



TOP TRAY 2018

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS & JUDGES

- Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant.
- The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, pinks, carnations and sweet williams—which are all dianthus—would not be classed as different kinds.
- Use only fresh, home-grown flowers. No dried or silk flower allowed.
- A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.
- The Garden News Top Vase class is open for anyone to enter and is not intended purely for growers who regularly display in single species classes at shows.
- Judges should use their discretion when judging the Top Vase class, bearing in mind that the entries may come from inexperienced exhibitors.
- Please note that the display has to be viewed all round.
- The points awarded should be clearly marked by the judges on the exhibitors' cards.
- Any queries that may arise, regarding anything other than the above rules, should be referred to, and de-

COMPETITION RULES

1). The Garden News Top Tray class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list of fifteen. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets.

carrots (3)	cauliflower (2)	onions (3)	parsnips (3)
peas (6 pods)	potatoes (3)	tomatoes (6)	french beans (6 pods)
pepper (3)	sweetcorn (2)	cucumber (2)	runner beans (6 pods)
aubergines (2)	courgettes (3)	red beet (3)	

Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into three sections as follows:

7 points for size, shape and colour

7 points for condition

6 points for uniformity

The overall mark will be out of a total of 60

2). All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 45cm by 60cm (18x24in) without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 45cm by 60cm (18x24in) can be used to display the vegetables, or an area can simply be marked on the staging. Where a tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 45cm by 60cm (18x24in).

3). A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing but, no other foliage or accessories, such as plates, sand, rings and so on, will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

4). The winner of Top Tray will receive a voucher for £10. The runner-up will receive a voucher for £5 and the third place will receive a voucher for £3.