



The Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Inc.

Incorporated No. A 0002252X

Autumn Show 2026

to be conducted at the Society's hall

**100 Hilton Road (east end)
Sassafras, Vic 3787**

Saturday 18th April 2026

12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

and

Sunday 19th April 2026

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Note new revised Rule 16
regarding pot sizes
for Autumn Show

Show Schedule

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we
gather and garden, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation,
and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.*

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. 1. Read the Rules at the back of the Schedule and the Notes applying to each Section.
2. All classes are open to everyone unless stated otherwise. Membership of the Society is not required to enter the Show.
3. Exhibitors may submit any number of entries in any number of classes.
4. Entries close at 10:00am Thursday 16th April. Late entries may be accepted at the Show Manager's discretion.
5. Entries can be submitted as follows:
 - a) By email to showentries@fchs.org.au before 10:00am Thursday 16th April, or
 - b) By phone to 0455 531 911 (no texting) Wednesday 15th April 7:30pm - 8:30pm, or Thursday 16th April 9:00am - 10:00am, or
 - c) In writing in the Entries Box at the Society's hall Thursday 16th April 8:30am - 10:00am
6. Only the Class number is required when submitting entries. The section letter is not required. If entering by phone, make a list of your entries before calling so you can check them as they are read back to you.
7. Some classes require the size of the exhibit and/or container to be specified at the time of entry.
8. Entries are to be staged in the Society's hall:
 - a) Friday 17th April 1:00pm - 9:00pm, or
 - b) Saturday 18th April 7:00am - 10:00am
9. NEW EXHIBITORS: Feel free to ask a Steward or other experienced Society members for help and advice when staging exhibits. First time exhibitors should mark their bench cards with "N" in red.
10. Judging starts at 10:15am Saturday 18th April.
11. Exhibitors must maintain their exhibits for the duration of the Show (until 4:00pm Sunday 19th April).

SECTION A - AUTUMN & EVERGREEN FOLIAGE, BERRIES, FRUITS AND SEED PODS

Awards: Blue Ribbon for Best Exhibit

FCHS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in
Classes A1 to A16 (ie excluding Novice class)

FOLIAGE (AUTUMN COLOURED)

- A1 1 container Acer (Maple), 1 species or cultivar
- A2 1 container Cornus (Dogwood), 1 species or cultivar
- A3 1 container Quercus (Oak), 1 species or cultivar
- A4 1 container autumn foliage, 1 species or cultivar
- A5 1 container autumn foliage, mixed species or cultivars

FOLIAGE (NOT AUTUMN COLOURED)

- A6 1 container Conifer, 1 species or cultivar
- A7 1 container evergreen foliage, 1 species or cultivar,
other than specified
- A8 1 container deciduous foliage, 1 species or cultivar,
other than specified
- A9 1 container variegated foliage, 1 species or cultivar
- A10 1 container foliage with red colouring, 1 species or cultivar
- A11 1 container foliage with golden colouring, 1 species or cultivar
- A12 1 container foliage with silver or grey colouring,
1 species or cultivar
- A13 1 container Rhododendron foliage, foliage buds allowed, no
flower buds

AUTUMN BERRIES, FRUITS AND SEED PODS

- A14 1 container berries, 1 species or cultivar
- A15 1 container fruits or seed pods, 1 species or cultivar
- A16 1 container berries, fruits and/or seeds, mixed

NOVICE

Award: FCHS Best Novice Exhibit in Show Award (\$30)

Class A17 is included for this award

- A17 1 container autumn foliage

SECTION B - HYDRANGEAS

Note: All Hydrangea exhibits to be one head on each stem

Awards: **Blue Ribbon** for Best Exhibit

FCHS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in
Classes B18 to B26 (ie excluding Novice class)

Beryl and Frank Walker Perpetual Trophy (\$30) for
Best Exhibit in Class B19

Connie and Vern Axup Perpetual Trophy (\$30) for
Best Exhibit in Class B21

- B18 3 containers autumn-tinted Hydrangeas, distinct species
or cultivars
- B19 1 container autumn-tinted Hydrangea, 1 species
or cultivar (**Trophy**)
- B20 1 container autumn-tinted Hydrangeas, mixed species
or cultivars
- B21 1 head autumn-tinted Hydrangea (**Trophy**)
- B22 1 container Hydrangea, other than autumn-tinted,
1 species or cultivar
- B23 1 container Hydrangeas other than autumn-tinted,
mixed species or cultivars
- B24 1 head Hydrangea other than autumn-tinted
- B25 1 container Lace-Cap Hydrangea, 1 species or cultivar
- B26 1 container species Hydrangea, 1 species

