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Gibside Grow Show Sunday September 18th 2016

There's a lot happening in the Walled Garden at the moment and Gibside GROW is a new event to celebrate the horticultural, culinary and creative talents of local people.

Whether you're a Gibside plot holder, local garden enthusiast, allotment holder, a lover of jams, a keen baker, creative maker or just want to join in – this show is for you. With a section for under 16s, it's a show for all the family.

There are competition classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables, cakes, jams and honey as well as an opportunity to get crafty - so there's plenty of opportunity to win a prize.

Please find enclosed an Exhibitors Pack that includes:

- an Entry Form,
- Notes and Show Guidelines
- Hints and Show Criteria

It would be great if you could spread the word and feel free to forward on the details to friends, family and other keen gardeners.

We look forward to seeing you at our first horticultural show in the Walled Garden. Regular updates will be on our website by the end of July.

Kind regards

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EXHIBITOR Hints and Show Criteria

The following information aims to give some handy hints and information on the Gibside GROW Show judging criteria for classes 1-29 as set out on the Entry Form.

CLASS	CRITERIA
Section 1 Flowers Exhibitors must provide their own containers.	
1	One vase of mixed Annuals One container of mixed cut flowers, grown from seed since September 2015, to include no fewer than 3 genera. To be judged on quality and quantity of varieties in exhibit. Overall size not to exceed 90cm height.
2	One vase of mixed Dahlias One container of cut flowers, 6 to 12 blooms.
3	One vase of mixed Herbaceous Perennials One container of mixed cut flowers. To be judged on quality and quantity of species/cultivars in exhibit. Overall size not to exceed 90cm height.
4	One pot grown Fuchsia Pot size up to 20cm diameter.
5	One pot grown Pelargonium (Regal or Zonal) Pot size up to 20cm diameter.
6	Orchids (Phalaenopsis only) Pot size up to 20cm diameter.

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Section 2 Vegetables and Produce Exhibitors must provide their own containers.

7	Dish of 5 Potatoes - red or white or mixed One dish of five specimens, mixed cultivars. Medium size, clean.
8	Dish of 3 Onions - under 250gms Three specimens, trimmed and tied, exhibited on dry sand.
9	Dish of 3 Beetroot - any variety Three specimens, tops trimmed to 7.5cm
10	Dish of Capsicums (3 Peppers or 5 Chillies) One dish of Capsicums - Three Peppers or Five Chillies any varieties.
11	Dish of 5 Tomatoes One dish of five specimens of any cultivar.
12	Artistic collection of Culinary Herbs and Edible Flowers Collection of at least four different named herbs, cut and displayed in a vase with water and decorated with edible flowers.

Section 3 Fruit Exhibitors must provide their own receptacles.

13	Dessert Apples Any cultivar - dish of 3.
14	Mixed Berries 20-25 berries arranged on a plate of your choice to look 'good enough to eat'.

Section 4 Domestics Exhibitors must provide their own receptacles.

15	A Novelty Cake - think 'Rio 2016' To be judged by public vote on the day.
16	Gibside Apple Cake (as per Gibside GROW recipe enclosed) Made to the National Trust Apple Cake Recipe (attached)
17	One loaf of Bread - white or brown 1lb loaf and must be hand-made.
18	Three Fruit Scones Display on a plate of your choice.
19	One jar of Fruit Jam or Chutney Made with locally grown/harvested produce in an unopened, clear glass jar with a sealed lid, may be of size between 350 gm and 460 gm.

20	<p>One jar of Honey Clearly labelled with contents and day, month and year of making. No maker information needed. Jars should be filled to within 1.25cms (.5") of the top of the jar, thoroughly cleaned and sterilised.</p>
Section 5 Arts and Crafts	
21	<p>A Landscape Collage using recycled materials Entries must have been made in the 12 months prior to the show, executed by the exhibitor, and not previously shown. No bigger than A3 size 29cm x 42cm.</p>
22	<p>Teabreak', petite floral arrangement in a mug or cup. Entries must be executed by the exhibitor. The arrangement should be of plant material, with or without accessories, contained in the 22cm square specified. Backgrounds, bases, drapes, containers, and tiles may be included.</p>
Section 6 Junior Exhibitors must provide their own containers.	
23	<p>Five Decorated Cupcakes Display on a plate.</p>
24	<p>Largest Sunflower Head Flowerhead only to be displayed on the table.</p>
25	<p>A Miniature Garden in a recycled container An exhibit of flowers, other plants and produce in a recycled container. Space allowed 30cms square.</p>
26	<p>Model of any animal or figure using a vegetable as a base Exhibitors choice - no bigger than 30cms square.</p>
Section 7 Novelty	
27	<p>Any Quirky Vegetable or Fruit Exhibitors choice</p>
28	<p>Longest Runner Bean To be judged on length only.</p>
29	<p>Fattest Marrow/Courgette To be judged on girth only.</p>

National Trust Apple Cake Recipe

A feature of Gibside Walled Garden is the young apple avenues that yield a surprising amount of apples each year. Varieties include: Bismark, Beauty of Bath, Newton Wonder, Ashmead's Kernal and Early Victoria. Happy baking.

