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SHOW RULES

- Please refer to the *VRGC Guide for Entrants to the Mini Show, 2019* for tips on how best to exhibit your flowers, fruits & vegetables.
- All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least two months prior to the show and three months prior for potted plants. Flowers in decorative division must be from the exhibitor's or a friend's garden (**NOT PURCHASED**).
- Exhibits are to be of 1 stem unless stated otherwise.
- Exhibitors may show more than one entry in a class provided they are different cultivars or species (see Definitions).
- All exhibits are to be prepared at home, using your own containers. There will be no set up table at the hall. Your container will not be judged (except for the Decorative Division). Meat trays, paper plates or paper towel would be good options for the fruit & Veg exhibits.
- The tabling of diseased/pest infested plant material is not permitted and such plant material will be removed.
- Unless otherwise specified, companion planting, specifically the growing of 2 or more plants of different cultivars, species or genera in one container is not permitted.
- Fruit and vegetable exhibits should contain the number of items specified in the *VRGC Guide*.
- The judges or the Show committee may subdivide classes in which there are large numbers of entries. They may also move or reclassify an exhibit.

DECORATIVE DIVISION:

Exhibit: Plant material with or without accessories. Bases, backgrounds and title cards may be included. Plant material must predominate over all other components of the exhibit. Fresh plant material must be in water or in water-retaining material.

No artificial plant material. Painted and/or artificially coloured plant material will be accepted in Decorative Division only.



Spring Show April 18th 2026
Wheeley Hall,
Esquimalt United Church
500 Admirals Road

77th Year

- Wheeley Hall will be open for set-up on Friday, April 17th from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Exhibits may be placed Friday night after set-up is complete, up to 8pm and on Saturday from 8:30am to 9:45am. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Judging starts at 10:00 am.
- Entry Cards must accompany entries on show tables. Please prepare at home. They will also be available at the hall on Friday night or Saturday morning. THEY MUST bear the EXHIBITOR'S NAME.
- Doors will be open to the public from 1 pm to 3 pm.
- **ADMISSION** fee of \$5 includes door prize ticket and refreshments served from 1 pm to 2:45 pm.
- Plant Sales Area - no admission fee
- Trophies will be awarded at 2:30 pm. Door prizes will be drawn frequently from 1 – 2:30 pm. 50:50 draw at 2:45.
- Entries can be removed at 3pm or at Show Chair's discretion.
- VRGC is not responsible for the loss or destruction of any exhibit.

Show Chair:

Carol Ann Elliott - 250-858-9568

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PLEASE READ ALL RULES & CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY

(A) NARCISSUS DIVISION (No leaves displayed)

1. Trumpets
2. Large Cups
3. Short Cups
4. Doubles
5. Multi-flowered(Tazetta, Triandrus & Jonquilla. Classes 5, 7, 8 RHS)
6. Cyclamineus Hybrids
7. Miniature
8. Splits & Butterflies
9. Poeticus
10. Species
11. Narcissus – one variety, 3 stems
12. Narcissus – three varieties, 3 stems

(B) TULIP DIVISION (Leaves optional)

15. Red
16. Rose or pink
17. Yellow
18. White
19. Other colour or blend
20. Lily-flowered – any colour
21. Double – any colour
22. Parrot
23. Species tulip
24. Tulips – one variety, 3 stems
25. Tulips – 3 varieties, 3 stems

**(C) OTHER BULBS & ANEMONES DIVISION
(no leaves except 33 & 35)**

30. Hyacinth
31. Bluebell – 3 stems
32. Any other bulbous flower – 1 stem
33. Anemone “de Caan” or “St. Brigid” – 1 stem
34. Erythronium
35. Any other anemone – 1 stem
36. Grape Hyacinth (Muscari) – 3 stems

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DEFINITIONS

(Additional Definitions in *VRGC Guide for Entrants to the Mini Show*)

- Bloom: Individual flower, solitary flower or composite head. No buds.
- Bowl: A container with the inside mouth wider than the container height as measured from the table surface to the containers highest point. Always check maximum bowl size to avoid NAS disqualification.
- Bulb: Includes corms, tubers and rhizomes.
- Cultivar: Variety, as “Peace”, a rose cultivar or “Blue Lake”, a bean cultivar. PLEASE NAME CULTIVARS IF KNOWN. See *Guide* p. 12.
- Floating: actually supported by the water, not resting on the bottom of the bowl.
- Judging: To be done by *B.C. Council of Gardens Judging Standards for Non Specialized Shows, 2017*, and by the *VRGC Guide*.
- Jug: A container with a pouring lip and handle.
- N.A.S.: “Not according to schedule”. Please take note of any Judges comments made on entry slips.
- Novice: A competitor who has not won a first ribbon in a VRGC Show or any horticultural show sponsored by an Affiliate of the BC Council of Garden Clubs.
- Specimen: An individual item according to the classification: 1 plant, 1 bloom, 1 fruit, etc.
- Display Only: Items may be in own containers and will not be judged.
- Spike: A single upright stem bearing several flowers attached directly or on extremely short stalks (e.g. Gladiolus).
- Spray: A multi-branched inflorescence, such as in Phlox, Spray Chrysanthemums, etc.
- Stem: One spike, or one spray on its stalk, or a single blossom on its long stalk or pedicel. May include buds.
- Vase: A container with the inside mouth width less than the height of the container.

