



# *The Launceston Landscape*



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## **Society Meetings**

A reminder that our regular monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 8:00pm (it would be appreciated if you could arrive at 7:45pm for 8:00pm start) at Windmill Hill Hall (next to the Launceston Aquatic Centre). These meetings include a trade table, *Flower of the Month*, guest speakers, general business and raffles. Members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share with others at the end of the meeting.

## **Meeting Dates / Guest Speakers**

- 20 Nov Robert Armstrong – cacti and other succulents  
15 Jan Les Hodge – Use of Annuals  
19 Feb Jennifer Stackhouse – Topic to be decided

***Guests and new members welcome!***

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## **Show Calendar 2019 / 2020**

- 9 & 10 Nov Late Spring Show  
1 & 2 Feb Summer Show  
18 & 19 Apr Autumn Show  
12 & 13 Sept Early Spring Show

## **Results of Show Raffle**

Pat Diorazio	Rhododendron & Azalia
Steve Rouse	Camellia & set of 3 decorative pots
Pam Bennell	Giraffe planter & set of blue planters with succulents
D Page	Hanging succulent & trio of succulents in decorative
Mrs T Broad	Tray of goodies
Jenna Johnston	Metal Cutout Screen

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## Our Executive:

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## Message from the Newsletter Editor

Thank you everyone who contributed articles and photos for this edition of The Launceston Landscape. A reminder to please check if there are any copyright conditions of any articles before submitting.

Please forward any items to

Noel Button

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or give to him at the next meeting.

Hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to receiving and publishing your contributions in future newsletters.

Happy gardening from Patricia



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our Late Spring edition of the *Landscape*.

It seems no time since our very successful Early Spring Show with nearly 500 non-members attending.

With numbers down in the daffodil sections due to a clash with the Hobart Horticultural Society Show, it was great to see other sections more than compensate. The new Cactus and Succulent section was an outstanding success with over 100 entries. Congratulations must go to Pam Bennell and her team. The Floral Art section displayed some amazing pieces of work and the standard, in my eyes, is constantly improving – no doubt a reflection of the hard work put in by Gayle and her team.

Congratulations must also go to David Pyke and Ray and Joan Hawkins on winning the champion daffodil and camellia respectively.

The daffodil judge, David Jackson, a world renowned grower, said the collection of 12 daffodils exhibited by David Pyke would hold its own in any competition worldwide.



The stage display of calendula, stocks, poppies and michelia was impressive – a reflection of the hard work and planning done by Bob Cherry, Neil and Irene Jordan and Shane O'Connell.

The new layout of the show, due to the restricted zone in the hall, in my mind, enhanced the overall effect. Sometimes it's good to be forced to think outside the square.

Once again, a big thank you to all members who supported this show in any way. I must also thank members for their extra support at our General Meetings – both in helping to set up and then pack up.

It was great to see awards presented to both Charlie Smith for his outstanding contribution to the dahlia world and also to Gayle Carroll for her contribution to floral art.

Please don't forget our **LONGEST BEAN** section in our upcoming Late Spring Show. It is the length of the bean that matters, not how it looks! We have seeds from the UK of giant marrows and long carrots (over 1 metre) if members are interested please contact me on 6394 4750.

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Our next show is our smallest of the year. However, **we really need as many members as possible to exhibit as some of our usual exhibitors may not be present due to commitments with Gardenfest. Extra helpers, particularly with packing up, would be greatly appreciated.**

**Also on the topic of help:**

Norma would like some extra cake makers for the refreshment stall. If you can help please contact Norma on 6327 4304. Set up will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm.

From all accounts, the bus trip to Hobart was a great success. Jenny Dewis kindly provided a report and photos from this excursion. **Thank you Jenny.** On this topic we really need a bigger contribution to our *Landscape*. As I have mentioned before, this can take many forms such as My Favourite Plant, an interesting article or book you have read, a poem, a recipe, what's done well this season in my garden, etc.

