

The Autumn Cactus and Succulent Show at Harlow Carr – Saturday 23rd September 2023

Cactus (all classes are for 1 plant)

1. Ariocarpus group
2. Astrophytum group
3. Astrophytum group, 11 cm pot limit
4. Cereus group
5. Copiapoa group
6. Copiapoa group, 14 cm pot limit
7. Echinocactus group
8. Echinocereus group
9. Echinopsis group
10. Eriosyce group
11. Gymnocalycium group
12. Gymnocalycium group, 11 cm pot limit
13. Lophophora
14. Mammillaria group
15. Mammillaria group, 18 cm pot limit
16. Mammillaria group, 11 cm pot limit
17. Matucana group
18. Melocactus group
19. Opuntia group
20. Parodia group
21. Rebutia group
22. Strombocactus group
23. Thelocactus group
24. Turbinicarpus group
25. Any other cactus (not mentioned in classes 1 to 24)

Succulents (all classes are for 1 plant)

26. Agave group
27. Agave group, 18 cm pot limit
28. Aloe group
29. Crassulaceae group: Adromischus subgroup
30. Aeonium subgroup
31. Crassula subgroup
32. Echeveria subgroup
33. Sedum or Sempervivum subgroup
34. Euphorbia group
35. Gasteria group
36. Haworthia group
37. Haworthia group, 11 cm pot limit
38. Mesembryanthemum group: Conophytum subgroup
39. Lithops subgroup
40. Any other Mesembryanthemum (Argyroderma, Cheiridopsis, Faucaria or Nananthus subgroups)
41. Stapelia group
42. Any other succulent (not mentioned in classes 1 to 41)

Cristate or monstrose

43. A cristate or monstrose cactus or succulent plant

Groups

- 44. 3 cactus and/or succulent plants, 25 cm pot limit
- 45. 4 cactus and/or succulent plants, 14 cm pot limit
- 46. 6 cactus and/or succulent plants, 9 cm pot limit

Collection (to be judged as a collection class)

- 47. A collection of at least 10 plants that all belong to the same species, genus, or group, or with another botanical or geographical theme. Theme to be stated.
To be displayed with the plant pots standing in a tray with the maximum internal size 39 x 24 cm. Plants may be in pots of any sizes.

Educational class (to be judged as an educational class)

- 48. 'Parent and offspring' class. An educational exhibit about propagation with at least 2 plants: a parent plant and a young plant that has been propagated from it by the exhibitor. Educational material written by the exhibitor should also be included, for example explaining the propagation method.
Any propagation technique can be used. More than 2 plants can be included if relevant, for example to include the seed and pollen parent, or to show propagated plants of different ages, or variation amongst seedlings.
To be displayed in a maximum area of 30 x 30 cm. Exhibitors may include a base or relevant accessories. Plants may be in pots of any sizes. Plants may share pots.

Display classes (to be judged as display classes)

- 49. Bowl garden: any container planted with 2 or more cacti and/or succulent plants.
- 50. Decorative pot: 1 plant in any type of decorative pot.
- 51. Unusual container: 1 or more plants in any container not originally designed to be a plant pot.
- 52. Hanging basket: any type of plant hanger containing 1 or more plants.
- 53. Themed container: 1 or more cacti and/or succulents planted in a container with a creative theme. Some examples of themes include: a film, book, song, poem, TV show, work of art. Theme to be stated.

Novice section

- 54. 1 cactus
- 55. 1 succulent
- 56. 3 cactus and/or succulents plants

Arts and crafts class (to be decided by a visitors' vote)

- 57. Any cactus and/or succulent themed art or craft item made by the exhibitor. Title, name of plant(s) and medium or technique used may be stated.

Entering the show

Entrants should email their completed entry form to: ShowSecretary@Leeds.bcsc.org.uk

Please send in your entry form by: **Sunday 17th September 2023.**

Show Secretary Sue Keane will confirm receipt of your entry form by email.

Show Secretary's phone number: 07950 021 252

Staging times

Friday 22nd September: 5 pm until 6 pm.

Saturday 23rd September: 8.15 am until 10 am.

Exhibitors can remove their plants after the show has ended at 4 pm. A Show Steward will announce when the show has ended and removal of plants can begin.

Exhibits in the arts and crafts class (class 57) can be staged until 10.45 am.

The show is open to visitors from 11 am until 4 pm on Saturday 23rd September 2023.

Rules

Eligibility

Classes 1 to 56 are open to members of the British Cactus and Succulent Society only, including associate and junior members.

Novice classes (54 to 56) are open to any BCSS member who hasn't won a 1st prize in an open class at a BCSS show, and all junior members.

There is no charge to enter any class.

Exhibitors may enter any number of plants/entries in any class.

Plants entered must be the property of the exhibitor.

Pot sizes

Some classes have a pot limit: this is the maximum size pot that a plant entered into the class can be in. Pot sizes are taken as the inside measurement at the top. Square pots will be measured as the distance between the parallel sides, not diagonally.

Class 47 (collection class) is to be displayed with the plant pots standing in a tray (such as a seed tray or gravel tray) with the maximum internal size 39 x 24 cm. Plants or the tops of the pots may overhang. Plants may be in pots of any sizes.

For class 48 (educational class), a maximum base area is given for the exhibit. Bases of pots and educational material must be contained in this area, but tops of pots and plants can overhang.

Staging

Show Stewards may reposition show plants if required, for example to make more space.

Exhibitors should ask a Show Steward to help if they find there isn't enough space to stage their plants, rather than attempting to move another entrant's plants.

Liability

We can accept no responsibility for the safety of plants or other property. All reasonable precautions will be taken against theft or damage, but all exhibits will be staged at their owners' risk.

Judging criteria

Judging will be carried out according to the BCSS's recommendations in the Handbook of Shows, 11th Edition (2021). This is also the authority for the classification of plants.

A copy of the Handbook of Shows will be available on the day, and can be downloaded from the BCSS website.

Exhibitors who are unsure which class to enter a plant into are welcome to email the Show Secretary or Show Manager.

Classes 1 to 46 and the novice section (54 to 56) will be judged as general classes. Exhibits will be judged on condition and maturity (60%), presentation (20%) and difficulty in cultivation (20%).

Class 47 will be judged as a collection class. Exhibits will be judged on condition and maturity (50%), presentation (25%), variety (20%) and difficulty in cultivation (5%).

Class 48 will be judged as an educational class. Exhibits will be judged on condition (30%), presentation (30%), and educational content (40%).

Classes 49 to 53 will be judged as display classes. Exhibits will be judged on artistry of arrangement (75%) and condition (25%).

All plants exhibited should belong to a genus listed in the Handbook of Shows.

Class 25 (any other cactus) is for plants belonging to the following groups: Coryphantha, Frailea, Pediocactus, Rhipsalis, Stenocactus.

Class 42 (any other succulent) is for plants belonging to the following groups: Adenia, Anacampseros, Ceropogia, Didierea, Dorstenia, Kedrostis, Othonna, Pachypodium, Pelargonium, Peperomia, Sansevieria.

Show judge

Gareth Darbon will judge all plant classes (classes 1 to 56)

Art and craft class

Class 57 is to be decided by a visitors' vote.

The winner will be announced near the end of the show at around 3.30pm.

