



COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION 2025

General

- All competitive classes are open to members of Clubs and Societies affiliated to any of the Areas of NAFAS, including International Affiliates, Overseas members of a Flower Association affiliated to a WAFSA affiliated country and to individual members of NAFAS
- All exhibits will be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual Fourth Edition 2023
- All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitor and must be assembled in the venue with the exception of Classes 6, 7, 8a, and 8b which must be submitted ready assembled
- Classes 1, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 10 and 12 are ineligible for Best in Show and Runner Up to Best in Show
- **Class 12 is ineligible for any of the Special Awards**
- Items that necessitate additional preparation time may be brought pre-assembled but **must not predominate in the exhibit. This will be monitored throughout staging and relevant information given to arbitrators and judges**
- Any complaints should be made in writing and handed to a Steward before the end of staging at 1:00pm on Thursday 18th September 2025
- All exhibits will be staged in ambient lighting except Classes 3 and 9
- **Measurements stated in the Schedule are approximate**
- **All exhibits must be staged within the space allowed**
- Unless otherwise instructed, nothing may be attached to the staging in any class
- Aerosol cans of any description must not be used in, or around the Cathedral
- Competitors may only use cold, battery or gas glue guns
- All exhibits and competitors' property will be at the risk of the competitor and neither NAFAS nor the owners/trustees of the premises in which the competitions, or any part of them are held, can accept any liability for any loss or damage sustained by any competitor

Entries

- **Area, Club and Individual** entries must be on the appropriate official entry form via the NAFAS website. Please confirm that the appropriate fee has been paid
- Entry fees:- Area class £45.00 Club class £35.00 Individual classes £35.00 for the first entry and £15.00 for a second entry. If a second entry is not available then your fee will be refunded
- **The entry fee for the Imposed Class 12 is £50.00 which is inclusive of all materials**
- Young People's entries – no fee is required for Classes 8a and 8b
- Alternative choices may be made as indicated on the entry form
- **Postal applications must include a self-addressed stamped A5 envelope**

- All entry forms must reach Vanessa Keys at NAFAS Head Office, 1st Floor, 42-44 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AH or by email vanessa@nafas.org.uk or via the NAFAS website between **1st and 15th April 2025** - not before and not after
- A maximum of **two** competitors may stage an entry in the Area and Club classes
- Competitors may stage only one entry per class
- Competitors may not enter more than two classes
- Competitors will be advised of an offer of entry/entries as soon as possible after the closing date
- If a class is oversubscribed, entries will be allocated by ballot
- **Competitors must confirm acceptance of entries within ten days**

The Reveal – ‘Nature’s Harvest’ 6:30-9:00pm

- The Entry fee gives the competitor free access to ‘Nature’s Harvest’ providing this has been clearly indicated on the Acceptance form.
- Non- competitors with tickets for The Reveal **cannot** attend the Prize-giving

Prize-Giving – 7:30pm

- The presentation of prizes will take place on Thursday 18th September 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapter House
- **ADMISSION RESTRICTED TO COMPETITORS ONLY**

Staging

- Staging of exhibits will be from **7:00am to 1:00pm** on Thursday 18th September 2025 except Class 12. (See also Craft and Young People’s classes below)
- **Class 12, Imposed Class**, will be staged from 10:00am to 11:30am on Friday 19th September 2025. There will be 15 minutes of thinking time from 9:45am to 10:00am. The staging area will be cordoned off but the public will be able to view the work in progress
- Competitors must wear their competitor/security badge at all times
- The Competitions Team will allocate the position of all entries
- The location of classes can be found within the schedule. Further details of staging, if applicable, will be sent with acceptance of entries
- Only officials, competitors and other authorized persons will be allowed in the Competition areas during staging times
- Subject to completion of setting up of staging, competitors will be allowed to unload only (i.e. nothing may be placed on the staging) on Wednesday 17th September 2025. Please refer to Competitor’s Information for further details of unloading times, as these are staggered

Dismantling

- Clearing of all exhibits will take place on Saturday 20th September from 6:10pm to 6:30pm after all visitors have left the Cathedral
- Competitors must indicate on the Acceptance Form if a second badge is required for assistance with dismantling
- **Competitors must ensure that all rubbish is removed from the Cathedral**
- Any exhibits left after 6:30pm will be disposed of by the Competitions Team

Craft classes

- In classes 6, 7, 8a and 8b a competitor's exhibit may be posted to:- **Katherine Kear, 8 Southfield Road, Gloucester, GL4 6UD – to arrive between 20th and 31st August 2025 OR** handed in to the Competitions Team from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday 17th September and from 8:00am to 9:30am on Thursday 18th September 2025

Maintenance of exhibits

- Competitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibits for the duration of the Show
- Maintenance should take place between 8:00am and 9:00am, before the Show opens to the public
- The Competitions Team reserve the right to remove any wilting plant material

Photography

- **Competitors MUST NOT post photographs of any exhibits on any social media sites until after the show closes at 6:00pm on Saturday 20th of September 2025**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Special Award exhibits will be photographed by the official photographers
- NAFAS reserves the right to use any photographs of exhibits for any purpose

Judging Panel

- The judges' decision is final
- The panel of National Judges will be:

Jackie Charnock
Chris Picton
Delyth Price
Jane Rickard

Sheila Rogers
David Ryland
Margaret Trepant
Annette Urquhart

1st Reserve Judge - Pip Bensley

2nd Reserve Judge - Liliás Hoskins

Arbitrators: Alan Beatty - NAFAS National Judges Committee Chairman
Debbie Wadge - NAFAS National Judges Committee Vice-Chairman

AWARDS

Best Individual Exhibit in the Show (excluding classes 1, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 10 and 12)

Runner-Up to Best Individual Exhibit in the Show (excluding as above)

Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Foliage

Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Colour

Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Texture

Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Creativity

Best Exhibit by a Newcomer