

NAUL GARDENING & FLOWER CLUB

Let's Celebrate Charity Event

in aid of Naul Senior Citizens

Friday 20th - Saturday 21st
November 2026

Kettle's Country House
Lispole, Swords, Co. Dublin. K67 HC57



Presentation of prizes by Diarmuid Gavin
4pm on Saturday

DEDICATED TO LOUIS & AGGIE WHITE



WELCOME TO...

“**Let’s Celebrate**”, which is organised by a few friends to celebrate my 60th birthday and also to raise money for charities. Floral art has been my life for the past thirty years, from the first time I showed at the AOIFA National Competitions at Malahide. I enjoy doing competitions up and down the country and in the UK. With this in mind I hope that you will all enjoy taking part. We have some of the Top Demonstrators in Ireland and UK to inspire you and entertain you. I would like to finish by thanking my hardworking committee, demonstrators, judges, sponsors and all who helped to make this event happen.

Yours

Christopher

Chairperson

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FOR THIS EVENT ONLY

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NAUL SENIOR CITIZENS

Naul Senior Citizens Committee: It is now 44 years since we were founded and still going strong to this day.

Christmas week our seniors get a vegetable hamper for Christmas. We had 76 seniors at our annual Christmas party in Kettle's Country House Hotel in January. We started our morning club in the year 2000, meeting every Monday & Wednesday from 10.30 – 12.30.

We do exercise classes, bowls, bingo, pool, tea and a chat. We have two fundraising events in December: Fingal Sports Club hold a shoot, and again many thanks to Christopher Lyndsay and all involved.

And in October we have a tractor run. We are very grateful to Fingal Farms and Clan Mhuire for all their help with this event. We will be holding our Bleintaine Festival in the Seamus Ennis Centre in May.

We would like to say a big thank you to Christopher White and the Gardening Club for all that they have done for us down through the years.

We would very much appreciate it if you can support this wonderful flower event.

P. Nugent
Chairman

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GALA DEMONSTRATIONS BY



ALI
DIETRICH



STEPHEN
McDONNELL-DALY



CHRISTOPHER
WHITE

Friday 20th November 2026 @ 8pm

Friday

Gala Demonstrations @ 8pm, €15

includes preview @7pm

Flower Arranging

Competitions

Staging between 10am - 2.30pm



Garden Talk by Diarmuid Gavin

Saturday 2pm

21st November 2026

Presentation of prizes

Saturday 4pm

Diarmuid Gavin is an award-winning garden designer and broadcaster known for his distinctive contemporary designs. He studied amenity horticulture at the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin, Dublin, and established his own garden design business in 1988.

After twice winning the Royal Dublin Society Gold medal for garden design during the nineties, he displayed at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 1995 and 1996. His modern vibrant city garden in 1996 caused quite a stir, and led to a career in television where he developed an individual style in contemporary garden design.

He has since won every award offered by the Royal Horticultural Society at Chelsea including Gold and People's Favourite for his 2011 Irish Sky Garden.

Diarmuid has worked for all the main broadcasters on both radio and television in the UK and Ireland. For 8 years, his main programme Homefront was broadcast by the BBC and he has also been presenter and garden designer on Art of the Garden, Planet Patio, Diarmuid's Big Adventure, Dirty Old Town, Diarmuid's Pony Kids and Blood of the Irish.

Diarmuid received Irish Film and Television Awards for both the Pony Kids and Blood Of The Irish documentary series.

A lockdown series Gardening Together with Diarmuid Gavin, which was filmed in Diarmuid's own Wicklow garden was broadcast on both RTE and BBC 1.

He has competed on Strictly Come Dancing, cooked on Masterchef and Come Dine With Me, ventured to the Arctic Circle in 71 Degrees North and participated in quiz and game shows such as Mastermind, Pointless, The Weakest Link, The Chase and House of Games.

He is the author of 13 books on gardening and garden design including the large scale formats international best sellers Outdoors and Planting with the late Sir Terence Conran.

Diarmuid lectures on garden design around the world and has served as an ambassador for the Prince of Wales Foundation for the Built Environment.

In 2022 the United Nations appointed Diarmuid as an ambassador for their Food and Agriculture Organisation. His particular focus for FAO is plant and soil health, sustainable management of forests, ecosystem pollination and combatting food loss and waste.

In 2023 he was commissioned to create a garden to commemorate the coronation of Britain's new King and in November of that year he was awarded an Irish Design Institute award for the project.

OUR EXHIBITORS

Ali Dietrich

is an AOIFA Demonstrator, member of North Dublin Flower Club. Silver Gilt winner at Bloom. Gold and runner up best in Show at the AOIFA National Competition's.



