

HUTT VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Begonia, Dahlia & Fuchsia Show

Schedule 2026



14 & 15 February 2026
Walter Nash Center, Taita

Saturday 14 February - 12 noon to 4pm

Sunday 15 February - 10am to 3:30pm

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EXHIBITORS - Please note

- Registration and entries on Friday 13 February from 2.00 to 7.00pm and Saturday 14 February 8.00am to 9:30am
- Staging to be completed by 10:15am Saturday with judging commencing 10:45am
- Please label your plants - common names acceptable.
- Please make sure entries match schedule listings, to avoid disqualification.
- Only blooms/plants of sufficient merit are eligible to receive an award
- Plants (or parts thereof) submitted for judging should be the results of gardener's own efforts for at least a 2-month period, except for entries in the floral art section.
- Certificates to be awarded at 3pm on Sunday 15 February
- Allocation of points: First place 4 points, second place 2 points and third place 1 point.

GLADIOLI SECTION

H.V.H.S. Premier Certificate

- 1 One spike formal any variety.
- 2 One spike informal any variety.

DAHLIA SECTION

BLOOM CLASSIFICATION

Giant bloom over 250mm
Large bloom 200mm to 250mm
Medium bloom 150mm to 200mm
Small bloom 100mm to 150mm
Miniature bloom up to 100mm
Pompon bloom under 50mm

Measurements rings are available at the show

Please see National Dahlia Society website <http://nzdahliasociety.50megs.com/varieties.html> to help with identification, as well as to the guide to dahlia varieties on pages 9 and 10.

HUTT VALLEY DAHLIA CHAMPIONSHIP

3. Six classes of Dahlias, 6 vases,
Blooms over 150mm. One to a vase,
Blooms under 150mm, Three blooms per vase.

G.G. GIBBES-WATSON CHALLENGE AWARD

For most points over classes 4 to 28

- 4 Giant decorative. One bloom.
- 5 Large decorative. One bloom.
- 6 Medium decorative. One bloom.
- 7 Small decorative. One bloom.
- 8 Miniature decorative. One bloom.
- 9 Ball dahlia. Miniature or small. One bloom.
- 10 Giant semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 11 Large semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 12 Medium semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 13 Small semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 14 Miniature cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 15 Giant or large cactus. One bloom.
- 16 Medium cactus. One bloom.
- 17 Small cactus. One bloom.
- 18 Giant fimbriated cactus. One bloom.
- 19 Large or medium fimbriated cactus. One bloom.
- 20 Small fimbriated cactus. One bloom.
- 21 Waterlily. One bloom.
- 22 Pompons. Three blooms, one vase.



- 23 Collarette. One bloom.
- 24 Single. One bloom.
- 25 Star. One bloom.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

ROLFE WILSON CHALLENGE AWARD

For most points over classes 29 to 41

- 29 Giant or Large decorative. One bloom.
- 30 Medium decorative. One bloom.
- 31 Small decorative. One bloom.
- 32 Miniature decorative. One bloom.
- 33 Giant or Large semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 34 Giant or Large Cactus. One bloom.
- 35 Medium cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 36 Small cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 37 Miniature cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 38 Pompons. Three blooms. One vase.
- 39 Small or miniature ball. One bloom.
- 40 Collarette. One bloom.
- 41 One bloom not otherwise listed

NOVICE CLASS

J. STITT MEMORIAL AWARD

For most points over classes 42 to 52

- 42 Large decorative or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 43 Giant or Large Cactus. One bloom.
- 44 Medium cactus. One bloom.
- 45 Medium decorative. One bloom.
- 46 Small decorative. One bloom.
- 47 Miniature decorative. One bloom.
- 48 Medium cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 49 Small cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 50 Miniature cactus or semi-cactus. One bloom.
- 51 Pompons. Three blooms, One vase.
- 52 One bloom not otherwise listed

SPECIAL CLASS OPEN TO ALL

- 53 Container planted with dahlias.
- 54 Vase of dahlias arranged for effect. Exhibitors may use own container.



LILIUMS

CHAMPION BLOOM AND MR WESTERN'S AWARD

to be selected from all the lilies in the Show.

- 55 Auratum or auratum hybrid. Staged in a 200mm vase. One stem
- 56 Single bloom auratum or hybrid. Staged in 150mm vase.
- 57 Any other liliium, e.g. Longiflora, Asiatic, Regale. One stem.

FUCHSIA

Fuchsia flowers staged in Society's vases.

If the flower has wilted please replace the stem on Sunday, if possible.

150mm vases are suggested.

