



Hobart Horticultural Society Inc.

Autumn Show

Dahlia & Floral Art Show 2026

Schedule and Conditions

Hobart Town Hall
50 Macquarie Street, Hobart

7 and 8 March

Open to the public:
Friday 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday 10 am – 4:00 pm

Free entry



Show Rules and Conditions of Entry

1. **Any person may enter an exhibit in the appropriate section. You do not have to be a member of the Society. There is no entry fee.**
 2. Exhibits are accepted on the understanding that the exhibitor agrees to be bound by the Society's conditions and the decisions of the show officials and judges. In judging matters, the judge's decision is final.
 3. **All exhibits must be the property of and have been grown by the exhibitor, except in the Floral Art Section where the exhibit must be set up by the exhibitor. Pot plants must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least three months.**
 4. Each entry must be accompanied by an **exhibitor's entry card** placed alongside the entry with the exhibitor's name facing downward. See also specific show conditions. Exhibitors entry cards are available at the show venue.
 5. No support or artificial aid is permitted, except for wiring in the Floral Art Section.
 6. The Society will take all reasonable care of exhibits but cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage. Exhibits must be removed promptly, **but not before the end of the Show.**
 7. **Staging of entries may take place between:**
 - * **4:30 pm and 8:00 pm on the day before the Show; and**
 - * **8:00 am and 10:30 am (Floral Art by 11:00 am) on the first day of the Show.**
 8. Judging starts at 10:30 am (Floral Art at 11:00 am) on the first day of the Show.
 9. All persons not involved with judging must leave the hall at this time.
 10. Wherever possible, all exhibits should be named. A card identifying the cultivar/genus/species (as appropriate) of each plant should be completed by the exhibitor to inform the visiting public.
 11. Entries in all classes will be eligible for first, second and third prize cards. Where perpetual trophies are awarded, they remain the property of the HHS.
 12. Eligibility to exhibit in the various sections is as follows:
 - Novice and Small growers:** For inexperienced exhibitors and growers who do not engage in horticultural commerce. No time-limit for exhibiting in this section but exhibitors may be advised by the Show Manager when it is appropriate to move up into Open Classes.
 - Intermediate:** Open to those who have not won three first prizes against competition in the appropriate Open Section at any one HHS Show or any combination of three wins of Intermediate Champion/Intermediate/Aggregate at HHS Shows
- Exhibitors are required to provide their own containers. **Please ensure that there is sufficient water in the container to last for the two days of the Show.**
- Definitions:**
- Distinct** = must all be different varieties.
 - NND** = can all be the same or all different.
 - Container** = a minimum of five stems in any suitable container

ENTERING AND STAGING DETAILS

PLEASE NOTE: It is only COMPULSORY for entries in Special Classes, Horticultural Displays and Floral Art to be advised prior to the Show so that space can be allocated.

Entries to be registered by **9:00 pm Wednesday** prior to show.

Phone Andrea Gerrard: 0438 700 457 or email: andrea.gerrard@utas.edu.au

Entries may be staged from **Thursday 5:00 to 8:00 pm or Friday 8:00 to 10:30 am.**

The Town Hall is closed for judging at **10:30 am* Friday.**

* Floral Art staging is allowed up to 11:00 am when judging commences.

Dahlia and Floral Art Show

Show Specific Conditions

1. Dahlia entries should be identified according to normal Dahlia Section practice: a white dot with class number written above and your registration number below. A registration number can be obtained at the Hall before staging.
2. Except where otherwise stated, blooms must be staged one per container.

Definitions

1. Dahlia blooms will be judged to the Australian Dahlia Council Standards.
2. Size ranges for dahlias:
 - Miniature: a bloom under 120 mm in diameter
 - Small: a bloom 120 mm or over, but under 160 mm in diameter
 - Medium: a bloom 160 mm or over, but under 210 mm in diameter
 - Large: a bloom 210 mm or over in diameter.



Additional Trophies Awarded

- Hobart Horticultural Society Inc. trophy for Grand Champion dahlia.
- Swinton Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion dahlia.
- Hobart Horticultural Society Inc. trophy for Intermediate Champion dahlia.
- Hobart Horticultural Society Inc. Dahlia Section trophy for Novice Champion dahlia.
- WG Simmons Perpetual Trophy for aggregate points in Open dahlias.

SPECIAL CLASSES

(Open to all exhibitors; limit one (1) entry/exhibitor in Classes A to E; unlimited entries Class F.)

A Parr Air Conditioning Championship

6 blooms, one each of Medium Decorative, Medium Cactus, Small Decorative, Small Cactus, Miniature Decorative and Miniature Cactus. Each bloom to be shown in a separate container.

