



Flavours of Fingal



NOTES:

GARDENING & HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2026

Featuring 6 Irish Shows Association
All-Ireland Qualifier Classes

*Affiliated to National Vegetable Society of Ireland (NVS),
RHSI & National Dahlia Society*

Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th July 2026



**NEWBRIDGE HOUSE & FARM
DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN**

- **Entries close at 9pm on Wednesday 1st July**, and should be submitted by phone, text, or email to contact below.
- Exhibits may be staged on Friday 3rd July between 2pm and 7pm or on Saturday morning 4th July between 7.30am and 9.45am.
- Judging takes place at 10am on Saturday 4th July.
- Each exhibit will be given a Class Card which must be placed face down under the exhibit to which it relates. In the case of Children's Classes, age should be written on the back of the card so that the Judge can take this into account.
- Presentation of Silver Salvers & Payout will take place on Sunday.
- Exhibits must not be removed before the close of the show at 6pm on Sunday 5th July.
- All exhibits must be the bona fide production of the Exhibitor and named as far as possible.
- Handcraft Exhibits must have been made in the last 12 months.
- A competitor may not enter more than one exhibit in any class, unless otherwise stated.
- There is no entry fee, except for the six All Ireland Qualifier Championships which is €3 at this show and €6 at the final.
- Sweet Pea, Roses & Cut Flowers must be shown in vases provided.
- We will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any exhibit before, during or after the Show, but all reasonable care shall be exercised.
- The Judges decision will be final.

To enter, please send full name, address, mobile number, email and class numbers, to:

info@fingalhorticulturalsociety.com

or Text/Phone #086 3901105

**Perpetual Silver Salvers & Cash Prize of €50
sponsored by Fingal County Council will be awarded for:**

Best exhibit in Sweet Pea

Winner 2025: David Moloney, Clonmel

Best exhibit in Roses, Cut Flowers & Pot Plants

Winner 2025: Michael Connolly, Kilsallaghan

Best exhibit in Vegetables & Fruit

National Vegetable Society Silver Medal will also be awarded

Winner 2025: Mick Burke, River Valley

Best exhibit in Baking

Winner 2025: Pauline Browne, Castleknock

Best exhibit in Handcrafts

Winner 2025: Christine Clarke, The Ward

Prizes in all classes will be €5 for 1st & €3 for 2nd
Children's classes will have an additional 3rd prize of €2

**Special Classes 103, 108, 116, 138, 141, 201, 209, 316, 403,
501, 602, will be awarded €20 for 1st & €10 for 2nd**

*Vegetable Classes will have a 1st prize of €10 & 2nd prize of €5 sponsored
by the National Vegetable Society of Ireland (NVS)*

***NORTH DUBLIN
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION
EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION***

Annual Show Dates for 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Horticultural Society</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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 Show	086 079 6851
August 3 rd	Fingal Show (Swords)	086 390 1105
August 29 th	Howth & Sutton Show.....	086 818 3709
September 6 th	Balbriggan Show	087 752 0506
Sept 12 th /13 th	Naul 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" on Saturday 26th September at 2pm.

Special Prize Classes highlighted in red

1st €20, 2nd €10

Sweet Pea

For growers of 120 plants or less



- 100 Sweet Pea, 9 stems, mixed varieties, one vase.
- 101 Sweet Pea, 1 stem, any variety.
- 102 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, one variety, one vase.
- 103 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, mixed varieties, one vase (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 104 Bowl of Sweet Pea, not more than 15 stems.

For growers of more than 120 plants

- 105 Sweet Pea, 9 stems, mixed varieties, one vase.
- 106 Sweet Pea, 1 stem, any variety.
- 107 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, one variety, one vase.
- 108 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, mixed varieties, one vase (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 109 Bowl of Sweet Pea, not more than 15 stems.

- 110 Bowl of old-fashioned sweet peas, not more than 12 stems, not cordon grown, no Spencers, with any foliage. To be judged for quality and decorative effect.