SPRING SHOW AWARDS

ROY OGDEN SMITH CUP – High aggregate points

PEGGY PADDON TROPHY – High aggregate primula and rock plants
(Division D, plus Classes 62 & 63).

VERN ARCHER MEMORIAL TROPHY – High aggregate flowering
shrub and tree (Division G)

JACK MULLIN MEMORIAL TROPHY – Best perennial (Division F)

PERIDOTS TROPHY - Best in Potted Plants Division (E)

THORSEN AND STURMEY FAMILIES TROPHY – Best in show

ROSETTES – High aggregate Divisions A, B, C, E, F, H, I and J

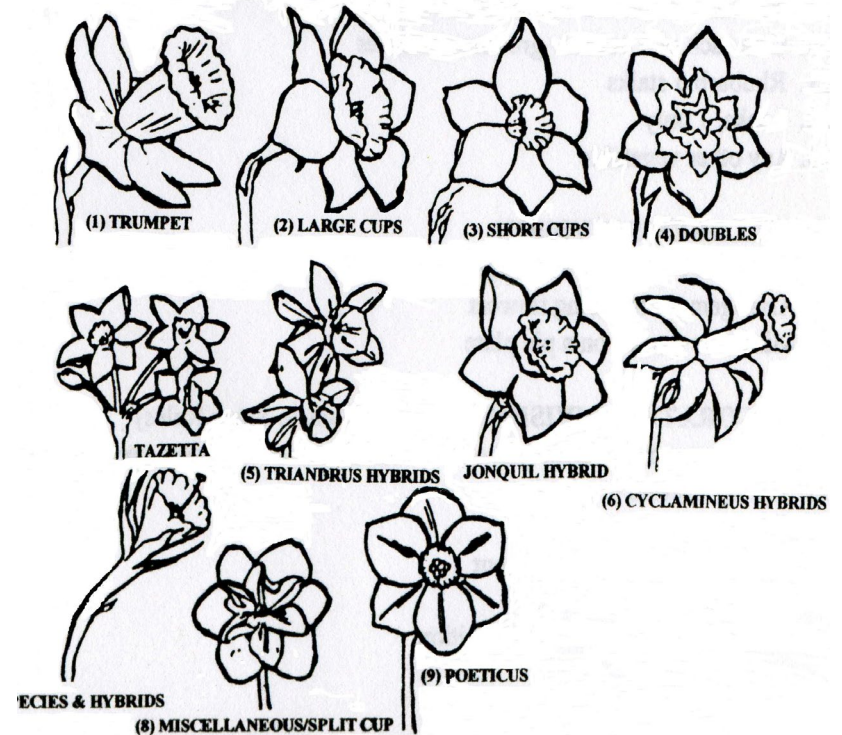
INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR TROPHIES are available for qualifying entries
in any J class.

Trophies are awarded to members only

Qualifying non-members will receive rosettes



RHS CLASSES OF THE NARCISSUS DIVISION



(D) PRIMULA DIVISION

40. Polyanthus (umbel or multiple blooms),
41. “English Primrose” (1 flower per stem) – 3 stems
42. Double Primrose – 3 stems
43. Primula denticulata
44. Any other primulas – 1 stem
45. Any other primulas in a pot

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(E) POTTED PLANT DIVISION - The tabling of diseased or pest infested plant material is not permitted & such plant material will be removed. Must not exceed 24" in any dimension

- 50. African violet
- 51. Orchid
- 52. Fern
- 53. Cacti
- 54. Succulents – one variety
- 55. Succulents – 2 or more varieties
- 56. Any other indoor plant – flowering, excluding those in 50 to 55
- 57. Any other indoor plant – foliage, excluding those in 50 to 55, (no buds or blossoms showing colour permitted).
- 58. Decorative outdoor plant/s in a container

(F) PERENNIAL DIVISION

- 60. Pansy, 3 stems, 1 variety in a container
- 61. Own bowl (10" or less) of floating Hellebores
- 62. Rock plant/s – 3 cut stems
- 63. Rock plant/s in a container
- 64. Any other perennial
- 65. Decorative Foliage, non-woody plants, 1 to 5 stems



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(G) FLOWERING SHRUB & TREE DIVISION

- 70. Azalea – 1 truss or a spray not over 15" in any dimension
- 71. Rhododendron – 1 truss
- 72. Camellia branch – 1 or more blooms
- 73. Magnolia branch – 1 or more blooms
- 74. Flowering vine
- 75. Flowering tree
- 76. Flowering Currant
- 77. Forsythia
- 78. Any other flowering shrub
- 79. Decorative Foliage of woody plants, 1 – 3 cuts

(H) VEGETABLE DIVISION - - Please refer to *VRGC Guide for Entrants to the Mini Show, 2019* for tips on how best to exhibit your fruits and vegetables.

- 80. One each of 3 outdoor grown vegetables
- 81. Rhubarb – 3 stalks
- 82. Leeks – 1 only
- 83. Any other vegetable (See *VRGC Guide* for number of items)

(I) DECORATIVE DIVISION – Designer’s Choice.

- 90. Miniature Exhibit not over 5 inches in any dimension
- 91. Petite Exhibit over 5 inches but less than 9 inches in any dimension.
- 92. ‘Spring Serenade’ (Designer’s Choice)

(J) JUNIOR DIVISION

- J1. One small container or tray of labelled, growing seedlings
- J2. Exhibit of spring flowers & foliage
- J3. Miniature garden on a pie plate
- J4. One clear container which shows the sprouting of one or more seeds of the same variety, labelled.