NOVICE

Award: **FCHS Best Novice in Show Award (\$30)**

Class B27 is included for this award

- B27 1 container Hydrangea

SECTION C - GENERAL EXHIBITS

Awards: Blue Ribbon for Best Exhibit

FCHS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points

FCHS Encouragement Award (\$30) for
Best Exhibit by First Time Exhibitor

- C28 1 container Leucadendron flowers, cones or foliage,
1 species or cultivar
- C29 1 container Leucadendron flowers, mixed species
and/or cultivars
- C30 1 container Protea flowers, species or cultivar
- C31 1 Protea flower, species or cultivar
- C32 3 Sasanqua Camellia flowers, distinct species or cultivars,
S.S., dishes supplied
- C33 3 Sasanqua Camellia flowers, 1 species or cultivar,
S.S., dishes supplied
- C34 1 Sasanqua Camellia flower
- C35 1 container Sasanqua Camellia flowers, 1 species or cultivar
- C36 1 container Erica flowers
- C37 1 container flowering climbing or trailing plant, CVA
- C38 1 Rose flower, any type
- C39 1 stem Rose, cluster-flowered species or cultivar
- C40 1 container Roses other than specified
- C41 1 container miniature or small-flowered Roses
- C42 1 container Vireya Rhododendron, 1 small flowered
species or cultivar, less than 40mm diameter
- C43 1 container Vireya Rhododendron, 1 large flowered
species or cultivar, more than 40mm diameter
- C44 6 Fuchsia flowers, distinct species or cultivars, S.S.,
dishes supplied
- C45 3 Fuchsia flowers, 1 species or cultivar, S.S., dishes supplied
- C46 3 Fuchsia flowers, mixed, S.S., dishes supplied
- C47 1 flat container (plate or shallow dish) mixed Fuchsia flowers.
Fuchsia foliage permitted. Container not more than 30 cm.
across, supplied by exhibitor
- C48 1 container Fuchsia flowers, 1 species or cultivar

Section C - General Exhibits (continued)

- C49 1 container Nerines, 1 species or cultivar
- C50 1 container Nerines, mixed
- C51 1 stem of Nerine
- C52 1 container flowering bulbs, mixed, other than specified
- C53 1 stem Dahlia
- C54 1 container Dahlias, 1 cultivar
- C55 1 container Dahlias, mixed
- C56 1 container Button Chrysanthemums, 1 species or cultivar
- C57 1 container Chrysanthemums, 1 species or cultivar,
other than specified
- C58 1 container flowers, 1 species or cultivar
- C59 1 container flowers, at least 6 species or cultivars
- C60 1 flower or stem, other than specified
- C61 1 container herbs, fragrant or culinary
- C62 1 container grass, 1 species or cultivar
- C63 1 container mixed grasses

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Note: Rule 16 regarding width & height of exhibits does not apply to
Fruits and Vegetables

- C64 A collection of vegetables, 3 or more kinds, with stems
- C65 Citrus, minimum 3 pieces, with stems
- C66 1 bunch of 3 carrots, same variety, with 15cm tops
- C67 1 Brassica any variety
- C68 10 pods of legumes, same variety, with stems
- C69 3 Capsicum (including chilli), any variety, with stems
- C70 3 Apples, Pears and/or Plums in any combination, any variety,
with stems
- C71 3 Tomatoes, any combination of varieties, with stems

SECTION D - MIXED DISPLAY FROM YOUR GARDEN

Note: Rule 16 regarding width & height of exhibits does not apply to Section D

Award: **Tindale Perpetual Trophy (\$30)** for Best Exhibit

D72 A display from your garden (**Trophy**)

- Maximum dimensions 100cm x 90cm, 3 tiers.
- May include potted plants
- To be judged on quality, variety of material and overall presentation

SECTION E - AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS

Note: Flowers and buds in their natural state to override AHJA manual wording

Awards: **Blue Ribbon** for Best Exhibit

FCHS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in Classes E73 to E83 (ie excluding Novice class)

E73 1 container Banksia

E74 1 head of Banksia

E75 1 container Correa

E76 1 container Grevillea

E77 1 stem Grevillea

E78 1 container flowers, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified

