

Cromar and District Horticultural and Industrial Society 2021 Amateur Gardens Competition



Sunday 8th August 2021

- Deadline to submit entries to the Show Secretary for the Amateur Gardening Competition.

Thursday 12th August 2021

- Amateur Gardening Competition judging

For details of the Society's Horticultural Section Rules, please refer to page 11 of the 2020 schedule. All relevant rules will apply.

Amateur Gardening Competition - Judging Criteria

Ornamental Gardens or Elements

Maintenance is of course important, but your flower garden, perennial border or patio is not judged primarily on how well weeded it is. The layout and design is important. The judge will consider whether the design is sympathetic to its surroundings and fit for purpose. Are there seating areas where the garden can be enjoyed in summer, or borders that can be easily viewed from the house in winter? If there is hard landscaping, does the choice of materials compliment the planting, and add to the general aesthetic appeal? A colourful garden is appealing, but the garden judge will also look for planting that provides harmony, a long season of colour, form and interest, and for plants that are healthy and suited to their planting location. Patios should have appropriate furniture, with a good selection of plants for scent and colour; containers and hanging baskets should be well fed and watered. Bedding displays are usually a traditional display of annuals. A rockery should effectively display small plants, especially alpines, with rocks and plants working in harmony.

Productive Elements *Including raised beds*

In productive areas, design is less important. The judge will look for a wide range of vegetables and fruit and a long productive season. Do you have cloches to protect early or late crops of lettuce and herbs; are there vegetables that crop during winter such as parsnips, winter cabbages or brussel sprouts and do you grow fruit that can be bottled or preserved? Maintenance is a little more important in these categories: weed-free plots, plants that are adequately supported, and well pruned fruit trees and shrubs will give greater yields and impress the judge.

Cottage Garden

A cottage garden is both ornamental and productive, so the judge will look for the attributes mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs. The cottage garden is usually a looser style of planting with perennials, annual flowers, vegetables and fruit often intermingled.

Wildlife Element

Here diversity of habitat is important and this part of your garden should provide shelter for a wide range of birds, mammals and insects. A good range of food sources is also important; early and late flowering plants provide nectar for insects, decomposing woody material provides food and habitat for invertebrates, and food and water put out for birds will help to ensure their survival over the winter.

Family Garden

Children should actively participate in growing and maintaining a range of plants in the garden. Ideally it should combine productive and ornamental gardening and be a garden that the whole family can enjoy and work in together.

'Highly Commended Award'

The judges recognize that, at times, a garden may be exceptional but not fit clearly into the judging criteria for specific types of gardens and displays. The judges reserve the right to award a special 'Highly Commended' certificate and award for gardens which demonstrate a high standard of original design and quality planting. This award will not necessarily be awarded each year. **In 2021, up to three HCAs may be awarded for a garden, plant or design element which particularly impresses the judges.**

CROMAR AND DISTRICT AMATEUR GARDENING COMPETITION 2021

Within 20mile radius of Tarland. All entries must be received by Sunday 8th August 2021; gardens will be judged on Thursday 12th August 2021. Entry form below. **Please note that, in 2021, points will not be awarded.**

A garden may be entered once in classes 218 – 221. Previous winners of Bruce Shield may not enter class 218. Garden Elements are restricted to one entry per class, unless otherwise stated.

Gardens - Prizes: 1st £10.00; 2nd £7.50; 3rd £5.00

- 218.HAVE-A-GO garden – any style; previous winners of Bruce Shield may not enter
- 219.Cottage garden
- 220.Flower garden
- 221.A family garden

Garden Elements - Prizes: 1st £5.00; 2nd £3.00; 3rd £2.00

- 224.Ornamental perennial border
- 225.Wildlife area
- 226.Patio
- 227.Bedding or annual display
- 228.Productive plot (Exhibitors may enter class 228 or 229)
- 229.A productive raised bed (Exhibitors may enter 228 or 229)
- 230.A rockery

Trophies and Awards

Hopewell Challenge Cup for Winner of Amateur Cottage Garden Competition, Class 219
Wine Casket for Runner-up in Amateur Cottage Garden Competition, Class 219
Lawrie Challenge Cup for Winner of Amateur Flower Garden Competition, Class 220
Greer McRoberts Cup for Runner-up of Amateur Flower Garden Competition, Class 220
Smith Shield for Winner of Family Garden competition, Class 221
Bruce Shield for Winner of Have-A-Go Garden Competition, Class 218
Society's Shield for Runner-up of Have-a-Go Garden Competition, Class 218
Highly Commended Award (at the discretion of the judges)

**Cromar and District Horticultural and Industrial Society
Amateur Gardening Competition Entry Form**

**20 mile radius of Tarland. All entries must be received by
Sunday 8th August 2021.**

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION £3.00 (18 years and under free)



Please send entries to the Show Secretary at Longfold Steading, Tarland, AB34 4UR (013398 81010) or email showsecretary@moss.co.uk. All garden classes must be entered on the form overleaf. The Show Secretary will contact you prior to judging.

Have you previously been a member? YES / NO

If YES, have any of your details changed? YES / NO

PLEASE NOTE:

Your membership data is held by Cromar and District Horticultural and Industrial Society. It is used by the Society in order to manage the Flower Show, distribute schedules and for occasional contact by mail or email and will not be disclosed to any outside parties.

Name..... Address

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..... Postcode

Telephone

Email

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| Gardens | | |
| Class 218 | Have-a-go Garden – any style | |
| Class 219 | Cottage Garden | |
| Class 220 | Flower Garden | |
| Class 221 | A Family Garden | |
| Garden Elements | | |
| Class 224 | Ornamental perennial border | |
| Class 225 | Wildlife area | |
| Class 226 | Patio | |
| Class 227 | Bedding / annual display | |
| Class 228 OR | A productive plot OR | |
| Class 229 | A productive raised bed | |
| Class 230 | A rockery | |

