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ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

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## Honorary President's Welcome



### Welcome to our Annual Show schedule for 2025

I am delighted to say that the 2024 show attracted visitors from near and far with entries in all sections well covered. Thank you for all your support, whether as a sponsor, exhibitor, member of the public or volunteer.

Thanks too to our committee for all their hard work and everyone else who contributed in any way, whether providing tasty tea and cakes or raffle prizes, or helping on the day. We greatly appreciate everyone's support!

I hope you have a successful year in the garden and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Show.

**Margaret Johnson**  
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### Committee and Office Bearers

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### Committee Members

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## Timetable

### Friday 22nd August

7 -9 pm

Collect and complete entry labels  
Attach to entries Stage entries

### Saturday 23rd August

7.30 – 9.30 am \*

Collect and complete entry labels  
Attach to entries  
Stage entries

10.00 am

Judging

**2.00 pm**

**Doors open**

2.15 pm

Official opening  
Prize giving

2.30 pm

Afternoon tea

3.15 pm

Raffle

3.30 pm

Earliest removal of exhibits

**4.00 pm**

**Show closes**

**\* Hall doors close at 9.30 am, no further entries accepted after this time. Please try and come the evening before.**

## AGM

A Public Meeting and AGM will normally be held In September. All are welcome to attend, and the committee would love to hear your comments on the Show.

## News

For all news and updates - follow us on facebook and check out our website at [www.muckhart.org](http://www.muckhart.org) under Local Groups.

## 2025 TROPHIES

### Children's Trophies

McNab Cup - Most points Children Under 8 years

May Pole Memorial Cup • Most points Children 8-11 years

Bibby Cup- Most points Children 12-16 years

Paterson Cup - Most points in Children's

### Adult Trophies

Harper Cup - Most points in Baking Section

Sutherland Shield - Most points in Jams and Preserves

Muckhart H.S. Shield - Most points in Crafts and Hobbies section

Lady Izat Cup - Most points In Cut Flowers and Fruit and Vegetable sections

Hollingsworth Shield - Most points in Pot Plants section

Jubilee Salver - Most points in Floral Art section

Johnman Cup - Most points in Cut Flower section

Muckhart H.S. Shield - Most points in Fruit and Vegetable section

Galloway Memorial Cup • Best Dahlia in Show

Mitchell Memorial Cup - Best Single Rose

Peter Bryce Memorial Rose Bowl - Most points for pictures

Lawhill Trophy - Most points for Photography



## Rules and regulations

1. The Muckhart & District Horticultural Society is a constituted Society. Copies of the constitution are available on the Society Website or by email from the Secretary.
2. Society competitions are open to all. Each article sent in for competition must have attached a Competition Label supplied by the Society, price 10p each. Failing this the article will be laid aside.
3. All specimens **must be staged by 9.30am on the day of the Show** which will be open to the public from 2.00pm. The Show Room will be open for the reception of articles for Competition from **7.00pm to 9.00pm on the evening preceding the show**. Please don't pick up until after 3.30 pm on Saturday.
4. No competitor to exhibit more than the specified quantity of any article. Vegetables to be shorn of all superfluous leaves. Competitors are requested to show articles for competition in as neat a style as possible. Articles shown in the Industrial section must be new and unlaundered.
5. No competitor will be allowed to stage more than one lot for any one prize.
6. In any competition where there are two prizes and only one competitor the Committee reserves full power to award only the second prize if necessary.
7. Where there is equality in points prizes, number of first prizes shall decide, thereafter the number of second prizes.
8. All entries must be the exhibitors' own work.
9. Points that go towards the awarding of the cups are awarded for 1st , 2nd and 3rd places.
10. Only children will be awarded a cash prize and only for first place.

## Other Information

- You can buy raffle tickets and pay for your tea at the same time in the entrance hall. We have a card payment machine, or you can pay by cash.
- There is also a coffee/tea and cake takeaway table in the hall if you are short of time.
- Raffle - Any Items donated for this are always very gratefully received.