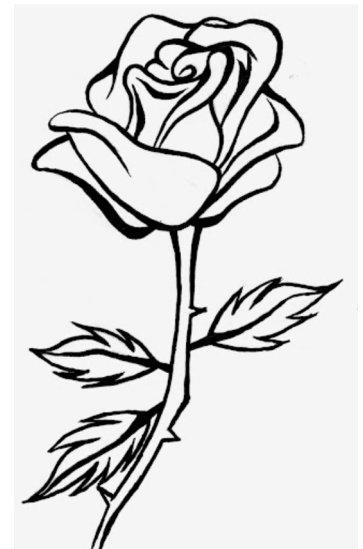
- 58 One stem, single blooms, no laterals.
- 59 One stem, double blooms, no laterals.
- 60 One spray, single blooms.
- 61 One spray, double blooms.
- 62 Fuchsia bloom collection, one of each bloom, displayed on tray with moss provided by the Society.

HYDRANGEAS

- 63 Three hydrangeas, distinct varieties. One bloom in each vase.
- 64 Three hydrangeas, one variety. One bloom in each vase.
- 65 One hydrangea.

ROSES

- 66 One exhibition bloom.
- 67 One decorative bloom.
- 68 One stem of roses, not more than three flowers open.
- 69 One stem of roses, four or more flowers open.
- 70 One fully open bloom.
- 71 One stem of single roses.
- 72 One vase of roses, to be judged for visual effect and quality.



MINIATURE ROSES

- 73 One exhibition bloom distinct, no buds, one vase.
- 74 One decorative bloom, any variety, no buds, one vase.
- 75 One stem, not more than three flowers open.
- 76 One stem, four or more flowers open.
- 77 Three fully open blooms, one vase.
- 78 One vase, miniature roses, number not restricted. To be staged in society's 100mm vase.

SWEET PEA SECTION

Exhibits to be shown in one vase in each class unless otherwise stated

CHARLES TREVETHICK CHALLENGE AWARD

For most points during the year in the Sweet Pea classes

- 79 Sweet Peas, 1 variety - Three stems
- 80 Sweet Peas, Mixed varieties - Six stems
- 81 Sweet Peas, Dwarf variety in pot. Pot size not to exceed 28cm/10 Litres.

CUT FLOWERS and FOLIAGE

Exhibits to be staged in one vase in each class unless otherwise stated.

W.F. GRAHAM CHALLENGE AWARD

For most points in the year in the cut flower classes.

CUT FLOWERS

- 82 Dianthus, three stems.
- 83 Carnations, three stems.
- 84 Pelargoniums regale, three stems.
- 85 Geraniums, three stems.
- 86 Delphinium, one spike.
- 87 Marigolds, African. three blooms in three vases (one bloom per vase)
- 88 Marigolds, African, one stem.
- 89 Marigolds, French six blooms in two vases (three blooms per vase)
- 90 Marigolds, French, three blooms one vase.
- 91 Phlox, perennial, three stems, laterals allowed.
- 92 Verbena, three stems.
- 93 Zinnias, three blooms.
- 94 Cosmos, 3 stems
- 95 Collection of flowers, in six vases. Not to include shrubs.
- 96 Flowering climber, one stem.
- 97 Any kind of flower, Judged for Fragrance, number in vase not restricted.
- 98 New Zealand native plant material, EXCLUDING trees and shrubs. One kind in one vase.
- 99 Any other flower not scheduled above, EXCLUDING shrubs, trees and orchids. Not to exceed six stems.



FOLIAGE

- 100 Three stems of different foliage (not shrubs) judged for quality and effect.

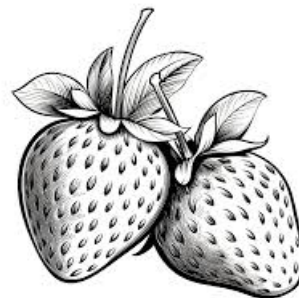
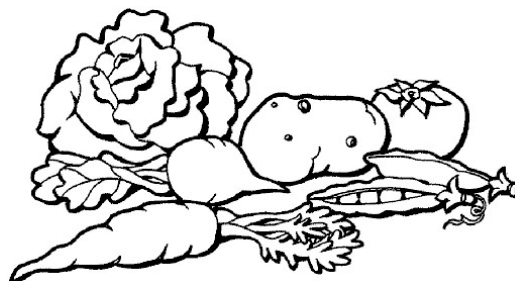


