



*Steep Flower  
Show*

*22nd August  
2026*

*at Bedales School*

*(by kind permission of the Head)*

*Tea and cake*

*Live Jazz*

*Open: 2 - 4pm*

*Prize-giving at 4pm*

*Entry to the show: Adult £2      Under 18's: Free*

# Steep Flower Show 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Steep Flower Show schedule! We hope that you will find a class, or better still, lots of classes to tempt you, your family and friends to enter. You don't need to be an expert to win something, so please enter as many classes as you can!

We love celebrating anniversaries, so this year in the Flower Arranging section there is a celebration of 200 years of the independence of the United States and in the children's classes there is the chance to celebrate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh. Our limerick competition invites entries about the Bayeux Tapestry as it returns to England after 900 years away.

We are hoping for lots of entries in the children's categories this year - if you know families who haven't entered before, please encourage them! We have a general category for any school project as well as gardens in seed trays, lego gardens, American cup-cakes, and lanterns.

We're hoping to have our very own local celebrity potter as our judge of honour this year, so get ready to buy a mug from his stall at the show!

Please read the instructions carefully so that your entries can be judged correctly and get ready to bring along your wonderful produce early on Saturday 22nd August!

If you are able to donate a cake to the cake tent, or something for the raffle or bottle stalls, please contact us in advance. We would also be very grateful for volunteers to help with a short stint of washing-up during the show or to help dismantling the tables at the end.

A warm welcome from the Committee, who are:

<b>Chair:</b>	Lucy McIlwraith and Maike Heining
<b>Secretary:</b>	David Anson,
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Matthew Meyer
<b>Catering Manager:</b>	Ellie Thackrey
<b>IT:</b>	Mike Robinson
<b>General Committee:</b>	Steve Amos, Andrew Plaistowe, Matt Meyer, Helene Young, Kate Thorne, Eleanor Thackrey
<b>Contact:</b>	steepflowershow@gmail.com
<b>Website:</b>	steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com
<b>Facebook:</b>	facebook.com/SteepFlower

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Front cover artwork by Christopher Cash, Head of Art at Bedales 1950 – 1978

# Instructions for Exhibitors

**Read the schedule carefully.** Check that you have entered the correct number of specimens or size for each exhibit as incorrect numbers or size will mean disqualification.

**All cultivars should be labelled** with their name (if possible).

**Use a separate entry form for each exhibitor.** Preferably, please use the online form available on our website: [steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com](http://steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com)

**Helpful advice** can be obtained in the RHS horticultural show handbook (version 8, 2016).

**Definition of 'novice'** for classes 75 (Flower Arranging), 79 (Domestic) and 93 (Arts & Crafts) - these are for exhibitors who have not previously won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize in these categories.

**If you have any questions, please contact us beforehand or we will be pleased to help you on the day.**

## Vegetables

**Beans:** French and runner, should be straight and should snap without string and have at least 1/4" of stalk.

**Carrots, parsnips and beetroot:** Remove leaves and tie stalks with raffia.

**Courgettes:** should be 100-200mm long, or approximately 75mm in diameter for round cultivars, with or without flowers attached.

**Culinary herbs:** should not be in flower.

**Leeks:** should be well cleaned, uniform in size, with leaves bound to an appropriate length.

**Marrows:** should be young. Long cultivars should be less than 380mm and round cultivars less than 500mm in circumference.

**Potatoes:** should be of good shape, uniform and free from blemishes.

**Shallots and onions:** should have clean skins and tops tied off with raffia. Onions should be standing vertically on rings (e.g. a napkin ring or cut pieces of cardboard tube.)

**Sweetcorn:** should have fresh green husks with silks attached. Pull down one or two husks to expose grain.

**Tomatoes:** Round varieties should be 55-65mm in diameter. They should be shown with the calyx attached and be evenly matched for size, shape and colour. They should not be overripe but be firm, not showing greenback. They should ideally be displayed on a stand in a single row; alternatively set them in sand.

**Collection of vegetables and salad vegetables:** Four different kinds are required; you may not exhibit more than one of the same kind (e.g. different varieties of potatoes or tomatoes).

