

# Cups Medals and Awards

Presented annually at the Society's AGM

## SEASONAL AGGREGATE TROPHIES

These are awarded for the most First Prize points at all the Society's Shows held during a given year.

### Plants

**Giuseppi Cup:** for the Open Section.

**Byng Cup:** for the Intermediate Section and Open Section.

**Clifford Crook Cup:** for the Novice Section and Open Section. *Can be won only once by any exhibitor.*

### Paintings, Drawings & Needlework

**Nancy May Herbert Memorial Award:** for the Open Section

**Art Award:** for the Intermediate Section and Open Section

## TRAVELLING AWARDS

The following awards move annually between the Society's shows. In 2024 they will be awarded at the following shows. Details can be found at the beginning of the appropriate show schedule.

**AGS Seed Distribution Award:** North Midland

**Bill MacKenzie Trophy:** Dublin

**Bill Tubbs Trophy:** East Lancashire

**Crocus Award:** Hexham Autumn

**Cyclamen Society Salver:** Kendal

**Donald Lowndes Memorial Bowl:** East Anglia

**E B Anderson Prize:** South Wales & Hexham

**Ione Hecker Memorial Trophy:** Loughborough Autumn

**Ivor Barton Memorial Trophy:** Pershore

**Kath Dryden Award:** East Cheshire

**L W Browne Memorial Trophy:** Harlow Carr Autumn

**Narcissus Salver:** Cleveland. N.B. may not be won by the same exhibitor for more than three consecutive years

**Ralph Haywood Memorial Trophy:** Ulster

**Roger Smith Cup:** Loughborough

**Saxifraga Group Salver:** Midland

## MEDALS AND OTHER AWARDS



**Farrer Memorial Medal:** awarded at each of the Society's Shows to the best plant in the Show provided this plant reaches the **required standard**. This may be a plant exhibited in a competitive class by any eligible exhibitor or a plant exhibited non-competitively by an Amateur. **The plant must be in flower or fruit.**

The Director of Shows or his representative shall be consulted before any award is finalised.

*Farrer Medal illustrated one half of life size*



**Certificate of Merit:** awarded to a plant or exhibit of outstanding merit. This award may be made only after consultation with the Director of Shows or his representative.



**Sewell Medal:** In 2024 an AGS Sewell Medal will be awarded for Class 1 at the Early Spring show and an RHS Sewell Medal will be awarded for Class 1 at the South West show.

*AGS Sewell Medal illustrated two thirds life size.*





**AGS MEDAL** awarded for 6 pan Classes in the Open Section.

*AGS MEDAL illustrated two thirds life size*



An **AGS AWARD** will be offered for 6 pan Classes in the Intermediate Section.

**Farrer Memorial Medal, AGS MEDAL and AGS Sewell Medal.** Only one of each medal may be presented to an exhibitor. Subsequently, winners of the awards will receive the appropriate award card or certificate and acknowledgement in the Shows Handbook.



**Merit Medals:** open to all members.

**Plants Section:** A bronze medal will be awarded to every exhibitor as soon as their total of First Prizes at the Society's Shows reaches 10; a silver medal will follow when the total amounts to 25 (of which 15 must have been won in the Intermediate Section or in the Open Section), and a gold medal when the figure of 50 (of which 25 must have been won in the Open Section) is reached. No member may receive more than one medal of each type.

**Artistic Section:** Exhibitors will qualify for the Artistic Merit Medal as follows: 10 first prizes for the Bronze. 25 first prizes for the Silver and 50 first prizes for the Gold (25 of which must have been won in the Open Section).



*Merit Medal illustrated two thirds life size.*

**Bar to Gold Merit Medal.** When a Gold Medallist wins a further 50 First Prizes this will be recorded in the Shows Handbook as a Gold Bar. Further bars will be recorded as the totals accrue.

**Bar to Silver Merit Medal.** Where an exhibitor who has not yet won a Gold Medal chooses to continue exhibiting in the Intermediate Section (plants or Artistic) and wins a further 25 First Prizes in the Intermediate Section, the fact will be recorded in the Shows Handbook as a Silver Bar. Further bars **up to a maximum of 5** will be recorded as the totals accrue. Once an exhibitor has achieved **5 Silver bars**, they cease to qualify for entry into the Intermediate section **with immediate effect**. The shows record keeper will ensure the exhibitor is alerted to this.

**AGS Special Award.** This consists of a Large Gold, Gold, Silver or Bronze Award Card. These may be given at the discretion of the judges, to non-competitive exhibits staged at the Society's Shows.

Non-competitive exhibits may be displayed at more than one show during a season, however any display of artwork (unless very substantially altered with new, hitherto unseen paintings, photographs, embroidery, or needlecraft) will be judged only on its first appearance. The resulting award card will then be displayed on any subsequent occasions. Displays must consist of material related to alpinism. Where a display includes plants, these may be in pots or planted out in a small rock garden. Only plants as defined in Note 14 will be considered in making the Award.

The Judges should consider the quality and botanical and/or educational interest of the exhibit, the size and artistry, and to a somewhat lesser extent, rarity. In making their recommendations Judges will have regard to the quality of the plants shown and to the attractive arrangement of the exhibit, and to a somewhat lesser extent, to variety and rarity. **Emphasis when judging these exhibits will be on their informative/educational content.**

**In order that the exceptionally high standard required for these awards be uniform throughout the Shows it is necessary that the Director of Shows or his representative should be consulted before the awards are finalised.**