

MIDLANDS DAHLIA SOCIETY

68th ANNUAL SHOW

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The Show will be held at
Clinton Primary School
Caesar Road, Kenilworth Warwickshire
CV8 1DL

Please note Venue

on

Saturday 29th August 2026

2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Sunday 30th August 2026

9.00 am to 12.00

JUDGES FOR THE SHOW

Mr T. Bratcher	Mr J. Wheatly
Mr R. Pearce	Mr D. Bates
Mr S. Travis	Mr C Hamnett

The Midlands Dahlia Society

We would like to welcome all our members and friends who make this event one of the premier Society shows in the Country.

ENTRY FORM
THE MIDLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW
29th & 30th AUGUST 2026
At Clinton Primary School ,Caesar Road Kenilworth CV8 1DL

Entry form to be completed by the exhibitor and sent to the Show Secretary;
Mrs Angela Guest 18 Rouncil Lane Kenilworth CV8 1FF or
e-mail angela.dahlia.guest@gmail.com
no later than Wednesday 27th August {see Rule3}

CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS

TOTAL ENTRIES:

MONEY ENCLOSED.....MINIMUM entry fee £3.00 {see Rule 2}

Name:

Address:

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Date:

In the event that you are unable to enter the classes requested on the show date the Show Secretary would be grateful for details of any cancellations in order to save space Exhibitors are requested to read the Society's Show Rules contained in the Schedule. These rules will be strictly adhered to.

Here at the Midlands Dahlia Society, we take your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to administer your society membership, we do not provide your information to any other organisation

**The Midlands Dahlia Society
Founded 1958 Affiliated to the N.D.S.**

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Graham Young (Dunchurch)

OPEN TO ALL

CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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1. The Midlands Championship for The Mawby Trophy

**This class must contain one selection from section 'A' Plus three vases:
a choice of One vase only from sections 'B' 'C' 'D' 'E' or 'F'.**

Section "A" Three blooms G.D. and /or Three blooms L.D.
or Three blooms G.C. and / or Semi- Cactus.
or Three blooms L.C. and / or Semi-Cactus.

Section "B" Three blooms M.D. or Three blooms M.C.
or Three blooms Medium Semi-Cactus.

Section "C" Five blooms S.D. or Five blooms Min. Decs.

Section "D" Five blooms S.C. or Five blooms Min. C.
or Five blooms Small Semi-Cactus or Five blooms
Min. Semi-Cactus

Section "E" Five blooms Small Ball. or Five blooms Min Ball

Section "F" Five blooms Pompon or Large Pompon.

£35.00	£20.00	£10.00	£5.00
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2. The Lady Godiva Trophy

Four vases of Dahlias, comprising:
One vase Three Blooms Medium Decorative Dahlias
One vase Three Blooms M.C and/or Semi-cactus
One vase Five Small Decorative Dahlias
One vase Five Blooms S.C and/or Semi-cactus
Any variety or varieties may be used

£25.00	£10.00	£4.00	£2.00
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3. Phillip Damp Trophy

Six Blooms Giant Decorative Dahlias, six vases, one
bloom per vase, not less than three varieties.

£7.00	£5.00	£3.00
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4. The Leicester Challenge Cup

Three Giant Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias,
in Three vases One bloom per vase,
any variety or varieties.

£7.00	£5.00	£3.00
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5. The Irish Challenge Trophy.

Three Large Decorative Dahlias, one
bloom per vase, any variety or varieties.

£7.00	£5.00	£3.00
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6. The Christy Brookes Challenge Cup

Six Large cactus and or Semi-Cactus Dahlias
Two vases, three blooms per vase, any variety
or varieties

£7.00	£5.00	£3.00
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7. **The Gordon Steel Trophy**
Six Medium Decorative Dahlias, in two vases,
three blooms per vase, any variety or varieties
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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8. **The Dennis Watson Challenge Cup**
Two vases of Medium Cactus and/or Semi Cactus Dahlias,
three blooms per vase, any variety or varieties.
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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9. **Pauline Eales Award**
Two vases of Small Decorative Dahlias, five
blooms per vase, any variety or varieties.
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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10. **The Styvechale Trophy**
Two vases of Small Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus
Dahlias, five blooms per vase, any variety or varieties.
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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11. **The John Griffiths Senior Cup**
Two vases of Small Ball Dahlias, five blooms per vase,
any variety or varieties
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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12. **The Pam Parsons Challenge Cup**
Two vases of miniature Decorative Dahlias, five blooms per vase, any
variety or varieties
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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13. **The Friendship Trophy**
Two vases of Miniature Ball Dahlias, five blooms per
vase, any variety or varieties
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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14. **The George Irvine Perpetual Challenge Cup**
Three vases of Pompon Dahlias, not less than Two
Varieties, one variety to each vase, five Blooms
per vase
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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15. **The Stella Trophy**
Two vases, 5 blooms per vase using one classification per vase,
One vase each section A - E:
A. Small Cactus or Semi-Cactus,
B. Miniature Cactus or Miniature Semi-cactus
C. Small Decorative or Miniature Decorative
D. Small Ball or Miniature Ball
E. Pompons or Large Pompons
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| £7.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
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SHOW RULES