## Fruit

**All fruit:** with the exception of peaches and nectarines, fruit should be shown with the stalk attached and with the natural bloom. Handle as little as possible and do not polish.

**Soft fruit:** should have the calyx attached.

**Apples:** should be displayed with the eye uppermost. Apples and pears need not be ripe.

## Cut Flowers

**All cut flowers:** should be in an appropriate vase with water. We recommend that they are cut the evening before and allowed to take up water. Choose flowers of uniform size. Where the schedule calls for a specific number of blooms - be aware that a bud counts as a bloom.

**Edible flowers:** please use reliable reference books or websites in researching what to enter.

**Fuchsias:** stands to display flower heads will be provided on show day.

## Flower Arranging

Oasis is not permitted. Please use an alternative (e.g. Agra Wool, chicken wire, glass beads or just water). Flowers/plants/foilage must be grown in your or another local garden (not commercial) or responsibly foraged. No commercially bought flowers are permitted.

## Domestic

**Baking:** should be on a plate inside a large, see-through resealable bag.

All **jams, preserves and drinks:** should be in clear sterilised glass jars or bottles and be labelled and fully dated with day, month and year.

Labels must be plain white. Jars and lids bearing trade names (e.g. Kilner, Bonne Maman) are not permitted.

**Jam and curd:** fill to the brim to prevent mould developing. Use either a wax disc and cellophane top or a new twist top, not both.

**Chutney:** should be mature, at least 2 months. It should have a twist top, and if it contains chillies, it should be labelled "hot".

**Eggs:** should be uniform in size and colour and very fresh.

**Cordial:** must be in a clear glass sterilised bottle with a screw cap, labelled and fully dated with day, month and year.

## Arts and Craft and Photography (including Children's categories)

Exhibits should be mounted if possible.

## The Steep Flower Show Sustainability Trophy (open to all ages) - class 100

Entries should include any project no matter how big or small that you have undertaken to make your house or garden 'greener'. Prepare a clear description of your project and why you consider it to be sustainable in no more than 500 words on one side of an A4 sheet of paper. Photos or diagrams can be used to illustrate in addition. If your project or item is no bigger than 45cm diameter, you may display this too if you wish.

## Rules

- The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- All entries must be grown or made by the exhibitor.
- The Committee reserves the right to inspect the garden or allotment of any exhibitor.
- Everyone except for committee members, stewards or other officials are excluded from the tent during judging.
- Children's entries must be the child's unaided work and must be entered into the correct age group.
- Any prize may be withheld or modified if there are insufficient entries of the standard required.
- The Committee cannot guarantee the safety of exhibits or other property of exhibitors.

The Steep Flower Show is conducted in accordance with the Rules and Standards contained in the RHS 'Horticultural Show Handbook' (8<sup>th</sup> edition, 2016,) and with the Women's Institute publication, 'On With The Show, 2021'.

## Competition Classes

Please refer to 'Instructions for Exhibitors' on pages 3 and 4.

Class	<b>Vegetables</b> (for the Colonel Glover Cup)	Number required	Points value for Class 26
1	Aubergines	1	5
2	Beans - French (dwarf or climbing)	8	15
3	Beans - Runner	6	18
4	Beetroot	3	15
5	Carrots	3	20
6	Courgettes	3	12
7	Cucumber (grown under protection)	2	18
8	Herbs - 5 different kinds, named	5	10
9	Leeks	3	20
10	Marrow	1	15
11	Onions – bulbs 250g or less	3	15
12	Onions – bulbs over 250g	3	20
13	Parsnips	3	20
14	Peppers - hot (chilli)	3	15
15	Peppers - sweet	2	15
16	Potatoes - white	4	20
17	Potatoes - coloured	4	20
18	Potatoes - salad type, named	4	20
19	Shallots - exhibition type, large	6	18
20	Shallots – pickling, not exceeding 30mm diameter	8	15
21	Squash or gourd – culinary, any variety	2	12
22	Sweetcorn	2	18
23	Tomatoes	4	18
24	Tomatoes - small fruited, or cherry cultivar, not exceeding 35mm diameter	6	12
25	Exhibit of any kind of vegetable not elsewhere in schedule - numbers and points are according to RHS handbook		
26	Collection of vegetables (for the Mrs Haywood Cup) - 4 different kinds, numbers and points value as for above classes		
27	Collection of salad vegetables - 3 different kinds		

