

MEON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

SHOW SECRETARIES REPORT

SUMMER SHOW 2009

19th July 2009 Meon Hall Meonstoke

ENTRIES

Section	2009	2008	2007
1	307	222	239
2	56	58	70
3	22	12	17
4	37	22	23
5	23	26	26
6	11	22	33
7	9	10	15

SPECIAL CLASSES	2009	2008	2007
Specimen Flower & Vegetable	9	2	1
Sweet Pea Challenge	9	6	5
Price Trophy	7	15	10
John Parry Memorial Trophy	3	0	1
Meon Valley Nursery Trophy	26	17	17

TOTAL ENTRIES	519	412	457
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We were delighted with the number and quality of exhibits shown at this years show. A total of 76 exhibitors amassed a stunning 519 entries, 107 entries up on last years show. With new members encouraged to enter for the first time and some revamping of the schedule the figures suggest that our membership liked the classes open to them. Significant changes included the removal of the collection of vegetables from the Special Classes in exchange for a Specimen Flower and Vegetable. There were an encouraging 9 entries in this class hopefully that number will rise next year now that exhibitors have seen what is behind the idea of the class. Another introduction to the schedule was Class 75 Vase of Sweet Peas. This has been included for all those who do not wish to enter the Championship. The Meon Valley Nursery Challenge was also very well received, with 26 entries. Our initial worries as to whether the flowers would remain open in the hall was unfounded, the Osteospermums looked delightful.

Section 1 Vegetables Fruit and Flowers: showed a large increase in the number of fruit and vegetables entered. They were of an amazing standard, Entries in classes, 1, 3, 10, & 11, rose to double figures, clearly the credit crunch has everyone growing their own produce, or perhaps the weather has just been exceptional this year! Whatever, the reason, it was to our advantage and added to the overall professionalism of the displays.

Section 2 Cookery: Also well received with 56 entries. Davina Tibbetts, the judge made the following comments. "An excellent variety of categories with many different interpretations. Two sections difficult to judge: Rice Pudding and Apple Dumpling with suet crust but both executed very well". The cake Class 96, was a Lemon and Rosemary Madeira recipe, which proved popular with 10 entries.

Section 3 The Floral Art Classes: This year, Mavis Humphrey who decides the schedule, introduced a novice category 'Come And Try' and two new members participated. We very much hope that they have been encouraged to exhibit in next year's show. The other classes displayed some wonderful arrangements, 22 in total a record number of entries.

Section 4 Handicraft: demonstrated that we have very talented artists in our midst, 9 exhibits of superb quality were displayed, again a record number of entries.

Section 5 Home Made Wine: Colin Brown who judged the wines was suitably impressed as he always is. His marking and comments of the individual wines can be obtained from the Show Secretaries files.

Section 6 Children: This year saw very few junior entries. This has been much debated at committee meetings and it is felt that the show clashes with the end of the Summer Term. Parents who would help the younger children are too busy with other school events. However we will continue to make classes available for those who would like to join in. Mary Holliday-Bishop who judged the children's section was so impressed with the senior exhibits and particularly those of Hollie Earle, she asked for photographs of Hollie's work so that she can use them to demonstrate the quality of work achieved. Mary was particularly impressed with the "Miniature Garden" as were we all.

The following garden club members lead teams of helpers. They worked very hard to ensure that the show ran smoothly on the day. They would also have spent a great deal of time and effort in the months leading up to event.

Activity	Team Leader
Outside Events	Stuart Attrill
Catering	Jill Austin
Chief Steward	Mavis Humphrey
Raffle	Janet Searle & Lyn Gutteridge
Table Cloths/Laundry	Rhona Summers

Our sincere thanks go to these people and the teams they lead. As you can see from the list below a large number of helpers are required to stage the Summer Show. In whatever capacity you helped us we are truly grateful and thankful that we have such a wonderful group of people supporting us.

Our thanks, in no particular order, go to;

Olive Hathaway	Bob & Corinne Solen
Ian & Josie Dyson	David & Patricia Green
John & Beryl Owen	John & Hazel Martin
Ruth Davies	Bob Miles
Ken Cartwright	Jill Freemantle
Pauline Harbut	Terry & Pearl Muers

Dianne Gamblin	Odette Davies
Norah Burrage	Caroline Print
Jean Shaw	Mary Clark
Bobbie Garrod	Audrey Hall
Moya Trew	Linda Hughes
Roger & Maggie Howard	Carol Gibson
Julian & Margy Malek	Shirley Milner
David Humphrey	Hazel Sievewright
Bob & Gill Edmonds	Lorna Allured
Peter & Norma Moore	Terry Crowfoot
John Dancer	Barbara Burlefinger
Herbert Brice	Ann Petheram
Mike Camp	Deidre Aubert
Barry Austin	
Peter Searle	
Mike Dawson	

AWARDS and TROPHIES	WINNER
Banksian Medal	Barry Moore
Vokes Silver Challenge Cup	Barry Moore
Child Silver Challenge Cup	David Green
Open Silver Cup	Bob Solen
Sweet Pea Trophy	Gordon Fryer
Rose Trophy	Gordon Fryer/Mike Barker
Transenster Silver Cup	Gordon Fryer
Hatch Trophy	Denise Solman
Westbrook Trophy	Barry Moore
Lester Memorial Trophy	John Owen
Grove Trophy	Lesley Lopez
David Gutteridge Memorial	Bob Solen
Spurgin Cup	Mrs H Williams/Mrs J Sutton
Smart-Watson Silver Cup	Janet Searle
Brice Trophy	Corinne Solen
Meon Valley Junior Cup	Isabella Fincher
Meon Valley Senior Cup	Hollie Earle
Meon valley Challenge Shield	Barry Moore
Meon valley Nursery Trophy	John Owen
Booby Prize	Malcolm Hyder
John Parry Memorial Trophy	Olive Hathaway
Price Trophy	Mavis Humphrey
Meon valley flower Cup	Gordon Fryer
Leighton Cup	John Owen
Meon valley Fruit Bowl	David Green
Hazels of Bishops Waltham	Mrs J Sutton

The judges are as per the schedule and letters of thanks will be sent to them. Bob and Corinne will produce a financial report when all the figures are available. This only leaves us to congratulate everyone on a splendid show.

Lesley Lopez & Denise Solman
Show Secretaries