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& Honey Show



10th

Honey Show

September 2022

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

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Welcome

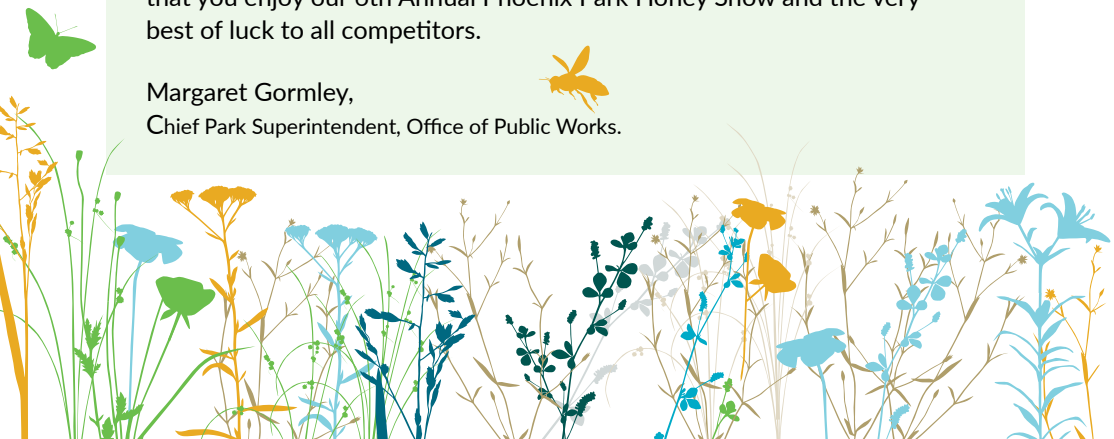
The Federation of Irish Beekeeping Associations (FIBKA) are delighted to be working with the OPW on their Annual Phoenix Park Honey Show. The Phoenix Park in the heart of Dublin is a great example of how nature can be intertwined with the urban environment. There is much debate today on biodiversity, and its importance to our environment, climate, health, economy and personal wellbeing. Bees are an integral part of the biodiversity of this country. We are proud of the work the OPW have done and are continuing to do throughout Ireland to promote our bees. The honey show competition brings together all the different aspects of our beekeeping craft and highlights the importance of beekeeping. It promises to be a day filled with excitement and fun suitable for both young and old. It is an opportunity to meet with beekeepers and learn about the bees. A visit to the show is a must!

FIBKA President

Bees are an important aid in conserving the biodiversity of the Phoenix Park and surrounding areas. With over 17 hives spread throughout the park and managed sustainably by the OPW gardeners, the flora of the Park has benefited considerably. Over 70% of the 100 food crops that provide 90% of the world's food are pollinated by bees. Numerous national and international honey awards have been won by the OPW team in the past.

Educational workshops and talks are available to school groups and interested parties on bee-friendly gardening and beekeeping. We hope that you enjoy our 6th Annual Phoenix Park Honey Show and the very best of luck to all competitors.

Margaret Gormley,
Chief Park Superintendent, Office of Public Works.





Judges:

John Donoghue | Redmond Williams | Paul Boyle

Honey Show Secretary

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Exhibition

8am -10am Staging of Exhibits, Saturday 10th September

10.15am Judging will commence

4pm Presentation of Prizes



Tours and Lectures

All happening throughout the day.

For the little ones

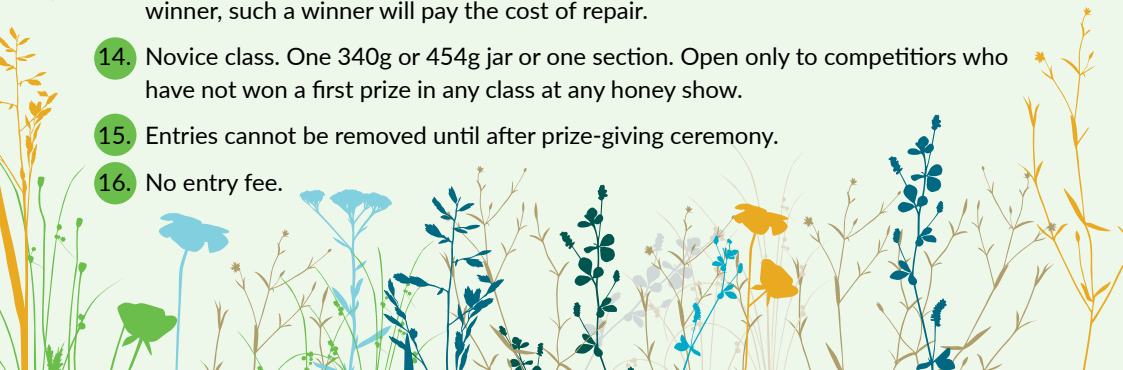
Family activities and much more throughout the day.