On a positive note, after a suggestion from a member, our patron, the Governor has accepted an invitation to open our February Show.

Looking forward to a successful November Show.

Cheers Noel

PS. In this edition you will find a poem written by the late June Calvert with the show date changed. This was submitted in our 108<sup>th</sup> edition and, for me and no doubt many others who knew and loved June's wicked sense of humour, brings back fond memories of a true character.



Ray, Karen & Joan Hawkins



David Pyke

## FLOWER OF THE NIGHT

November - Rose

January - Lilium

February - Hydrangea

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## ODE TO A FLOWER SHOW

The LHS has done it again  
A Flower Show fit for a King  
To chase away the cold Winter pain  
To herald in a glorious Spring  
Plants from Nurseries near and far  
Favourites old and new  
What a joy to behold after Winter's cold  
Narcissus painting a sea of gold  
They bring such pleasure to young and old  
And warm the spirits in me.

Flower Shows held at St Ailbe's Hall,  
Displays reaching from wall to wall  
Transformed from a space to hold a Ball  
With room for all comers large and small.  
The Spring Show the biggest one of them all  
It's worth a visit so come and call.

The next Flower Show 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> November  
You'll find it's one you always remember  
With Roses and Iris wherever you look  
Enough to fill a Gardening book.  
Plant Stalls aplenty to make your day,  
With all sorts of flowers on display.  
Advice from growers always at hand.  
So come and get knowing, growing and understand  
Make a beautiful garden and learn as you go  
Learn about gardening from people who know.

June Calvert  
September 2015



*Thursday night helpers - Peter Bugg, Allan Dewis, Trevor Davis & Bill Torrents*



*Robert Armstrong & Abby Gray*



## **CACTUS AND SUCCULENT GROUP**

The Early Spring Show saw the introduction of a separate show category for Cacti and Succulents, with over 100 entries in 7 categories. The judge's comments were positive and encouraging, with judge Robert Armstrong commenting that all exhibitors should be proud of the plants displayed. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and assisted us over the weekend.

The Cacti and Succulent group is also growing in leaps and bounds, with great attendance by members and guests alike. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Windmill Hill Hall (under) at 7:30pm, everybody is welcome.

Abby Gray



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## THE GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS 2019

Congratulations to Gayle Carroll who has been awarded the Joan O'Brien Award for achieving excellence by an individual in Floral Art.

Parts of our submission for Gayle follow:

Over the last four years Gayle has taken on the role of co-ordinator of the floral art group and in that role she has been on the committee of the Launceston Horticultural Society.

Every month, over the show season (we hold four a year), she organises a workshop on Saturday afternoon on different aspects of floral art, providing written notes and photographs of examples and doing an actual demonstration of the particular style or line arrangement, before commenting on all our attempts.

Gayle's style of teaching and supportive manner has seen this group grow from strength to strength with new members joining, including school age students. She has played a significant role in Floral Art becoming a major part of our four seasonal shows – our last show saw an amazing fifty entries in this section!

Gayle selects the topics for the schedule each show. She also enters the Open class and often receives the Joan Ward Certificate for the most outstanding floral art exhibit in the Open class.



*Gayle Carroll & Noel Button*



On occasions she judges floral art at various local shows. She has also organised the floral art displays at the Blooming Tasmania Show.

Gayle leads a busy life in retirement but gives unstintingly to our ever increasing floral art group. She sets up the floral art section in our show, organises the judges, takes the entries and rosters to the stewards, as well as organising the workshops.

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## THE DAHL MEDAL – AWARDED IN THE FIELD OF DAHLIAS

Congratulations must go to Charles Smith who is the latest recipient of the prestigious “Dahl Medal”. This is awarded to a person who has contributed greatly to the growing and promotion of Dahlias on a National basis. There can be no more than five living persons to hold this award. Charlie forwarded the following:

At the National Conference in Ballarat in June I was given the Dahl Medal for services to the promotion of dahlias. The Dahl Medal is named after the man who brought the dahlia from its native home in Mexico and put into the gardens throughout Europe. From there it has spread throughout the gardens of the world.