VEGETABLE AND FRUIT

A.J. KELSO CHALLENGE AWARD

for most points during the year in the vegetable and fruit classes

- 101 Six pods beans, bush beans.
- 102 Six pods beans, climbing.
- 103 Three beetroot, long or round.
- 104 One cabbage.
- 105 Three carrots.
- 106 One cucumber.
- 107 Three zucchini or scallopini
- 108 Three onions.
- 109 Three potatoes, any kind.
- 110 Three capsicums, any variety.
- 111 Three chillies, any variety.
- 112 One pumpkin or squash or marrow.
- 113 Three sticks of rhubarb.
- 114 One head of silverbeet/chard.
- 115 Six Radishes.
- 116 Any other vegetable in any quantity, not to exceed six.
- 117 Lettuces, one to a pot. Pot size no more than 200mm diameter.
- 118 Any other vegetables (e.g. Asian greens, chilli / peppers, radishes, any root veg). Pot size no more than 200mm diameter.
- 119 Three tomatoes, any.
- 120 One truss of tomatoes.
- 121 Six cherry tomatoes.
- 122 Three stone fruit.
- 123 Three citrus fruit.
- 124 Six berry fruit.
- 125 Any other fruit, not exceeding six in quantity.
- 126 Collection of herbs in pots - Up to four pots.
- 127 Collection of herbs in vase - any variety, up to six stems.



SHRUB AND TREE SECTION

To be judged for either flower, foliage or berry.

SIR JOSEPH WARD CHALLENGE AWARD

For most points in this section over the year

- 128 NZ native trees and/or shrubs. Three kinds in three vases. One kind in each vase.
- 129 NZ native trees and/or shrubs. One kind in one vase.
- 130 South African trees or shrubs. One kind in one vase.
- 131 Australian trees or shrubs. One kind in one vase.

- 132 Three kinds of trees/shrubs not otherwise scheduled, in three vases. One kind in each vase, (number of stems in each vase not restricted).
- 133 One kind of trees/shrubs not otherwise scheduled, in one vase, (number of stems in vase not restricted).

POT AND PATIO PLANT SECTION

Excluding Cacti, Succulents and Orchids

134* One flowering indoor plant/s in one pot.

135* One indoor foliage plant/s in one pot.

Note: Classes 134 and 135 will be displayed together for effect. A steward will display the plants when all entries have been received.

136 One fern.

137 One flowering patio plant. To be displayed at floor level.

138 One foliage patio plant/s in one pot. To be displayed at floor level.

139 One potted standard Begonia.

140 One hanging Begonia Basket.

141 One Begonia of any other type, e.g. Rex Begonia.

142 One container of flowers grown from bulbs or corms (may contain more than one type or species).

143 One container of flowering plants (not otherwise listed).



ORCHID SECTION

144 One flowering orchid any genera.

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

145 Three cacti, any genera.

146 One flowering cactus.

147 One epiphytic cactus in bloom.

148 Three succulents, any genera.

149 One succulent, any genera.



FLORAL ART SECTION

All entries must be the unaided work of the exhibitors.
Free entry for parents of children exhibiting

SPECIAL FLORAL ART - Open to All

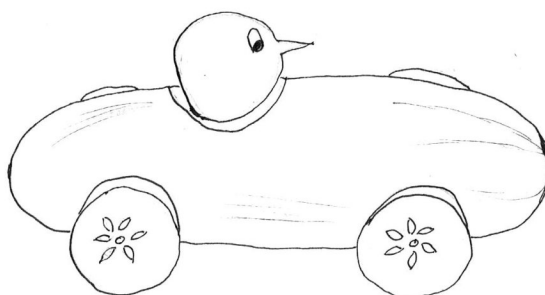
150 A floral arrangement, any style. Must feature seasonal plant material and be able to be easily moved.



THE ELSIE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE AWARD

Juniors 9 – 14 years

- 151 SUMMER TIME. A design in a vase. Must include Dahlias.
- 152 VEGE MAN or VEHICLE. A creation using vegetables. Limited props may be used e.g. toothpicks



THE FREEMAN CHALLENGE AWARD

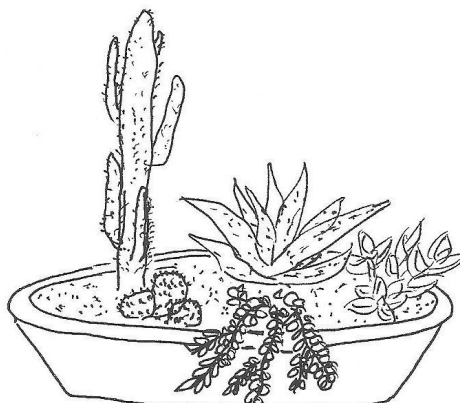
Children 5-8 years

- 153 FAIRY GARDEN: Create a garden in a shallow container no larger than 25cm (10 inches) in width or length. Suggested materials to use are potting mix, little plants such as violas and alyssum, moss twigs, pebbles, beads, shells, toys, a small mirror and lots of imagination.
- 154 SUMMER TIME. A design in a vase. Must include Dahlias
- 155 A DAY AT THE BEACH. A design in a sand saucer using materials from the beach (e.g. pebbles, sand, seaweed, shells and driftwood/twigs). Container for sand saucer not to exceed 25cm (10 inches) in width or length.
- 156 MINIATURE GARDEN. Create a garden using natural materials in a shallow container no larger than 25cm (10 inches) in width or length. Limited props may be used (e.g. mirror and miniature animals/people).