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## Categories for competition

### Baking

*Most points in Section will receive the **Harper Cup***

1. Three scones (any type but all the same)
2. Three Empire biscuits
3. Three scotch pancakes
4. Three shortbread fingers
5. Three pieces of brownie
6. Gingerbread (plain)
7. Three decorated cupcakes
8. Three pieces of tablet – any flavour
9. Bake Off recipe – Carrot Loaf Cake - see ingredients below

Zest & juice 1 orange, 50 g sultanas, 150 ml sunflower oil, 2 eggs, 140 g soft light brown sugar, 85g wholemeal SR flour, 85g SR flour, 2 tsp ground cinnamon, & ground mixed spice, 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 140 g carrots, coarsely grated, 50 g walnuts chopped, plus a few halves to decorate.  
For the icing: 200 g soft cheese, 50 g butter, 85g icing sugar, pinch ground cinnamon.

*See Handy Hints at end of schedule*



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## Jams and preserves

*Most points in Section will receive the **Sutherland Shield***

10. A jar of curd – any flavour
11. A jar of strawberry jam
12. A jar of blackcurrant jam
13. A jar of raspberry jam
14. A jar of marmalade – any flavour
15. A jar of jelly – any flavour

## Crafts and Hobbies

*Most points in section will receive the **Muckhart Horticultural Society Cup - Crafts and Hobbies***

*Note – No article to be washed and all knitted articles to be hand knitted. All entries must be exhibitors' own work.*

16. Any article in cross stitch or embroidery
17. Home-made celebrations card
18. Any knitted garment
19. Any article in crochet
20. Something new from something old
21. Soft toy, any craft
22. Any handcrafted article not specified above

*See Handy Hints at end of schedule*

## Pictures

*Most Points in section will receive the **Peter Bryce Memorial Rose Bowl***

### Picture – black & white drawing

- 23. Horticultural theme
- 24. Landscape
- 25. Animals

### Picture - oils or acrylic

- 26. Horticultural theme
- 27. Landscape
- 28. Animals

### Picture – watercolour

- 29. Horticultural theme
- 30. Landscape
- 31. Animals

### 29. Picture – any other medium e.g. Pastel, needlefelt

- 32. Horticultural theme
- 33. Landscape
- 34. Animals

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## Photography

*Most points in section will receive the **Johnston Lawhill Trophy.***

*Photography adult section – all photos to be prints taken with digital or film, mounted, entry labels stuck to mount. Max size A5 (including mount ).*

- 35. Local subject matter
- 36. Wildlife
- 37. Gardens
- 38. Landscape
- 39. Portrait
- 40. Pet or Pets
- 41. Architecture
- 42. Action Shot
- 43. Holiday Snap
- 44. Abstract
- 45. Weather
- 46. Single Flower
- 47. Still Life



## Entries from Muckhart Primary School Only

- 48 Drawing or painting (P1)
- 49 Drawing or painting (P2)
- 50 Drawing or painting (P3)
- 51 Drawing or painting (P4)
- 52 Drawing or painting (P5)
- 53 Drawing or painting (P6)
- 54 Drawing or painting (P7)

*Please see Handy Hints at end of Schedule*



## **Children's section**

*Most points in this section will receive the **Paterson Cup***

### **Under 8 years (write age on outside of label)**

*Most points in this section will receive the **McNab Cup***

- 55. Something made with wool
- 56. Vegetable and/or fruit character
- 57. Decorated stone
- 58. Item from recycled materials
- 59. Miniature garden in a container – max. diameter 25 cm
- 60. Collage picture
- 61. Drawing of a family member e.g. Mum, grandpa
- 62. 1 decorated cupcake

