



THE DORKING ALLOTMENT HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION

Show Schedule and Rules

14th ANNUAL MOLE VALLEY SQUASH AND PUMPKIN SHOW 2022

THE GOURD OF THE RINGS

**Saturday 15th October,
The Christian Centre,
Dorking**



PROGRAMME

You may bring your entries for the show on Friday evening 6pm to 9pm and/or on Saturday morning 9am to 11am

Friday 14th October

Open **6pm to 9pm** for receipt of exhibits.

Saturday 14th October

Open **9am-11am** for receipt of exhibits.

Judging **11am-12.45pm** (Hall closed)

Open to public **1pm - 5pm**

Collection **5pm – 6pm** Please collect your exhibits

The cafe will be open for refreshments during the afternoon

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

Produce uncollected after 6pm is deemed to be donated to the Association.

Please do read the rules below. The judge is guided by these rules and will take account of form, maturity, colour and uniformity of the fruit. The stalk or peduncle should be retained with or without a short section of vine. Exhibits should be clean of soil but not polished. We will weigh your fruit to ensure you are entering the correct category.

Pumpkins are known as mature fruits, ripening to orange and with a hollow seed cavity which are often used for carving.

Winter squashes are generally varieties whose fruits are eaten at the fully mature stage and which can be stored for winter use.

Summer squashes are fruit eaten and shown at the immature stage but can still be entered for the show if available towards the end of the growing season.

Gourds are inedible fruits grown for their ornamental value.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Mole Valley District Council 'Best in Show' Trophy; awarded to the best exhibit in categories A-F.

Rob Arthur Trophy; awarded to the biggest pumpkin or squash by weight

Alaster Calder Gourd Bowl; awarded to the person with the most points in the Gourds Category.

Butternut Trophy; awarded to the person with the most points in this category.

Boothole Trophy; awarded to the child with the most points in the Junior Category.

Pumpkin Pie Trophy; awarded to the person with the most points in the Culinary category.

Banksian Medal; for the highest total number of points awarded in categories A – F.

(Please note that except for the Banksian Medal the above Trophies are awarded for one year and must be returned by the Pumpkin Show next year)

RULES

1. All categories are FREE to enter (by both members and non-members)
2. The rules wherever possible, will be based on the RHS 'Horticultural Show Handbook' (classes A-F)
3. Exhibits are limited to pumpkins, squashes (both summer and winter) and gourds and must have been grown by the Exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to the Show.
4. Exhibitors may enter only one Exhibit per Class. No two persons may compete in the same Class with produce from the same garden or allotment (categories A-F).
5. An Exhibit may only be moved at the discretion of the Show Organiser.
6. The Judges' decision shall be final in respect of the merits of the Exhibits. The Committees decision shall be final regarding the organization of the Show.
7. Each Exhibit must be accompanied by an entry card (available on the day) with the entry class clearly identified. Exhibitors are responsible for the delivery and collection of their Exhibits. Exhibits may be brought to the show between **8.00** and **11.00** on Saturday 15th October 2022.
8. Exhibits must remain in the hall until **17.00**. Exhibits may be collected from the hall between **17.00** and **18.00**. Any exhibits remaining after this time will be assumed to have been donated to DAHA.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

A: SMALL CATEGORY (each pumpkin or squash up to 1.5kg)

1. Single pumpkin or squash.
2. Three pumpkins or squashes – same variety.
3. Three pumpkins or squashes – mixed varieties.

B: MEDIUM CATEGORY (each pumpkin or squash 1.5kg to 3kg)

4. Single pumpkin or squash – any variety.
5. Three pumpkins or squashes – same variety.
6. Three pumpkins or squashes – mixed varieties.

C: LARGE CATEGORY (each pumpkin or squash over 3kg)

7. Single pumpkin or squash.
8. Pair of pumpkin or squashes – same variety.
9. Three pumpkin or squashes - mixed varieties.

D: BIZARRE CATEGORY

10. The biggest pumpkin or squash (by weight).
11. The ugliest pumpkin or squash.
12. A pumpkin, squash or gourd accident

E: BUTTERNUT SQUASH CATEGORY

13. Single butternut squash.
14. Two matching butternut squashes.
15. A selection of three butternuts – any size or weight.

F: GOURDS CATEGORY

16. Single gourd.
17. Pair of gourds –same variety.
18. Three gourds –mixed varieties.
19. A presentation basket of any variety of gourds (up to 7 fruits).

G: JUNIOR CATEGORY (under 16's).

- 20. An arrangement of pumpkins, squashes or gourds themed on the Lord of the Rings trilogy.
- 21. A carved pumpkin themed on the Lord of the Rings trilogy.
- 22. A pumpkin or squash crafted from any material.

H: SQUASH COOK-OFF CATEGORY (Shop ingredients allowed)

- 23. A bowl of pumpkin/squash soup.
- 24. Three individual tarts, cakes or puddings containing pumpkin.
- 25. One portion of a savoury pumpkin/squash dish.
- 26. An unopened jar of homemade pumpkin jam, chutney or preserve.