



# **THE DORKING ALLOTMENT HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **Show Schedule and Rules**

# **16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOLE VALLEY SQUASH AND PUMPKIN SHOW 2024**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024,  
The Christian Centre,  
Dorking**

## **PROGRAMME**

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

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

**Open to public**        **1pm – 4:30pm**

**Collection**              **4:30pm – 5:30pm** Please collect your exhibits

The cafe will be open for refreshments during the afternoon

## **NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS**

Produce not collected by 5:30pm 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**

**The Marina Roberts Trophy;** awarded to the **Best in Show** 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.

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

**Trophies are awarded for one year and must be returned to the Association.**

## **GUIDANCE.**

All exhibits should be cleaned of soil and dry.

**For categories A,B,C,E,F**

Exhibits should have the stalk (handle or peduncle) attached, perhaps with some vine to either side.

Single exhibits will score on conformation to variety and minimal blemishes.

Multiples of the same variety should tend to match colour, size and shape.

Mixed-variety entries are judged on the quality of each fruit and also the aesthetics of the grouping.

**For category H:**

Please ensure each entry is covered in clingfilm or similar

## 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 **6pm** and **9pm** on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** and between **9am** and **11am** on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.
8. Exhibits must remain in the hall until **4:30pm**. Exhibits may be collected from the hall between **4:30pm** and **5:30pm**. 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.

### **G: ARTS ALIVE CATEGORY.** *(materials may be shop bought)*

- 19. For under 16's:** A carved Halloween pumpkin.
- 20.** A decorated gourd
- 21.** Pumpkins, squash or gourds depicted in an artwork crafted by the entrant.  
a photo, painting, tapestry, cushion etc.

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

- 22.** A bowl of pumpkin/squash soup.
- 23.** One portion of a savoury or sweet dish containing pumpkin or squash.
- 24. For under 16's:** Three Halloween-themed fairy cakes containing pumpkin.