

Dartford Festival 2011 – Competition Schedule

Introduction

All the enclosed competition classes are open to all members of the public.

Information on many of the festival competitions is contained in this booklet. For information on other categories, please contact the competition secretaries as shown on the back cover.

We try very hard to encourage new people to enter these competitions for the first time. If you know of anyone who may be interested in taking part, then please give them a copy of this schedule.

All that remains is for us to do is wish you the very best of luck in all the competitions!

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Exhibition marquees – general information

1. The festival office is situated in the information tent.
2. The general closing date for entries is 1 July 2011 unless otherwise stated.
3. ENTRY FORMS must be returned to the secretaries named.
4. The festival craft exhibitor's representative will be situated in the craft marquee from 5.00pm on Friday 15 July 2011 for enquiries and to receive exhibits. For exhibiting details for other classes please contact the appropriate secretary.
5. All exhibitors must report to the festival organisers representative before staging their exhibits.
6. All exhibitors using vehicles must use the entrance from Lowfield Street to the park and all vehicles must have left the park by 8.00pm on Friday 15 July 2011.

The Marquee will open and close at the following times: -

Friday 15 July

4.30pm - 8.00pm To receive exhibits

Saturday 16 July

8.00am - 8.30am To receive exhibits

11.00am - 5.30pm OPEN TO PUBLIC

Sunday 17 July

10.00am - 5.30pm OPEN TO PUBLIC

7. Exhibits must be collected promptly after 5.30pm on Sunday 17 July 2011.
8. Rules of acceptance can be found in the general rules and those for each society.
9. The term disabled refers to registered disabled persons only.
10. Articles must not be sold at the festival unless written permission from the festival organiser has been given.

All exhibits not collected, particularly perishables, will be disposed of on **Monday 18 July 2011**.

11. In the event of a large number of entries being received, and as only limited space is available, the display of entries may be restricted or prejudging may take place. In these cases you may be asked to bring your exhibit early. Please give a telephone number if possible on the entry form.
12. The Dartford Festival rules may conflict with the national rules of show controlling Societies. In such cases the Dartford Festival rules shall prevail.

General rules and regulations

1. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been in his/her possession for at least two months, except for an item which they have just finished making. The exhibitor must not earn a living from the exhibits shown.
2. The exhibit must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.
3. An exhibitor must not enter more than 2 exhibits in each class unless otherwise stated. Please indicate the number of entries in each class on the entry form.
4. All entries must be made on the official entry forms and sent to the appropriate secretary.
5. The secretaries of the various sections reserve the right to REFUSE any entry and in the event of such refusal shall not be required to give any reason or explanation.
6. Secretaries approved by the council and festival committee for any position or duty will be fully authorised and empowered by them to carry out their instructions.
7. All exhibits will remain the property of the exhibitor. The council or the organiser CANNOT accept responsibility for any loss or damage sustained in respect of exhibits, articles or other things brought to the festival or left in the marquee. Without prejudice to the foregoing disclaimer, the council will make reasonable arrangements for the protection of all exhibits at the festival.

EXHIBITORS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO INSURE THEIR EXHIBITS AND COMPETITION ENTRIES.

8. Persons wishing to SELL at the festival must apply for permission in writing in advance.
9. The judges' decision will be final in all cases and Dartford Borough Council or the festival committee will enter into no discussion or correspondence.
10. In the event of special prizes being awarded for the highest aggregate in any classes, points will be awarded as follows:
1st Prize – 3 Points
2nd Prize – 2 Points
3rd Prize – 1 Point

Certificates will be awarded to all prize winners.
11. Wherever applicable the festival will be governed by the rules stipulated by the judges of the respective sections, as well as those specified in the schedule.
12. a) Neither the council nor its officers or employees shall be responsible to any persons whatsoever whilst upon the council's premises, or whilst entering or leaving the same, for any damage or loss, however caused to the property of any such person.

b) Vehicles taken into Central Park, or onto any land controlled by the council outside the festival area for use as a car or vehicle park, shall be taken on condition that the council shall not be liable for loss or damage to the vehicle, or its contents, in whatever way or by whatever means such loss or damage may be caused.
13. No diseased material or animal shall be brought on to the festival area. Any person knowingly bringing such animal, mineral or vegetable item shall be disqualified from showing at the festival.
14. All exhibitors must be mindful of the HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 1974.
15. Exhibitors shall at all times comply with any instructions or direction given by the council's staff or the secretaries of any exhibition marquee for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 1974.

16. NO FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE SOLD IN THE EXHIBITION MARQUEES.

17. ALL MARQUEES ARE NO SMOKING AREAS.

Dartford Art Group

Members of Dartford Art Group will be working in the marquee demonstrating their skills. Perhaps you would like to 'have a go'?

Members of the group will be able to give you information on how to join the group and there will also be original artwork for sale at reasonable prices. Please come along and support them, or for more information call Ruth on 07956 804327.

Young people's competition schedule

N.B. Not more than 2 entries allowed in each class.

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 8 JULY 2011 WITHOUT EXCEPTION. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Trophies awarded will be:

- **The Dartford Festival Junior Arts:**
Open to all age groups. For classes 1, 5 & 6.
- **The Dartford Festival Junior Domestic:**
Open to all age groups. For classes 8 & 9.
- **The Dartford Festival Best in Show:**
One for each age group for ALL classes.
- **The Dartford Festival Shield:**
For organisations e.g. Cubs, Brownies, youth clubs. Chosen by judges.

