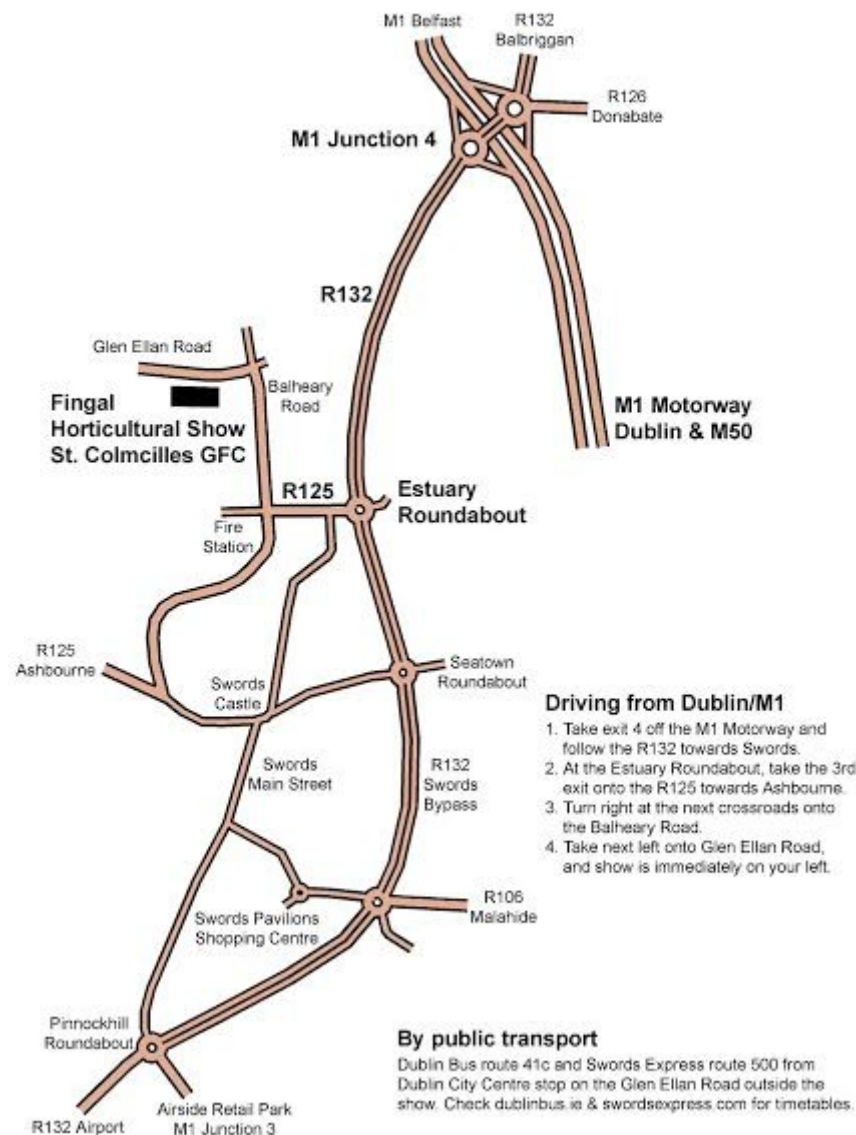
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June 28 th	Balbriggan Rose/Sweet Pea Show	087 752 0506
July 4 th /5 th	Flavours of Fingal Show	086 390 1105
July 11 th	Rush Annual Show	086 050 7035
July 25 th	Malahide Annual Show	086 079 6851
August 3 rd	Fingal Annual Show (Swords)	086 390 1105
August 29 th	Howth & Sutton Autumn Show	086 818 3709
September 6 th	Balbriggan Annual Show	087 752 0506
Sept 12 th /13 th	Naul Annual Show	086 285 0561

EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR PERPETUAL TROPHIES

There are two categories for Exhibitor of the Year:

- (a) Vegetables & Fruit
- (b) Flowers & Pot Plants

The names of the exhibitors obtaining the ten highest aggregates of points in each of the categories (a) & (b) at the above Shows in the open horticultural classes will be forwarded to the Association for inclusion in this competition. Points will be awarded 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, & 1 for 3rd in all individual classes. Exhibitors may exhibit at any number of shows but only the highest points from their top five shows will be counted in the competition for each category. Results are recorded & distributed after each show & trophies are presented at the “End of Season Show” in October.



***TIPS FOR FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS AT
FINGAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (SWORDS)
ANNUAL SHOW***

NOTES

- Exhibiting at the show should be a fun activity and an opportunity to meet others with an interest in Horticulture, Plants, Vegetables & Crafts.
- You don't need to be an expert gardener to produce prize-winning produce so please come along and give it a go...you might be surprized.
- Members from the Society will be on hand to help inexperienced exhibitors stage their exhibits...feel free to ask for advice
- Make sure to read through the Show Catalogue to see what Classes you would like to exhibit and either highlight them or make a list of Class numbers.
- It is important to take note of the number of items in each Class (e.g. Class 508 - Potatoes, dish of 5) and it is wise to bring 1 or 2 extra of each exhibit (e.g. 7 potatoes) in case they are needed.
- Points are awarded for Quality, Uniformity & Freshness so for example 5 Potatoes of similar size & shape and of the same variety would be a good exhibit.
- Show vases will be supplied and should be used for staging cut flowers, and you may need newspaper or oasis to keep them upright in the vase.
- Most importantly come along and enjoy the experience and if you win, it will be an added bonus!
- GOOD LUCK