WORCESTER & DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM & DAHLIA SOCIETY

EARLY SHOW

LAYLOCKS GARDEN CENTRE
BROMYARD ROAD
WORCESTER

Sunday 13th September 2026

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SHOW RULES

1. The venue is open for staging from **3pm – 4.30pm Saturday and 8am – 11.30am Sunday**. There are a limited number of Vases available at the venue.
2. A Novice for Chrysanthemum Classes is a member or non-member who has not won a total of FIVE first prizes for Chrysanthemums in any Shows where Chrysanthemum Classes are judged under N.C.S. Rules. An exhibitor winning FIVE First Prizes at a Show for Early varieties will be considered a Novice at a Show for Late Varieties until they have won a total of FIVE First Prizes for Late Varieties and vice versa, other than this Society's Single Bloom Show.
3. A Novice for the Dahlia Classes is a member or non-member who had not won a total of FIVE First Prizes for Dahlias at any Shows where the Dahlia Classes are judged under NDS Rules. Other than this Society's Single Bloom Shows.
4. ALL EXHIBITS (except where stated) must have been grown by the Exhibitor for at least THREE MONTHS before the date of the Show.
5. The Committee shall be empowered at any time to visit an Exhibitor's Garden.
6. Entries **must** be entered on the Forms provided and sent to the Show Secretary to reach her by Thursday 10th September 2026. (Email, Text and Telephone entries are acceptable) **Late entries** will be accepted subject to space, at the discretion of the Show Secretary with exception of the Championship Classes. All Exhibits must be staged by 11.30am on the day of the Show at which time the judging will commence. All Exhibitors must leave the Venue during judging, unless officially retained by the Show Secretary.
7. All Chrysanthemum, Dahlia and Vegetable Classes will be judged under NCS, NDS and NVS current codes of rules respectively.
8. NO EXHIBIT may be removed before 3.30pm on the last day of the Show except by permission of the Show Secretary. Any blooms remaining after this time will be sold to aid the Society's funds.
9. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.**
10. Notice of an objection to an Exhibit or Exhibitor must be made in writing to the Show Secretary by 2.00pm on the FIRST DAY OF THE SHOW accompanied by a deposit of £5. If the objection is upheld the deposit will be returned. All matters in dispute will be settled by the Committee, and their decision will be final.
11. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of **TWO** Exhibits in any Class.
12. THE SOCIETY'S CUPS AND TROPHIES WON BY EXHIBITORS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE AWARD.
13. Prizes in any Class may be withheld in the event of insufficient entries, or if in the opinion of the judges the quality of the exhibits is not of a sufficiently high standard.
14. Points are awarded on the following basis:
    5 for a FIRST 3 for a SECOND 2 for a THIRD
    In the event of a tie, the Exhibitor with the most FIRST prizes will take the award.
15. Prize money **must** be collected by **3.00pm** on the second day of the show.

SPECIAL AWARDS

ROYAL WORCESTER PORCELAIN - This year (2026) the Trophy will be awarded to Dahlias for the Best exhibit in show - (MEMBERS ONLY).

THE LONDON ROAD CHALLENGE CUP - awarded to Best Vase of Chrysanthemums in Show.
CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP winner Class 1
PREMIER DAHLIA CUP - awarded to winner of Class 20.
LADIES CHALLENGE CUP - Lady Member obtaining the highest number of points in all classes of the Early Show.
G GRAVEN MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best vase of Spray Chrysanthemums in the Show.

The N.D.S. SILVER MEDAL - Best vase of Dahlias in the Show
The N.D.S. BRONZE MEDAL - Runner Up to Best vase of Dahlias in the Show.
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The N.C.S. BRONZE MEDAL – Runner Up to Best vase of Chrysanthemums in the Show.
The NVS Medal from the Best Exhibit of Vegetables in the Show

OTHER AWARDS EARLY SHOW

SECTION 'A'
CHALLENGE CUP - Exhibitor with most points in this Section.
TED JEW CUP - Winner of class 12.
N.C.S. CERTIFICATE - Best vase from Classes 13, 14 and 15.

SECTION 'B'
NOVICE CHALLENGE CUP - Exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 16-18 incl.
N.C.S. CERTIFICATE - Best vase in this Section.

SECTION 'C'
AMATEUR CHALLENGE CUP - Exhibitor with most points in Section
PETER BLANE SHIELD - Winner of Class 20.
JOAN DAVIES MEMORIAL CUP -Winner of Class 21.
PETER WALKER PLATE - Winner of Class 42.

