

# DIVISION 14 - GARDEN PRODUCE

**CHAIRPERSON:** Karen Wade (250) 709-5966

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 4 to Sept. 3** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 11** - DELIVER Garden Produce entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 14** - PICK UP entries between 4:00 - 6:30pm. All Garden Produce entries must be collected that day; Bring your claim checks. Any left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 22 to 26** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

**PRIZE MONEY:** 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

## GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

## DIV. 14 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 3, late fee is \$2/entry.
- Open to amateur, community and professional gardeners.
- All produce must have been grown by the exhibitor.

- Exhibits must be free from disease, insects, and insect injury.
- Presentation – Entries must be in marketable (i.e. edible) condition. To ensure leafy vegetables look attractive throughout the show, display them in an opaque container with water. Paper plates will be provided for other entries.
- PLEASE READ THE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY.** The Exhibition will be using the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Horticulture Judging and Exhibiting Standards as its reference. There is a copy in the Exhibition Office.
- An exhibitor may enter more than one entry per class provided each entry is a different variety/colour; identify if known.
- Quantities and varieties must be as called for in the class, otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified. Naming the variety of the entry in the individual classes is an option. Identify the variety if known; print the name at the top of the Exhibit Tag or on a small piece of paper attached to the tag.
- On the judge's note, N.A.S. is Not According to Schedule.
- A.O.V. refers to Any Other Variety.
- Exhibitor's Pass: exhibitors may purchase a 3-day pass for \$20. *Limit: 1 per exhibitor.*

## Produce Presentation Tips

*Before preparing your entries, please check this list to see how they should be presented for show.*

- Beans ... stems should be left intact
- Beets ... trim tops to 2.5cm, leave root intact
- Carrots ... trim tops to 1cm, leave root intact
- Cauliflower ... stalk and larger leaves to be removed, trim remaining leaves just below the level of the curd
- Corn ... remove husk lengthwise, trim shanks to 1cm
- Cucumbers ... clean with the withered blossom absent
- Garlic ... clean, skin on, trim roots to 1cm
- Kohlrabi ... trim roots and leaf stems close to the bulb
- Leeks ... shorten roots to 1cm, trim tops so entry is 1/3 white and 2/3 green
- Lettuce ... remove small or damaged outer leaves
- Onions ... trim roots and tops to 1cm, remove any dirty outer scales, and do not wash
- Parsnips ... trim tops to 1cm, root tips may be shortened
- Peas ... leave stems attached
- Peppers ... leave stems on [note: spicy piquancy rated by SHUs or Scoville Heat Units]
- Potatoes ... brush off dry soil, DO NOT WASH
- Pumpkin ... leave stem intact
- Rhubarb ... trim leaves to 2.5cm (fan shape), leave base intact
- Squash (summer) ... outer skin should not be hard or mature
- Squash (winter) ... leave stem intact
- Tomatoes ... remove stems
- Turnip ... trim tops to 1cm, remove tap root just below the body

The Cowichan Exhibition encourages the use of  
**ORGANIC GROWING PRACTICES**  
in all types of Food Production.

## Section 1: Vegetables

*Identify variety if known. If you wish to enter more than one variety in a class, see rule g.*

### CLASS #

- Beans, Green (Bush, Pole or Climbing) – 5, one variety  
**PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Bud James**
- Bush Beans, Yellow (wax) or Purple – 5, one variety
- Beans, Runner or Long, any colour – 5, one variety **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
- Beans, Dry (shelling beans), any colour, in pods – 5, one variety
- Beets, Red (Globe or Cylindrical) – 3, one variety
- Beets, White or Gold – 3, one variety
- Broccoli or Cauliflower – 1 head or bunch of lateral shoots, any variety
- Cabbage, Green, Red, Savoy or Napa – 1 head, any variety
- Carrots, Long, Stout, Globe or Specialty – 3, one variety, any colour

**NEW!**

## "OUR FAMILY GARDEN" CONTEST



**PRIZES!**

**1st - \$100**

**2nd - \$75**

**3rd - \$50**

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**K. Ben Buss**

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10. Corn – 3 ears, one variety
11. Cucumbers, Field (eg. “Marketmore”), max. length 20cm [8”] – 3, one variety
12. Cucumbers, English – 2, one variety
13. Cucumbers, Pickling, max. length 10cm [4”] – 3, one variety
14. Cucumbers, Specialty (eg. Armenian, Cucamelon) – 3, one variety
15. Eggplant – 1
16. Garlic, Small, diameter less than 5cm, skin on – 3
17. Garlic, Medium, diameter 5 to 6cm, skin on – 3
18. Garlic, Large, diameter 6.1 to 8cm, skin on – 3
19. **NEW!** Garlic, Giant, diameter greater than 8cm, skin on – 3
20. Kale – 5 leaves, display in container with water (see rule e)
21. Kohlrabi, Small, max. diameter 11cm – 3, any variety
22. Kohlrabi, Large, diameter greater than 14cm – 1, any variety
23. Leeks – 3
24. Lettuce, Leaf-type – 1
25. Lettuce, Head-type – 1
26. **NEW!** Mushroom, Oyster – 1 cluster
27. Onions, Shallots – 3 bulbs
28. Onions, Red – 3
29. Onions, White – 3
30. Onions, Yellow – 3
31. Pac Choi – 1 head, any variety, display with base of head in container of water, no roots
32. Parsnip – 1
33. Peas, Green (Snow, Edible Pod or Shelling) – 5 pods, one variety
34. Peppers, Sweet – 3, one variety
35. Peppers, Hot (SHUs under 100,000) – 3, one variety
36. Peppers, Super Hot (SHUs over 100,000) – 3, one variety
37. Potatoes, Red – 3
38. Potatoes, White – 3
39. Potatoes, Yellow Flesh – 3
40. Potatoes, Heirloom – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
41. Potatoes, Fingerling or Banana – 3, one variety
42. Rhubarb, trimmed and tied – 3 stalks
43. Swiss Chard – 5 leaves, display in container with water (rule e)
44. Tomatillos, with half or more of husk on – 5, one variety, any colour
45. Tomatoes, Cherry, Red, max. diameter 3cm – 1 branch with at least 5 fruit attached
46. Tomatoes, Cherry, not Red (yellow, orange, black, etc.), max. diameter 3cm – 1 branch with at least 5 fruit attached
47. Tomatoes, Vine, multi-branch cluster, any variety – 1, longest cluster (truss), please identify. *Winning entry will be determined by length with reasonable quality of fruit.*
48. Tomatoes, Red, Medium, diameter less than 7.5cm – 3
49. Tomatoes, Red, Large, diameter 7.5cm or greater – 3
50. Tomatoes, Paste – 3
51. Tomatoes, Heirloom – 3
52. Tomatoes, 3 different varieties – 2 of each
53. Weird and wonderful veggie – 1
54. Any Other Vegetable (small or large, leaf or root) – 1, max. diameter 35cm [14”], if possible include name & origin

