
Phoenix Park
Biodiversity Festival
& Honey Show
Honey Show
7th September 2024
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Welcome

The Federation of Irish Beekeepers Associations, FIBKA, is once again delighted to cooperate with the O.P.W. by participating in its biodiversity festival and the staging of its 8th Annual Honey Show. The Phoenix Park is a unique facility not equalled in any other city both in extent and collection of trees, plants and wildlife. It gives the visitors a feel of rural Ireland in the heart of an urban expanse. The Federation of Irish Beekeepers Associations has worked with the Office of Public Works over many years in promoting the importance of habit for all bees, of which the honeybee is only one. The honeybee has a natural instinct and necessity to hoard honey and pollen for its own survival. Beekeepers with their knowledge and expertise manage this instinct to produce a crop of honey, without damaging or changing it. This instinct has remained unchanged for many millions of years long before the appearance of humans on earth. Honeybees are wild creatures and there is no such thing as a domesticated honeybee. We in FIBKA are proud to have been associated with the O.P.W. in establishing honeybees in the Phoenix Park and working with its enthusiastic staff. The Honey Show in conjunction with its biodiversity festival was a natural outcome of this cooperation which still continues. This show gives the public a unique opportunityto see close up the diverse variety of honey produced by Irish beekeepers and also to meet them and chat about their ancient craft.

John Donoghue
President FIBKA

Over 70% of the 100 food crops that provide 90% of the world's food are pollinated by bees. Bees are also an important aid in conserving the biodiversityof the Phoenix Park and surrounding areas. With over 12 hives spread throughout the park and managed sustainably by the OPW gardeners, the flora & fauna ofthe park has benefitted considerably. Numerous national and international honey awards have been won by the OPW gardening team in the past.

Please check our programme of events as many educational workshops and talks are available to school groups and interested parties on bee-friendly gardening and beekeeping.

We hope that you enjoy our 8th 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 | Jim Fletcher

Honey Show Secretary

Meeda Downey, **Tel:** 01 820 5800 | **Email:** meeda.downey@opw.ie

Exhibition

8am -10am	Staging of Exhibits, Saturday 7th September
10.15am	Judging will commence
4pm	Presentation of Prizes

Tours and Lectures

All happening throughout the day.

Please see **phoenixpark.ie** for more details

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 D08 Y304 on Saturday 7th of September 2024 between 8.00a.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 D08 KDC4, by Friday 6th September. All other entries must be with the Show Secretary by 9am on Show day. **Online entries are preferable prior to Friday 6th 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. **Rule 10 does not apply to Class 12.**
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 and must be produced in Ireland.
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 competitiors 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. **(weight 195g - 250g)**
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 blocks of beeswax with each block to weigh between 2**7g - 29g (1oz) - 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 photograph. Colour or Black and White** (Bee related, Printed and Mounted, total size A4 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/beekeeping/biodiversity**, confined to primary school students – 1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal.
26. **Any poster size A4, relating to bees/beekeeping/biodiversity**, 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, Grangegorman Military Cemetery and Ashtown Castle are available, as are walksand 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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The Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations

PHOENIX PARK BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL & Honey Show

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7th September 2024

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Ashtown Castle, Dublin 8

Entry Form

Class Number	Class	Number Of Exhibits	Official Use Only
1	Two Sections		
2	Two Containers of Cut Comb		
3	One Frame		
4	One Frame Ling		
5	Two Jars Light		
6	Two Jars Medium		
7	Two Jars Dark		
8	Two Jars Chunk		
9	Two Jars Granulated		
10	Two Jars Creamed		
11	Two Jars Ling		
12	Twelve Jars Labelled		
13	Five Blocks of Beeswax		

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14	Honey Cake - Plain		
15	Honey Cake - Fruit		
16	Six Biscuits		
17	One Bottle Dry Mead		
18	One Bottle Sweet Mead		
19	Three Moulded Beeswax Candles		
20	Three Non-moulded Beeswax Candles		
21	One Beeswax Model		
22	One Photograph		
23	Display Class		
24	Novice		
25	A4 Poster, primary school students		
26	A4 Poster, secondary school students		

DECLARATION

I have read and agreed to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the above show. In making these entries, I declare the above specimens to be bona fide, my own produce.

(**BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE**)

Name _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

NO ENTRY FEE

Entries to show secretary, Meeda Downey, OPW, Whitefields, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

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