SECTION 'D'
SPECIAL CHALLENGE CUP - Winner of Class 43.
FRED SHARPE CUP - Exhibitor with most points in Section

SECTION 'E'
CHATTERTON CUP - Winner of Class 48.

SECTION 'F'
WRIGHT TROPHY - awarded for most points in Vegetable Classes (Early Show).
DON DAVIES MEMORIAL SHIELD - awarded for Best vegetable exhibit (Excluding Class 54).

SECTION 'A' EARLY FLOWERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

CLASS
1. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - **Kindly Sponsored by LAYLOCKS NURSERIES**

CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP - Three vases of Chrysanthemums Three Distinct varieties disbudded. Three Blooms of one variety in each vase

2. One Vase Incurved (23a/b) - 3 blooms
3. One Vase Large Reflexed (24a) - 3 blooms
4. One Vase Medium Reflexed (24b) - 3 blooms
5. One Vase Large Intermediate (25a) - 3 blooms
6. One Vase Medium Intermediate (25b) - 3 blooms
7. One Vase FIVE Blooms Large (23a, 24a, 25a)
8. One Vase FIVE Blooms - Medium (23b, 24b, 25b)
9. One specimen bloom
10. One Vases – Three Blooms per vase – Mixed Varieties
11. Two Vases Large - 3 blooms in each vase - Two distinct varieties
12. TED JEW CUP - TWO Vases of Mediums - 3 blooms in each vase - Two Distinct varieties (23b, 24b, 25b)
13. One Vase Early Flowering Sprays - 3 sprays per vase.
14. Two Vases Early Flowering Sprays - 3 sprays per vase.
15. One Vase Early Flowering Sprays - 1 Stem per vase

ENTRY FEE FOR SECTION "A" CLASS 1 = £1.00 ALL OTHER CLASSES = 30p
PRIZE MONEY FOR SECTION "A":

CLASS 1	FIRST £10.00	SECOND £5.00	THIRD £3.00
CLASSES 7, 8, 11, 12	FIRST £ 2.50	SECOND £1.50	THIRD £0.75
ALL OTHER CLASSES	FIRST £ 1.50	SECOND £1.00	THIRD £0.50

SECTION 'B' EARLY FLOWERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS NOVICE SECTION OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS (See Show Rules No 2.)

CLASS

16. One Vase - 3 blooms
17. One Vase – 1 bloom
18. One Vase Early Flowering Sprays - 3 sprays per vase

Entry fee for Section B - All classes 30p

Prize money for Section B - 1st £1.50, 2nd £1.00, 3rd £0.50

The Worcester & District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society Is indebted to LAYLOCKS GARDEN CENTRE for allowing us the use of their nursery and for all their help.

SECTION 'C' DAHLIAS - OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

CLASS

19. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - **Kindly Sponsored by the President**
    PREMIER DAHLIA CUP
    Any Three Vases from the following Seven: (One Variety per Vase)

One Vase Three Blooms Giant or Large Dahlia (may be shown in single vases)
One Vase Three Blooms Medium Decorative
One Vase Three Blooms Medium Cactus or Semi-Cactus
One Vase Three Blooms Small or Miniature Cactus or Semi-Cactus
One Vase Three Blooms Small or Miniature Decorative
One Vase Three Blooms Small or Miniature Ball
One Vase Five Pompon

20. PETER BLANE SHIELD - Any Two Vases from the following Four:
One Vase Three Blooms Medium Decorative
One Vase Three Blooms Medium Cactus or Semi-Cactus
One Vase Three Blooms Small or Miniature Cactus or Semi-Cactus
One Vase Three Blooms Small Decorative or Miniature Decorative
(One Variety per Vase)
21. JOAN DAVIES MEMORIAL CUP - Two Vases Pompon - Five blooms per vase Two distinct varieties. (**Sponsored by a member**)
22. One Vase Pompon - Five blooms
23. One Vase Large Pompon – Three blooms
24. Three Blooms - Giant Decorative - One bloom in a vase
25. Three Blooms - Large Decorative - Three blooms in a vase
26. Three Blooms - Giant Cactus or Semi-Cactus - One bloom in a vase
27. Three Blooms - Large Cactus or Semi-Cactus - Three blooms in a vase
28. One Vase - Medium Decorative - Three blooms
29. One Vase - Small Decorative - Three blooms
30. One Vase - Miniature Decorative - Three blooms
31. One Vase - Medium Cactus - or One Vase Medium Semi-Cactus - Three blooms
32. One Vase - Small Cactus or Semi-Cactus - Three blooms
33. One Vase - Miniature Cactus or Semi-Cactus - Three blooms
34. One Vase - Small Ball - Three blooms
35. One Vase - Miniature Ball - Three blooms
36. One Vase - Waterlily - Three blooms
37. One Vase - Collarette - Three blooms
38. One Vase - Bi-Colour - Three blooms
39. One Vase - Fimbriated - Three blooms
40. One Vase - Any classification not mentioned above - Three blooms
41. One Specimen Bloom
42. PETER WALKER PLATE - ONE Vase or Container of Dahlias - not less than 12 blooms but not exceeding 24 blooms - to be judged for effect.

