

FLOWER SHOWS – LARGS

The annual show of the Largs Horticultural Society was held in the Artillery Hall on Friday last, and in spite of the drought, which it was appreciated would affect the exhibits, it was quite a good show. There was a slight falling off in the number of exhibits, which numbers 288 in all, but this was caused largely through the withdrawal from competition of some of the large exhibitors. Mr Jas. Bonells, Danefield, the chairman of the committee of the Society, who sometimes has had as many as 50 articles in the show, was not among the exhibitors this year, neither was Mr Jas. Davidson, Blackdales, and the absence of these two made a decided difference, although there were some new names in the list of exhibitors. The pot plant section, which generally bulks pretty largely at the show looked specially this. The plants shown were, however, excellent in quality, and indeed the whole show was quite up to the usual standard in this respect. There was a large entry of cut flowers and the vegetable classes were also well filled. In fruit there are never very heavy classes, and Friday's show was no exception. The quality of the grape exhibits, however, was very high, the prize branches being as good as anything ever seen under the Society's auspices, The other fruit was also of excellent quality. The amateur sections also provided some keen competition, and many of the amateurs ventured with success in the open classes.

The arrangements for the show were well pleased, and well carried out by Mr Neil Mitchell, the Secretary, Mr Bonells, and the enthusiastic committee. A new system of marking the prize exhibits was in force this year, and seemed to be an improvement on the old – it is, we understand, the system adopted in the Glasgow show. The judges were Messrs Henry Reid, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow; W. Milne, Newark Castle, Alloa; R. Bruce, Seafield, Ardrossan; and Harvey, Rozelle, Ayr. They bestowed great care on their work, and took pains to arrive at their decisions.

There was the usual good attendance of the public, as the district contains many flower lovers, and the show was considered all over as a very excellent one in quality which was also the judges opinion. Many of the exhibits were specially admired.

The following is the complete prize list:-

OPEN TO ALL

POT PLANTS

4 table plants, prize given by Mr Thomas Mackay – 1, John Dick, Netherhall; 2, James J. Crossan, Ferness; 3, Gavin Meikle, Northfield.

2 stove or greenhouse plants in flower – 1, James J. Crossan; 2, William McNab, Woodbank.

2 foliage plants – William McNab.

3 exotic ferns in pots, tree ferns excluded – 1, Gavin Meikle; 2, Thomas Watson, Summerdale.

3 British Ferns – Thomas Watson.

2 fuchsias, one light, one dark – Thomas Watson

1 fuchsia – Thomas Watson.

2 variegated geraniums, varieties – 1, John Dick; 2, Thomas Watson.

2 geraniums, varieties (Zonal) – Gavin Meikle.

Pot *Lilium auratum* (1st prize given by Mr T. Mackay) – William McNab.

Coleus – Thomas Watson.

Greenhouse flowering plant other than those specified in schedule – 1, Thomas Watson; 2, William McNab; 3, James Crossan.

4 plants in pots, suitable for corridor decoration = William McNab

1 begonia (tuberous) single – 1, William McNab; 2, Thomas Watson.

1 begonia (tuberous) double – 1, J. Riddell, Nelson Street; 2, Thomas Watson.

2 pots early flowering chrysanthemums (special prizes by Mr Mackay) – Gavin Meikle.

Special prize for most meritorious flowing plant – William McNab.

Special prize for most meritorious foliage plant – William McNab.

CUT FLOWERS

12 blooms roses (first prize by Mr Hampton, photographer) – 1, James Arthur, Knock Castle; 2, William McNab; 3, Thomas Watson

6 blooms roses, prizes given by ex-Provest Morris – 1, Thomas Watson; 2, William McNab; 3, Campbell Stevenson, Burnside.

