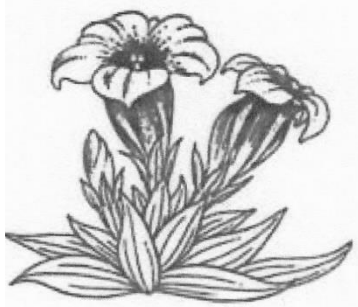


ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY

BEDFORDSHIRE GROUP



ANNUAL SHOW AND PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2017

11:30-15:00

WILSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

NURSERY: LITTLE HEATH FARM

ENTRY: £1

www.bedfordshirealpines.com

SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries should be with the show secretaries by the Wednesday before the show. Late entries can be entered on the day, but should be registered by 10:00 at the latest. The show secretaries reserve the right to refuse a late entry if the deadline has passed.

2. Points in the competitive classes shall be awarded as follows:

	Three Pan Classes	One Pan Classes
1st	Twelve points	Four points
2nd	Eight points	Three points
3rd	Four points	Two points

3. Judging will begin at 10:00, at which point all exhibitors must leave the hall.

4. Aggregate awards will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most first prize points in each section. If there is a tie the exhibitor with most second prize points will be awarded the trophy or, if there is still no winner, third prize points.

5. All exhibits in the competitive classes must be the property of the exhibitor, and on the day of the show plants must have been in their possession for at least six months.

6. No exhibit may be removed until the show has been declared close, except by permission of the show secretaries.

7. Any entry in the artistic section that has previously won a prize, be it 1st, 2nd or 3rd, at the annual show is not eligible for the competitive classes.

8. In class one, 'Three pans rock plants, distinct', no more than two plants may be bulbous.

9. Only species and natural hybrids (excluding garden hybrids) are eligible for class twelve.

10. In the Novice and Intermediate Sections, only firsts in classes in which there is more than one exhibitor count towards the maximum of thirty firsts allowed before an exhibitor must move into the next section. This does not apply to the aggregate awards given at the show in those sections.

11. Voting for the Public's Choice Award is from 11:30 to 13:30. Only plants entered in the competitive classes are eligible. It is possible for one plant out of a three pan class to win the award. In the event of a tie the President has the casting vote. If the President's plant is in contention the show secretaries will select another person to have the casting vote.

12. Unless covered by the above, the rules contained in the latest edition of the AGS Shows Handbook apply. This is available on request.

AWARDS

The Bedfordshire Group Plate – Best Plant in Show

The Public's Choice Award – Voted for by the public

The Bedfordshire Times Cup – Most points in the Open Section

The Society Cup – Most points in the Intermediate Section

The Novice Cup – Most points in the Novice Section

Bedfordshire Group Awards – Best plants in the Open, Intermediate and Novice Sections

The Photographic Cup – Most points in classes 68-71

The Art Cup – Most points in classes 72-75

The Morris Bowl – Most points in classes 80 and 81

The Peter Jones Trophy – Most points in classes 82-85

Certificates of Merit and Commendation – Awarded at the judges' discretion to any exhibit or display in the show, including non-competitive exhibits

OPEN SECTION

Open to any member of the Alpine Garden Society or the Bedfordshire Group. Pan size is not to exceed 36cm outside diameter. Only one entry per exhibitor is allowed in each class.

1. Three pans rock plants, distinct (see rule 8)
2. One pan rock plant in flower
3. Three pans Primulaceae, distinct
4. One pan Primulaceae, excluding Cyclamen and Primula
5. One pan Cyclamen
6. One pan Primula
7. One pan Saxifragaceae
8. Three pans bulbous plants, distinct
9. One pan bulbous plant, excluding Iridaceae and Narcissus
10. One pan Iridaceae
11. One pan Narcissus
12. Three pans rock plants from any one continent, continent to be stated (see rule 9)
13. One pan planted as a miniature garden
14. One pan rock plant grown from seed by the exhibitor, date of sowing to be stated
15. Three pans rock plants for foliage and group effect
16. One pan rock plant for foliage effect, excluding silver and grey
17. One pan rock plant with silver or grey foliage
18. One pan cushion plant
19. One pan dwarf shrub
20. One pan Crassulaceae, excluding Sedum
21. One pan hardy Sedum
22. One pan dwarf conifer
23. One pan hardy fern

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Open to any member of the Bedfordshire Group who has not gained thirty firsts in this section (see rule 10). Pan size is not to exceed 36cm outside diameter. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of two entries per class.

30. Three pans rock plants, distinct
31. One pan rock plant in flower
32. One pan Primulaceae
33. One pan Saxifraga
34. One pan bulbous plant
35. One pan rock plant grown from seed by the exhibitor, date of sowing to be stated
36. Three pans rock plants for foliage and group effect
37. One pan rock plant for foliage effect
38. One pan cushion plant
39. One pan dwarf shrub
40. One pan Crassulaceae
41. One pan dwarf conifer
42. One pan hardy fern

NOVICE SECTION

Open to any member of the Bedfordshire Group who has not gained thirty firsts in this section (see rule 10). Pan size is not to exceed 36cm outside diameter. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of two entries per class.