Class	<b>Fruit</b> (for the Keys Carved Blackbird Trophy)	Number required
28	Apples - dessert	3
29	Apples - specimen, cooking	1
30	Apples - cooking one variety	3
31	Berries - edible, one variety, calyx attached	12
32	Figs	3
33	Pears - dessert	3
34	Plums, damsons, or gages	5
35	Exhibit of any kind of fruits not elsewhere in the schedule	

<b>Class</b>	<b>Cut Flowers</b> (for the Mrs Glover Cup)	<b>Number required</b>
36	Antirrhinums	3 stems
37	Asters - annual	4 stems
38	Cosmos	3 stems
39	Fuchsias - one variety or mixed (stands provided)	6 heads
40	Gladiolus - specimen spike (for the Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill Cup)	1 spike
41	French Marigolds	5 stems
42	Ornamental grasses or sedges – one variety	5 stems
43	Roses - cluster flowered, one variety	3 stems
44	Roses - large flowered, one variety	3 stems
45	Roses - specimen (for the Mrs Renner Vase)	1 bloom
46	Rudbeckias	3 stems
47	Sunflowers	3 blooms
48	Sweet Peas - one variety or mixed	3 stems
49	Zinnias	3 stems
50	Flowers floating in a pattern – container 18 – 30cm diameter	
51	Shrub - flowering (not fuchsias or roses)	3 stems
52	Flowers - 4 kinds of garden flowers (not shrubs)	2 stems of each
53	Annuals - 3 kinds	2 stems of each
54	Perennials - 3 kinds (not shrubs)	2 stems of each
55	Edible flowers - 3 kinds	1 stem of each

<b>Class</b>	<b>Dahlias</b> (for the Forster Cup)	<b>Number required</b>
56	Pompon dahlia - less than 5.5cm diameter	3 blooms
57	Ball dahlia - greater than 5.5cm diameter	3 blooms
58	Cactus or semi-cactus dahlia	3 blooms
59	Any other dahlia	3 blooms

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pot Plants</b> (pots should be 25cm diameter or less unless otherwise stated)
60	Cactus or succulent
61	An outdoor decorative plant or plants in a pot up to 40cm.
62	Pelargonium
63	Indoor or outdoor pot plant – flowering
64	Indoor or outdoor pot plant for foliage
65	Chilli

<b>Class</b>	<b>Novelty Section</b>
66	Runner bean - longest
67	Marrow - heaviest
68	A fruit or vegetable with an unusual shape
69	Dahlia - largest diameter head
70	Outsized vegetable or flower (not dahlia)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flower Arranging</b> (for the Committee Bowl) All must be less than 45cm in width. No height restriction. Accessories are allowed.
71	A wrist corsage
72	An arrangement in a teapot
73	An arrangement celebrating American Independence
74	An large arrangement entitled 'The Four Seasons' up to 90cm in diameter
75	<b>Novice:</b> An arrangement celebrating the South Downs

<b>Class</b>	<b>Domestic Section</b> (for the Domestic Cup)
76	Brioche plait
77	A dragon cake
78	4 vegetarian sausage roll
79	<b>Novice:</b> 4 brownies
80	A bottle of lemonade
81	Jar of jam - any fruit
82	Jar of jelly - any fruit
83	Jar of lemon or other citrus curd
84	Jar of honey
85	Jar of marmalade - any citrus
86	Jar of chutney
87	3 eggs from one type of domestic fowl (one will be broken by the judge)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Arts and Crafts</b> (for the Jubilee Plate)
88	A portrait in any medium (2D or 3D)
89	A hand-knitted or crocheted garment
90	A piece of embroidery or tapestry
91	An original painting
92	An original drawing
93	<b>Novice:</b> Any article of craft
94	A sculpture celebrating the first telephone call (150 years!)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Poetry</b>
95	A limerick about Bayeux Tapestry (for the Runcible Spoon Trophy)
96	A poem entitled 'Youth'

