



The Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Inc.

Incorporated No. A 0002252X

Flower Festival 2026

to be conducted at the Society's hall

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

Saturday 24th October
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

and

Sunday 25th October
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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. 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 22nd October. 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 22nd October, or
 - b) By phone to 0455 531 911 (no texting) Wednesday 21st October 7:30pm - 8:30pm; or Thursday 22nd October 9:00am - 10:00am; or
 - c) In writing in the Entries Box at the Society's hall Thursday 22nd October 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 23rd October 1:00pm - 9:00pm; or
 - b) Saturday 24th October 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.
10. Judging starts at 10:15am Saturday 24th October.
11. Exhibitors must maintain their exhibits for the duration of the Show (until 4:00pm Sunday 25th October).

SECTION A - RHODODENDRONS (INCLUDING AZALEAS AND VIREYAS)

- Notes:**
1. "truss" means a stem with a single flower
 2. "spray" or "branch" means a stem with multiple branches and/or flowers

Awards: **Blue Ribbon** for Best Rhododendron Exhibit
FCHS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in Classes A1 to A56 (ie excluding Novice classes)
Frank & Laurie Waghorn Perpetual Trophy (\$30) for Best Exhibit in Classes A16 to A20 (large flowered classes)

SPECIES (OTHER THAN AZALEAS AND VIREYAS)

- A1 1 truss Rhododendron, Arborea (campbelliae, cinnamomeum etc.)
- A2 1 container Rhododendron, Maddenia (ciliicalyx, crassum etc.)
- A3 1 stem Rhododendron, Maddenia
- A4 1 container Rhododendron, Pentanthera (occidentale etc.)
- A5 1 truss Rhododendron, Pontica (degronianum etc.)
- A6 1 container Rhododendron, Pontica (degronianum etc.)
- A7 1 container Rhododendron, Triflora (augustinii, yunnanense, concatenans etc.)
- A8 3 trusses Rhododendrons, distinct species, in separate containers
- A9 1 truss or spray of any species other than specified
- A10 1 truss Yakushimanum species

GENERAL (OTHER THAN AZALEAS AND VIREYAS)

- Notes:** "small-flowered" means truss not exceeding 12.5cm in diameter
 "large-flowered" means truss over 12.5cm diameter

- A11 1 container small-flowered white Rhododendron
- A12 1 container small-flowered red Rhododendron
- A13 1 container small-flowered pink Rhododendron
- A14 1 container small-flowered yellow Rhododendron
- A15 1 container small-flowered blue/mauve/purple Rhododendron
- A16 1 container large-flowered white Rhododendron
- A17 1 container large-flowered red Rhododendron
- A18 1 container large-flowered pink Rhododendron
- A19 1 container large-flowered yellow Rhododendron
- A20 1 container large-flowered blue/mauve/purple Rhododendron
- A21 1 spray or branch of any Rhododendron

Section A - Rhododendrons (continued)

- A22 3 containers Rhododendron hybrids/species, distinct
- A23 1 container any fragrant Rhododendron
- A24 1 container Saffron Queen
- A25 1 container small-growing Rhododendron (maximum 100cm)
- A26 1 container Rhododendron foliage, no flower buds
- A27 1 pot Rhododendron in flower (size of exhibit must be advised)

1 truss of:

- A28 Blue Peter or Purple Splendour
- A29 Any multi-coloured Rhododendron e.g. Beauty of Littleworth
- A30 Earl of Athlone or The Hon. Jean Marie de Montague
- A31 Any miniature truss (maximum 6 cm)
- A32 Any Australian hybrid
- A33 Any Yakushimanum hybrid
- A34 Mme Cachet or Tamarindos
- A35 Any Hachmann hybrid
- A36 Any Williamsianum hybrid
- A37 White Rhododendron
- A38 Red Rhododendron
- A39 Pink Rhododendron
- A40 Blue, mauve, purple Rhododendron
- A41 Yellow or orange Rhododendron

AZALEAS

- A42 1 container evergreen Azalea, 1 species or cultivar
- A43 1 container evergreen Azaleas, mixed excluding Kurume
- A44 1 container Kurume Azalea, 1 species or cultivar
- A45 1 vase Kurume Azalea, may be mixed cultivars, max height 15cm
- A46 1 container deciduous Azalea, 1 species or cultivar
- A47 3 containers deciduous Azaleas, distinct species or cultivars
- A48 1 pot of any flowering Azalea (size of exhibit must be advised)

Section A - Rhododendrons (continued)**VIREYAS**

- A49 1 container 1 Vireya species
- A50 1 container 1 Vireya cultivar
- A51 1 truss or spray of Vireya species
- A52 1 truss or spray of Vireya cultivar
- A53 1 potted plant or hanging container of a Vireya species in flower
(size of exhibit must be advised)
- A54 1 potted plant or hanging container of a Vireya cultivar in flower
(size of exhibit must be advised)

SEEDLINGS

Note: Exhibit must have been grown from seed by the exhibitor but the seed may be sourced from anywhere

- A55 1 truss of a non-Vireya Rhododendron
- A56 1 stem or collection of stems of a non-Vireya Rhododendron

NOVICE

Award: **FCHS Best Exhibit in Novice Classes Award (\$30)**
Classes A57 to A59 are included for this award

- A57 1 container Rhododendron, truss or spray (may be mixed)
- A58 1 container Azalea, 1 species or cultivar
- A59 1 container Vireya, 1 species or cultivar

SECTION B - GENERAL EXHIBITS

Note: Rule 16 does not apply to Iris.