Roses

- 115 Rose, large flowered (H.T.), single stem.
- 116 Roses, large flowered (H.T.) 3 stems, may be mixed (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 117 Rose, Cluster Flower (Floribunda), single stem.
- 118 Roses, Cluster Flower (Floribunda), 3 stems, may be mixed.
- 119 Single Rose, to be displayed in Picture Frame (supplied).
- 120 Any other Rose e.g. Shrub, Miniature, Rambler, Climber, single stem



Cut Flowers

- 130 Viola, 5 blooms, may be mixed, in container & tubes provided.
- 131 Pansy, 5 blooms, may be mixed, in container & tubes provided.
- 132 Pelargoniums (Geraniums), 1 vase, 3 stems.
- 133 Pansy, 5 blooms, one variety, in container & tubes provided.
- 134 Bowl of floating flowers (exhibitor to provide bowl).
- 135 Hosta leaves, 3 different varieties, in 3 vases.
- 136 Begonias (Tuberous), 3 blooms on a board or tray.
- 137 Any flowering shrub, 1 variety, 1 vase, maximum 5 stems.
- 138 Collection of Cut Flowers, excluding sweet pea, 1 vase mixed (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 139 Hardy Herbaceous Flowers, 1 vase, mixed.
- 140 Hardy Herbaceous Flowers, 1 variety, maximum 5 stems.
- 141 Hanging basket or hanging pot (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 142 Planted container, maximum size 60cm/2'
- 143 Planted window box, maximum size 90cm/3'
- 144 Shrubs, may be mixed, 1 vase



Pot Plants

- 201 Pelargonium (Geranium), max pot size 7" (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 202 Impatiens, Busy Lizzie, max pot size 7".
- 203 Fuchsia, max pot size 7".
- 204 Begonia, max pot size 12".
- 205 Any foliage plant, max pot size 10".
- 206 Cactus, max pot size 7".
- 207 Succulent, max pot size 7".
- 208 Any other pot plant not provided for, max pot size 10".
- 209 Flowering plants, 3 pots, max pot sizes 10" (**1st €20 + Perpetual Silver Salver in honour of Madaleine Harford, 2nd €10**) Winner 2025 Michael Connolly, Kilsallaghan.



Vegetables

All Classes 1st Prize €10, 2nd Prize €5

- 300 French Beans, plate of 5.
- 301 Cabbage, 1 head.
- 302 Peas, plate of 5.
- 303 Broad Beans, plate of 5.
- 304 Potatoes, plate of 5.
- 305 Lettuce, 1 head.
- 306 Scallions, bunch of 6 (no bulb).
- 307 Mixed Vase of Herbs, minimum 3 varieties.
- 308 Parsley, 5 stalks in a vase.
- 309 Rhubarb, 5 sticks.
- 310 Broccoli/Calabrese, 1 head.
- 311 Cauliflower, 1 head.
- 312 Beetroot, plate of 3.
- 313 Courgette, plate of 3.



- 314 Onions, plate of 3.
- 315 Any other vegetable not provided for (up to 3 entries allowed provided that they are different)
- 316 Selection of vegetables displayed on a board supplied, max size 3'x 2', not more than 5 types (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 317 3 single vegetables on a board supplied, must be different types.

Fruit

- 318 Strawberries, 10 on a plate.
- 319 Gooseberries, 10 on a plate.
- 320 Raspberries, 10 on a plate.
- 321 Any other fruit not provided for (up to 3 entries allowed provided that they are different).
- 322 A display of fruit, three or more types.



Home Baking

- 400 Tea Brack.
- 401 Soda Bread.
- 402 Brown Bread.
- 403 Scones, plate of 5 (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 404 Apple Tart.
- 405 Biscuits or Cookies, plate of 5.
- 406 Jam or Marmalade, named & dated. (up to 3 entries allowed provided they are different).
- 407 Any other Preserve e.g. Chutneys. (up to 3 entries allowed provided they are different).
- 408 Any other Bread e.g. Banana, Herb.
- 409 Jam Sponge.
- 410 Brownies or Tray Bakes, plate of 5.



Handcrafts

- 501 Hand knitted garment for an Adult (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)
- 502 Hand knitted garment for a Child.
- 503 Aran knitting, any item.
- 504 Crochet, any item.
- 505 Embroidery or Needlework.
- 506 Soft Toy or novelty item.
- 507 Watercolour Painting.
- 508 Oil Painting.
- 509 Picture in any other medium.
- 510 Tea Cosy, any medium
- 511 Handmade Greeting Card



Flower Arranging

- 601 **"Summer Holiday"**
A table arrangement,
Space allowed 60cm wide.
- 602 **"Storm in a Teacup"**
A petite arrangement,
Space allowed 25cm width & depth, 37cm height (**1st €20, 2nd €10**)



Children under 9 years (on day of show)

- 801 Miniature Garden in a container, or biscuit tin. Max size 35cm x 35cm
- 802 Model or item made from any or all of the following: fruit, vegetables, flowers, foliage.
- 803 Best dressed hard-boiled egg.
- 804 A vase of wildflowers.
- 805 Display of 6 named leaves or flowers, A4 size.
- 806 Painting or drawing of a flower, A4 size.
- 807 Any item made from recycled materials.
- 808 Handmade Greeting Card, A5 Size.