### **8 – 11 years (write age on outside of label)**

*Most points in this section will receive the **May Pole Memorial Cup***

- 63. Something made from wool
- 64. Vegetable and/or fruit character
- 65. Decorated stone
- 66. Item from recycled materials
- 67. Miniature garden in a container – max. diameter 25cm
- 68. 10 named leaves, this season
- 69. Photograph, colour, any subject. (Mounted max. A5 including mount)
- 70. One home grown plant from seed



## **12-16 years (write age on outside of label)**

*Most points in this section will receive the **Bibby Cup***

- 71. Friendship bracelet
- 72. Item from recycled materials
- 73. Painting – any subject – unmounted
- 74. Painted stone
- 75. Photo – colour or black & white (A5 max size inc. mount)
- 76. Home grown plant from seed
- 77. 3 peapods on a plate grown from seed
- 78. 3 homemade biscuits or cookies (all the same)

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*Most points in this section will receive the **Hollingsworth Shield***

- 79. Foliage Plant (ornamental)
- 80. Geranium in bloom
- 81. Fuchsia in bloom
- 82. Peace Lily
- 83. Cactus
- 84. Succulent
- 85. Any herb
- 86. Chilli pepper

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## Cut Flowers

*Most points in section will receive the **Johnman Cup***

*Best Dahlia in Show will receive the **Galloway Memorial Trophy***

*Best Single Rose in Show will receive the **Mitchell Cup***

**Please attach your competition entry label to any vases used.**

- 87. One vase Scotch marigolds (calendula)
- 88. Four spikes' phloxes
- 89. Three spikes' gladioli
- 90. Three blooms dahlias, Cactus, in vase
- 91. Three single dahlias, not decorative, in vases
- 92. Three blooms dahlias, decorative, small, in vase
- 93. Three small pompom dahlias in vase, all blooms same variety
- 94. Single rose
- 95. One spray multiheaded roses
- 96. Six spikes' antirrhinums
- 97. Sweet peas bouquet, own foliage
- 98. One vase mixed annuals
- 99. One vase mixed perennials

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## Floral Art

*Most points in section will receive the **Jubilee Salver***

*Please try to avoid using oasis when flower arranging. This product is not ecofriendly and there are alternatives e.g. beads, chicken wire or pebbles. One useful web site is:*

[www.gardeners.com/how-to/eco-friendly-flower-arranging](http://www.gardeners.com/how-to/eco-friendly-flower-arranging).

- 100. A jug of flowers fresh from the garden
- 101. Plants for pollinators in a vase
- 102. Arrangement in any kitchen vessel
- 103. Glory in Green (Garden plants & Foliage)
- 104. Arrangement in a boot
- 105. Arrangement to celebrate any special occasion




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## Fruit and vegetables

*Most points in section will receive the **Muckhart HS Shield** Most points in Cut Flowers **and** Fruit and Vegetable sections will receive the **Lady***

### **Izat Cup**

- 106. Three potatoes, white
- 107. Three potatoes, coloured
- 108. Six pods of broad beans
- 109. Six pods of peas
- 110. Three carrots
- 111. Two beetroot
- 112. Two parsnips
- 113. Three onions from setts
- 114. Three onions from seed
- 115. Two turnips
- 116. Six runner beans
- 117. Three leeks (with roots)
- 118. Six tomatoes (standard) (calyxes attached)
- 119. Six tomatoes (cherry) (calyxes attached)
- 120. One marrow
- 121. Six French beans (dwarf)
- 122. Kale
- 123. Two courgettes
- 124. One cucumber
- 125. Six shallots
- 126. Six fresh, free range eggs
- 127. Three apples – all same variety
- 128. Collection of four different vegetables (2 of each)
- 129. Broccoli
- 130. 1 Cauliflower
- 131. Three fruit in season, one type, any variety
- 132. One Novelty Vegetable
- 133. Three chillies, any variety

*See Handy Hints at end of Schedule*



## Handy hints for exhibitors

The following notes have been prepared by Show judges and are intended to be a guide for exhibitors as to what the judges look for in an exhibit.