PRE SCHOOL SECTION

Children less than 5 years
All entrants recognised equally.

- 157 A DAY AT THE BEACH. An arrangement in a sand saucer with as many flowers, shells, driftwood etc. possible to cover the sand. Container for sand saucer to be no larger than 25cm (10 inches) in width or length.
- 158 MINIATURE GARDEN. Create a garden using natural materials in a shallow container no larger than 25cm (10 inches) in width or length. Limited props may be used (e.g. mirror and miniature animals/people).



BEGONIAS

These classes are open to Wellington Begonia Club members only and are subject to the rules posted on the Wellington Begonias website
<https://www.wellingtonbegoniacircle.org/club-competition-rules>

- B1 Standard or Upright variety: Entries in this class are limited to Begonia Tuber-hybrida grown as an upright plant.
- B2 Hanging or Basket: Entries in this class are limited to Begonia Tuber-hybrida grown as a hanging or basket plant.
- B3 All other Begonia types: Any plant which has a botanical classification as a begonia and is not eligible for entry in classes B1 or B2 may be entered in this class.

Premier Exhibit

To be selected from all the above classes B1 to B3
Prize \$15.00 and Trophy — This Prize is sponsored by
Wellington Begonia Club Members.

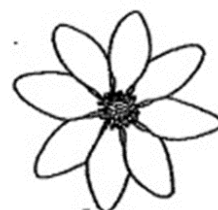


DAHLIA VARIETIES

In colour the flowers range from vibrant pinks and crimsons, through rich hues of mauves and purples, to the pastel shades of lilacs, pinks and creams, in size from tiny pompons to huge exhibition blooms up to 30 cm or more across. Their various flower types (shown below) form the basis of the recognised groups.

Single

Each flower usually has 8 to 10 petals surrounding an open central disc.



Anemone

Fully double flowers each having one or more rings of flattened ray petals surrounding a dense group of shorter, tubular petals, usually longer than disc petals found in single dahlias.

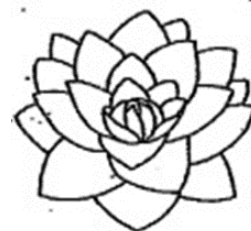


Collerette

Single flowers each having broad, outer petals, usually 8 – 10 , and an inner 'collar' of small petals surrounding an open central disc.

**Water Lily or Nymphaea**

Fully double flowers having large generally sparse ray petals, which are flat or with slightly incurved or recurved margins, giving the flower a flat appearance.

**Decorative**

Fully double flowers having broad, flat petals that incurve slightly at their margins and usually reflex to the stem.

**Ball**

Flattened to spherical, fully double flowers having densely packed, almost tubular petals.

**Pompon**

Flattened to spherical, fully double flowers are no more than 5cm across – a miniature form of ball flowers.

**Cactus**

Fully double flowers having narrow pointed petals that can be straight or curl inwards and have recurved edges for more than two thirds of their length.

**Semi Cactus**

Fully double flowers are similar to cactus flowers but have broader based petals, the edges of which are generally recurved towards the tips.

**Miscellaneous**

Flowers are in a wide range of unclassified types, including orchid-like (shown right) single and double forms.



Upcoming Show Events

Spring Show September	12 & 13 September 2026 Lower Hutt Event Center
Orchid Show October*	10 & 11 October 2026 Walter Nash Centre, Taita
National Bonsai Convention*	9, 10 & 11 October 2026 Lower Hutt Event Center
Rose Show November	14 & 15 November 2026 Walter Nash Centre, Taita

* Note: Show organised by an affiliated society

All shows feature seasonal flower displays and plant sales.

Your plants could be at our shows

The Hutt Valley Horticultural Society welcomes exhibits from new competitors in its shows, whether you are a novice or more experienced gardener. The society is happy to provide advice on which classes your plants could be entered into.

Have you thought about membership

Annual membership is currently \$10 for singles and \$14 for couples. Members enjoy free entry to our shows, newsletters and invitations to attend member events such as garden tours, talks and social gatherings. You can ask about membership at all our shows or using the contact details on the front page of this schedule. Members are happy to share their horticultural advice and experience to get your garden thriving.

Acknowledgement

HVHS would like to thank all committee members and other volunteers for their assistance at our shows.

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