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

- B60 1 container Lilac, 1 or more cultivars
- B61 1 container Viburnum, 1 species or cultivar
- B62 1 container flowering shrub, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified
- B63 1 container evergreen shrub, decorative foliage, 1 species or cultivar
- B64 1 container deciduous shrub, decorative foliage, 1 species or cultivar

Section B - General Exhibits (continued)

- B65 1 container Proteaceous flowers, other than Australian natives
- B66 1 small flowered Clematis, less than 10cm (cup supplied)
- B67 1 large flowered Clematis 10cm or larger (cup supplied)
- B68 1 container climbing or trailing plant in flower, C.V.A.,
other than specified
- B69 1 container Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal), 1 cultivar,
not more than 10 stems
- B70 1 container cut flowers, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified
- B71 1 container mixed flowers from your garden; at least 6 species
and/or cultivars
- B72 1 container annual flowers, 1 species or cultivar
- B73 1 stem of herbaceous peony
- B74 1 stem of tree peony
- B75 1 stem of peony other than specified
- B76 1 stem of any flower other than specified
- B77 1 stem Bearded Iris
- B78 3 Bearded Iris, distinct cultivars, 1 stem of each, S.S.
- B79 1 container Iris, mixed, other than specified
- B80 1 container Iris, 1 species, other than specified
- B81 1 container bulbs, corms, rhizomes or tubers in flower
other than specified, 1 species or cultivar
- B82 1 container bulbs, corms, rhizomes and/or tubers in flower
other than specified, mixed
- B83 3 containers herbs, fragrant or culinary, 1 species or cultivar in each
container. Exhibits must be named.
- B84 1 container grass, 1 species or cultivar
- B85 1 container mixed grasses
- B86 1 container species or old-fashioned type garden Roses, 1 cultivar
- B87 1 container Banksia Rose
- B88 1 container Floribunda Roses
- B89 1 stem Floribunda Rose
- B90 1 container Hybrid Tea Roses, N.N.D.
- B91 1 container mixed Roses
- B92 1 stem Hybrid Tea Rose
- B93 1 stem fully blown Hybrid Tea Rose
- B94 1 container any Rose other than Hybrid Tea

SECTION C - MIXED DISPLAY FROM YOUR GARDEN

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

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

C95 A display from your garden.

Maximum space 100cm x 90cm, 3 tiers.

May include potted plants. To be judged on quality, variety of material and overall presentation (**Trophy**)

SECTION D - AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS

Note: 1. Except where foliage only is specified, all entries are to be in flower
2. 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 D96 to D110 (ie excluding Novice class)

Connie and Vern Axup Perpetual Trophy (\$30) for Best Exhibit in Class D107

D96 1 container Anigozanthos (Kangaroo Paw)

D97 1 container Banksia/Dryandra

D98 1 container Boronia

D99 1 container Grevillea

D100 1 container Hakea

D101 1 container Hypocalymma, can be mixed species or cultivars

D102 1 container Isopogon, 1 species

D103 1 container Kunzea

D104 1 container Leptospermum

D105 1 container Pimelea

D106 1 container Telopea (Waratah)

D107 1 container flowers, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified (**Trophy**)

D108 1 container flowers, not more than 5 genera

D109 1 container foliage, 1 species or cultivar, seed pods allowed, no flowers

D110 1 container foliage, mixed, seed pods allowed, no flowers

NOVICE

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

Class D111 is included for this award

D111 1 container flowers, 1 species or cultivar (**Trophy**)

SECTION E - ROCK GARDEN AND ALPINE PLANTS

- Notes:**
1. The spirit of Section G is that Rock Garden and Alpine Plants are typically small and would normally grow in cool, mountain or woodland environments
 2. Judging will focus mainly on presentation (fresh, undamaged etc), followed by skill of cultivation and lastly rarity in cultivation.
 3. 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 Perpetual Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in Classes E112 to E124 and E126 to E135 (ie excluding Novice classes)

CUT FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

- E112 1 container Australian native flowers, 1 genus
- E113 1 container Dianthus flowers N.N.D.
- E114 1 container Orchid flowers, 1 genus
- E115 1 container dwarf Rhododendron flowers
- E116 1 container bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber flowers, South African origin, 1 genus
- E117 1 container bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber flowers, not South African origin, 1 genus
- E118 1 container bulb, corm, rhizome and/or tuber flowers, mixed, not more than 5 genera
- E119 1 container shrub flowers, 1 genus, other than specified
- E120 1 container non-woody perennial flowers, 1 genus
- E121 1 container annual flowers, 1 species
- E122 1 container flowers, mixed, but not more than 5 genera
- E123 1 container foliage, 1 genus
- E124 1 container foliage, mixed, not more than 5 genera