### Section 2: Pumpkins, Squash

#### CLASS #

55. Pumpkin, Jack O'Lantern type, Medium, max. diameter 25.5cm [10”] – 1
56. Pumpkin, Jack O'Lantern type, Large, diameter 26cm to 36cm [10.25” to 14.25”] – 1
57. Pumpkin, Giant – 1. *Winning entry will be determined by girth, not weight.* **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | Tape Buster Award**
58. Pumpkin, Pie – 1
59. Pumpkin, AOV (specialty, heirloom) – 1, max. 38cm [15”] diameter, please identify
60. Squash, Acorn – 1
61. Squash, Buttercup – 1
62. Squash, Butternut – 1
63. Squash, Zucchini, max. length 35cm – 1
64. Squash, Summer – 1
65. Squash, Winter, Small – 1. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Richard Dwyer**
66. Squash, Winter, Large – 1, max. diameter 38cm [15”]. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Richard Dwyer**
67. Squash, Giant – 1. *Winning entry to be determined by girth, not weight.*
68. Squash, Tromboncino – 1



### DUNCAN & DISTRICT VINTAGE MACHINERY SOCIETY

Come to the fair to see how the old farm machinery works.  
Watch for our daily Vintage Tractor Parade.

#### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

For more info call: Geoff Hopps (250) 246-9661  
John Shiell (250) 746-7292

#### TRACTOR MOVEMENT – Cowichan Exhibition Grounds

You must be 15 year of age or older to drive a tractor anywhere on the Exhibition Grounds during the fair, unless in an organized tractor parade or accompanied by an adult over 19 years of age.

Tractors will no longer move to the upper grounds with the exception of the people mover.

Thank you for your cooperation. - Management

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## Section 3: Produce Collections

### CLASS #

69. "Culinary Herbs" – 5 kinds, one bunch of each, tied, display in separate opaque containers with water; please label. Table space 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"].
70. "Salad Bowl" – a collection of edibles (veggies, fruits and flowers) gathered for a salad. Present whole in a large bowl together with salad tongs or lifters, display leafy greens in water. Table space 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"].
71. "Bounty of The Valley" – Use the Exhibition's 2025 theme "Winged Wonders" as inspiration for your display.
- Fill a container (i.e. basket, box, barrel, wheelbarrow, etc.) with vegetables, fruits, nuts and herbs from your garden and orchard.
  - Bounty must be predominantly fresh; it may include some preserved foods (i.e. pickles, jams, fruit leathers, honey). Place any leafy vegetable(s) in containers with water so they'll stay fresh for the duration of the Fair.
  - Max. table space: 60cm x 60cm [24" x 24"], all parts of the display must stay within that space.
  - Scoring: 90% for quality of produce and 10% for theme-related elements.
- PRIZES: 1st - \$100 | 2nd - \$75 | 3rd - \$50 |**  
class sponsored by The Old Farm Market, Duncan

## Section 4: Displays

### CLASS #

72. **NEW!** "Our Family Garden" – what's growing in your patch? Entry must include:
- 5 different vegetables and/or fruit,
  - a photo of your family, and
  - a short story about why your family loves to garden. Story to be one page, font at least 18 pt so it can be read easily from a distance.
- Display to be on a solid base, max. 25cm wide x 60cm deep [10"w. x 24"d.], so entry can be moved as one unit.
- Scoring: 55% for quality of produce and 45% for the display's creativity.
- PRIZES: 1st - \$100 | 2nd - \$75 | 3rd - \$50 |**  
class sponsored by K. Ben Buss
73. **NEW!** "What do you see?" Create an image of a "Winged Wonder" – in whole or a portion thereof – from natural materials gathered from field and garden. All parts must be securely attached, may use glue, tape or string if necessary. Mount entry on a sturdy cardboard base or similar stable structure – max. 30cm wide x 30cm deep x 45cm high [12"w. x 12"d. x 18"h.]. Identify Winged Wonder. *Please note that this is a Display Only class and entries will not be judged.*
- AWARD: People's Choice**

## GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Members of the MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC will be at the Fair to answer your questions! Or scroll through their website for gardening articles, resources, community events and more! [www.mgabc.org](http://www.mgabc.org)



## YOUNG FARMERS DAY

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