50. Three pans rock plants
51. One pan rock plant in flower
52. One pan bulbous plant
53. One pan rock plant for foliage effect
54. One pan Crassulaceae (for example Sempervivum, Jovibarba, Sedum, etc.)

Please contact the show secretaries if you would like any advice or help with exhibiting at the show.

ARTISTIC SECTIONS

Open to any member of the Alpine Garden Society or the Bedfordshire Group. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of two entries per class.

Photographic Section:

68. Three photos of alpiners growing in the wild
69. One photo of alpiners growing in the wild
70. Three photos of alpiners growing in cultivation
71. One photo of alpiners growing in cultivation

Art Section:

72. Three coloured pictures of alpiners in oils, watercolours or crayon
73. One coloured picture of alpiners in oils, watercolours or crayon
74. Three pictures of alpiners in any other medium
75. One picture of alpiners in any other medium

Floral Art Section:

80. Six cut flowers from the exhibitor's garden displayed in vases (supplied). Not limited to a single bloom of any one plant.
81. An arrangement of cut flowers or foliage grown in the exhibitor's garden, including dwarf shrubs, to be judged for quality, delicacy and artistic arrangement. No accessories allowed.

Needlework Section:

82. Three pieces of needlework inspired by alpiners
83. One piece of needlework inspired by alpiners
84. Three pieces of needlework inspired by alpiners, excluding cross-stitch and half-cross-stitch items
85. One piece of needlework inspired by alpiners, excluding cross-stitch and half-cross-stitch items

NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES

Open to any member of the Alpine Garden Society or the Bedfordshire Group. There is no maximum number of entries per exhibitor or limit to the pan size, but notification of a large entry would be appreciated.

1. Any alpine plant, either in flower or shown for foliage effect
2. Any plant that is not an alpine and is considered to be of interest by the exhibitor. Notes may be supplied.

VOLUNTEERING

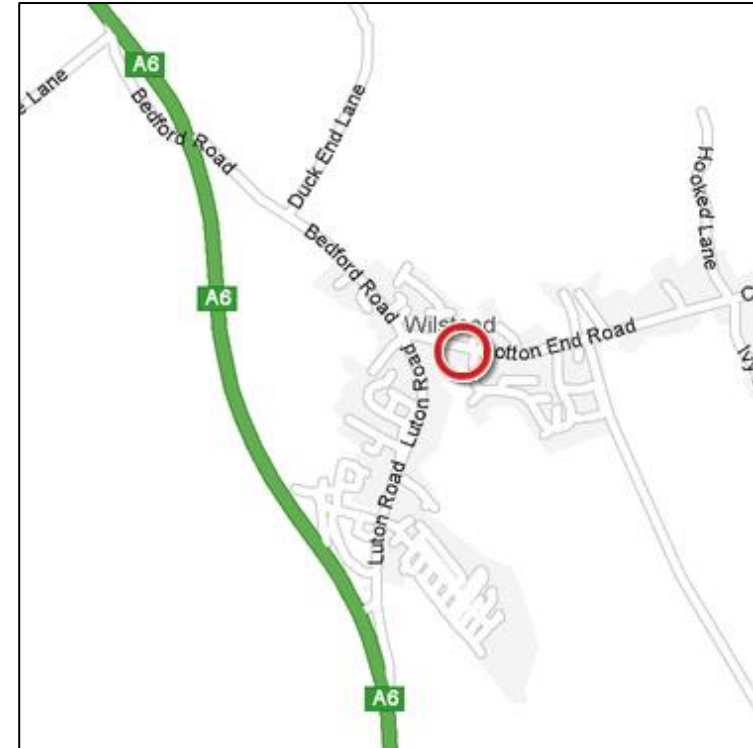
There are a number of ways you can get involved in the show. The rota will be put out at the February and March meetings. Items marked with (S) should be discussed directly with the show secretaries:

- Take away publicity materials, which will be available at the February and March meetings
- Donate refreshments, tombola prizes and plants to the members' plants stall
- Help set up the Friday evening before the show from 7pm
- Help steward during judging (S)
- Prepare the judges' lunch (S)
- Welcome visitors and collect entry money at the front table
- Run the refreshments, tombola or members' plants stall
- Help clear away at the end of the show

BIGGLESWADE GARDENING CLUB SPRING SHOW

The BGC Spring Show will be held on Sunday 2nd April at the Biggleswade Weatherly Centre, SG18 8JB. Doors open to the public at 14:15. The AGS Bedfordshire Group will be putting on a display of alpines – if you are interested in helping please speak to Elsie. There is also an alpine section in the show that AGS Bedfordshire Group members are welcome to enter. For more information speak to a BGC member.

DIRECTIONS



Wilstead Village Hall, Cotton End Road, Wilstead, MK45 3BX

MORE INFORMATION

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