Stephen McDonnell-Daly

is a floral designer from Dublin but now based in the UK. As a keen competitor he has won many awards including ten gold medals and twice Best in Show at the Chelsea Flower Show. He has demonstrated in US, Barbados, UK, Spain and now Ireland. His designs combine the best of both classical and contemporary.



Christopher White

I've been arranging flowers for the last 30+ years. I'm a qualified Area Demonstrator, and passed my National Test in 2016. I've ten medals from Chelsea flower show. I have worked in the Grand Pavilions at Chelsea with the Nong Nooch National Botanical Gardens of Thailand. I've gone to the National Shows in the UK for the last 30 years without a miss. I have got Best Use of Texture in the London Show. I have got Best in Show at the AOIFA National Competitions 2013, 2025 and 2026. My other passion is growing and showing dahlias. I'm proud to say I have bred two varieties of dahlias named after my mother and father, Aggie and Louis White. They're beautiful, award-winning dahlias which have won awards all over the world.



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Let's Celebrate

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

OPEN CLASSES - FLOWER ARRANGING

CLASS 1 Christmas Time

A pedestal exhibit to be staged on the floor. Space allowed: width 120 cm, depth 90 cm, height optional. Competitors to supply own pedestal. (Details of backing on acceptance.)

CLASS 2 Hidden Charms

A tapestry exhibit. Staged on tabling. Viewed all round and judged from the front. Space allowed 76 cm. wide. Height optional.

CLASS 3 Let's Party

An exhibit staged on tabling. Space allowed 90 cm. wide. Not to exceed 140cm in height.

CLASS 4 Nature is never spent

A petite exhibit. Space allowed not to exceed 25 cm. in width and depth. Height 37cm.

CLASS 5 So this is Christmas

An exhibit to be staged on the floor. Space allowed width 90 cm, depth 90 cm, height optional. (Details of backing provided on acceptance.)

CLASS 6 Time for Carolling

An exhibit staged on tabling. Space allowed 90 cm. wide. Not to exceed 140cm in height.

CLASS 7 Sparkling Christmas

An exhibit to incorporate contemporary techniques. Staged on tabling. Space allowed 90 cm. wide. Not to exceed 140cm in height.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

CLASS 8 Come to Dinner

An exhibit suitable for a dinner table. May or may not include a candle/s Staged on tabling. Space allowed 76 cm. wide. Not to exceed 140 cm in height.

NOVICE CLASS

CLASS 9 Welcome home for Christmas

A weed for the door, which can be made at home and abroad.



PRIZES

Christopher White Award

For the Best Exhibit in show:

Aggie White Award

For the best use of colour:

Very Rev William McMillan MBE, MA Award

For the most Innovative Exhibit:

REGULATIONS

1. All classes will be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual Third Edition 2015.
2. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitor and must be assembled in the staging area. Pre-done work: many techniques, whether contemporary or traditional, require a great deal of time to complete. Pre-done work of this type is acceptable in any class, unless specifically excluded by the Show schedule.
3. The Judges decision is final
4. All exhibits and competitor's property will be at the risk of the competitor and neither Naul Gardening and Flower Club, Kettle's Country House Ltd., nor the owners or occupiers of the premises in which the Competitions, or any part of them, are held can accept any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage sustained by any competitor.
5. Entries must be on official entry form and must reach the Competitions Officer by 1st November 2026
6. Competitors may not enter more than three classes. Competitors may not stage more than one entry per class.
7. Alternative choices may be made as indicated on the entry form.
8. The Competitions Committee will decide the positions of all exhibits.
9. Only officials, competitors and other authorised persons will be allowed in the hall during staging times.
10. All exhibits will be staged in artificial lighting.
11. All measurements in the staging instructions are approximate. All exhibits must be staged within the space provide.
12. Aerosol cans of any description must not be used in the competition venue.
13. Competitors will be responsible for maintenance of their exhibits for the duration of the show.
14. Depth of tabling is 76 cm approx.
15. Competitors entering the Intermediate classes must not have won more than 3 first prizes at any show.
16. Competitors entering the Novice class must not have won a first prize at any show.
17. Competitors must ensure that all rubbish is removed from the staging area
18. Staging: **Friday 20th November 2026, 10am - 2.30pm**
19. Judging: **Friday 20th November 2026, 3.00pm**
20. Dismantling: **Saturday 21st November 2026, 4.30pm**

The committee has the right to remove exhibits which remain until 4.30pm on Saturday 21st November 2026 and will not take any responsibility for loss or damage to these exhibits.

PRIZE GIVING:

Saturday 21st November 2026 at 4.00pm

PUBLIC VIEWING:

Saturday 21st November 2026 10am - 4.00pm

Ample free car parking available.