B Harry Cheeseman Memorial Trophy

6 mixed varieties in 6 separate containers. Blooms of 160 mm and over to be shown singly in a container, blooms of under 160 mm to be shown as 3 of the same variety in one container.

C SG Moffat Perpetual Trophy

3 blooms (NND) shown in one container.

D Marj and Bill Simmons Memorial Award

3 blooms of Small Cactus, distinct, shown in one container.

E Miniature Decorative Vase

5 blooms of Miniature Decorative, distinct, shown in one container.

F Single Bloom of a Named Variety of 'Aitara Ace White'

cultivar. (Sponsored by the HHS Dahlia Section)



DAHLIAS

Open	Inter	Novice	
1	51		3 Large Decorative, distinct
2	52	99	1 Large Decorative
5	55	100	3 Medium Decorative, distinct H and V Blanks Award
6	56	101	1 Medium Decorative
7	57		6 Small Decorative, distinct
8	58		3 Small Decorative, distinct
9	59	102	3 Small Decorative, 1 variety in one vase
10	60	103	1 Small Decorative
11	61		6 Miniature Decorative, distinct
12	62	104	3 Miniature Decorative, distinct
13	63	105	3 Miniature Decorative, 1 variety in one vase
14	64	106	1 Miniature Decorative
15	65		3 Large Cactus, distinct
16	66		1 Large Cactus
17	67		6 Medium Cactus, distinct
18	68	107	3 Medium Cactus, distinct (fine petals only) D R Plaister Trophy
19	69	108	1 Medium Cactus (fine petals only)
20	70		6 Small Cactus, distinct Stan G Moffat Memorial Trophy
21	71	109	3 Small Cactus, distinct
22	72	110	3 Small Cactus, 1 variety in one vase
23	73	111	1 Small Cactus
24	74		6 Miniature Cactus, distinct
25	75	112	3 Miniature Cactus, distinct
26	76	113	3 Miniature Cactus, 1 variety in one vase
27	77	114	1 Miniature Cactus
28	78		3 Fimbriated Cactus, distinct

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DAHLIAS

Open	Inter	Novice	
29	79	115	1 Fimbriated Cactus
30	80		3 Exhibition Cactus, distinct
31	81	116	1 Exhibition Cactus
32	82		3 Medium Semi-Cactus, distinct
33	83	117	1 Medium Semi-Cactus
34	84	118	1 Pompon
35	85	119	3 varieties Pompon, 3 blooms each variety, in separate vases
36	86	120	3 Pompon, 1 variety in one vase
37	87	121	6 Pompon, distinct, in one vase
38	88	122	3 Pompon, distinct, in one vase
39	89		3 Ball Type, distinct, in one vase John Allport Award
40	90	123	3 Ball Type, 1 variety in one vase
41	91	124	1 Ball Type
42	92		3 Waterlily, distinct, in one vase
43	93		3 Waterlily, 1 variety in one vase
44	94	125	1 Waterlily
45	95		3 Collerette, distinct, in one vase
46	96		3 Collerette, 1 variety in one vase
47	97	126	1 Collerette
48	98	127	1 bloom any other type recognised by the Aust. Dahlia Council

DAHLIA SEEDLING SECTION (OPEN TO ALL)

Entries **must** be raised by the exhibitor from seed. They must not have been exhibited for more than three seasons. Wins in this Section are not considered for compulsory advancement.

- 128 1 Large Decorative
- 129 1 Medium Decorative
- 130 1 Small Decorative
- 131 1 Miniature Decorative
- 132 1 Large Cactus
- 133 1 Medium Cactus
- 134 1 Small Cactus
- 135 1 Miniature Cactus
- 136 1 Pompon
- 137 1 Ball Type
- 138 1 bloom any other type or size



Note: Classes may be amalgamated if there are fewer than 5 entries in a Class.

All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.