The child's age on **1 July 2011** and name of organisation (if applicable) **MUST** be given on entry form.

All classes are open to all age groups.

A: Pre-school (Usually under 5)

B: Infants (Usually under 8)

C: Juniors (Usually under 12)

CLASS NO.

1. **Collage** Maximum size A4
2. **Scrapbook**
3. **Handmade model** Plasticine or clay.
4. **Painted flower pot** No plastic flowerpots.
5. **Bookmarks**
6. **Handmade greetings card**
7. **Handmade jewellery** Original items not shop bought beads or kits.

8. **Fairy cakes** Plate of six. Decorations must be edible, cakes may be flavour or colour.
9. **A shortbread/gingerbread man** Does not have to be homemade, but not miniature.

EXHIBITS MUST BE EXHIBITED ON FRIDAY 15 JULY 2011 BETWEEN 5.00pm & 8.00pm.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANY OTHER TIMES.

Young people's classes – rules and regulations

In addition to the general rules and regulations applicable to all sections of the Festival, these regulations apply specifically to Classes 1-9.

1. The exhibit must be the unaided work of the exhibitor, must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of showing and not previously exhibited at the Dartford Festival.
2. Any artwork submitted must be the original work of the entrant in both execution and idea. Work previously exhibited (or sold) is not eligible.

ALL CLASSES ARE OPEN TO AMATEUR ENTRANTS ONLY

3. Art work will either be displayed by pinning, hanging or stapling entries in place, according to the space available, or by you in the place you are directed to display, or where the display stewards (volunteers from various organisations) place the exhibit.

Although every care will be taken in both the storage and display of any work submitted, Dartford Borough Council and the Dartford Festival Committee cannot accept responsibility for any damage or loss however caused. Exhibitors are responsible for the removal of exhibits within ONE HOUR of the Festival closing on the final day. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE GENERAL INFORMATION RELATING TO EXHIBITION MARQUEES.

4. Where possible entries shall be exhibited on the days of the festival but judges' and festival secretary's decision shall be final as to the amount of space available to show prints, pictures or drawings.

Photographic competition schedule

The Dartford Festival Junior Photographic trophy will be awarded for the best exhibit in the junior section.

The Dartford Festival Senior Photographic trophy will be awarded for the best exhibit in the senior section.

JUNIOR SECTION – 16 YEARS AND UNDER

Maximum size 10" x 8" – Black and white or colour.

SENIOR SECTION

1. **Rural scene**
Maximum size A4 – Black and white or colour.
2. **Local scene**
Maximum size A4 – Black and white or colour.
3. **Portraiture**
Maximum size A4 – Black and white or colour.
4. **Structures**
Maximum size A4 – Black and white or colour.
5. **Colour**
Maximum size A4

Photographic competition – rules and regulations

1. The exhibit must be the unaided work of the exhibitor and must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of showing.
2. The exhibit will be displayed by suitably mounting entries in place. It is preferable that all photographs be mounted so that they are not damaged. Although every care will be taken in both the storage and display of any work submitted, Dartford Borough Council and/or its representative cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage however caused.

Exhibitors are responsible for the removal of all exhibits within one hour of the Festival closing on the final day.

3. Glass framed or metal framed prints will not be accepted as entries to the competition.
4. The name and address of the competitor must be written on the reverse side of the entry with class in which it is entered.
5. Where possible entries will be exhibited on the day of the Festival, but the judges and show secretaries decision is final as to the amount of space available to show prints.
6. Entry number will be shown on the mounting of prints.
7. In all classes, exhibitors are allowed to submit up to three entries.
8. Amateur photographers only.

Organised on behalf of Dartford Borough Council by Councillor Baker and Suki Barton.

Hanging basket/pot competition schedule

All entry forms must be received by Wednesday 13 July 2011.

The hanging basket/hanging pot competition has been sponsored by George Puddefoot of Riverside Fuchsias and prize money will be awarded as follows:

Hanging Basket

1st - £30

2nd - £20

3rd - £10

Hanging Pot

1st - £15

2nd - £10

3rd - £5

Under 14 Competition

Hanging Pot Maximum 8ins

1st - £10

2nd - £7.50

3rd - £5

Children's Miniature Garden

Pot - flowering (any size)

Pot - foliage (any size)

Pot - fuchsia (any size)

Pot - pelargonium (any size)

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO AMATEUR ENTRANTS ONLY

Hanging basket/pot competition – rules and regulations

1. The exhibit must be the unaided work of the exhibitor and must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of showing.
2. The exhibit will be displayed by suitably hanging on the stands provided (where applicable). Although every care will be taken in both the storage and display of any entry submitted, Dartford Borough Council and/or its representatives cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage however caused.

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Competition secretaries

- **Young people's classes:**
Mrs Sharon Earl, 103 Henderson Drive, Temple Hill, Dartford, Kent DA1 5LD
- **Hanging basket/pots:**
Mr George Puddefoot, Gravel Road, Sutton-at-Hone, Dartford, Kent DA4 9HQ
- **Photographic:**
Councillor David Baker, 24 Watling Street, Dartford, Kent DA1 1RF

DBC would like to thank the above competition secretaries for their help.

For more details about this year's Dartford Festival, see our website www.dartford.gov.uk/festival