Children under 15 years (on day of show)

- 810 Miniature Garden in a container, or biscuit tin. Maximum size 35cm x 35cm approx.
- 811 Model or item made from any or all of the following: fruit, vegetables, flowers, foliage.
- 812 Homemade Traybakes, 3 on a plate.
- 813 Painting or drawing of a flower, A4 size.
- 814 Any vegetable that you have grown yourself.
- 815 Handcrafts, any item.
- 816 A garden design on A4 paper... be creative.
- 817 Any photo that you have taken yourself.
- 818 Handmade Greeting Card, A5 Size

All children who enter will receive a special gift!

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & TULLAMORE SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT
**BORD BIA 7 A-DAY BEST IN SEASON KITCHEN GARDEN
ALL IRELAND FINAL**

A display of Fruit & Vegetables excluding potatoes (not less than 7 kinds, not more than 10)

RULES AND CONDITIONS This competition is to encourage growers to exhibit fruit and vegetables from their own kitchen garden or allotment and promote the benefits of eating locally produce.

1. Each exhibit must consist of a display of fresh in-season, fruit and vegetables excluding potatoes.
2. The display must contain between 7 to 10 kinds of fruit and vegetables. The display must contain a minimum of 2 kinds of fruit. Tomatoes are classified as a vegetable for this competition. Foliage and root growth may be trimmed for display purposes, and herbs may be included as garnish
3. The vegetables and fruit must be displayed within an area not larger than 610mm x 610mm (24"x24") However, foliage and roots may extend beyond that boundary but not rest on the show bench.
4. Exhibitors may use their own staging board or container at qualifying shows.
5. At the final, all qualifying exhibitors will be supplied with a uniform 610mm x 610mm (24"x24") container for the presentation of their fruit and vegetables. The use of additional staging, containers, plates, boards, or accessories is not permitted.
6. At the final, qualifying exhibitors may set up their displays on Saturday evening between 6:00pm and 9:00pm, and on Sunday morning between 7:00am and 9.30am. Exhibits must not be removed before 5:00pm on Sunday.
7. Marquee opens from 7.00am on show morning and will be closed for judging at 10am sharp. Marquee will open to the public at 12 noon.
8. Exhibits cannot be removed before 5.00 pm.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED AS FOLLOWS:

Variety: 25 points

Condition and quality: 50 points

Overall presentation and attractiveness: 25 points

Prize Breakdown in final at Tullamore Show

1st €250, 2nd €150; 3rd €100; 4th €75; 5th €50; 6th €25.

Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show €3. To Final in Tullamore 9th August €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & TULLAMORE SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT
**BORD BIA
QUALITY POTATO CHAMPIONSHIP
ALL IRELAND FINAL**

A dish of 6 potatoes of any variety

BORD BIA
IRISH FOOD BOARD

Rules

1. In this competition the produce must be the property of and be grown by the Exhibitor.
2. The variety to be correctly named. Each tuber should be free from skin blemishes, be true to type, and weigh approximately 6ozs (170g).
3. Two exhibits may qualify for the final in Tullamore, if the Judges agree that the standard is high enough.
4. This being a quality championship, the adjudicators will favour floury, high dry matter varieties, which are popular with the Irish customer.
5. These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at www.irishshows.org

Criteria for judging potatoes available from the Tullamore Show.

Tel: 057-93-52141

Prize Breakdown in final at Tullamore Show

1st €250 + Bord Bia Perpetual Trophy + Replica.

2nd €150; 3rd €100; 4th €75; 5th €50; 6th €25.

All qualifiers will receive a special Bord Bia Plaque.

Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show €3. To Final in Tullamore 9th August €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & VIRGINIA SHOW PRESENT

THE QUALITY ONION ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

A dish of 5 onions of any variety

Rules

1. In this competition, the produce must be the property of and grown by the exhibitor.
2. Each exhibit is to consist of a dish of 5 onions of any variety.
3. The onions may be grown from either seed or sets.
4. The onions may be Autumn or Spring sown. The variety to be correctly named.
5. Each onion must be tied and weigh not more than 450grams.
6. The onions to be harvested and have clear unbroken skins.
7. Two exhibits may qualify for the Final in Virginia, if the Judges agree that the standard is high enough.

