

HINTS & TIPS FOR INDOOR ENTRIES

All entries must be the work of the exhibitor.

Entries can be brought into the Rec Centre gym (booth) from

3pm-9pm on Friday

and 7am-9.15am Saturday.

The booth will close for judging Saturday at 9.20am sharp.

Entries can be removed from the booth from 3.45pm onwards.

Any questions regarding particular classes please contact the show secretary at goldenbayshow@gmail.com

or Nicola Wells, Booth Chief Steward: nicola.wells40@gmail.com

COOKING SECTION

- All cooking to be in snaplock or similar plastic bag on a firm plate or cardboard so that the judge may uncover and sample entries.
- Covered Tupperware type cake containers are also fine.
- **NO GLADWRAP PLEASE.** Entries will be disqualified.
- Class ICED CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CAKE -
Will be judged on decoration not the cake. Cake will not be cut.

HOME PRODUCE/PRESERVES

- All preserves to be presented in a clear jar/bottle.
- Label jars with preserve name and date.
- Exhibits may be opened for tasting.
- Please firmly attach entrant card to jar/bottle with sellotape/blutack.

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

- Entries must all come from your own garden.
- Vegetables should include some outer leaves where possible as this indicates health of the plant, and general appearance is improved, ie cabbage, lettuce, etc.
- Rhubarb: Leaves should be trimmed so that 10-15cm remains attached to the stalk. Bottom of the stalk can be tidied, but general shape to remain, where pulled from plant.
- Onions: Some outer leaves and some root to be left on. Can be tidied up.
- Carrots, beetroot, etc: Judges will be looking for consistent colour, shape and size. Foliage should be trimmed to about 5-10cm.
- Collection of herbs should be in a jar with a list of varieties attached to the jar.
- New class 2025: Three corn cobs. To be opened/husked halfway.

HOME CRAFTS

Please note: no exhibit will be eligible for competition for more than two years.

FLOWERS – CUT & DECORATIVE

All flowers/plant material – excepting Decorative Section – must have been grown by the entrant.

General:

- Vases and saucers are not provided, please bring your own containers.
- Flowers may be supported in the vases with newspaper, foam or other suitable material. This should not be visible.
- Sand saucers must have a green border and not have any sand visible.

FLOWERS – CUT & DECORATIVE

Roses:

- A patio rose is several blooms on one stem (miniature floribunda).
- A miniature rose is a single bloom on a stem

HELPFUL HINTS FROM DECORATIVE FLOWERS JUDGE

1. All oasis, wet or dry should be covered.
2. Test some flowers for hold-ability before the day. Some (eg, daisies) don't hold in oasis and wilt fast. Wilted flowers affect placings.
3. Aqua jars – watch to get smallest bubble possible. Look at scale relative to size of jar.
4. Sometimes less is more - stick with a colour theme or variety of flower for ease on the eye.

CUT FLOWERS - VARIETIES

Class 838 COLLECTION OF 4 FLOWERING SHRUBS, different *varieties*, 1 of each

Class 839 COLLECTION OF PERENNIALS, 8 different *varieties*, 1 stem of each, includes bulbs

Class 840 COLLECTION OF ANNUALS, 8 different *varieties*, 1 stem of each

Different varieties means separate varieties of shrub/perennial/annual rather than one variety, eg, Phlox or Begonia, in multiple colours. A variety is a naturally occurring variation of a plant within a species.

PHOTOGRAPHY

New in 2026 is a class for Professional photographers:

- 4 Favourite Photos
- **Display only, no prizes awarded.** Photos will be displayed separately to Amateur Classes.
- Please include your business card/name alongside photos.

PHOTOS MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE FRIDAY, BOOTH IS OPEN 3-9PM.

All other photography classes are for **Amateur** photographers:

Anyone who has not advertised and/or sold photos as a business or livelihood at any time.

- All photographs to be mounted on matt board or cardboard A4 size (295mm x 210mm).
- No frames or glass.
- Photographs can be any size within the A4 mount.
- All entries can be in either colour or black & white and will be judged together in each class, except Classes 1010 & 1011.
- Entries **MUST** be bona fide work of exhibitor.
- Entries that have previously won prizes in the Golden Bay A&P Show may not be exhibited more than two times.