

14. GARDEN PRODUCE

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 4** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 12** - DELIVER Garden Produce entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 15** - PICK UP entries between 4:30 - 6:30pm. All Garden Produce entries must be collected that day. Any left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 23 to 27** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL INFORMATION & HALL RULES:

- See pages 8 and 10.

DIV. 14 RULES:

- a. Entry fee is \$1 per entry. **NEW!** After Sept. 4, late fee is \$2.
- b. Open to amateur, community and professional gardeners.
- c. All produce must have been grown by the exhibitor.

- d. Exhibits must be free from disease and insect injury.
- e. Presentation – All entries must be shown in marketable (i.e. edible) condition. To ensure leafy vegetables look attractive throughout the show, display them in a container with water. Paper plates will be provided for other entries.
- f. **PLEASE READ THE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY.** The Exhibition will be using the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Horticulture Judging and Exhibiting Standards as its reference. There is a copy in the Exhibition Office.
- g. An exhibitor may enter more than one entry per class provided each entry is a different variety/colour; identify if known.
- h. Quantities and varieties must be as called for in the class, otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified. Naming the variety of the entry in the individual classes is an option. Identify the variety if known; print the name at the top of the Exhibit Tag or on a piece of paper attached to the tag.
- i. On the judge's note, N.A.S. is Not According to Schedule.
- j. A.O.V. refers to Any Other Variety.
- k. Exhibitor's Pass: exhibitors may purchase a 3-day pass for \$20. Limit: 1 per exhibitor.

Produce Presentation Tips

Before preparing your entries, please check this list to see how they should be presented for show.

- Beans ... stems should be left intact
- Beets ... trim tops to 2.5cm, leave root intact
- Carrots ... trim tops to 1cm, leave root intact
- Cauliflower ... stalk and larger leaves to be removed, trim remaining leaves just below the level of the curd
- Corn ... remove husk lengthwise, trim shanks to 1cm
- Cucumbers ... clean with the withered blossom absent
- Garlic ... clean, skin on, trim roots to 1cm
- Kohlrabi ... trim roots and leaf stems close to the bulb
- Leeks ... shorten roots to 1cm, trim tops so entry is 1/3 white and 2/3 green
- Lettuce ... remove small or damaged outer leaves
- Onions ... trim roots and tops to 1cm, remove any dirty outer scales, and do not wash
- Parsnips ... trim tops to 1cm, root tips may be shortened
- Peas ... leave stems attached
- Peppers ... leave stems on [note: spicy piquancy rated by SCHs or Scoville Heat Units]
- Potatoes ... brush off dry soil, DO NOT WASH
- Pumpkin ... leave stem intact
- Rhubarb ... trim leaves to 2.5cm (fan shape), leave base intact
- Squash (summer) ... outer skin should not be hard or mature
- Squash (winter) ... leave stem intact
- Tomatoes ... remove stems
- Turnip ... trim tops to 1cm, remove tap root just below the body

Section 1: Vegetables

Identify variety if known. If you wish to enter more than one variety in a class, see rule g.

CLASS

1. Beans, Green – Bush, Pole or Climbing – 5, one variety
PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Bud James
2. Bush Beans, Yellow (wax) or Purple – 5, one variety
3. Bush Beans, Runner or Long, any colour – 5, one variety
PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Lois MacMillan
4. Beans, Dry (shelling beans), any colour, in pods – 5, one variety
5. Beets, Globe or Cylindrical, red – 3, one variety
6. Beets, White or Gold – 3, one variety
7. Broccoli (1 head, or bunch of lateral shoots) or Cauliflower (1 head)
8. Cabbage, any variety – 1
9. Pac Choi – 1 head, display with base of head in container of water, no roots, any variety
10. Carrots, any colour – 3, one variety
11. Corn, any variety – 3 ears, one variety
12. Cucumbers, Field (eg. "Marketmore"), max. length 20cm – 3
13. Cucumbers, English – 2
14. Cucumbers, Pickling, max. length 10cm – 3
15. Cucumbers, Specialty (eg. "Lemon", "Cucamelon") – 3, one variety
16. Eggplant – 1
17. Garlic, small (diameter less than 5cm) – 3
18. Garlic, medium (diameter 5 to 6.2cm) – 3
19. Garlic, large (diameter greater than 6.2cm) – 3
20. Kale – 5 leaves, display in container with water (rule f)
21. Kohlrabi, small, any colour (max. diameter 11cm) – 3
22. Kohlrabi, large (diameter greater than 14cm) – 1