The Dahl Medal was introduced by the Dahlia Society of Australia to recognize persons who have made an outstanding contribution over many years to the growing of dahlias in Australia.

The criteria against which nominees for the award are judged are:

- Has contributed greatly to dahlias in Australia.
- Has promoted the dahlia.
- Contributes to the management of Societies.
- Supports Shows.
- Introduces Dahlias of quality.
- Encouragers new growers.
- A mentor to prospective members and new growers.
- Judges – Publications, presentations for meetings, conferences and field days.
- Contributes to newsletters.
- Is an ambassador for dahlias.



*Charlie Smith*

I was honoured to receive this medal for doing something that I have been doing. Just to see the pleasure on the faces of people who come along to our shows is more than enough. Dahlias are becoming more popular over the past five years as most other flowers are becoming too expensive. Dahlias will bloom from December to May, no other flower will do that.

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## SOUTHERN ADVENTURE

Saturday, 5 October



Eagerly waiting at the Brickfields, 8:00am. A few people worried about a very old school bus parked nearby, but thankfully it wasn't ours! Our journey through the lush green countryside included a comfort stop at Lake Dulverton, Oatlands. Then on to "Woodbank" at Longley, where we arrived before lunch to join crowds of fellow gardeners keen to shop and explore.



First was Noel's busy stand – many rare and beautiful plants jumping off the stall of course! This spacious garden has undercover available for stalls, so we shopped in comfort. Some stalls belonged to garden clubs providing good plants, most affordable; Iris, Orchid and Dahlias in particular. One of these handwoven baskets just had to come with me. Did you get one too, Margaret?



Here's Jean interested in an ancient plant which we thought was a Yucca (*correct me if I'm wrong*). The creator of the garden Ken Gillanders, now in his nineties, planted this decades ago. He visited the fair today and was excited to see the flower stem – it last flowered twenty years ago!! Spoils of the day!!!



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Happy travellers on our way to garden number two. We crossed the Derwent to visit a large, private garden at Otago Bay. So much colour here – a marvelous labour of love, hundreds of unusual plants on a cleverly landscaped hill-side – views across to the Western side of the Derwent River were stunning.

We were a week early here, before a public open garden next weekend to raise funds for an African charity. To top it all off we were treated to a most welcome farewell cuppa thrown in – what a treat to conclude our Southern Adventure.