<b>Class</b>	<b>Photography</b> on the theme of.....
97	Music
98	Journey
99	People and Spaces

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sustainability Trophy</b>
100	For all ages – see page 4

## Children's Section

(for the Mrs Newell-Watson Trophy and The Harrow Sparrow Trophy)

Class	Children Aged Under 8
101	For children aged 4 and under: a collage in any medium
102	A miniature garden in a seed tray (for the Model Owl Trophy)
103	An article of craft to celebrate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
104	"A school project of which I am proud"
105	A model made from any fruits, vegetables and/or sticks (for the Children's Creativity Cup)
106	A painting or drawing from nature (for the Fanshawe Cup)
107	A lantern
108	2 American cup-cakes
109	A Lego garden
110	Any article of craft

Class	Children Aged 8 - 11
111	A collage in any medium
112	A miniature garden in a seed tray (for the Mrs Wickham Cup)
113	An article of craft to celebrate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
114	"A school project of which I am proud"
115	A model made from any fruits, vegetables and/or sticks (for the Children's Creativity Cup)
116	A painting or drawing from nature (for the Fanshawe Cup)
117	A lantern
118	4 American cup-cakes
119	A Lego garden
120	Any article of craft

Class	Children Aged 12 - 16
121	A photograph: my favourite place
122	A cottage loaf
123	A garden cake (less than 30cm in diameter)
124	Any article of craft (2D or 3D)
125	An arrangement of flowers also containing dried flowers and/or seedheads

### Points are awarded as follows:

For individual classes: 1<sup>st</sup> = 4 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 3 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 2 points; Highly Commended = 1 point

For collections: 1<sup>st</sup> = 6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 4 points; Highly Commended = 3 points

# Steep Flower Show 2026 – Adult Entry Form

The form below is for your own notes before you complete the online form ([steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com](http://steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com)) or to use if you do not have computer access.

Use a separate form for each exhibitor. Please circle the classes you are entering.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in Steep or Stroud? (this is only relevant for one prize) Yes / No

Have you ever won an adult trophy at the Steep Flower Show? Yes / No

Do you agree to your details being added to our mailing list? Yes / No

Adult entry fee is **30p** per class.

<b>Vegetables</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
<b>Fruit</b>	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35		
<b>Flowers</b>	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
<b>Dahlias</b>	56	57	58	59						
<b>Pot Plants</b>	60	61	62	63	64	65				
<b>Novelty Section</b>	66	67	68	69	70					
<b>Flower Arranging</b>	71	72	73	74	75					
<b>Domestic Section</b>	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
	86	87								
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts and Poetry</b>	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	
<b>Photography</b>	97	98	99							
<b>Sustainability Trophy</b>	100									

The online entry form includes an online payment portal. If not entering online, fees and one completed form per person should go to Lucy McIlwraith, 60 Church Rd, Steep, GU32 2DQ by 8pm, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August or sooner please.

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Number of classes entered \_\_\_\_\_ I enclose (amount) \_\_\_\_\_

# Steep Flower Show 2026 – Child Entry Form

The form below is for your own notes before you complete the online form ([steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com](http://steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com)) or to use if you do not have computer access.

Use a separate form for each exhibitor. Please circle the classes you are entering.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child entry is **free**, even if entering adult classes.

<b>For children aged 4 &amp; under</b>	101									
<b>For children aged under 8</b>	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
<b>For children aged 8 to 11</b>	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
<b>For children aged 12 to 16</b>	121	122	123	124	125					
<b>For any child entering an adult category.</b> Please write in numbers here for entries in classes 1-100										

