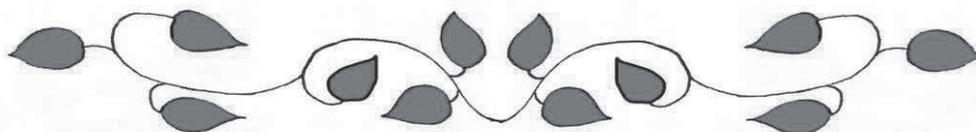


HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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April 2014

Hello again,

Are you ready for the **Spring Show on Saturday 12th April?** With an early start to spring the complete opposite to last year, will we have any daffodils to show? The snowdrops have been marvellous, Hellebores have been flowering a while, Hyacinths are advanced, my plum tree was in flower in the second week of March, I am eating rhubarb - not forced, Magnolia trees and camellia shrubs look bright and beautiful. Hurray for the Tulips they should be at their best for showing. The sections for outdoor cut flowers and spring baskets or trugs should do well as gardens are blooming, so let's have plenty of competition please on the 12th April. Just imagine the display of colour!

Thank you for the support and help of Pat and Lisa Webb, for three years of getting the Newsletters printed and posted to us all.

Chairman's Report year 2012-2013: The committee decided it was time for a new logo which I designed and is now used to promote all our events and literature. The Spring Show and plant sale on 13 April 2013 at All Saints, Child's Hill, attracted a reasonable amount of people and HHS member Dr Russell gave a talk on daffodils. The May 18 Plant Sale at St Mark's, Hamilton Terrace, raised some much needed funds. Thanks to Gerlinde for obtaining this venue for us and providing us with a place to meet for our committee meetings.

There were two coach trips: the first in May to Batsford Arboretum and Sezincote House, the second to Copped Hall near Epping and Beth Chatto's gardens near Colchester. In June we had a 4-day coach trip to the Gardens of the Loire via Eurostar with a Brightwater leader. In July we enjoyed the annual garden party at Gerlinde Kathuria's house in Hamilton Terrace. The Autumn Show on 21 September at All Saints Child's Hill included a talk on

Preparing for Winter by Mike Jackson of the Camden Garden Centre.

Our annual Prizegiving on 3 November was followed by a talk on orchids by Frances Queseda Pallares. At the end of 2013 our membership stood at 142 and 83 members have renewed so far for 2014. We do need more members and also volunteers for the committee. Thanks to Margaret Scanlon for taking over as membership secretary. Thanks also to Moira Latham who looks after our database and is working to improve our website.

This winter I designed a new HHS Handbook to contain details of shows and events during the year and the society's rules, which means we can cut down on the size of the newsletters. Thanks to Mary Betts and Anne Rowe for their work in helping to produce the Handbook which was sent out with the January newsletter. Also thanks to Pat and Lisa Webb for their help in printing and sending out the newsletter for the past three years.

Finally thanks to all the committee for their help over the past year and to all our members for continuing to support the society.

Treasurer's Report – The Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ended December 2013 were presented and approved at the AGM and will be printed in the July Newsletter.

Rule change. The following rule change at the end of Rule 3 was agreed unanimously:

The committee shall have the right to deselect or oppose membership to any person whose actions are considered detrimental to the society or who brings the society into disrepute.

Talk: Thyme in the Wild by Margaret Easter, holder of the National Collection of Thyme, has been growing and researching this aromatic herb for 20 years and is one of the world's leading authorities on the thymus

species and has written several books on the subject including the Thymus Handbook. She has a back garden nursery at her home in Harpenden and a NGS Open day at her home on Sunday 8 June from 2 to 5.30 pm.

Election of Officers and Committee

President: Sir Patrick Garland
Vice President: Hilda Gill
Chair: Rosie Hunt
Vice_Chair: Anne Rowe & Booking Secretary
Secretary: Valerie Cedar
Membership Secretary: Margaret Scanlon
Treasure: Heidi Corsi
Committee: Gerlinde Kathuria, Moira Latham (Membership Database) Mary Betts (Newsletter Editor) Kalyani Pal, Joan Payne.

HHS MEMBERS FORUM SECTION

HHS Members – We urgently need new committee members to join, not all committee members have specific duties/role to fill, you attend meetings with new ideas, getting to know and just being a support is all that is required, give it a go. When you are ready to pitch in, the opportunity is there.

Do you know anyone who might like to advertise in the Newsletter at a very reasonable rate?

The Shows and Plant Sales need to be supported by more members, and it would be wonderful to see more members exhibiting at the Shows.

There are members who would like help in maintaining their gardens. Does anyone know of ways and means and lower costs than regular gardeners? please Email Mary.

Home made cakes for the shows would be very much appreciated, please ask for cost if you are not donating. Also unwanted gifts for the raffle most welcome.