12 trusses begonias (tuberous) – 1, William McNab; 2, Thos. Watson.
6 spikes gladioli, first prize by Messrs Austin & McAuslan, Seedsmen, Glasgow – 1, Campbell Stevenson; 2, Thos. Watson; 3, J.J. Crossan.
12 blooms cactus or decorative dahlias, felt hat added to first prize by Messrs Wm. Lees, clothier – 1, Gavin Meikle; 2, Campbell Stevenson; 3, John Dick.
12 booms pompom dahlias, first prize by Messrs Wm. Samson & Co., Kilmarnock – 1, Gavin Meikle; 2, J. Riddell; 3, Jas. Arthur.
6 trusses geraniums (zonal) – Thos. Watson.
12 blooms hollyhocks – Thos. Watson.
12 blooms asters, other than quilled – 1, Thos. Watson; 2, Arch. Brownlie, Glenacre Gardens; 3, G. Meikle.
12 blooms quilled asters, silver medal added to first prize by Mr John Carmichael, watchmaker – 1, J. Riddell; 2, J.J. Crossan; 3, Thos. Watson.
12 blooms French marigolds – 1, Jas. Arthur; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, J.J. Crossan.
4 spikes phloxes – 1 Thos Watson; 2, Campbell Stevenson; 3, J.J. Crossan,
6 spikes antirrhinums, pipe added to first prize by Mr A. Rodger, tobacconist – 1, Thos. Watson; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, J.J. Crossan.
12 spikes penstemons – 1, Campbell Stevenson; 2, J.J. Crossan.
6 vases annuals, distinct varieties – 1 Gavin Meikle; 2, J.J. Crossan; 3, Campbell Stevenson.
12 blooms fancy pansies – 1, Campbell Stevenson; 2, Thos. Watson.
12 blooms violas – 1, Campbell Stevenson; 2, Thos. Watson.
6 spray violas – 1, J. Riddell; 2, Thos. Watson.
6 glasses sweet peas – 1, Jas Arthur; 2, Thos. McAlpine; 3, Wm. McNab.
6 branches early flowering chrysanthemums – 1, Jas. Arthur; 2, J.J. Crossan; 3, Thos. McAlpine.
12 blooms carnations or picotees – 1, Wm. McNab; 2, Jas. Arthur.
3 branches cut herbaceous flowers – 1, Gavin Meikle; 2, Campbell Stevenson; 3, James Arthur.
Shower bouquet, extra prize added to first prize by Mr Wm. Murray, jeweller – 1, William McNab; 2, James Arthur.
Hand Bouquet grown in the open air – 1, Wm. McNab; 2, Gavin Meikle.
3 buttonhole bouquets and 3 lady's sprays (orchids excluded), prize given my Mr T. Mackay – 1, Campbell Stevenson; 2, Thomas Watson.
Vase of cut flowers arranged for effect – 1, Gavin Meikle; 2, Archd. Brownlie; 3, Wm. McNab.
Bouquet of cut flowers – Wm. McNab.
Wreaths of flowers, mixed colours – William McNab.

FRUIT

3 bunches black grapes – 1, Peter Young, Backhouse, Skelmorlie; 2, J.J. Crossan; 3, Thos. Watson.
3 bunches white grapes – 1, J.J. Crossan; 2, Thos. Watson
6 peaches – Peter Young
12 pears – Wm. McNab.
12 dessert apples – Thos Watson.
12 baking apples – Gavin Meikle
24 gooseberries – 1, Thos. Baird, Holmwood; 2, Wm. McNab.
Melon – Jas. Arthur.
4 dishes of fruit grown in open air – Wm. McNab.

VEGETABLES

6 leeks – Wm McNab.
12 potatoes – 1, Peter Young; 2, Thos. Baird; 3, Wm. McNab.
3 stocks celery – 1, Gavin Meikle; 2, Jas Arthur; 3 Thos. Baird
3 beet – 1, Campbell Stevenson; 2, Peter Young; 3, Thos. Baird.
3 parsnips – 1, John Dick; 2 Thos. Baird.
6 carrots – 1, Wm McNab; 2, John Dick; 3, Jas Arthur.
12 pods peas – 1, Peter Young; 2, Thos. Watson; 3, Thos. Baird.
12 pods beans – 1, Thos. Baird; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, Thos. Watson.
2 cauliflowers – 1, Jas. Arthur; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, John Dick.
2 savoys – 1, Thos. Watson; 2, Gavin Meikle.
2 red cabbages – Thos. Watson.

