



# Competition

March 9& 10 2024  
RHS Garden, Rosemoor

**The Early Rhododendron Competition**  
**The Spring Ornamental Plant Competition**  
**The Main Camellia Competition**

April 6 & 7 2024  
RHS Garden, Wisley

**The Main Rhododendron Competition**

April 20 & 21 2024  
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## Exhibitors

1. Eligibility – The competitive classes are open to all, unless excluded by some special regulations
2. Usual regulations apply



## Definitions

26. Exhibits must have been grown in the open unless otherwise stated in the individual class. Exhibitors in the camellia competitions should indicate if an entry has been grown under protection by placing a small red dot on the exhibit name card. These will be available from the stewards.
27. Rhododendrons Nomenclature to be used. All exhibits must be entered and staged in accordance with the classification and nomenclature used in The Rhododendron Handbook 1998 (RHS, 1998). There hue.8 (9949 (8 (9949

36. Bulbous plants– For the purposes of these competitions, bulbous plants also include those grown from tubers, corms or rhizomes.

## CUPS AND TROPHIES

<b>THE EARLY RHODODENDRON COMPETITION</b>	
The Alan Hardy Challenge Salver	Leading exhibitor based on first, second and third prizes
<b>THE MAIN CAMELLIA COMPETITION</b>	
The Leonardslee Bowl	Twelve cultivars of camellia, one bloom of each
<b>THE SPRING ORNAMENTAL PLANT COMPETITION</b>	
The Charles Eley Centenary Bowl	Four trees or shrubs in bloom
<b>THE MAIN RHODODENDRON COMPETITION</b>	
The Lionel de Rothschild Challenge Cup	The winner of Class 1 (six species of rhododendron)
The McLaren Challenge Cup	The winner of Class 3 (one truss of a species rhododendron)
The Roza Stevenson Challenge Cup	The winner of Class 4 (one spray of a species rhododendron)
The Loder Challenge Cup	The winner of Class 34 (one truss of a hybrid rhododendron)
The Crosfield Challenge Cup	The winner of Class 36 (three hybrids raised by or in the)

Please refer to Regulations 12, 26, 29, 30 and 31 and Notes on Hybrids on page 9

## DIVISION a: SPRAYS

Prize Money in this division:

First Prize, £10

Second Prize, £6

Third Prize, £4

Class 1. Any *C. japonica* cultivar, one spray

Class 2. Any *C. x williax* A.001 T.3177cpr20







Except where otherwise stated the prizes will be as follows:

First Prize, £10

Second Prize, £6

Third Prize, £4

Please refer to Regulations 17, 21 and 28.

Additionally, the Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group will award The John Hillier Cup for the best Rhododendron spray in the Competition (open to all competitors), the John Fox Rhododendron Plate for the best Rhododendron Competition (open to members only) and the Phostrogen Cup for the best rhododendron truss in the Competition (open to all competitors)

## Section 1 -Species

- Class 1. Any six species, one truss of each  
First Prize, £32; Second, £24; Third, £16.
- Class 2. Any three species, one truss of each  
First Prize, £16; Second, £12; Third, £8.
- Class 3. Any species, one truss
- Class 4. Any species, one spray not exceeding 30cm from the top of the vase. Exhibits over 24cm width will not on that account gain extra marks.  
First Prize, £16; Second, £12; Third, £8.
- Class 5. Any species of subsect. borea, one truss

Class16. Any species of subsect. Taliensia

Class 36.

Except where otherwise stated the prizes will be as follows:

First Prize, £10

Second Prize, £6

Third Prize, £4

Restriction in size: Entries in all classes must be no larger than 2 1/2

## Section A

- Class 1. Four trees or shrubs of different genera, in bloom other than a camellia, magnolia or rhododendron, one vase of each  
First Prize, the Charles Eley Centenary Bowl and £25; Second £18; Third, £12.
- Class 2. Four ornamental plants of different genera, in bloom including bulbs but excluding trees and/or shrubs in bloom, one vase of each.  
First Prize, £25; Second £18; Third, £12.
- Class 3. A tree or shrub, in bloom other than a camellia, magnolia or rhododendron, one vase.
- Class 4. A S13>>BDC 82 (x)9.4 Tc -0.0n (har)-7 0 Tdo36 Tw -nd £18; T To 0 Td [(,)9.9 ( )]TJ 0 P

