



# Flavours of Fingal



## NOTES:

## GARDENING & HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2025

Featuring 6 Irish Shows Association  
All-Ireland Qualifier Classes

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**NEWBRIDGE HOUSE & FARM  
DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN**

- **Entries close at 9pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, and should be submitted by phone, text, or email to contact below.
- Exhibits may be staged on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July between 2pm and 7pm or on Saturday morning 5<sup>th</sup> July between 7.30am and 9.45am.
- Judging takes place at 10am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- Each exhibit will be given a Class Card which must be placed face down under the exhibit to which it relates. In the case of Children's Classes, age should be written on the back of the card so that the Judge can take this into account.
- Presentation of Silver Salvers & Payout will take place on Sunday.
- Exhibits must not be removed before the close of the show at 6pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- All exhibits must be the bona fide production of the Exhibitor and named as far as possible.
- Handcraft Exhibits must have been made in the last 12 months.
- A competitor may not enter more than one exhibit in any class, unless otherwise stated.
- There is no entry fee, except for the six All Ireland Qualifier Championships which is €3 at this show and €6 at the final.
- Sweet Pea, Roses & Cut Flowers must be shown in vases provided.
- We will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any exhibit before, during or after the Show, but all reasonable care shall be exercised.
- The Judges decision will be final.

To enter, please send full name, address, mobile number, email and class numbers, to:

[info@fingalhorticulturalsociety.com](mailto:info@fingalhorticulturalsociety.com)

or Text/Phone #086 3901105

**Perpetual Silver Salvers & Cash Prize of €50  
sponsored by Fingal County Council will be  
awarded for:**

**Best exhibit in Sweet Pea**

Winner 2024: Mick Burke, Swords

**Best exhibit in Roses, Cut Flowers & Pot Plants**

Winner 2024: John Harford, Swords

**Best exhibit in Vegetables & Fruit**

*National Vegetable Society Silver Medal will also be awarded*

Winner 2024: George McCullough, Dardistown

**Best exhibit in Baking**

Winner 2024: Pauline Browne, Castleknock

**Best exhibit in Handcrafts**

Winner 2024: Patricia Guyet, Swords

Prizes in all classes will be 1<sup>st</sup> €5 & 2<sup>nd</sup> €3

Children's classes will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of €2

**except for Special Classes 103, 108, 116, 138, 141, 201, 209,  
316, 403, 501, 602, where 1<sup>st</sup> will be awarded €20 & 2<sup>nd</sup> €10.**

***NORTH DUBLIN  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION  
EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION***

***Annual Show Dates for 2025***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Horticultural Society</u>	<u>Phone</u>
June 29 <sup>th</sup> .....	Balbriggan Rose/Sweet Pea Show.....	087 752 0506
July 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Flavours of Fingal Show .....	086 390 1105
July 12 <sup>th</sup> .....	Rush Annual Show .....	086 879 9571
July 26 <sup>th</sup> .....	Malahide Show .....	086 079 6851
August 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Fingal Show (Swords) .....	086 390 1105
August 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	Howth & Sutton Show.....	086 818 3709
September 7 <sup>th</sup> .....	Balbriggan Show .....	087 992 2379
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Naul Show .....	086 285 0561

***EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR PERPETUAL TROPHIES***

There are two categories for Exhibitor of the Year:

(a) Vegetables & Fruit

(b) Flowers & Pot Plants

The names of the exhibitors obtaining the ten highest aggregates of points in each of the categories (a) & (b) at the above Shows in the open horticultural classes will be forwarded to the Association for inclusion in this competition. Points will be awarded 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, & 1 for 3rd in all individual classes. Exhibitors may exhibit at any number of shows but only the highest points from their top five shows will be counted in the competition for each category. Results are recorded & distributed after each show & trophies are presented at the "End of Season Show" in October.

## Special Prize Classes highlighted in red

**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**

### Sweet Pea

For growers of 120 plants or less



- 100 Sweet Pea, 9 stems, mixed varieties, one vase.
- 101 Sweet Pea, 1 stem, any variety.
- 102 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, one variety, one vase.
- 103 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, mixed varieties, one vase (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 104 Bowl of Sweet Pea, not more than 15 stems.

For growers of more than 120 plants

- 105 Sweet Pea, 9 stems, mixed varieties, one vase.
- 106 Sweet Pea, 1 stem, any variety.
- 107 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, one variety, one vase.
- 108 Sweet Pea, 6 stems, mixed varieties, one vase (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 109 Bowl of Sweet Pea, not more than 15 stems.
  