Pot parsley – 1, Thos. Baird; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, Thos. Watson.
2 cucumbers – 1, Wm. McNab; 2, Thos. Watson; 3, Arch. Brownlie.
3 yellow turnips – 1, Wm. McNab; 2, Peter Young; 3, J.J. Crossan.
Vegetable marrow – 1, Arch. Brownlie; 2, John Dick; 3, J.J. Crossan.
Early dressed cabbage – 1, Jas. Arthur; 2, Thos. Watson; 3, Jas. Lamb, Burnside.
12 onions – 1, Jas. Arthur; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, Thos. Baird.
12 tomatoes – 1, Arch. Brownlie; 2, Thos. Watson.
Box or basket vegetable, 8 kinds – peas, cauliflowers, French beans, leeks, onions, vegetable marrow, celery, potatoes – first and third prizes presented by Messrs R. Glen & Son, ironmongers – 1, Jas Arthur; 2, Gavin Meikle; 3, Thos. Baird.

OPEN TO AMATEURS ONLY

POT PLANTS

Fern – 1, John Jack, plumber; 2, James Riddell, Nelson Street.
Fuchsia – Jas. Riddell.
Begonia (tuberous) – 1, Thomas MacAlpine, Parkview; 3, Jas. Riddell.
Foliage plant – 1, Jas. Riddell; 2, John Jack
Best British fern, prize given by Mr J.J. Orr, Manchester – 1, John Jack; 2, Jas Riddell.

CUT FLOWERS

6 blooms cactus dahlias – 1, Jas Riddell; 2, Thos MacAlpine; 3, Jas. Lamb, Burnside.
6 asters (other than quilled) – 1, Jas. Riddell; 2, Thos. MacAlpine; 3, Robt. B. Tyre, Allanpark Street.
6 quilled asters – Jas. Riddell
6 French marigolds – Jas. Riddell.
6 verbenas – 1, Jas. Riddell; 2, Hugh W. Kerr, Burnside
6 pansies – 1, John Jack; 2, Robert B. Tyre.
6 violas – 1, John Jack; 2, Robert B. Tyre; 3, Jas. Riddell.
6 bunches cut herbaceous flowers – 1, Robert B. Tyre; 2, Jas. Riddell.
4 spikes gladioli – 1, Hugh W. Kerr; 2, Thos. MacAlpine.
4 spikes phloxes – 1, Thos. MacAlpine; 2, Jas. Lamb; 3, Robert B. Tyre.
4 spikes penstemons – 1, Hugh W. Kerr; 2, Robert B. Tyre.
6 spikes antirrhinums – 1, R.B. Tyre; 2, H.W. Kerr; 3, Jas. Riddell.
Hand Bouquet – 1, Jas. Riddell; 2, R,B, Tyre.
4 glassess sweet peas – 1, Thos. MacAlpine; 2, H.W. Kerr.
Stand of cut flowers – 1, Jas Lamb; 2, Thos. MacAlpine; 3, Jas Riddell.

VEGETABLES

6 onions – 1, Jas. Lamb; 2, Charles T. Ware, Burnside.
4 leeks – 1, Hugh W. Kerr; 2, John Jack.
3 parsnips – 1, Chas. T. Ware; 2, Thos. MacAlpine; 3, Jas. Riddell.
3 yellow turnips – 1, Jas. Riddell; 2, Chas. T. Ware.
6 potatoes, 3 varieties – 1, Chas. T. ware; 2, Hugh W. Kerr.
12 pods peas – 1, Jas. Lamb; 2, Charles T. Ware; 3, Hugh K. Kerr.
6 pods beans – 1, Hugh W. Kerr; 2, Jas. Riddell; 3, Chas. T. Ware.
2 cauliflowers – 1, Jas. Lamb; 2, Hugh W. Kerr; 3, Jas. Riddell.
Head parsley – 1, Chas. T. Ware; 2, Jas. Lamb; 3, Jas. Riddell.
3 carrots – 1, Chas. T. Ware; 2, Thos. MacAlpine; 3, Jas. Riddell.
3 beet (first prize, felt hat given by Messrs John Gloag & Co., clothiers) – 1, Hugh W. Kerr; 2, Robt. B. Tyre; 3, Chas. T. Ware.
Early dressed cabbage – 1, Jas Riddell; 2, Jas. Lamb; 3, Chas. T. Ware.
Basket of vegetable to consist of any of the following, viz., peas, cauliflowers, early cabbages, leeks, onions, potatoes, celery and pod beans – Hugh W. Kerr.
Head greens – 1, Jas. Riddell; 2, Jas Lamb.