## Section B –Magnolias

The Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group will award the Magnolia Rose Bowl for the most points in Section B (open to all competitors)

- Class14. Magnolia campbellii, M. dawsoniana, M. argentea or M. sprengeri, their subspecies, forms and varieties, or a hybrid of which at least one parent is from these species, one bloom
- Class15. Magnolia campbellii, M. dawsoniana, M. argentea or M. sprengeri, their subspecies, forms and varieties, or a hybrid of which at least one parent is from these species, one spray.
- Class16. Magnolia acuminata, its forms and varieties, or a hybrid of which at least one parent is from this species, one spray
- Class17. Magnolia liliiflora, M. denudata, or a hybrid of which at least one parent is from these species, but excluding hybrids eligible for classes 13 & 14, one spray
- Class18. Any magnolia eligible for classes 15 & 16, one bloom. This excludes hybrids eligible for classes 13 or 14
- Class19. Magnolia kobus, M. salicifolia, M. stellata or a hybrid of which at least one parent is from these species, but excluding hybrids eligible for classes 13 & 14, one spray.
- Class20. Magnolia kobus, M. salicifolia, M. stellata or a hybrid of which at least one parent is from these species, but excluding hybrids eligible for classes 13 & 14, one bloom.
- Class21. Any magnolia, michelia, or manglietia species or hybrid included in classes 13 to 19, one bloom.
- Class22. Any magnolia, michelia, or manglietia species or hybrid included in classes 13 to 19, one spray.
- Class23. Any magnolia one bloom, shown by a first time exhibitor or any exhibitor who has not won a prize in the last five years at a previous RHS Spring Ornamental Plant Competition

Please refer to Regulations 12, 26, 29, 30 and 31 and Notes on Hybrids on page 9

## DIVISION 1: SPRAYS

Prize Money in this division:

First Prize, £10

Second Prize, £6

Third Prize, £4

Additionally, the SE Branch of the Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Club will award the Peter Betty Cup for the most points in the competition (open to branch members only)

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## Section B

### Cultivars other than *Camellia japonica*

- Class 21 Any three other than cultivars of *C. japonica*, one bloom of each  
First Prize, £10; Second, £6; Third, £4
- Class 22 Any *C. reticulata* camellia, species or hybrid (Parentage to be stated), one bloom
- Class 23 Any three *C. x williamsii*, one bloom of each  
First Prize, £10; Second, £6; Third, £4
- Class 24 Any singleflowered *C. x williamsii* cultivar, one bloom.
- Class 25 Any semidouble *C. x williamsii* cultivar, one bloom
- Class 26 Any anemoneformed or peonyformed *C. x williamsii* cultivar, one bloom
- Class 27 Any roseformed or formal double *C. x williamsii* cultivar, one bloom

## Section C

### Miniatures and species

- Class 28 Any miniature, one bloom
- Class 29 Any three miniature blooms one bloom of each  
First Prize, £10; Second, £6; Third, £4
- Class 30 Any species one bloom
- Class 31 Any three species one bloom of each  
First Prize, £10; Second, £6; Third, £4

## Section D

- Class 32.

THE MAIN RHODODENDRON COMPETITION  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
APRIL 20 & 21 2024

Except where otherwise stated the prizes will be as follows:

First Prize, £10

Second Prize, £6

Third Prize, £4

Please refer to Regulations 17, 20 and 28.