Thanks to all concerned.  
Jenny Dewis



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## EARLY SPRING SHOW



*Karen Mackenzie & Pauline Torrents*



*Elizabeth Taylor, Harley Allan & Sam Biggins*



*Vicki McCormack & Helen Connor*



*Liz Atkins & Janet Walker*

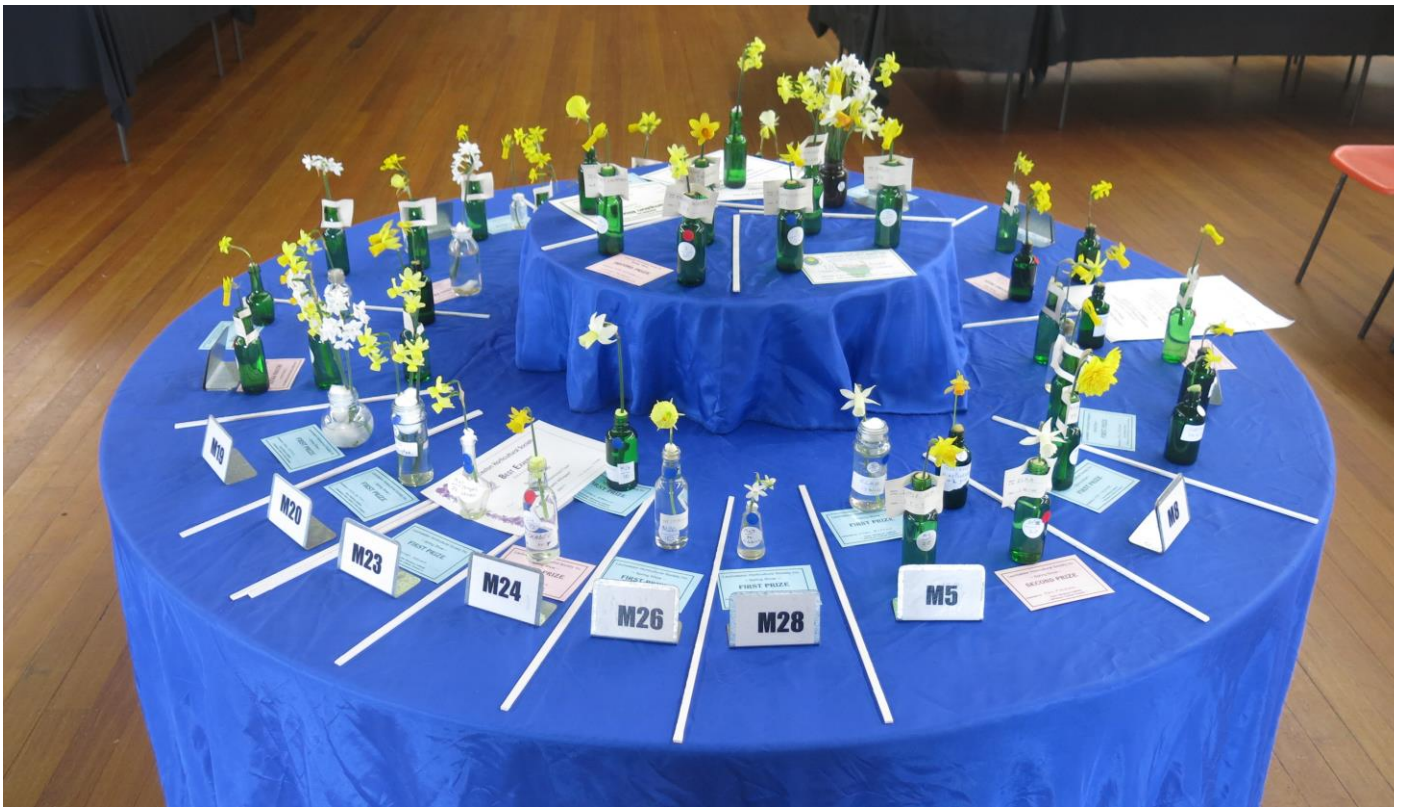


*Maureen Coady*



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## EARLY SPRING SHOW



*Miniature Daffodil Table*



*Championship Table*

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# EARLY SPRING SHOW - FLORAL ART



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# LAUNCESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

## RESULT SHEET – 14 SEPTEMBER 2019

### EARLY SPRING SHOW

Grand Champion Daffodil for best daffodil in Show

Won by...David Pyke Flower Name: "Quamby Alpine" IW-W

Reserve Champion Daffodil

Won by...Joyann Bramich Flower Name: "Quantum" 2Y-Y

Best Bloom in Open Section

Won By...David Pyke Flower Name: "Quamby Alpine" IW-W

Best Bloom in Restricted Section

Won By...Joyann Bramich Flower Name: "Kubla Khan" IW-W

Best Bloom in Novice Section

Won By...Stephanie & Errol Imlach

Champion Miniature Daffodil of Show

Won By...Noel Button Flower Name: "Angels Whisper" 5Y-Y

Reserve Champion Miniature Daffodil of Show

Won by: Sam Biggins Flower Name: "Mitimoto"

Best Bloom Seedling Daffodil

Won By...David Pyke Flower Name: "Cuvier" x "Think O'Me" 3WW-Y

Best "Intermediate" Daffodil

Won by .....David Pyke Flower Name : Seedling M.T.S. x "Redlands Too"

T.D.C. T. H. Piper Tray.