ALL WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT



Rules & Regulations

1. Exhibits must be brought to The Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, Ashtown Demesne, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8 on Saturday 10th of September 2022 between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Judging will commence at 10.15 a.m.
2. An Exhibit must not be entered in more than one class.
3. An Exhibitor shall not be entitled to more than one prize in any one class.
4. The decision of the Judge(s) shall be final.
5. The Judge(s) reserve the right not to award all or any of the prizes in any class.
6. The decision of the show committee on any matter relating to the show (except judging) shall be final.
7. A label or any distinguishing mark may not be placed on any exhibit, except class Twelve. Numbers provided by the Show Secretary, shall be placed approx 12.5mm from the bottom of jars. With sections and beeswax, one number stuck to the exhibit, and the other to the container.
8. Wax may be exhibited polished or unpolished at the discretion of the exhibitor.
9. Entries shall be made on the form provided and forwarded to the Show Secretary Meeda Downey, OPW, Whitefields, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8 by Friday 9th September. All other entries must be with the Show Secretary by 9am on Show day.
Online entries are preferable prior to Friday 9th September.
10. Extracted honey must be exhibited in plain 340g or 454g jars with plain gold lacquered screw top or twist off lids. FIBKA lids permitted.
11. Mead must be entered in clear, colourless glass bottles without lettering, fluting or ornamentation. Flat or punted bottom bottles accepted. Bottles must be corked with flanged stoppers making them removable without the use of mechanical aid. Exhibitors in those classes must be over 18 years of age.
12. All honey and wax exhibited must be bona fide produce of the exhibitor's own bees.
13. The winner of a trophy may retain it until the following year, when it should be returned cleaned, polished and in good order and condition to the Show Secretary. All perpetual trophies shall remain the property of the OPW. Should any trophy become lost or damaged during the time in which it is in the possession of the winner, such a winner will pay the cost of repair.
14. Novice class. One 340g or 454g jar or one section. Open only to competitors who have not won a first prize in any class at any honey show.
15. Entries cannot be removed until after prize-giving ceremony.
16. No entry fee.



Class

1. **Two Sections (Floral or Heather)** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
2. **Two Containers of cut comb** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal. 
3. **One Frame of comb honey (suitable for extraction)** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
4. **One Frame of Ling Heather Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
5. **Two Jars of Light Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
6. **Two Jars of Medium Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
7. **Two Jars of Dark Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
8. **Two Jars of Chunk Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
9. **Two Jars of Granulated Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
10. **Two Jars of Creamed Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
11. **Two Jars of Ling Heather Honey** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
12. **Twelve Jars of Honey.** All of the same type to be shown in jars offered for sale. All jars to be labelled with exhibitors own labels. Besides the quality of honey, the attractiveness and sales appeal will be taken into consideration by the Judge.
NO STAND REQUIRED.
FIBKA Trophy – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
13. **Five one oz blocks of beeswax** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal. 
14. **Honey Cake.** Made with eight oz of S.R. flower, six oz Irish Honey, four oz butter or margarine, two eggs and a pinch of salt. Bake in a six and a half to seven and a half inch circular tin – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal. 
15. **Fruit Honey Cake.** Made with eight oz of S.R. flower, six oz Irish Honey, four oz butter or margarine, two eggs, six oz sultanas and a pinch of salt. Bake in a six and a half to seven and a half inch circular tin – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.



Class

16. **Six Small biscuits (any recipe that includes honey)** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
17. **One bottle of Dry Mead** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
18. **One Bottle of Sweet Mead** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
19. **Three moulded beeswax candles** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal. 
20. **Three non-moulded beeswax candles** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal.
21. **One Beeswax Model, dye permitted (Candles excluded)** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
22. **One print. Colour or Black and White (Bee related, Printed and Mounted, Finished Size, A4 size only)** – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
23. **Display Class. Honey, Beeswax or Mead (or both).** In addition, decorative material, coloured beeswax and any size or shape jar which is saleable may be used. Quantity of honey to be staged at least 5 kg. Size not to exceed 915mm x 1220mm. Rule 11 does not apply – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, and 3rd Bronze Medal.
24. **Novice Class.** National Biodiversity Centre Trophy – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal.

Junior Classes



25. **Any poster size A4, relating to bees or beekeeping**, confined to primary school students – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal.
26. **Any poster size A4, relating to bees or beekeeping**, confined to secondary school students – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal.

Special Awards

Best Exhibit at the Show

OPW Phoenix Park Trophy

Best Comb Honey at the Show

Tree Council of Ireland Trophy

Best Run Honey at the Show

Gleeson Trophy

Class 12

FIBKA Trophy

Novice Class

National Biodiversity Centre Trophy





The Phoenix Park is an historic landscape of international importance and at 707ha (1752 acres) it is one of the largest enclosed landscapes in any European city. It was originally established as a Royal deer park in the 17th century. Being the largest urban park in Dublin, it is recognised as a green lung for the city and recent research highlights the major benefits to public health and wellbeing arising from the wealth of opportunities that a facility like the Phoenix Park has to offer.

The Park is a highly important site for biodiversity in Dublin City and is an extremely valuable resource for the people of Dublin and its visitors. It supports 50% of the mammal species found in Ireland and over 40% of all bird species and bees, as the expanses of semi-natural habitat offer cover, abundant food supplies and nesting sites for birds.

The Park has ongoing management measures that are sensitive to biodiversity. Such measures include wildlife sensitive grass management, allowing trees to die naturally within conservation zones and the minimal use of chemicals and fertilisers.

The overall objective is to secure and sustain the biodiversity value of the Phoenix Park into the future, to protect key habitats and species, enhance their status, recreate valuable wildlife habitats and introduce appropriate species to increase the biodiversity value of the park and its habitats.

Extract from - The Phoenix Park Conservation Management Plan

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Ashtown Castle

A lively and entertaining exhibition on the history and wildlife of the Phoenix Park. Here the visitor can enjoy a historical interpretation of the park from 3,500 B.C. to the present day. Tours of Áras an Uachtaráin, the Magazine Fort, Grangegorman Military Cemetery and Ashtown Castle are available, as are walks and talks on a weekly basis.

Open daily 9.30am - 6.00pm all year round. Last admission at 5.00pm.

For further information:

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