- The Classes will be judged under the Current N.D.S. Classified directory and Rules of Judging.
- Entrance fees will be: Minimum Entry Fee £3.00, for the first six entries
All entries after will be 30p.
All novice classes are free.
- Entry Forms correctly completed, together with the requisite fee, to be in the Show Secretary's hand on Wednesday 26th August 2026.
Late entries will be accepted at the Show Secretary's discretion.
- A certain number of vases will be available for use. No responsibility will be accepted by the Society for the loss of exhibitor's own vases or other property, but every precaution will be taken to see that they are protected.
- All prize money will be paid out on the day of the Show, circumstances permitting.
- Cups and Trophies, with the exception of Medals, are for perpetual competition, and must be returned to the Show Secretary by the 1st August 2026.
The Violet Davies Premier Award to be presented on the day of the show.
Trophies won at the Show will be presented at the Annual Dinner.
Trophies not presented at the dinner will be retained by the Secretary until collected.
- The Hall will be available for staging from 5.00 pm. – 9.30pm on the evening of Friday 28th August and from 6.00 am to 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 29th August.
Competitors are requested to leave the staging surrounds in a tidy condition so that judging may commence promptly. Please do not arrange your exhibits on the staging. Tables will be available for this purpose.
- The decision of the judges, in respect of the relative merits of the exhibits shall be final. Protest on any other matter concerning an exhibit must be in writing, stating the reason of the protest, and delivered to the Show Secretary before 3.00 p.m. on the day of the Show, together with the fee of £5.00, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- All Dahlias exhibited in competition must be grown by the Exhibitor.
EXCEPT CLASSES:- 50, 51, 52, 53
- All Exhibits must be left as staged until the end of the Show.
- No Exhibitor may interfere with, or move any exhibit other than his or her own, without permission of the Show Committee.
- Any point not covered by these Rules will be placed before the Executive Council, whose decision will be final.

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CV8 1FF

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ADDITIONAL AWARDS

National Dahlia Society Silver Medal	Best Exhibit in the show
Violet Davies Premier Award	Best Vase in the show
N.D.S. Bronze Medal	Second Best Exhibit in the Show
N.D.S. Bronze Medal	Best Exhibit in Novice Classes
The Cactus Cup	Best Vase of Medium Cactus and/or Semi- Cactus in the Show
The Decorative Cup	Best Vase of Medium or Small or Miniature Decorative Dahlias in the Show
Eddie Durrant Memorial Trophy	Best vase of Small or Miniature Cactus and / or Semi-Cactus in the show
George Woodfield Trophy	Best Bloom of Large or Giant Decorative Dahlias in the Show
Leslie Jones Perpetual Challenge Trophy	Best Vase of Large or Giant Cactus and /or Semi-Cactus in the Show
S. & E. Braddock Perpetual Challenge Trophy	Best Vase of Small or Miniature Ball Dahlias in the Show
H. Dunkley Trophy	Best Vase of Poms in the Show
William Daffern Trophy	Best Exhibit in Members Classes
The Evening Telegraph Cup	Most Points in Trophy Classes
The Don Brawn Trophy	Best Exhibit in Novice Classes
The 72 Trophy	Best Exhibit in Section B Classes
The Roger Turrell Trophy	Best Exhibit in the seedling Classes
The Bruce Watson Trophy	Winner of Class 43
The Elaine Fenton Trophy	Winner of Class 44
Lillian Hall Rose Bowl	Winner of Class 49
Special Prize - £5	Member gaining most points in Section C

SECTION "B"- INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Open only to members of The Midlands Dahlia Society

Intermediate Section Prize Money **1st £3.00, 2nd £2.00, 3rd £1.00.**

16. Three blooms Giant or Large Dahlias one bloom per vase, excluding large Pompon.
17. Two vases Medium Dahlias 3 blooms in each vase.
18. Two vases Three blooms per vase of Small Dahlias - One Variety per vase
19. Two vases 3 blooms per vase miniature or Pompon or Large Pompon.
20. Two vases 3 blooms per vase, one vase medium one vase small dahlias

This section is open to all members of The Midlands Dahlia Society who have not won an Open Trophy Class judged under N.D.S. rules.