Won by: ...David Pyke Flower Name/s: "Lilac Delight" IW-P, "Ethel Breen" 2W-P, "Quamby Bellavona" 2W-P

T.D.C. D. T. Oldham Trophy.

Won By...D. & C. Fielding ...Flower Name: "Fortescue" 4W-R, Tas Rose 4W-P, Tas Rose 4W-P

T.D.C. Miniature Award

Won by D. & C. Fielding...Flower Name/s: "Sad Husser", "Gumnut", Unknown

T.D.C. Dr Mike Temple-Smith Memorial Prize

Won by: Noel Button Flower Name: "Abracadabra" 6Y-Y

T.D.C. Coaster Award – Best Rim.

Won by: David Pyke Flower Name: "Cuvier" x "Think O'Me" seedling 3WW-Y

L.H.S. Inc Harry Bulman Award.

Won by: David Pyke

L.H.S. Inc. D. T. Oldham Award for 6 distinct daffodil blooms, any division – Restricted Section

Won By...No entries

Best "Banker" 2Y-O in Challenge Class

Won by ...Noel Button

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Katandra Bulbs Encouragement Award – for most points in Novice section.

Won by: Stephanie & Errol Imlach

## **DIVISIONAL BEST BLOOM AWARDS DAFFODILS**

Trumpet - Division 1

Won By...David Pyke

Flower Name :."Quamby Alpine" 1W-W

Large Cup - Division 2.

Won By...Joyann Bramich

Flower Name: "Quantum" 2Y-Y

Small Cup - Division 3

Won By...David Pyke .Flower Name: ."Cuvier" x "Think O'Me" seedling 3WW-Y

Daffodil - Corona with Coloured Rim (not pink) any division

Won by ...David Pyke....Flower Name: "Cuvier" x "Think O'Me" seedling 3WW-Y

Corona showing Pink – any division

Won By...Doug & Christine Fielding

Flower Name: "Template" x "American Dream" 1Y-WYP

Reverse Bi-colour – any division, not miniature

Won by: Noel Button

Flower Name: "Dream Lover" 6YYW-W

Double - Division 4

Won By...David Pyke

Flower Name: "Party Girl" 4W-P

Triandrus - Division 5

Won By...Sam Biggins

Flower Name:."Lapwing" 5W-Y

Cyclamineus - Division 6

Won By...David Pyke

Flower Name: "Rapture" 6Y-Y

Jonquilla - Division 7

Won By...Joyann Bramich

Flower Name: "Lemon Sprite" 8Y-R

Tazetta - Division 8

Won By Evonne Blackley

Flower Name: "Matador" 8Y-R

Split Corona - Division 11

Won By...David Pyke

Flower Name: "Prodigious" 11a Y-Y

Other Daffodil Cultivars - Division 12

Won By Sam Biggins

Flower Name: "Junior Miss" 12 W-Y

Species - Division 13

Won By...Noel Button

Flower Name: N. jonquilla 13Y-Y

Best Miniature – Open Class

Won By...Noel Button

Flower Name: "Angels Whisper" 5Y-Y

Best Miniature – Restricted Class

Won By...Susan Prewer

Flower Name: "Angels Whisper" 5Y-Y

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## CAMELLIAS

### GRAND CHAMPION CAMELLIA..

Won by...Ray & Joan Hawkins Flower Name:. "Tony Hunt"

### RESERVE CHAMPION CAMELLIA.

Won by...Ray & Joan Hawkins Flower Name:. "Grand Marshall"

### CHAMPION CAMELLIA - OPEN

Won by...Ray & Joan Hawkins Flower Name:. "Tony Hunt"

### CHAMPION CAMELLIA - INTERMEDIATE

**Won by ...Donna Campbell** Flower name: "Grand Prix"

### CHAMPION CAMELLIA - NOVICE

Won by ...Liz Atkins Flower name: "Debbie"

### CLASS 126 – COLLECTION OF CAMELLIAS – Open

Won by: Stephanie & Errol Imlach

### BEST EXHIBIT CARDS:-

#### Single Camellia:-

Won by...S. & E. Imlach Flower Name:. "Red Crystal"

#### Semi-Double Camellia:-

Won by...R. & J. Hawkins Flower Name:. "Love Light"

#### Elegans Form Camellia:-

Won by...S. & E. Imlach Flower Name:.. "September Morn"

#### Informal Double Form Camellia:-

Won by...R. & J. Hawkins Flower Name:. "Dixie Night" var.