Ingredients

170g (6oz) self - raising flour
1 teaspoon mixed spice

225g (8oz) sugar

225g (8oz) butter

700g (1.5lb) cooking apples

2 eggs, beaten

A little milk

Method: Pre heat the oven to 190c, 375F, gas mark 5. Grease a 23x 23 cm (9x9inch) tin. Sift the flour and mixed spice together and put into a bowl with the sugar. Roughly chop in the butter but do not rub or cream. Peel the apples and slice into the mixture. Add the beaten eggs and enough milk to make fairly stiff batter. Bake in the tin for about 1 and a half hours – until golden brown.

AGA Method: Bake in a Roasting Oven, on the fourth set of runners with the cold plain shelf directly above, for 40-50 minutes until firm. If it is browning too much, slide a sheet of foil between the cake and the plain shelf. If the cake is not cooked all the way through after 50 minutes, move it to the Simmering Oven for another 25-30 minutes. Alternatively, cook in the centre of the Baking Oven (on three and four oven models), for about 1 and a half hours.

Source: The National Trust Complete Traditional Recipe Book.



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EXHIBITOR Entry Form

Please complete the entry form and submit to Gibside Grow Show 2016 no later than **Monday 5 September**.

Entry fees are as follows: Adult £1 per class and Junior 50p per class.
To assist us, please use a new form for each exhibitor (or joint exhibitor). For your information we have prepared some **'Exhibitor Hints and Criteria'**.

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number:

Email:

Age (if 16 or under)

I have read the **'Show Guidelines'** and agree to comply. Signed.....

At the end of the Show exhibits can be donated to the National Trust donation stand. All donation proceeds will go toward the continued conservation work at Gibside. Please indicate if you are happy to donate your exhibit. Mark with 'X' Additional access assistance needed. Mark with 'X'.

Please note: exhibits not collected by 5pm on the day will be placed on the donation table.

Please return entry forms no later than Monday 5th September. How to submit your form:

Email: gibsidewalledgarden@nationaltrust.org.uk

Post: Gibside GROW 2016, Gibside, near Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear, NE16 6B

Drop off: Gibside Visitor Reception (near the main carpark)

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Please mark 'X' in the box next to each class that you wish to enter.

Schedule	Classes	Mark with 'X'
SECTION 1 Flowers	1 One vase of mixed Annuals	
	2 One vase of mixed Dahlias	
	3 One vase of mixed Herbaceous Perennials	
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	6 Orchids (Phalaenopsis only)	
SECTION 2 Vegetables and Produce	7 Dish of 5 Potatoes - red or white or mixed	
	8 Dish of 3 Onions - under 250gms	
	9 Dish of 3 Beetroot - any variety	
	10 Dish of Capsicums (3 Peppers or 5 Chillies)	
	11 Dish of 5 Tomatoes	
	12 Artistic collection of Culinary Herbs and Edible Flowers	
SECTION 3 Fruit	13 Dessert Apples	
	14 Mixed Berries	
SECTION 4 Domestics	15 A Novelty Cake - think 'Rio 2016'	
	16 Gibside Apple Cake (as per Show recipe)	
	17 One loaf of Bread - white or brown	
	18 Three Fruit Scones	
	19 One jar of Fruit Jam or Chutney	
	20 One jar of Honey	
SECTION 5 Arts and crafts	21 A Landscape Collage using recycled materials	
	22 'Teabreak', petite floral arrangement in a mug or cup.	
SECTION 6 Junior: Classes are divided into age groups:	23 Five Decorated Cupcakes	
	24 Largest Sunflower Head	

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A) 8 years and under B) 8-16 years at 18.9.16 Entries to Classes 23-26 to have been completed/grown in the last 12 months.	25 A Miniature Garden in a recycled container	
	26 Model of any animal or figure using a vegetable as a base	
SECTION 7 Novelty	27 Any Quirky Vegetable or Fruit	
	28 Longest Runner Bean	
	29 Fattest Marrow/Courgette	
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES ENTERED	
	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE (on the day)	

Any other information ...

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EXHIBITOR SUMMARY and SHOW GUIDELINES

Gibside GROW aims to show case a variety of produce by horticultural experts, garden enthusiasts and novices: illustrating that growing food from ground to table is fun and rewarding. The National Trust follow organic principles by not using artificial fertilizers, pesticides or peat-based compost and we would encourage exhibitors of Gibside GROW to do the same. Please feel free to talk to the gardeners often working in the Walled Garden about this.