**Preserves** - Jars should be well filled, clearly labelled and clean on the outside. The contents should be sealed in with either cellophane and waxed paper discs or screw top lids/metal covers. The skins of fruit should be soft. Jams and jellies should be bright with an attractive sparkle.

**Baking** - Crispness is the most important factor in any biscuit or shortbread. Be careful when lining cake tins with paper to ensure there are no creases. Tablet should break crisply but melt smoothly in the mouth. Gingerbread must taste of ginger and no other spices.

**Vegetables & Flowers** - The definitive guide to the exhibiting and judging of flowers, vegetables (and fruit) is the Royal Horticultural Society's 'The Horticultural Show Handbook' which gives all you need to know about organising, judging or competing in a show. The following notes are based on the guidance given in this Handbook. It has not been possible to give information for individual types but the following notes hopefully give an idea of what the judge is looking for.

**Vegetables** - In assessing the merits of exhibits of vegetables the following features are usually considered - condition, size and uniformity.

**Condition** - Cleanliness, freshness, tenderness and presence or absence of coarseness and blemishes.

**Size** - This is important if accompanied by quality (but only in those circumstances) as the production of large specimens of good quality requires more skill than growing small specimens.

**Flowers & Ornamental Plants** - In assessing the merits of most exhibits of flowers and pot plants consideration should be given to condition and uniformity.

**Condition** - Exhibits in good condition are fresh and free from damage due to weather, pests, diseases and faulty handling, have good colour and form. Stems

## Handy hints for exhibitors contd.

should be sturdy and straight and in proportion to flower size. **Uniformity** - An exhibit is uniform when individual plants are alike in age, size and form. And remember, biggest does not necessarily mean best as the judge will favour a set of similar size and shape exhibits over an ill matched entry of similar quality, even if they are bigger.

**Floral Art** - Flowers and foliage used in floral art exhibits do not need to be home grown, other than those for Class 101, 'A jug of flowers fresh from the garden'. The comments above regarding flower and foliage also apply to material used in floral art exhibits so make sure it is as fresh as possible and free from blemishes. If you are using oasis (not recommended) or some other base material in an arrangement, make sure it is totally hidden and secure. Think about the title/description, the judge will be looking for your ideas on it e.g. choice of container, plant material, colours, shapes, lines, textures. Accessories are allowed unless otherwise stated.

One of our committee members gives tips for using **Peat Free compost**. 'What I've learned using Peat Free compost for a number of years. As it is harder to wet efficiently and can dry out easily, I add some sharp sand, horticultural grit and/or vermiculite (perlite would work equally well as far as I can tell). I always water seed trays and seedlings from the bottom.

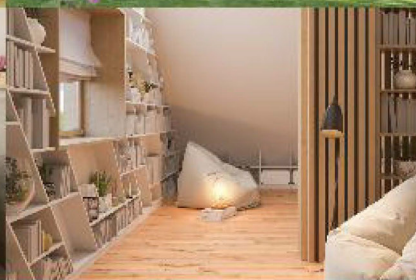
It's not easy to be precise over mix. I add a little bit at a time till it seems right depending on whether I'm sowing seeds, potting on or filling containers. I use added grit mainly in my containers, not for seed sowing.

I find that I do need to buy special seed sowing compost (which is now becoming available with peat substitute too, I understand) for very fine seed but bigger seeds like beans, sweet peas, cosmos do fine in the regular multipurpose. With extra tweaking, i.e. more sand or perlite, multipurpose would maybe work for fine seeds too, as seeds don't need much goodness till after they have their second set of leaves.

There is some good information on the RHS website about all types of composts and also suggested mixes to make your own.'

Good luck with your sowing and growing!

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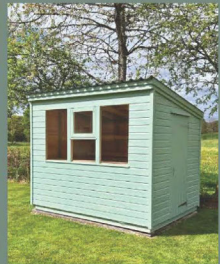
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