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TOP TRAY

COMPETITION RULES

1 The Top Tray class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list of fifteen. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets: carrots (3), cauliflower (2), onions (3), parsnips (3), peas (6 pods), potatoes (3), runner beans (6 pods), tomatoes (6), french beans (6 pods), sweetcorn (2), pepper (3), cucumber (2), courgettes (3), red beet (3), aubergines (2). Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into three sections as follows: 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition; 6 points for uniformity. The overall mark will be out of a total of 60.

2 All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 45cm by 60cm (18x24in) without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 45cm by 60cm (18x24in) can be used to display the vegetables, or an area can simply be marked on the staging. Where a tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 45cm by 60cm (18x24in).

3 A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories, such as plates, sand, rings and so on, will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

4 The winner of the Top Tray class will receive a Certificate plus £10. The runner up will receive £5. Third place will receive £3.

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

- Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm (3in).
- Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached.
- Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower bud case).
- Judges may handle exhibits, open pods etc to check for quality.
- The tray, board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way at all - such as cutting holes for standing onions in.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Tray class, remembering that entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards.
- Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to, and decided by, the show officials. Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.

TOP VASE

COMPETITION RULES

1 The Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants, two varieties of the same plants are NOT two kinds.

2 The display is judged out of a total of 35 points, split into 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 points for the overall presentation and effects of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes.

3 Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only, no seed heads or berries will be allowed.

4 The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.

5 No accessories such as bows and additional foliage will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material - including florists' foam - to keep the stems in place is allowed.

6 The winner of the Top Vase class will receive a Certificate plus £10. The runner up will receive £5. Third place will receive £3.

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES

- Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant.
- The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, pinks, carnations and sweet william - which are all dianthus - would not be classed as different kinds.
- Use only fresh, home-grown flowers. No dried or silk flowers allowed.
- A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.
- The Top Vase class is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display in single species classes at shows.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Vase class bearing in mind that the entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Please note that the display has to be viewed all round.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards.
- Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to, and decided by, the show officials. Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.