Deadline for the July Newsletter is 20th June 2014.

Member's NGS Open Gardens

All are worth visiting, the proceeds go to charities, particularly Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie Hospice, Help the Hospices, Carers Trust, Queens' Nursing Institute, National Trust, Alzheimer's Society, Perennial and Garden Museum.

Drs Jim & Elayane Coakes	58a Teignmouth Road, NW2 4DX Tel 020 8208 0082	Sunday 13 th July
Gerlinde Kathuria	116 Hamilton Terrace, NW8 9UT	Sunday 22 nd June 5 to 9 pm (glass of wine) Sunday 20 th July 5 to 9 pm
Carol Klemra	27 Menelick Road, NW2 3RJ	Sunday 13 th July 2 to 5.30 pm
Ruth Levy & Neighbour	5 Frognaal, NW3 6UY	Sunday 22 nd June 2 to 5pm

Sue & Earl Bennet	5 St Regis Close, N10 2DE My Yellow Book contact	Sunday 22 nd June Sunday 20 & 27 th July 2 to 6.30pm
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NGS website: www.ngs.org.uk

HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Spring Show Saturday 12th April 2014

Talk on a Butterfly Garden by David Bevan at All Saints Church Hall, Church Walk, Childs Hill, NW2. Article in January Newsletter and the show schedule are included in the Handbook and entry form is in centre page.

It will save you time, and help the show secretary if you complete the entry form and bring it with you to the show. **Taking part is fun; there is no show without your support - do have a look and see what you can enter.**

For more information please contact the Show Secretary: Mary Betts (020) 7625 9726 e-mail: gladyswood1@talktalk.net

Saturday 14th June - Hampstead Horticultural Society Plant Sale – 2 to 4.30pm

Including the Plug Plant Competition, home made cakes and drinks – at

St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, NW8 9UT

Plants can be dropped off on Friday 13th at Gerlinde Kathuria's - 116 Hamilton Terrace, or on Saturday morning for readiness for the Plant Sale at 2pm at St Mark's Church next door.

Members who contribute and find it difficult to travel twice, like last year bring along on the day. Every one or two plants welcome.

Thursday 26th June Waterlow Park & Lauderdale House Garden Walk/Talk:

Meet at Lauderdale House cafeteria entrance half way up Highgate Hill. 2pm start. Bus connection C11, 4, 10, 171, 43,134, 263 and direct to house 143, 210, 271. Arrive early if you intend to have lunch before the talk and short walk round the gardens and for those that want exercise there's the hill.

Waterlow Park is a trust - a stand-alone charity - as a consequence of Sir Sydney Waterlow's original bequest. Camden is its sole trustee.

Lauderdale House is a much valued local arts and educational centre and events venue with a Café for visitors, and hard working garden volunteers celebrate the bequest of land for the Park from Sir Sydney Waterlow, which took place 125 years ago on 16th December 1889 and a second celebration will take place in 2016 to commemorate the formal opening of the Park in 1891.

Volunteering and horticulture: contact Patricia on 07710 312 105 Information www.waterlowpark.org.uk.

Kitchen garden: The local community organisations that manage the ten raised beds in the garden have

demonstrated over the past season that vegetable growing can be enjoyable and productive.

Orchard: the community orchard had a good first year – with 13 trees planted and only one lost. The Red Windsor apple tree died of unknown causes in mid-summer and will be replaced with a pear tree during the winter 2013.

Walk across the lake to the Rose Garden. And if you like the wild side there is a section fenced off with a path around as an educational interest.

Thursday 17th July Hampstead Horticultural Society Garden Party

Buses 16/332/98/139/189, free parking from 6.30pm.

At Gerlinde Kathuria's home and garden 116 Hamilton Terrace NW8 9UT.

We will have our usual wine, snacks, quiz, and time to relax in this lovely NGS town garden, of course the weather will have to be fine. So what better place to be!

There is a small charge of £3.00 for members and one friend £5.00 if non member. See entry form in centre page of Handbook or phone Gerlinda Kathuria 020 7625 6909

COACH to GARDEN TRIPS 2014

Contact Rosie Hunt for information:

or download itineraries and booking forms from the HHS website

**rosiehunt@blueyonder.co.uk Tel. 020 7586 4979
56E King Henry's Road, London, NW3 3RP.**

Early notification please, we need the numbers traveling

(Keep confirmation date in mind).

This year we are using a different coach company and hopefully a more comfortable coach.

Wednesday 7th May Coach Trip to Chenies Manor, Bucks, £32.00 per person, members & guests. www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk

Please confirm before the 18 April

Morning visit to garden centre, lunch at a local pub (not included) or bring a packed lunch.

