

## REPORT ON THE SPRING SHOW

Following one of our longer, colder winters, I approached this years Spring show with one extra question – would we have a Show? I'm glad to say that with over eighty entries we certainly did have a show, thanks to the determination of 25 exhibitors - my grateful thanks to you all. Many thanks also to the Show committee and all those of you who organized, set up and dismantled the show and to Betty and her team of helpers who put on a wonderful spread.

Three days later the things that stand out are:

- Mark Ward's dedication and sacrifice in expertly advancing so many varieties to produce entries for the Open 1 and Open 2 classes.
- The number and quality of the floral Art entries that Jenny Withers 'persuaded' into entering. It was especially encouraging to see the three entries in the novice class.
- The delightful entries in the container classes – an example of what can be done with skill and imagination. Hopefully they will inspire more entries in these classes next year.
- The number of entries of narcissi in pebbles and water. I must admit that when I saw that "Geranium" was the variety selected, I expected problems getting it to bloom for the show since, in the garden, "Geranium" bloom in late April. Despite the cold winter, eight exhibitors succeeded in producing entries in the show and they looked wonderful on the stage..
- Betty's wonderful cakes especially the mocha one.
- Despite the weather, the large number of visitors and their generous donations at the door.

On the prizewinning front, Mark Ward scooped the Daffodil Society Bronze medal for the best bloom, the Eric Martin Cup for the best vase of daffodils and the Society Shield for the highest aggregate points over all classes. Brian Andrews won the PHS spring cup for the highest number of points over the 6 main "members only" daffodil classes, and the Stan Wood cup for the best pot of "Red Devon" daffodils. Sue Andrews kept it in the family by winning the Peter Harden Trophy for the best bowl of Narcissi in pebbles and water. Jenny Withers won the Trophy for the best Floral Art exhibit.

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