E79 1 container flowers, mixed species or cultivars

E80 1 container seed pods, 1 species or cultivar

E81 1 container seed pods, mixed species or cultivars

E82 1 container foliage, 1 species or cultivar no flowers, seed pods allowed

E83 3 containers foliage, distinct species or cultivars no flowers, seed pods allowed

NOVICE

Award: **FCHS Best Novice in Show Award (\$30)**

Class E84 is included for this award

E84 1 container flowers, 1 species or cultivar

SECTION F - ROCK GARDEN AND ALPINE PLANTS

- Notes:**
1. The spirit of Section F is that Rock Garden and Alpine Plants are typically small and would normally grow in cool, mountain or woodland environments
 2. Clear glass containers supplied, but exhibits will be accepted in exhibitor's own clear (colourless) glass containers

- Awards:** **Blue Ribbon** for Best Exhibit in Cut Flowers and Foliage
Blue Ribbon for Best Exhibit in Pans and Pots
Reg & Veni Scoborio Memorial Perpetual Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in Classes F85 to F97 and F99 to F111 (ie excluding Novice class)

CUT FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

- F85 1 container flowers, mixed, not more than 5 genera
 F86 1 container flowering shrubs, 1 genus
 F87 1 container fruiting shrubs, 1 genus
 F88 1 container flowering non-woody perennials, 1 genus
 F89 1 container Crocus flowers
 F90 1 container Cyclamen flowers
 F91 1 container flowering bulbs, rhizomes or corms for the rock garden, 1 genus, other than specified
 F92 1 container flowering bulbs, rhizomes and/or corms, mixed genera
 F93 1 container Cyclamen hederifolium foliage
 F94 1 container Cyclamen foliage, other than hederifolium
 F95 1 container foliage, mixed, not more than 5 genera
 F96 1 container foliage, 1 genus, other than specified
 F97 1 container Australian Native flowers, 1 genus

NOVICE

- Award:** **FCHS Best Novice in Show Award (\$30)**

Class F98 is included for this award

- F98 1 container flowering bulbs, rhizomes or corms, 1 genus.

Section F - Rock Garden & Alpine Plants (continued)**PANS AND POTS**

- Notes:**
1. The pot size within Rule 16 does not apply to Class F111 but the overall exhibit size restriction still applies
 2. Size of exhibit must be advised when placing entry
 3. Saucers or equivalent must be provided

One pan or pot of the following:

- F99 Dwarf Conifer
- F100 Crocus in flower
- F101 Cyclamen foliage, no flowers
- F102 Cyclamen hederifolium, in flower
- F103 Cyclamen other than hederifolium, in flower
- F104 Saxifraga
- F105 Sempervivum, 1 species or cultivar
- F106 Sempervivum, mixed
- F107 Bulbs, corms, rhizomes or tubers, in flower, 1 genus, other than specified
- F108 Mat or cushion plant
- F109 Rock garden shrub, other than specified
- F110 Rock garden plant/s, 1 genus, other than specified
- F111 Miniature Garden of rock garden plants, mixed

NOVICE

Award: FCHS Best Novice in Show Award (\$30)
Class F112 is included for this award

- F112 Rock Garden plant/s

SECTION G - BONSAI

- Notes:**
1. Rule 16 regarding width & height of exhibits does not apply to Section G
 2. Size of exhibit must be advised when placing entry
 3. All exhibits must have been owned and trained by the exhibiter for 3 or more years except entries in Class G114

Awards: FCHS Trophy (\$30) for Best Exhibit
Bonsai starter kit for Best Exhibit in Class G114. Only exhibitors who have not previously won a Starter Kit are eligible for the award. Second place will receive the Starter Kit if First is not eligible.

- G113 1 Bonsai
- G114 1 Bonsai owned & trained for at least 1 year and less than 3 years
- G115 3 Bonsai S.S.
- G116 1 Penjing (miniature landscape)

SECTION H - POT PLANTS AND HANGING CONTAINERS

- Notes:**
1. Trailing plants may be placed on a plain stand not exceeding 25cm in height
 2. Stands (if used) are to be provided by the exhibitor
 3. Height of exhibits includes the height of any stand
 4. Size of exhibit must be advised when placing entry
 5. Saucers or equivalents must be provided by the exhibitor

- Awards:** **Blue Ribbon** for Best Exhibit
FCFS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points
 in Classes H117 to H131 (ie excluding Novice class)