- Deadline for entry forms is **Monday 5th September 2016**.
- Entry fee: Adult £1 per class, Junior 50p per class – cash payment (as per your entry form) is payable at the staging/set-up.
- Each exhibitor will receive an Exhibitor Badge with free access to Gibside for the day.
- Staging/set-up for exhibitors starts on the Sunday 18th September between 7am – 9.15am. All exhibits must be staged no later than 9.15am.
- To assist with judging all exhibitors must leave the marquee by 9.15am. The café in Market Square will be open for refreshments.
- The exhibitor only must stage all exhibits. However, please let us know if you need any additional assistance before the staging day.
- The exhibition marquee will open to the public after judging at 11am.
- Presentation of the awards and prizes will take place at 4pm.
- We'd like as many visitors, as possible, to see the show so please refrain from removing exhibits from the show until after 4.30 pm.
- Exhibits will be put on the National Trust donation table if not collected by 5pm. All proceeds from the donation table goes toward conservation work at Gibside. The National Trust is a registered charity.
- Gibside opens to the public at 9.30am and closes at 6.00pm.

Please read the full Show Guidelines in the pack, and most importantly have fun and enjoy the growing season. We look forward to seeing your horticultural, artistic, and culinary endeavours.

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1. Completed entry forms must be submitted by **Monday 5th September 2016**.
2. Gibside will be open from **7.00am** on the morning of the show to allow entry for exhibitors only to set-up.
3. Gibside has a large car park but restricted access to the Walled Garden. Drop-off in the Market Place will be on a 5 min rota. To avoid delays and congestion we recommend that exhibitors park in the car park and carry their exhibits to the Walled Garden.
4. On average, it takes at least 10 minutes to stage each exhibit. Please allow time to check that all your exhibits have been staged correctly. All exhibits **must be staged by 09.15am**.
5. Judging will take place between **09.30 and 10.30**.
6. If you are a wheelchair user please indicate this on your entry form and we will allocate a convenient end niche and staging time.
7. All materials, vases and accessories for staging are to be provided by the exhibitor.
8. Please ensure that the number of specimens and groupings in your exhibit are correct.
9. The biggest are not always the best. Uniformity of size, shape and colour are the factors to aim for **except** for Class 27-29 where quirky and peculiar or the odd blemish is what the judges will be looking for.
10. All exhibits should be clean and free from pests and disease.
11. The National Trust Gibside follow organic principals by not using artificial fertilizers, pesticides or peat-based compost and we would encourage exhibitors of Gibside GROW to do the same.
12. All vegetables should be properly prepared for showing. Root vegetables washed to remove soil but in no circumstances should oil or similar substances be applied in an attempt to enhance their appearance. The use of aerosol sprays or artificial plant materials may not be used.
13. Exhibits with roots intact should be shown in a washed and tidy fashion e.g. onions
14. We recommend that flowers for show should be protected to prevent spotting caused by heavy rain, hail damage or splashing from the soil. Flowers are best cut in the evening or early morning leaving the stems as long as possible. If necessary, they can always be shortened later.

15. In classes for display, appearance and arrangement will be considered. Enjoy and be playful.
16. All fruit and tomatoes for show should have stalks and calyces attached.
17. All exhibits, staging materials and personal property shall be at the risk of the exhibitors and Gibside shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.
18. All exhibits in Classes 1-29 must be the property of the exhibitor and all containers and receptacles used for display purposes should be removed by the exhibitor at the close of the show.
19. Exhibitors may make only one entry per class. Two or more persons may not compete separately in the same class with produce from the same garden: such exhibits should be entered in joint names.
20. Please correctly name all exhibits. This greatly adds to the interest of the show.
21. After staging, no exhibit or part thereof may be altered or removed until after the presentations and no earlier than 4.30pm.
22. The decision of the judges shall be final on the relative merits of the exhibits.
23. Presentation of awards and prizes will take place at **4pm on Sunday 18th September 2016**. Any prizes not collected by the end of the show will be deemed a donation to the National Trust. Please leave prize cards in place until after presentations.
24. All exhibitors must have their Exhibitor Badge and confirmation card when collecting their exhibits and awards.
25. Please mark 'X' on the Entry Form if you wish to include your exhibit in the donation table at the end of the show. All proceeds from the donation table will be gratefully received go towards the conservation work at National Trust Gibside which is a registered charity.
26. The decision of Gibside GROW is final regarding the eligibility of exhibitors and the refusal to accept any entry.
27. Gibside GROW reserves the right to regulate the number of entries in any class.
28. Gibside GROW, whose decision shall be final, will deal with any contingency not covered by these guidelines.

Walled Garden Wednesdays (every Wednesday in Gibside Walled Garden from 1.30pm – 2pm). Meet a gardener to discuss seasonal tips – this includes demonstrations.

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