The 72 Trophy will be awarded to the best exhibit in this section and Exhibitors may win this Trophy for a Maximum of three times.

SECTION "C"- MEMBERS' CLASSES

Open only to members of The Midlands Dahlia Society.

Prize Money in this Section: 1st £5.00, 2nd £3.00, and 3rd £2.00.

21. Three Blooms Giant Decorative Dahlias.
22. Three Blooms Giant Cactus and /or Semi-Cactus Dahlias.
23. Three Blooms Large Decorative Dahlias.
24. Three Blooms Large Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias.
25. Three Blooms Medium Decorative Dahlias.
26. Three Blooms Medium Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias.
27. Three Blooms Small Decorative Dahlias.
28. Three Blooms Small Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias.
29. Three Blooms Miniature Decorative Dahlias.
30. Three Blooms Miniature Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias
31. Three Blooms Small Ball Dahlias
32. Three Blooms Miniature Ball Dahlias.
33. Five Blooms Pompon Dahlias
34. Three Blooms Collerette Dahlias
35. Three Blooms Water Lily Dahlias
36. Three Blooms Bi-Coloured Dahlias
37. Three Blooms Large Pompon
- 37A Three Blooms Any classification not already listed.

William Daffern Trophy, for Best Exhibit in Members Section.
Special Prize of £5.00 to Member gaining most points.
Points Awarded: 4 - 1st, 2 - 2nd, 1 - 3rd.

SECTION "D" - NOVICE CLASSES

Open only to members of The Midlands Dahlia Society

Classes in this section are designed to encourage Genuine Novices to participate in the pleasures of showing.

A Novice may exhibit in this Section as long as they have never won an Open trophy class under N.D.S. rules.

Prize Money: 1st £3.00, 2nd £2.00, 3rd £1.00.

38. One Bloom Giant or Large Dahlia - excluding Large Pompon.

39. One Bloom Medium Dahlias.

40. Three Bloom Small Dahlias

41. Three Bloom Miniature Dahlias.

42. Three Blooms Pompon or Large Pompon

42A. Three Blooms any other Classification not already listed

Each exhibitor restricted to two entries per Class

Any Variety or Varieties may be used in The Novice Section.

The Don Brawn Trophy will be presented for Best Exhibit in Section.

SECTION 'E' SPECIAL CLASSES OPEN

Special Class for the Bruce Watson Trophy

43. 20 Blooms from 20 Varieties, a minimum of four vases to be used.

Prize Money	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
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The Elaine Fenton Trophy

44. Nine Blooms: Three Varieties Three Blooms of each Variety.

Prize Money	£ 10.00	£ 5.00	£3.00
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45. Three Vases of Dahlias, One Bloom per Vase, each vase to contain a separate classification group (groups 1-16) two sub groups from the same group is not permitted.

£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
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46. Two Vases Waterlily Three blooms per vase.

£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
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47. Two Vases Collerette Three blooms per vase.

£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
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**48. Two Vases Miniature Cactus or Semi Cactus
Three blooms per vase.**

£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
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49. Basket Class. FOR THE LILIAN HALL ROSE BOWL

A number of prepared Baskets will be available. The oversize rule does not apply to this exhibit. Exhibit to contain not less than 12 blooms, to be arranged for frontal effect. Dahlia foliage only may be used. The Entry must be staged by the Exhibitor.

£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
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**50. Floral Art – An arrangement of Dahlias depicting ‘Soccer World Cup’
Any foliage and accessories may be used. Space allowed 18” x 18”**

£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
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MIDLANDS DAHLIA SOCIETY SEEDLING AND SPORTS CLASS For the Roger Turrell Trophy

**For Cultivars not yet in commerce and not yet shown
at the M.D.S Seedling Class. To be Judged for show potential.
ALL EXHIBITS TO BE ENTERED IN NAME OF RAISER**

Prize Money £3.00 1st, £2.00 2nd , £1.00 3rd. Per Class

51. Three Blooms one variety of Small or Miniature Dahlias.

52. Three Blooms one variety of Medium, Large or Giant Dahlias.

53. Three Blooms one variety any other Variety of Dahlias.

The Roger Turrell Trophy will be awarded to the Best Exhibit in this section.