#### Formal Double Camellia:-

Won by...Ron Camplin Flower Name:. "Phillipa Ifold"

#### Miniature Camellia:-

Won by...R. & J. Hawkins Flower Name:. "Night Rider"

## CUT FLOWERS

### BEST EXHIBIT OPEN SECTION

Won by...Ray & Joan Hawkins Flower Name: Magnolia

### BEST EXHIBIT INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Won by...Skye Hapgood Flower Name: Container of mixed flowers

### BEST EXHIBIT COLLECTION OF SPRING BULB FLOWERS – Section 191

Won by...Sadie Roberts

### BEST EXHIBIT BASKET OF SPRING FLOWERS – Section 192

Won by...Jocelyn Watson

### BEST EXHIBIT ROCK AND ALPINE

Won by...Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: Lewisia cotyledon hybrid

### BEST EXHIBIT FOR 3 FLOWERS, SAME COLOUR, DIFFERENT SPECIES

1<sup>st</sup> : Noel Button 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jocelyn Watson

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## CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

### BEST EXHIBIT OPEN SECTION

Won By...Noel Button For: Haemanthus

### BEST EXHIBIT INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Won By...Rosemary Verbeeten For... Fritillaria Roderickii

## CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

### BEST EXHIBIT

Won by: Michael & Suzanne MacDonald For: Haworthia sp.

## FLORAL ART – OPEN

### JOAN WARD TROPHY – For the most outstanding exhibit in Open Floral Art

Winner: Gayle Carroll For: Stacked Up

Naturalistic – a rustic ramble

1<sup>st</sup> ...Gayle Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup> : Rae Lindsay

Stacked Up

1<sup>st</sup>: Gayle Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup>: ...Rae Lindsay

Star of the Show

1<sup>st</sup>: Rae Lindsay 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Katarzynski

## INTERMEDIATE FLORAL ART

### THE MYRTLE BURROWS AWARD – for best exhibit in Intermediate Section

Won by: Vicki McCormack For: Naturalistic

A naturalistic of your choice

1<sup>st</sup>: Vicki McCormack 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jannine Walker

Stacking design

1<sup>st</sup>: Marilyn Donald 2<sup>nd</sup>: Betty Grace

A piece of junk and a flower or two

1<sup>st</sup>: Betty Grace 2<sup>nd</sup>: Suzanne Bullock

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## AMATEUR FLORAL ART

BEST IN SECTION: Winner: Alice Imlach For: A garden naturalistic

A garden naturalistic

1<sup>st</sup>: Alice Imlach

Looks good enough to eat

1<sup>st</sup>: Alice Imlach

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

BEST EXHIBIT IN CHILDREN'S SECTION

Won by: Alex Bullock For: Design in a novelty container

### JUNIOR CUT FLOWERS

6 YEARS AND UNDER:-

A pair of matching egg cups

1<sup>st</sup>: ...Mabel Skinner

2<sup>nd</sup>: Maisie Swift

A floral saucer

1<sup>st</sup>: ...Mabel Skinner

**7-10 YEARS:-**

Design in a novelty container

1<sup>st</sup>: ...Alex Bullock

2<sup>nd</sup>: .Luca Swift

My little spring garden

1<sup>st</sup>: Alex Bullock

**11-14 YEARS:-**

A bush scene

1<sup>st</sup>: Noah Bullock

Spring in a terracotta pot

1<sup>st</sup>: Noah Bullock