POT PLANTS

Note: A pot can be any kind of container that isn't a hanging container

- H117 1 fern/s
 H118 1 plant/s in flower, 1 species or cultivar
 H119 1 Succulent or Cactus other than Sempervivum, 1 species or cultivar
 H120 3 Succulents or Cacti other than Sempervivum, 3 distinct species or cultivars, 1 per pot
 H121 1 Succulent and/or Cactus, mixed, may include sempervivums
 H122 1 pot trailing Succulent or Cactus, 1 species or cultivar
 H123 1 climbing or trailing plant/s, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified
 H124 1 foliage plant, 1 species or cultivar
 H125 1 foliage plants, mixed
 H126 1 bulbs in flower, 1 species or cultivar
 H127 1 Vireya Rhododendron
 H128 1 flowering shrub, other than Vireya Rhododendron

HANGING CONTAINERS

- Notes:**
1. A hanging container is supported from a point above the container
 2. Rule 16 does not apply to hanging containers

- H129 1 fern/s
 H130 1 foliage plant/s, other than fern/s
 H131 1 flowering plant/s

NOVICE

- Award:** **FCFS Best Novice in Show Award (\$30)**
 Class H132 is included for this award

- H132 1 pot flowering plant, 1 species or cultivar

SECTION J - YOUNG PEOPLE

Awards: Judy Austin Encouragement Award (\$5) for
Best Exhibit in each age group

15 YEARS AND UNDER

- J133 A container of autumn foliage from your family garden
- J134 A Mother's Day posey using flowers from your family garden
- J135 Something I have grown myself - labelled
- J136 A bowl of flowers from your family garden floating in water (bowl to be no larger than 20cm in diameter)
- J137 A creature made only from plant material

10 YEARS AND UNDER

- J138 A container of autumn foliage from your family garden
- J139 A Mother's Day posey using flowers from your family garden
- J140 Something I have grown myself - labelled
- J141 A bowl of flowers from your family garden floating in water (bowl to be no larger than 20cm in diameter)
- J142 A creature made only from plant material

6 YEARS AND UNDER

- J143 A container of autumn foliage from your family garden
- J144 A Mother's Day posey using flowers from your family garden
- J145 Something I have grown myself - labelled
- J146 A bowl of flowers from your family garden floating in water (bowl to be no larger than 20cm in diameter)
- J147 A creature made only from plant material

SECTION K - NON-COMPETITIVE ENTRIES

ALL ENTRIES APPRECIATED

Please do not stage exhibits until the Show Manager
has allocated an area

RULES

THE SOCIETY ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROPERTY OF EXHIBITORS IN ALL CASES THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE CONSIDERED FINAL

These Rules are in accordance with those of the Australian Horticultural Judges' Association Inc.

1. Any exhibit not in accordance with the Schedule will be disqualified and marked N.A.S. by the Judge.
2. Exhibitors must use containers supplied by the Society unless otherwise stated or prior arrangements have been made with the Show Manager. No advantage can be gained by using a non-Society container.
3. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in their possession for at least three months prior to the Show.
4. Cut flower exhibits become the property of the Society (unless otherwise arranged with the Show Manager by the exhibitor) and may be sold or destroyed after the Show.
5. Exhibits in other classes are considered the property of the Society until the Show's close and must not be removed without the permission of the Show Manager.
6. Exhibits considered by the Judge to be not worthy of the prize allotted in the Schedule shall have the prize withheld or reduced in value.
7. The Show Manager reserves the right to refuse any entry.
8. EXHIBITORS ARE REQUESTED TO NAME EXHIBITS ON THEIR ENTRY CARDS. This will be taken into consideration in cases of close competition. Entrants wishing to have an entry named should leave a card with Name Please on it.
9. Abbreviations: C.V.A. Colour Variation Allowed
N.N.D. Not Necessarily Distinct
S.S. Staged Singly
10. Flowering Shrubs include Trees and Climbers.
11. Own foliage is permitted in all exhibits.
12. Wiring of flowers is prohibited.
13. A container holds any number of stems.
14. A vase consists of at least three stems and not more than six.
15. Novice Classes. Open only to those who have not won a first prize or Blue Ribbon in that section at any Horticultural Show, or FCHS Novice awards in three or more FCHS shows. There will be a Best Novice in Show award across all classes designated as included for the Award.
16. Exhibits must not exceed these dimensions:
 - a) Pot: The area of a pot must not exceed 1,250 square centimetres at its widest point, eg 40cm diameter or 25cm x 50cm etc
 - b) Overall exhibit: 75 cm in width and height above the bench
17. Self-watering pots and hanging baskets may be used.