23. Leeks – 3
24. Lettuce, Leaf-type – 1
25. Lettuce, Head-type – 1
26. Onions, Shallots – 3
27. Onions, Red – 3
28. Onions, White – 3
29. Onions, Yellow – 3
30. Parsnips – 3
31. Peas, Green (Snow, Edible Pod or Shelling) – 5 pods, one variety
32. Peppers, Sweet, any colour – 3, one variety
33. Peppers, Hot (SHUs under 100,000) – 3, one variety
34. Peppers, Super Hot (SHUs over 100,000) – 3, one variety
35. Potatoes, Red – 3
36. Potatoes, White – 3
37. Potatoes, Yellow fleshed – 3
38. Potatoes, Heirloom – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
39. Potatoes, Fingerling or Banana – 3, one variety
40. Pumpkin, Jack O'Lantern type – 1, max. 90cm circumference
41. Pie Pumpkin – 1
42. **NEW!** Pumpkin, AOV (specialty, heirloom) – 1, max. 38cm [15"] diameter, please identify
43. Giant Pumpkin – 1. *Winning entry will be determined, not by weight, but by girth.* **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | Tape Buster Award**
44. Rhubarb, trimmed and tied – 3 stalks
45. Squash, Acorn – 1
46. Squash, Buttercup – 1
47. Squash, Butternut – 1
48. Squash, Zucchini, max. length 30cm – 1
49. Squash, Summer – 1
50. Squash, Winter, small – 1. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Richard Dwyer**
51. Squash, Winter, large – 1, max. diameter 38cm [15"]. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Richard Dwyer**
52. Squash, Giant – 1. *Winning entry will be determined, not by weight, but by girth.*
53. Squash, Tromboncino – 1
54. Swiss Chard – 5 leaves, display in container with water (rule e)
55. Tomatillo, with half or more of husk on, entry can be any colour – 5, one variety
56. Tomatoes, Cherry, Red, max. diameter 3cm – 1 branch, with at least 5 fruit attached
57. Tomatoes, Cherry, not Red (yellow, orange, black, etc.), max. diameter 3cm – 1 branch with at least 5 fruit attached
58. Tomatoes, Vine, multi-branch cluster, any variety – 1, longest cluster (truss). *Winning entry will be determined by length.*
59. Tomatoes, Red, medium, diameter less than 7.5cm – 3
60. Tomatoes, Red, large, diameter 7.5cm or greater – 3
61. Tomatoes, Paste – 3
62. Tomatoes, Heirloom – 3
63. Tomatoes, 3 different varieties – 2 of each
64. Any Other Vegetable (small or large, leaf or root) – 1, max. diameter 35cm [14"], if possible include name & origin
65. Weird and wonderful veggie – 1

Section 2: Produce Collections

CLASS

66. "Culinary Herbs" – 5 kinds, one bunch of each, tied, display in separate containers with water; please label. Table space 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"].
67. "Salad Bowl" – a collection of edibles (veggies, fruits and flowers) gathered for a salad. Present whole in a large bowl together with salad tongs or lifters, display leafy greens in water. Table space 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"].
68. "Bounty of The Valley" – Use the Exhibition's 2024 theme and colours, "One Smart Sheep" – Blueberry Blue, Snow Pea Green & Winter White, as inspiration for your display. Fill a container (i.e. basket, box, barrel, wheelbarrow, etc.) with vegetables, fruits, nuts and herbs from your garden and orchard. Bounty must be predominantly fresh; it may include some preserved foods (i.e. pickles, jams, fruit leathers, honey). Place any leafy vegetable(s) in containers with water so they'll stay fresh for the duration of the Fair. Maximum table space: 60cm x 60cm [24" x 24"], take care that all parts of the display stay within the allotted space. **PRIZES: 1st - \$100 | 2nd - \$75 | 3rd - \$50 | sponsored by The Old Farm Market, Duncan**

GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Members of the
**MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION OF BC**
will be at the Fair to answer
your questions.



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