Afternoon visit to Chenies Manor, a fine old Tudor house, surrounded by enchanting gardens and famed for the spring display of tulips. Entrance to house and gardens included. Afternoon tea at Chenies not included.

Wednesday 11th June Coach to Loseley Manor, £35.00 per person, members & guests
Please confirm before the 23 May

On arrival at Loseley House, near Guildford, Surrey, the Head Gardener will give us a guided tour of the gardens. Lunch (a selection of home-made assorted sandwiches served with kettle chips and local salad leaves, platters of fresh fruit and freshly brewed tea, coffee and mints) is available at £6.50 per person

and must be pre-booked and paid for on the day, or bring a packed lunch.

During the afternoon we are free to enjoy the gardens, buy plants and join a tour of Loseley House (not included). Afternoon tea is available (not included).

Wednesday 2nd to Saturday 6th July 2014 Coach Trip to Private Gardens of Cornwall

£535 per person (single room supplement £100)

Please confirm before the 20 April

A wonderful 5-day coach trip based between Padstow and Newquay on Cornwall's beautiful north coast.

En route we will stop at Hestercombe House in Somerset. We will then be visiting some of Cornwall's most interesting gardens - Tregrehan, Marsh Villa, Trebah, Poppy Cottage, Lamorran House, Pinstla, Pencarrow and Ken-Caro. On the last day there is a real treat – a visit to Lemarne, a garden designed and gardened by a Hampstead Horticultural Society member, from where we also visit nearby Trebatha.

Included in the price

- * 4 nights at the comfortable Sands Resort & Spa Hotel, Newquay, with dinner, bed and English breakfast
- * Comfortable coaching throughout
- * Entrance to the above gardens
- * Services of a Brightwaters Holidays Tour Manager
 - **MOST IMPORTANT: we need to have a minimum number who will book with a deposit by 20 April 2014 - although bookings will be taken later as well.**

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST IN LOCAL LONDON AREA

Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair, **see January NL**

Royal Horticultural Society News Shows at the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square London SW1

To book tickets, visit rhs.org.uk/show or call 0844 338 7539 see **January NL**

RHS Secret Garden Sundays

Free to RHS members - non members £5.00

Lynley Hall, SW1 2PE, from 10am to 4 pm

Something new for RHS garden lovers, and grow your own, offering informal gardening advice, rub shoulders with food stall holders and live music.

Sundays

6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd Aug. 7th Sept. 2nd Nov, (Christmas Special).

London Open Garden Squares weekend

www.opensquare.org 14th - 15th June 2014 One ticket allows you two days, check out advance ticket prices. 200 gardens to explore. Gardens range from the historic and traditional to the new and experimental and can be discovered across 25 London boroughs.

Contemporary Garden Fair, Hampstead Heath 20 -22nd June

Entry £16 Concession £14

Advance £10 + fee and £8 +fee

Situated on beautiful Hampstead Heath, GROW London makes for a wonderfully exciting day out. Offering an inspiring choice of rare plants, stylish furniture, handcrafted tools and informative workshops to help your garden flourish. The brainchild of entrepreneur Will Ramsay, founder of the hugely successful Affordable Art Fair, which is now a global brand with fairs in 14 major cities around the world.

Will has brought in the green-fingered expertise of highly respected garden event specialist Thérèse Lang of TJM Associates. TJM is renowned as curator and organiser of many successful gardening events including Cottesbrooke Plant Finders Fair, Future Gardens and The Westonbirt Festival of The Garden, and is lead strategist for The Chelsea Fringe.

www.growlondon.com

Closer to home - 173 Belsize Lane, NW3 5AD, opens weekends for the Chelsea Fringe and has NGS garden. Telephone Maureen Michael 020 7435 0510

If each of us gets one family member or friend to join our Hampstead Horticultural Soc the coach will be easier to fill and there will be a Speaker for every meeting

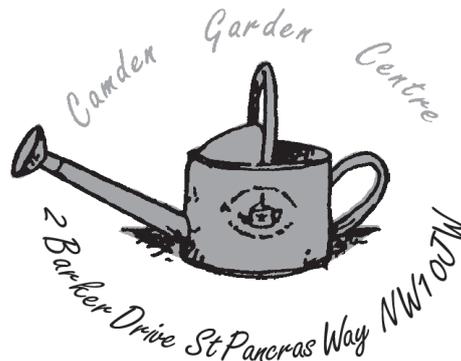
It really helps to keep the price down when members have an email address. All members will receive a paper copy of the Handbook and Newsletter in the January edition.

HHS needs a presence at the Contemporary Garden Fair At Hampstead Heath, Margaret and the committee are looking to see if the organizer will allow us a table.

Please come and take part in advertising for your

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More information on the website if we get an agreement



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