The Competition will be judged as follows:

Condition / Quality: 25 points, Uniformity and Shape: 25 points

Size / Weight: 10 points, Colour: 10 points

Overall presentation / attractiveness: 10 points

Judge's decision will be final at all stages of the competition.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at www.irishshows.org

Prize Breakdown in final at Virginia Show

1st €200; 2nd €125; 3rd €75; 4th €50; 5th €25; 6th €25

Each of the successful qualifiers will receive a memento on appearance at the Final.

Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show: €3. To Final in Virginia 19th August: €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & TULLAMORE SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT

THE ODLUM'S ALL IRELAND HOME BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors must bake all 3 specified items using recipes found on the Odlum's website & using Odlum's products

- a) Soda Bread Focaccia Picnic Sandwich Loaf (No filling required) <https://odlums.ie/recipes/soda-bread-focaccia-picnic-sandwich-loaf/>
- b) 3 Layer Rainbow Cake <https://odlums.ie/recipes/3-layer-rainbow-cake/>
- c) Apple and Blackberry Tart <https://odlums.ie/recipes/apple-andblackberry-tart/>

Rules

1. Items to be displayed on individual plates (3 tiered plates can be used for the smaller items) to enhance presentation and each exhibitor will be allocated their own space (trays optional) on a base 24" Square.
2. Points will be awarded for taste, texture, appearance, and presentation.
3. The competition is confined to amateurs, with one entry per exhibitor at the final.
4. The items must be fresh, and home baked by exhibitor.
5. Two entries may qualify for the final in Tullamore, if judges agree that the standard is high enough.
6. Non-adherence to tray size will deem elimination of exhibit.
7. All items will be cut and/or sampled by the Judge.
8. Each of the successful qualifiers will receive a hamper containing Odlum's products plus a Certificate, on appearance at the final in Tullamore.
9. The judge's decisions at all stages of the competition IS FINAL. These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at www.irishshows.org

Prize Breakdown in final at Tullamore Show

Prizes: 1st €300 + Trophy + Goods in kind, 2nd €200, 3rd €100, 4th €60, 5th €60, 6th €60, 7th €60, 8th €60 Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show: €3 To

Final in Tullamore 9th August: €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & CASTLEBLAYNEY SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT

THE ALL-IRELAND BREAD BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by McMahons SuperValu Ltd Castleblayney

Each exhibitor will bake 3 items:

1. **Brown Sesame Loaf (2lb loaf tin)**
2. **Tea Brack (7" Round)**
3. **4 Plain Scones**

Rules

1. The Items to be displayed as one exhibit on a base of 2ft x2ft approx.
2. Points will be awarded for texture taste, and presentation.
3. Competition is open to amateurs, and one tray to qualify per exhibitor.
4. All items to be home made by the exhibitor.
5. In the event of an objection and following an investigation, and if the exhibitor is deemed to be making their living from their profession, they maybe disqualified.
6. A SuperValu Flour wrapper to be displayed with the exhibit.
7. A special qualifying class will be held at selected shows.
8. Two trays may qualify for the final, if judges agree that the standard is high enough.
9. Judge's decision will be final at all stages of the competition.
10. Exhibits are displayed at owners risk.
11. An exhibitor can only qualify **one exhibit** for the All-Ireland final.
These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at www.irishshows.org

Prize Breakdown in final at Castleblayney Show

Prizes: 1st €200, 2nd €150, 3rd €100, 4th €50, 5th €25, 6th €25, 7th €25, 8th €25. Entry Fee: To qualifying show: €3 To Final in Castleblayney Monday 3rd August: €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & ARVA SHOW PRESENT

THE ALL-IRELAND HOME PRESERVES CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors to display three pots of preserves, pots used to be no bigger than 454gms (1lb), all the same size.

- A. **Soft Fruits**
- B. **Stoned Fruits**
- C. **Marmalade**



Rules

1. Max. space allowed 22cm by 22cm, Lids only to be used, no biscuits or scones to be displayed with exhibit.
 2. Exhibitor to be creative when presenting their exhibit.
 3. Points will be awarded for taste, appearance, sealing, setting and presentation
 4. The competition is confined to amateurs.
 5. **Two exhibits** will qualify from each show.
 6. The exhibits must be home produced by the exhibitor.
 7. All preserves will be sampled.
 8. The judge's decisions at all stages of the competition is **final**
 9. Exhibits are displayed at owner's risk.
 10. For the final fresh pots of preserves must be entered.
- These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at www.irishshows.org

Prize Breakdown in final at Arva Show

Prizes: 1st €200, 2nd €150, 3rd €100, 4th €50, 5th €25, 6th €25, 7th €25, 8th €25

Entry Fee: To qualifying show: €3 To Final in Arva Sunday 26th July: €6