

CSGGA Newsletter

March 2020

Spring Show Edition

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With the ongoing Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis, we are holding our Spring Show online!

The Spring Show is one of the highlights of the Gardens Association year and during these challenging weeks ahead we wanted to find something we can do to that might bring us together in our shared interest. So.....



We would like to encourage all members to enter at least one class and we hope everyone will find something they can enter, perhaps a beautiful tulip or a stick of rhubarb, a foliage pot plant or a flower arrangement. It's about entering for fun, as well. **You only need a camera and a computer, iPad/tablet or iPhone/smartphone.**

What we've done

We've set up an online photo contest site where you can upload photographs of your entries into the relevant class.

Each "contest" will finish on a Sunday at 6.00 pm, when all members will be invited to vote regardless of whether they have entered.

We will "launch" new classes every week, initially following the classes from the Spring Show Schedule published below, but given the movement restrictions announced by the PM yesterday we are open to any suggestions once these have all been exhausted.

The Spring Show Schedule – there's big money to be won! We will be keeping the scores and the cup and cash prizes will be awarded at our next meeting!
We are starting with the classes shown in bold and a new class – a plant that has given you joy this week

Foliage does not need to be attached to the stem for Classes 1-5a

Classes 1-3 are for single-headed blooms only.

Class 1 Daffodils/Narcissi – 1 Stem, Own Foliage.

Class 2 Daffodils/Narcissi – 3 Stems, Own Foliage.

Class 3 Miniature Daffodils/Narcissi – 3 Stems, Own Foliage – less than 13"



Class 4 Multi-headed Daffodils/Narcissi – 1 Stem, Own Foliage

Class 5 Tulips – 3 Stems, Own Foliage

Class 5a Tulip – Single stem, Own Foliage

Class 6 Flowering Shrubs or Trees – 1 or more varieties

Class 7 Pot of Primulas, Primroses or Auriculas. max pot size 8"/20cms

Class 8 Petite flower arrangement – to fit within a 6"/15cms cube

Class 9 Any other flower - 1 Kind, 3 Stems

Class 10 Rhubarb – 3 Sticks, forced with leaves OR 3 sticks natural, leaves trimmed

Class 11 Any other Vegetable. (Any quantity)

Class 12 Flowering Pot Plant (in flower) including bulbs & orchids max pot size 8"/20cms

Class 13 Foliage Pot Plant – (No flowers) max pot size 8"/20cms

Class 14 Flowers From My Garden (Not shrubs)

Class 15 Mixed Foliage Display (No Flowering Material) in a vase or jug.

Class 16 Cactus or succulent.

Class 17 A plant that has given you joy this week

Rules and Guidance

How to Join In

Go to our website www.CSGGA.org/virtual-spring-show

Click on the class you want to enter and you will be redirected to PollUnit where you can upload your photograph.

You should be able to upload photographs direct from your computer, iPad/tablet or iPhone/smart phone.

You do not have to register on PollUnit, you can join as a "guest", though you will be asked for your email address.

Your photograph will be added to the PollUnit gallery once approved by the moderator - currently your Chairman! So be warned, this could take up to 24 hours!

You will be invited to vote once entry closes, which will be at 6pm each Sunday.

Results will be published on our website and in our Newsletter.

Please only submit two entries per person per class.

Display your entries as you would have done for the Spring Show. So, if it states 3 stems with own foliage this means you should pick your best stems and display them in a vase.

Although this is not a photography competition, try to ensure your photograph shows your entry at its best and shows what's being asked for in the class description.

For "the plant that bring you joy" It might be a fantastic specimen but if the photo is too small others won't see how great it is! Photograph what makes it special, whether it's the flowers, the leaves or the bark. See examples in this newsletter and on the website, some taken from Burgess Hill Spring Show 2018 and others from the RHS.

This is the first time we've tried this and we are all "learning on the job" so inevitably there will be teething troubles, please bear with us if we have to change how it works going forward.

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