ENTRANCE FEE FOR SECTION ‘C’
CLASS 19 £1.00 CLASS 20 £0.50 ALL OTHER CLASSES 30p
PRIZE MONEY FOR SECTION ‘C’

CLASS 19	FIRST £10.00	SECOND £5.00	THIRD £3.00
CLASS 20	FIRST £ 5.00	SECOND £3.00	THIRD £2.00
CLASS 21	FIRST £ 3.00	SECOND £2.00	THIRD £1.00
CLASSES 22-41	FIRST £ 1.50	SECOND £1.00	THIRD £0.50

CLASS 42 FIRST £ 2.50 SECOND £1.50 THIRD £0.75

SECTION 'D' DAHLIAS - NOVICE SECTION (See Show Rule No 3)
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

CLASS
43. SPECIAL CHALLENGE CUP –
    One Vase - Pompon or large Pompon - Three blooms
44. One Vase - Decorative - Three blooms
45. One Vase - Cactus or Semi-Cactus - Three blooms
46. One Vase - Ball - Three blooms
47. One Vase – Any other classification not mentioned above – Three blooms
48. One Vase – Any Cultivar – Five Blooms

ENTRY FEE FOR SECTION 'D' ALL CLASSES 30p

PRIZE MONEY FOR SECTION 'D'
ALL CLASSES FIRST £1.50; SECOND £1.00; THIRD £0.50

SECTION 'E' SPECIAL SECTION

CLASS
49. CHATTERTON CUP - SIX Roses - judged for quality - displayed at the discretion of the exhibitor. (Sponsored Class)
50. Three spikes - Gladioli in One Vase
51. One single spike - Gladioli
52. One Pot Plant (Flowering) (Pots not to exceed 9")
53. One Pot Plant (Foliage) (Pots not to exceed 9")
54. Flower arrangement not to exceed 24" wide, height unlimited, to incorporate Dahlia and / or Chrysanthemum.

ENTRY FEE FOR SECTION 'E' ALL CLASSES 30p
PRIZE MONEY FOR SECTION 'E'
ALL CLASSES: FIRST £1.50 SECOND £1.00 THIRD £0.50

SECTION 'F' VEGETABLES - OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

CLASS 55 The Harry Banner Master Gardener Competition

An arrangement of one vase of Flowers and Three Vegetables from the following:

VEGETABLES:		FLOWERS:	
Carrots	(3)	Chrysanthemum	(3) any variety or varieties
Onions	(3)	Dahlia	(3) any variety or varieties

Peas	(6)	Gladioli	(3) any variety or varieties
Potatoes	(4)	Sweet pea	(9) any variety or varieties
Tomatoes	(5)		
Runner beans	(6)		

Class 55 to be displayed within an area of 2'6" x 2'3"

For carrots, the top foliage should be trimmed to not more than 3 inches from the top of the shoulder of the vegetable.

CLASS

56. Nine Runner Beans
57. Two Parsnips
58. Four Potatoes
59. Three Beetroot - Globe
60. Three Onions
61. Nine Shallots
62. Three Carrots
63. Two Leeks
64. Five Tomatoes - Ordinary cultivars
65. Five Tomatoes - Small fruited & Novelty cultivars
66. One Dish Any other vegetable
67. Longest Runner Bean

CLASS 68 Charlie Hodges Challenge Class

Five different types of vegetables and/or fruits; one of each (5 berries that are the same, to count as one type).

ENTRY FEE FOR SECTION 'F' CLASS 55 & 68. 50p ALL OTHER CLASSES 30p

PRIZE MONEY FOR SECTION 'F'

CLASS 55 and 68	FIRST £5.00	SECOND £3.00	THIRD £2.00
ALL OTHER CLASSES:	FIRST £1.50	SECOND £1.00	THIRD £0.50

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