## Section 1 –Species

A competitor may exhibit in Class 1 and 2, but the same species may not be exhibited in both classes

A species in these two classes includes its variants

- Class 1. Any six species, one truss of each  
First Prize, The Lionel de Rothschild Challenge Cup and £32; Second, £24; Third, £16
- Class 2. Any three species, one truss of each  
First Prize, £16; Second, £12; Third, £8.
- Class 3. Any species, one truss  
First Prize, The McLaren Challenge Cup and £10; Second, £6; Third, £4.
- Class 4. Any species, one spray not exceeding 30cm from the top of the vase. Exhibits over 24cm width will, not on that account gain extra marks  
First Prize, The Roza Stevenson Challenge Cup and £16; Second, £12; Third, £8
- Class 5. Any species of subsect. *horea*, one truss
- Class 6. Any species of subsect. *pyrophylla*, one truss
- Class 7. Any species of subsect. *abata*, subsect. *geschraor* or subsect. *maculifera*, one truss
- Class 8. Any species of subsect. *spanulata*, subsect. *fulgensia* or subsect. *lanata*, one truss
- Class 9. Any species of subsect. *india* or subsect. *alconera*, one truss
- Class 10. Any species of subsect. *funea*, one truss
- Class 11. Any species of subsect. *uva*, subsect. *irrorata* or subsect. *brishia*, one truss
- Class 12. Any species of subsect. *tensa*, one truss
- Class 13. Any species of subsect. *niflora*, one truss
- Class 14. Any species of subsect. *niflora*, one spray not exceeding 12cm height from the top of the vase.
- Class 15. Any species of subsect. *ptica*, one truss
- Class 16. Any species of subsect. *thomsonia*, subsect. *selensia* or subsect. *campylocarpa*, one truss

- Class17. Any species of subsect ~~Tomsonia~~, subject. ~~Sen~~ or subject. ~~Empylocarpa~~ one spray not exceeding 12" from the top of the vase
- Class18. Any elepidote species of genus ~~Pododendron~~ not mentioned in classes above, one truss or spray not exceeding 24" from the top of the vase.
- Class19. Any species of ~~subsect.Boothia~~, subject. ~~Edgeworthia~~ or subject. ~~Maddenia~~, grown in the open or otherwise, one spray not exceeding 12" from the top of the vase
- Class20. Any species of ~~subsect.Boothia~~, subject. ~~Edgeworthia~~ or subject. ~~Maddenia~~, grown in the open or otherwise, one truss.
- Class21. Any species of subsect ~~Triflora~~ and subject ~~Heliolepidia~~ other than ~~R. augustinii~~, one spray not exceeding 18" from top of vase





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Restriction in size: Entries in all classes must be no larger than 2 1/4m unless otherwise stated.

The removal of shoots or leaves in order to make the fruits more conspicuous will be regarded as a fault if the natural habit of the plant is thereby altered.

- Class 1. Four trees or shrubs of different genera with autumnal fruits one vase of each (unrestricted size).  
First Prize, The Stephenson R Clarke Cup and First Prize, £25; Second £18; Third, £12.
- Class 2. Four trees or shrubs of different genera with autumnal foliage one vase of each (unrestricted size). (See regulation 5, page 5)  
First Prize £25; Second £18; Third, £12.
- Class 3. A tree or shrub with autumnal fruits one vase.
- Class 4. A tree or shrub with autumnal foliage one vase (See regulation 5, page 5)
- Class 5. A tree or shrub with autumnal fruits and foliage one vase (See regulation 5, page 5)
- Class 6. Roses in fruit, one variety three stems, one vase.
- Class 7. A tree or shrub in bloom one vase.
- Class 8. A heath or heather in bloom one vase.
- Class 9. A tree or shrub shown for its coloured bark one vase.
- Class 10. A bamboo

- Class17. A plant other than a tree, shrub or grass with autumnal foliage one vase.  
(See regulation 3, page 5)
- Class18. A climbing plant with autumnal foliage one vase (unrestricted size) (See regulation 3, page 5)
- Class19. Dahlias, mixed varieties one vase displayed for overall effect.
- Class20. Chrysanthemums, mixed varieties one vase displayed for overall effect.
- Class21. A tender perennial, other than a bulb, grown under glass or otherwise, in bloom one vase.
- Class22. A pot, pan or vase of bulbs grown under glass or otherwise (Mixed cultivars permitted).
- Class23. An informal arrangement in a vase, urn or basket of foliage, fruits and garden flowers from the garden of the competitor to demonstrate the beautiful shades of autumn, not exceeding 30" high, 30" wide and 30" deep.

Please note: floral foam may not be used as a staging medium (See regulation 3.772 0-0.-5 (a) 3.7722 (a))



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