NOVICE

Award: **FCHS Best Exhibit in Novice Classes Award (\$30)**
 Class E125 is included for this award

- E125 1 container bulb, corm, rhizome and/or tuber flowers, 1 genus **(Trophy)**

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

- Notes:**
1. The pot size within Rule 16 does not apply to Class E135 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:

- E126 Australian native plant
- E127 Orchids, 1 genus or cultivar
- E128 Primula (excluding bedding plants, e.g. Polyanthus or Primula malacoides)
- E129 Sempervivum, 1 species or cultivar
- E130 Sempervivum, mixed
- E131 Bulbs, corms, rhizomes or tubers, 1 genus
- E132 Mat or cushion plant
- E133 Rock garden plant with silver/grey foliage
- E134 Rock garden plant, other than specified
- E135 Miniature garden of rock garden plants, mixed

NOVICE

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

Class E136 is included for this award

- E136 Rock garden plant/s, 1 genus (**Trophy**)

SECTION F - BONSAI

- Notes:**
1. Rule 16 regarding width & height of exhibits does not apply to Section F
 2. Size of exhibit must be advised when placing entry
 3. All exhibits must have been owned and trained by the exhibitor for 3 or more years (except Class F138)

Awards: FCHS Trophy (\$30) for Best Exhibit

Bonsai starter kit for Best Exhibit in Class F138. 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.

- F137 1 Bonsai
- F138 1 Bonsai owned & trained for at least 1 year and less than 3 years
- F139 3 Bonsai S.S.
- F140 1 Penjing (miniature landscape)

SECTION G - POT PLANTS AND HANGING CONTAINERS

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

Awards: **Blue Ribbon** for Best Exhibit
FCHS Trophy (\$30) for highest aggregate of points in
 Classes G141 to G158 (ie excluding Novice class)

POT PLANTS (NON-ROCK GARDEN)

Note: A pot is any kind of container that is not supported from a point above the container

- G141 1 pot Arisaema
- G142 1 pot Fern, 1 species or cultivar
- G143 1 pot Hosta, 1 species or cultivar
- G144 3 pots Hosta, 3 distinct species or cultivars, 1 per pot
- G145 1 pot Kalanchoe
- G146 1 pot Orchids
- G147 1 pot Succulent or Cactus other than Sempervivum, 1 species or cultivar
- G148 3 pots Succulents or Cacti other than Sempervivum, 3 distinct species or cultivars, 1 per pot
- G149 1 pot Succulents and/or Cactus, mixed planting
- G150 1 pot climbing or trailing plant/s, 1 species or cultivar
- G151 1 pot carnivorous plant/s
- G152 1 pot bulbs, corms, rhizomes or tubers in flower, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified
- G153 1 pot shrub in flower, other than Rhododendron
- G154 1 pot non-shrub plant/s in flower, other than specified (including no bulbs etc)
- G155 1 pot foliage plant/s, 1 species or cultivar, other than specified

HANGING CONTAINERS

- Note:**
1. A hanging container is supported from a point above the container
 2. Rule 16 does not apply to Classes G156 to G158

- G156 1 hanging container Fern/s, may be mixed
- G157 1 hanging container foliage plant/s, other than Ferns, may be mixed
- G158 1 hanging container flowering plant/s, may be mixed

NOVICE

Award: **FCHS Best Exhibit in Novice Classes Award (\$30)**
 Class G159 is included for this award

- G159 1 pot plant in flower, 1 species or cultivar (**Trophy**)

SECTION H - YOUNG PEOPLE

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

15 YEARS AND UNDER

- H160 1 stem of a flowering shrub from my family garden, labelled
- H161 Something I have grown myself - labelled
- H162 A paper lantern decorated with plant material
- H163 An arrangement of butterfly-attracting flowers
- H164 A butterfly made mostly of plant material (minor unobtrusive non-plant support material allowed)

10 YEARS AND UNDER

- H165 1 stem of a flowering shrub from my family garden, labelled
- H166 Something I have grown myself - labelled
- H167 A paper lantern decorated with plant material
- H168 An arrangement of butterfly-attracting flowers
- H169 A butterfly made mostly of plant material (minor unobtrusive non-plant support material allowed)

6 YEARS AND UNDER

- H170 1 stem of a flowering shrub from my family garden, labelled
- H171 Something I have grown myself - labelled
- H172 A paper lantern decorated with plant material
- H173 An arrangement of butterfly-attracting flowers
- H174 A butterfly made mostly of plant material (minor unobtrusive non-plant support material allowed)

SECTION J - 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 unless otherwise stated.
17. Self-watering pots and hanging baskets may be used.