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Number of classes entered \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Trophies and Awards</b>	<b>2025 Winners</b>
<b>The Lewis Snelgar Bowl</b> for the highest total points in the show	Kate Ford
<b>The Mrs Clarke Trophy</b> for the highest total points in the show by an entrant from the Steep/Stroud area	Kate Ford
<b>The Mrs Hook Novice Trophy</b> for the highest points in the show by an exhibitor who has not previously won a trophy	Elaine Schurch
<b>The Denis Clarke Memorial Trophy</b> for the best exhibit, as chosen by the guest of honour	Darwin Palmer
<b>The Harrow Sparrow</b> for the best exhibit from an entrant age 16 or under	Pip Lithgow
<b>The Colonel Glover Cup</b> for the highest total points in the vegetable section	John Gilbert
<b>The Mrs Glover Cup</b> for the highest total points in the flower section	Steve Amos
<b>The Keys Carved Blackbird Trophy</b> for the highest total points in the fruit section	Petersfield community Garden
<b>The Mrs Haywood Cup</b> for a collection of vegetables	John Gilbert
<b>Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill Cup</b> for a specimen gladiolus spike	Steve Amos
<b>The Mrs Renner Vase</b> for a specimen rose	Timothy Clarke
<b>The Forster Cup</b> for the best dahlia exhibit	Steve Amos
<b>The Committee Bowl</b> for the highest total points in the flowering arranging section	David Anson
<b>The Domestic Cup</b> for the highest total points in the domestic section	Kate Ford
<b>The Jubilee Plate</b> for the best exhibit in the arts and crafts section	Denise Chandler
<b>The Mrs Newell-Watson Trophy</b> for the highest total points in the children's section	Pip Lithgow
<b>The Mrs Wickham Trophy</b> for a miniature garden (age 8 and over)	Daisy Stanley
<b>The Model Owl Trophy</b> for a miniature garden (under 8)	Mischa Garstin
<b>The Fanshawe Cup</b> for the best painting or drawing from nature (under 12)	Yves Handley
<b>The Children's Creativity Cup</b> for the best model made from fruit or vegetables (under 12)	Hunter Harding
<b>The Sustainability Trophy</b> as chosen by the judge	Denise Chandler
<b>The Runcible Spoon</b> for the best limerick	Rollo Wicksteed

<b>Diplomas of Merit - 2025</b>
Steve Amos: Asters; Cosmos; Zinnias; Cactus Dahlias
Jess Carter: Craft
Kate Ford: Aubergines
John Gilbert: Carrots; collection of vegetables
Pip Lithgow: Craft
Suzanne Knights: Pelargonium
Mary Shotter: Jar of jelly; flower arrangement
Simon Whittaker: Photography

If you notice any mistakes in the list of prize winners, please do let us know - as the committee are volunteers with limited resources of time, we acknowledge we occasionally make mistakes! Winners are asked to take great care of their trophies as some are fragile, and to make sure that trophies are clean when returned. Should you wish to have your name and year engraved on the trophy, please arrange and pay for this yourself and use the same format as previous winners.

Trophies to be returned to: Helene Young, 57 Tilmore Road, Steep, GU32 2HW by **Saturday 1st August 2026**

## How to enter

**Deadline for all entries is 8pm, Wednesday 19th August 2026**

- **Online entry form:**



- Please use the online entry form if you can. You can use the camera on your phone to scan this to get to the website or use the address: <https://steep-flower-show.sumupstore.com>
  - Complete one form per exhibitor and make sure you pay online for adult entries. If your fee comes to under £1, you will need to pay in cash by putting your money in a named envelope and putting it through the letterbox of 60 Church Road, Steep, GU32 2DQ.
- **If using a paper entry form:**
    - Complete it neatly and put it and your total fee (30p per class) in a named envelope. Drop this through the letterbox of 60 Church Road, Steep.
  - Children do not need to pay for their entries, even when entering adult classes.

**No late entries will be accepted either online or on paper**

## On the day

- Please bring your exhibits to the marquee at Bedales between 7.30am and 8.45am. You may drive up and park there temporarily while dropping off your exhibits. You will be given your class entry cards in the marquee. Place your exhibits in the correct area for each class. All exhibitors must leave the marquee by 9.15am when the judging will commence.
- The show opens at 2pm and entrance is £2 for adults (including exhibitors), free for under 18's. Parking is outside the main reception of Bedales.
- Results will be displayed next to winning exhibits but please leave them and your exhibits on show until the prize-giving at 4pm. The marquee will be dismantled soon after this, so please take your exhibits away with you. Any exhibits left behind will be disposed of.