GARDEN GROWN CUT FLOWERS

- 139 1 container of mixed flowers, at least 3 varieties. **The Peg Monaghan Trophy.**
Limit 1 entry per exhibitor
- 140 1 spike any colour Gladiolus
- 141 1 spike miniature Gladiolus
- 142 1 spike species Gladiolus
- 143 1 container Small Decorative Dahlias, NND
- 144 1 container Miniature Decorative Dahlias, NND
- 145 1 container Small Cactus Dahlias, NND
- 146 1 container Miniature Cactus Dahlias, NND
- 147 1 container Pompon Dahlias, NND
- 148 1 container of 6 – 12 Dahlias, NND
- 149 1 stem Hybrid Tea Rose
- 150 1 container Hybrid Tea Roses, NND
- 151 1 stem Polyanthus/Floribunda Rose
- 152 1 container Polyanthus/Floribunda Roses
- 153 1 stem Old Fashioned Rose
- 154 1 David Austin Rose
- 155 1 stem Miniature Rose
- 156 1 container Miniature Roses
- 157 1 container mixed varieties Roses
- 158 1 container Carnations/Dianthus
- 159 1 stem Hydrangea
- 160 1 container Hydrangeas
- 161 1 container Snapdragons (Antirrhinums)
- 162 1 stem Liliium
- 163 1 container Liliiums

- 164 3 Fuchsia flowers in a saucer, distinct
- 165 3 stems Fuchsia in 1 container, Distinct
- 166 1 stem Belladonna Lily
- 167 1 container Belladonna Lilies, NND
- 168 1 stem Australian native
- 169 1 container Australian natives
- 170 1 stem Geranium/Pelargonium
- 171 1 container Geranium/Pelargonium
- 172 1 stem flowering shrub
- 173 1 container flowering shrubs
- 174 1 container any other flower
- 175 1 stem any other flower
- 176 6 varieties of cut flowers, in separate containers

POT PLANTS

- 177 Flowering pot plant
- 178 Foliage pot plant (not a Fern, Cactus or Succulent)
- 179 1 Fern
- 180 Cactus or Succulent
- 181 Terrarium
- 182 Most unusual pot plant
- 183 1 container of mixed plants, at least 3 varieties

FRUIT/VEGETABLES/HERBS

- 184 1 container of herbs
- 185 Basket of mixed fruit and/or vegetables
- 186 Any one variety of fruit or vegetable, at least 3 pieces
- 187 1 green vegetable
- 188 1 vegetable, any kind (not green)
- 189 Single fruit, any kind (not a Tomato)
- 190 **Tastiest Tomato.** One or more Tomatoes on a plate of a single named variety.
- 191 **Heaviest Tomato**

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JUNIOR SECTION

- 192 1 stem Dahlia
 193 1 container of Dahlias
 194 1 stem any other flower/foilage
 195 1 container any other flowers and/or foliage
 196 Pot plant (grown by the exhibitor)
 197 A plate of fruit and/or vegetables
 198 A container of herbs

THE HON LM SHOBRIDGE MEMORIAL CUP

- 199 **Open to all garden clubs, organisations and individuals.**

Horticultural display by an individual, group (inc. Garden Clubs) or organisation – 1200 mm wide on tiered benching using any horticultural material grown by the exhibitor/s. **(Please advise the Show Manager of your entry by 4 March to allow for spacing organisation - Andrea Gerrard on 0438 700 457.)**

COMMUNITY SECTION – open to all.

200 *It's Easter!*

Exhibitors are to use only fresh flowers and not dried or artificial flowers. **Entry to be registered with Andrea Gerrard on 0438 700 457.** Horticultural material must be dominant. All exhibits judged from front view only. Design may be brought in ready for staging. Prizes on offer, including best entry and most original entry.

FLORAL ART

Open Section

- 301 Jewels of Summer
 302 Sticks, Stones and Foliage
 303 A Dash of Yellow
 304 Go With the Flow
 305 * Bounty from the Sea

Novice Section

- 306 Beauty in a Basket
 307 Delight in Simple things
 308 From the Garden

Junior Section

Entries in this section should consist mainly of plant material but accessories and man-made materials may be included.

THESE ENTRIES MAY BE STAGED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

Up to 8 years inclusive

- 309 Inspiration from the Garden

Up to 12 years inclusive

- 310 Show Time

Up to 16 years inclusive

- 311 A Necklace of Flowers and Foliage

* Intending exhibitors should read the **Floral Art General Information and Conditions Sheet** with this schedule. This gives vital information concerning lodgment of entries, eligibility for the various sections, staging times, niche dimensions, judging, trophies, etc.

A copy of the sheet may be obtained from the Floral Art Section Coordinator (see below).

All entries to Norma by 9:00 pm on Wednesday 4 March:

**Mrs Norma Gordon
Telephone (03) 6244 1271**

**10 Balaka Street
ROSNY TAS 7018**



Keeping in touch

Website: <https://hobarthorticulturalsocietyinc.com>

Email: hobarthorticulturalsociety@outlook.com

Facebook: Hobart Horticultural Society – A great way to see what is happening in the garden or to ask for advice on gardening matters and to gather worthwhile information.

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