HORTICULTURAL CLASSES:

Vegetable Section

- CLASS 10** Collection of Vegetables – 3 distinct kinds, 2 of each
- CLASS 11** Collection of vegetables – 3 distinct kinds, 1 of each
- CLASS 12** Long Carrot - 1
- CLASS 13** Long Parsnip - 1
- CLASS 14** Long Beetroot - 1
- CLASS 15** Potatoes – 3
- CLASS 16** Potatoes – 3, any variety
- CLASS 17** Heaviest Potato
- CLASS 18** Short Carrots – 2
- CLASS 19** Heaviest Onion – 1
- CLASS 20** Onion Sets – 3
- CLASS 21** Onions grown from seed – 3
- CLASS 22** Onions – red, 3 sets
- CLASS 23** Mixed herbs – 1 vase, 3 kinds
- CLASS 24** Vegetable marrow
- CLASS 25** Winter Squash – 1
- CLASS 26** Brussels Sprouts – 10
- CLASS 27** Heaviest Pumpkin
- CLASS 28** Any Other Vegetable, not previously mentioned

Fruit Section

- CLASS 29** Dessert Apples – 3
- CLASS 30** Cooking Apples – 3
- CLASS 31** Pears – 3
- CLASS 32** Any other fruit not provided – 3

Industrial Section

Section 1 – Handicrafts

- CLASS 33** Knitted Baby Garment, any yarn
- CLASS 34** Knitted Pair of Socks, any ply
- CLASS 35** Two Ferrero Rocher Covers, Christmas themed
- CLASS 36** Crochet Article using Granny Squares Cushion Cover, any craft
- CLASS 37** Doorstop, any craft
- CLASS 38** Gift-wrapped Christmas Parcel
- CLASS 39** Handcraft Article not already stated in schedule

Industrial Section

Section 2 – Jams and preservatives

- CLASS 40** Blackcurrant Jam – 1 pot
- CLASS 41** Plum Jam – 1 pot
- CLASS 42** Chutney – 1 pot
- CLASS 43** Pickled vegetable – 1 pot
- CLASS 44** Strawberry Jam – 1 pot
- CLASS 45** Lemon Curd – 1 pot

Industrial Section

Section 3 – Baking

- CLASS 46** Rich fruit cake
- CLASS 47** Victoria Sponge
- CLASS 48** Banana Loaf
- CLASS 49** Mince pies – 3
- CLASS 50** Scones – 3
- CLASS 51** Cheese cake
- CLASS 52** Shortbread biscuits – 3
- CLASS 53** Christmas pudding (small)

Photography Section

- CLASS 54** 1 Photograph Architecture
- CLASS 55** 1 Photograph Sporting Event
- CLASS 56** 1 Photograph Favourite Pet
- CLASS 57** 1 Photograph Wildlife
- CLASS 58** 1 Photograph Borders Landscape
- CLASS 59** 1 Photograph Something Abstract
- CLASS 60** 1 Photograph Coastal View
- CLASS 61** 1 Photograph Close Up
- CLASS 62** 1 Photograph The Sky
- CLASS 63** 1 Photograph Fruit or Vegetables

Pot plants

- CLASS 64** 1 flowering pot plant
- CLASS 65** 1 foliage pot plant
- CLASS 66** 1 cactus
- CLASS 67** 3 cactuses
- CLASS 68** 1 succulent
- CLASS 69** 3 pot plants (flowering/foilage)
- CLASS 70** Winter planted container (round)
- CLASS 71** Winter window box

HORTICULTURAL CLASSES:

Cut Flowers

CLASS 72 1 stem of Holy with berries

CLASS 73 1 Vase of flowering shrub/shrubs

CLASS 74 1 Vase of unusual (varigated) Foliage

CLASS 72 1 stem of berries excluding holy

RULE FOR HORTICULTURAL CLASSES

1. Exhibit to be stage 10am-2.30 pm on Friday 20th November 2026.
2. A competitor may not enter more than one exhibit in any one class.
3. The decision of the judge is final.
4. Exhibits are accepted at owner's risk only.
5. All exhibits must have been grown in the garden of the exhibitor.
6. No exhibitor may be in the hall at the time of judging.
7. All exhibits to be removed from the hall at 4.30pm on Saturday 21st November 2026.



Stephen McDonnell from the Naul Gardening and Flower Club who got flower arranger of the year

PRIZES FOR HORTICULTURAL CLASSES

- RHS Silver Spoon for the best exhibit
- For the best pot plant display in the show
- National Vegetable Society medal for the best exhibit in the vegetable classes
- For the best fruit in the show
- For the best onion in the show
- For the two trays of vegetables in the show
- A prize for the best photography in the show
- A prize awarded for the best baking exhibit in the show
- A prize awarded for the best jam exhibit in the show
- A prize awarded for the best handcraft exhibit in the show

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