- 110 Bowl of old-fashioned sweet peas, not more than 12 stems, not cordon grown, no Spencers, with any foliage. To be judged for quality and decorative effect.

### Roses

- 115 Rose, large flowered (H.T.), single stem.
- 116 Roses, large flowered (H.T.) 3 stems, may be mixed (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 117 Rose, Cluster Flower (Floribunda) single stem.
- 118 Roses, Cluster Flower (Floribunda), 3 stems, may be mixed.
- 119 Single Rose, to be displayed in Picture Frame (supplied).
- 120 Any other Rose e.g. Shrub, Miniature, Rambler, Climber



### Cut Flowers

- 130 Viola, 5 blooms, may be mixed, in container & tubes provided.
- 131 Pansy, 5 blooms, may be mixed, in container & tubes provided.
- 132 Pelargoniums (Geraniums), 1 vase, 3 stems.
- 133 Pansy, 5 blooms, one variety, in container & tubes provided.
- 134 Bowl of floating flowers (exhibitor to provide bowl).
- 135 Hosta leaves, 3 different varieties, in 3 vases.
- 136 Begonias (Tuberous), 3 blooms on a board or tray.
- 137 Any flowering shrub, 1 vase, maximum 5 stems.
- 138 Collection of Cut Flowers, excluding sweet pea, 1 vase mixed (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 139 Hardy Herbaceous Flowers, 1 vase, mixed.
- 140 Hardy Herbaceous Flowers, 1 variety, maximum 5 stems.
- 141 Hanging basket or hanging pot (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 142 Planted container, maximum size 60cm/2'
- 143 Planted window box, maximum size 90cm/3'



## Pot Plants

- 201 Pelargonium (Geranium), max pot size 7" (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 202 Impatiens, Busy Lizzie, max pot size 7".
- 203 Fuchsia, max pot size 7".
- 204 Begonia, max pot size 12".
- 205 Any foliage plant, max pot size 10".
- 206 Cactus, max pot size 7".
- 207 Succulent, max pot size 7".
- 208 Any other pot plant not provided for, max pot size 10".
- 209 Flowering plants, 3 pots, max pot sizes 10" (**1<sup>st</sup> €20 + Perpetual Silver Salver in honour of Madaleine Harford, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)



## Vegetables

- 300 French Beans, plate of 5.
- 301 Cabbage, 1 head.
- 302 Peas, plate of 5.
- 303 Broad Beans, plate of 5.
- 304 Potatoes, plate of 5.
- 305 Lettuce, 1 head.
- 306 Scallions, bunch of 6 (no bulb).
- 307 Turnips, plate of 3.
- 308 Parsley, 5 stalks in a vase.
- 309 Rhubarb, 5 sticks.
- 310 Broccoli, 1 head.
- 311 Cauliflower, 1 head.
- 312 Beetroot, plate of 3.
- 313 Courgette, plate of 3.
- 314 Onions, plate of 3
- 315 Any other vegetable not provided for.
- 316 Selection of vegetables on a board, max size 3'x 2', not more than 5 varieties (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)



## Fruit

- 317 Strawberries, 10 on a plate.
- 318 Gooseberries, 10 on a plate.
- 319 Raspberries, 10 on a plate.
- 320 Any other fruit not provided for (up to 3 entries allowed provided they are different).
- 321 A display of fruit, three or more varieties.



## Home Baking

- 400 Tea Brack.
- 401 Soda Bread.
- 402 Brown Bread.
- 403 Scones, plate of 5 (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 404 Apple Tart.
- 405 Biscuits or tray bakes, plate of 5.
- 406 Jam or Marmalade, named & dated. (up to 3 entries allowed provided they are different).
- 407 Any other Preserve e.g. Chutneys. (up to 3 entries allowed provided they are different).
- 408 Any other Bread e.g. Banana, Herb



## Handcrafts

- 501 Hand knitted garment for an Adult (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)
- 502 Hand knitted garment for a Child.
- 503 Aran knitting, any item.
- 504 Crochet, any item.
- 505 Embroidery or Needlework.
- 506 Soft Toy or novelty item.
- 507 Watercolour Painting.
- 508 Oil Painting.
- 509 Picture in any other medium.



