

HANDY HINTS FOR CHILDREN'S FLOWERS

NOTE: Parents please remember the children have to do their arrangements on their own at the pavilion by 5pm on the Friday before the show day. There are stewards there to help them, so encourage them to ask for help if they need it. I know it can be frustrating at times watching them doing the arrangements and you just want to move that flower, but remember it's about them having fun.

VASE OF ROSES

Cut the stem of your roses 1½ times longer than your vase. Place the roses evenly around the vase. If you have a bud or smaller head rose place it in the middle of the vase. Oasis floral foam can be used in ceramic vases to help hold roses in place, probably should not be used in glass as you will be able to see the oasis.

VASE OF MIXED FLOWERS

Cut the stem of your roses 1½ times longer than your vase. Place the different varieties of flowers evenly around the vase. Have at least 3 different types of flowers. Oasis can be used if needed and the same rules apply as the above regarding seeing oasis.

FLOATING BOWL

Best to use a glass bowl maximum 20cm wide. Fill with water and put dock (which will be supplied by the society) in to help hold flowers in place. Start from the outside and work around making a pattern with your flowers as you go. It's best to use smaller head flowers, which are in scale with your bowl.

SAUCER ARRANGEMENT

To be done on a saucer plate. Cover the plate with very wet sand. Same as the floating bowl it's best to use smaller head flowers and you need to work to same sort of pattern. This arrangement requires lots of patience. Keep spraying your sand with water as you do your arrangement, when the sand dries out the flowers move. Flowers need to be arranged so sand is not visible.

CONTAINER ARRANGEMENTS

When designing flowers in containers it's generally better to use oasis floral foam in the container to help hold the flowers in place. You have to soak the oasis in water for only a couple of minutes before using it. Make sure you can't see the oasis when the arrangement is completed.