

HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS

New Exhibitors: Do have a go and you may be surprised how well your entries measure up to those of the regulars-they had to start once! All entries are anonymous unless they win a prize.

Read the schedule carefully and make sure you have displayed the right number of flowers, vegetables, scones, etc. And your exhibit is the correct size.

Flowers and Vegetables: The judges look for regularity in an exhibit- each item should be of the same size and quality.

Flower petals should not have holes or other damage and last better if their stems are cut immediately before being placed in water, and as soon as possible after picking. Bring some spares and chose the best.

Vegetables should look fresh and be edible. They should be clean and trimmed.

If picked over night they should be kept cool and damp.

Presentation can be helped by arranging them on a paper plate.

The judges always break rhubarb and runner beans to see that they are not stringy.

Onions: The dry leaves should be cut to about 50mm(2ins), doubled back towards the bulb and preferably tied with raffia. They are often displayed on wooden rings but a plant pot saucer full of sand will do. Shallots are trimmed in the same way and exhibited on a saucer of sand.

The Committee welcomes comments and suggestions about the classes in all sections.