## Flower Arranging

- 601 **"The Beauty of Summer"**  
A table arrangement,  
Space allowed 60cm wide.
- 602 A Petite exhibit - Space allowed  
25cm width & depth, 37cm height (**1<sup>st</sup> €20, 2<sup>nd</sup> €10**)



## Children under 9 years (on day of show)

- 801 Miniature Garden in a container, or biscuit tin. Max size 35cm x 35cm
- 802 Model made from any or all of the following: fruit, vegetables, flowers, foliage.
- 803 Best dressed hard-boiled egg.
- 804 A vase of wildflowers.
- 805 Display of 6 named leaves.
- 806 Painting or drawing of a flower, A4 size.



## Children under 15 years (on day of show)

- 810 Miniature Garden in a container, or biscuit tin. Maximum size 35cm x 35cm approx.
- 811 Model made from any or all of the following: fruit, vegetables, flowers, foliage.
- 812 Homemade Traybakes, 3 on a plate.
- 813 Painting or drawing of a flower, A4 size.
- 814 Any vegetable that you have grown yourself.
- 815 Handcrafts, any item.

All children who enter will receive a special gift!

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & TULLAMORE SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT

## **BORD BIA 7 A-DAY BEST IN SEASON KITCHEN GARDEN ALL IRELAND FINAL**

A display of Fruit & Vegetables excluding  
potatoes  
(not fewer than 7 kinds, not more than 10)



**BORD BIA**  
IRISH FOOD BOARD

### Rules

1. This competition is to encourage growers to exhibit produce from their own kitchen garden.
2. The produce should be the property of and be grown by the exhibitor.
3. Foliage and root growth may be trimmed for display purposes and herbs may be included.
4. The veg and fruit should be displayed within an area not larger than 610mm x 610mm (24"x24") & height not exceeding 90cm (3') high. However, foliage and roots may extend beyond that boundary but not rest on the show bench.
5. These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)

#### **THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED AS FOLLOWS:**

Variety: 25 points

Condition and quality: 50 points

Overall presentation and attractiveness: 25 points

### Prize Breakdown in final at Tullamore Show

1st €250, 2nd €150; 3rd €100; 4th €75; 5th €50; 6th €25.

Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show €3. To Final in Tullamore 10<sup>th</sup> August €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & TULLAMORE SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT

## **BORD BIA QUALITY POTATO CHAMPIONSHIP ALL IRELAND FINAL**

A dish of 6 potatoes of any variety



**BORD BIA**  
IRISH FOOD BOARD

### Rules

1. In this competition the produce must be the property of and be grown by the Exhibitor.
  2. The variety to be correctly named. Each tuber should be free from skin blemishes, be true to type, and weigh approximately 6ozs (170g).
  3. Two exhibits may qualify for the final in Tullamore, if the Judges agree that the standard is high enough.
  4. This being a quality championship, the adjudicators will favour floury, high dry matter varieties, which are popular with the Irish customer.
  5. These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)
- Criteria for judging potatoes available from the Tullamore Show.*  
*Tel: 057-93-52141*

### Prize Breakdown in final at Tullamore Show

1st €250 + Bord Bia Perpetual Trophy + Replica.

2nd €150; 3rd €100; 4th €75; 5th €50; 6th €25.

All qualifiers will receive a special Bord Bia Plaque.

Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show €3. To Final in Tullamore 10<sup>th</sup> August €6



THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & VIRGINIA SHOW PRESENT

## THE QUALITY ONION ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

A dish of 5 onions of any variety

### Rules

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1. In this competition, the produce must be the property of and grown by the exhibitor.
2. Each exhibit is to consist of a dish of 5 onions of any variety.
3. The onions may be grown from either seed or sets.
4. The onions may be Autumn or Spring sown. The variety to be correctly named.
5. Each onion must be tied and weigh not more than 450grams.
6. The onions to be harvested and have clear unbroken skins.
7. Two exhibits may qualify for the Final in Virginia, if the Judges agree that the standard is high enough.

#### The Competition will be judged as follows:

Condition / Quality: 25 points, Uniformity and Shape: 25 points

Size / Weight: 10 points, Colour: 10 points

Overall presentation / attractiveness: 10 points

Judge's decision will be final at all stages of the competition.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)

### Prize Breakdown in final at Virginia Show

**1st €200; 2nd €125; 3rd €75; 4th €50; 5th €25; 6th €25**

Each of the successful qualifiers will receive a memento on appearance at the Final.

Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show: €3. To Final in Virginia 20<sup>th</sup> August: €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & TULLAMORE SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT

## THE ODLUM'S ALL IRELAND HOME BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors must bake all 3 specified items using recipes found on the Odlum's website & using Odlum's products

### A. 10 Apple Traybake Pieces

<https://www.odlums.ie/recipes/apple-traybake/>

### B. Goats cheese, Red Pepper and Pine Nuts Quiche

<https://www.odlums.ie/recipes/goats-cheese-red-pepper-pine-nut-quiche/>

### C. Coffee Sponge Cake with Biscoff Coffee Buttercream

<https://www.odlums.ie/recipes/coffee-sponge-cake-with-biscoff-coffee-buttercream/>

### Rules

1. Items to be displayed on individual plates (3 tiered plates can be used for the smaller items) to enhance presentation and each exhibitor will be allocated their own space (trays optional) on a base 24" Square.
  2. Points will be awarded for taste, texture, appearance, and presentation.
  3. The competition is confined to amateurs, with one entry per exhibitor at the final.
  4. The items must be fresh, and home baked by exhibitor.
  5. Two entries may qualify for the final in Tullamore, if judges agree that the standard is high enough.
  6. Non-adherence to tray size will deem elimination of exhibit.
  7. All items will be cut and/or sampled by the Judge.
  8. Each of the successful qualifiers will receive a hamper containing Odlum's products plus a Certificate, on appearance at the final in Tullamore.
  9. The judge's decisions at all stages of the competition IS FINAL.
- These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)

### Prize Breakdown in final at Tullamore Show

**Prizes: 1st €300 + Trophy + Goods in kind, 2nd €200, 3rd €100, 4th €60, 5th €60, 6th €60, 7th €60, 8th €60** Entry Fee: To Qualifying Show: €3 To

Final in Tullamore 10<sup>th</sup> August: €6

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & CASTLEBLAYNEY SHOW SOCIETY PRESENT

## THE ALL-IRELAND BREAD BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Each exhibitor will bake 3 items

- A. Carrot & Pineapple Loaf (2lb loaf tin)
- B. Tea Brack (7" Round)
- C. 4 Plain Scones



### Rules

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1. The Items to be displayed as one exhibit on a base of 2ft x2ft approx.
2. Points will be awarded for texture taste, and presentation.
3. Competition is open to amateurs, male/female, and one tray to qualify per exhibitor.
4. All items to be home made by the exhibitor.
5. In the event of an objection and following an investigation, and if the exhibitor is deemed to be making their living from their profession, they may be disqualified.
6. A SuperValu Flour wrapper to be displayed with the exhibit.
7. A special qualifying class will be held at selected shows.
8. **Two trays may qualify for the final**, if judges agree that the standard is high enough.
9. Judge's decision will be final at all stages of the competition.
10. Exhibits are displayed at owners risk

These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)

### Prize Breakdown in final at Castleblayney Show

**Prizes: 1st €300, 2nd €200, 3rd €100, 4th €60, 5th €50, 6th €40, 7th €25**

Entry Fee: To qualifying show: €3 To Final in Castleblayney Monday 4th August: €

THE IRISH SHOWS ASSOCIATION & ARVA SHOW PRESENT

## THE ALL-IRELAND HOME PRESERVES CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors to display three pots of preserves, pots used to be no bigger than 454gms (1lb), all the same size.

- A. Soft Fruits
- B. Stoned Fruits
- C. Marmalade



### Rules

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1. Max. space allowed 22cm by 22cm, Lids only to be used, no biscuits or scones to be displayed with exhibit.
2. Exhibitor to be creative when presenting their exhibit.
3. Points will be awarded for taste, appearance, sealing, setting and presentation
4. The competition is confined to amateurs.
5. **Two exhibits** will qualify from each show.
6. The exhibits must be home produced by the exhibitor.
7. All preserves will be sampled.
8. The judge's decisions at all stages of the competition is **final**
9. Exhibits are displayed at owner's risk.
10. For the final fresh pots of preserves must be entered.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the Irish Shows Association Rules at [www.irishshows.org](http://www.irishshows.org)

### Prize Breakdown in final at Arva Show

**Prizes: 1st €200, 2nd €150, 3rd €100, 4th €50, 5th €25, 6th €25, 7th €25, 8th €25**

Entry Fee: To qualifying show: €3 To Final in Arva Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July: €6