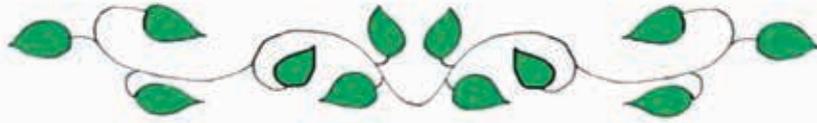


# HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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## October 2014 Newsletter

### **Hello again,**

Not to repeat myself but here goes! "what a beautiful September", if only the second and third week of August had not happened, north easterly winds and the plants in the garden thought winter had arrived early.

For those of us who missed the coach outings, the one day Chenies Manor trip went down well with the added benefit of visiting the nearby nursery. The five day Cornwall trip kept us on our toes, two or three gardens a day, and expecting rain as was forecast for the week. Well it did rain mostly between journeys to and from, there was plenty of sun, and a glorious time was enjoyed by all. More on these topics under **Results of Hampstead Hort. Soc.**

Once again its **Prize giving time and the Autumn talk at Burgh House on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.**

Our speaker this year is Bill Bossom with **Grand Dad's Garden**, the first 80 years. Bill is travelling from Enfield, He started gardening as an evacuee in 1940 on a Suffolk farm. He has been a horticultural judge and lectured extensively for more than 40 years, and appeared in a film entitled Gardening in Britain.

**All members are welcome at to this event not just prize winners.**

Cups and certificates for the Spring and Autumn show winners will be presented.

Prize giving brings us to the end of another year and your committee is preparing next year's outings. Brief mention under "**Activities to look forward to in 2015**".

**"Flying the Flag"** - as we did at the first Hampstead Heath Grow London Garden Show in June. We believe our efforts have paid off with new members joining.

The Autumn Show at All Saints Church hall, Childs Hill, on 13<sup>th</sup> Septembert was enjoyed by all attending. The plant sale was good and I hope you saw our write up and photos in the Camden NewJournal. We had an interesting talk on Allotments, See under **Results of Hampstead Hort. Soc.**

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**Last year's winners: please polish and return all cups and trophies to Margaret Scanlon by the 20<sup>th</sup> October. Margaret's Tel: 020 8452 3143 to organise collection or delivery dates/times etc.**

### **Directions to Burgh House**

Burgh House is within easy reach of Hampstead tube station and the 210, 268 and 46 bus routes. Leave the 210 at Whitestone Pond, walk down Heath Street, turn left into New End and Burgh House is on the left of New End Square. From Hampstead tube station walk down the High Street, turn left along Flask Walk and you will find Burgh House at the end, on your left. Leave the 268 or 46 outside Waterstone's book shop in the High Street and take the Flask Walk route. Tea should be available downstairs in the delightful Buttery after the lecture.



## RESULTS OF HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

### HHS GARDEN PARTY on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

There was a big turn out for our yearly Garden Party at Gerlinde Kathuria's house, We were spoilt for choice with the platters of savouries and treats, her garden was as usual blooming, both those grown in the ground and the many pots in between. I am trying this trick of placing a flowering pot plant where I have a blank spot. Thanks Gerlinde for your constant support of Hampstead Horticultural Society.

### What did we miss? Carol Bateman's quiz.

**Carol please come with your quiz next year.**

### HHS Autumn Show on Saturday 21 September

at All Saints Church hall, Church Walk, Childs Hill

#### Horticultural classes

Show Secretary Kalyani Pal

Judge: Pat Fox-Matthews

Choice for best in all classes - Anne Rowe

**Class 1 Dahlias** (Ackworth Vase)

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bunn 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Berridge

**Class 2 Fuchsias** (William Shaw Cup)

1<sup>st</sup> Gerlinde Kathuria 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Berridge 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kalyani Pal

**Class 3 Annual flowers** (Edward Theed Tankard)

1<sup>st</sup> Gerlinde Kathuria

**Class 4 Rose** (Gainsborough-Murphy Cup)

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scanlon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Bunn 3<sup>rd</sup> Gerlinde

Kathuria /Anne Rowe

**Class 5 Roses** (Arthur Corke Rose Bowl)

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bunn

**Class 6 Pot plant(s), flowering** (A.M. Gear Cup)

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bunn 2<sup>nd</sup> Kalyani Pal

**Class 7 Pot plant(s) foliage** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Susie Ray 3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Bunn / Gerlinde Kathuria

**Class 8 Pot plant(s), grown indoors from seed or cutting** (LGS Bronze Medal)

1<sup>st</sup> Kalyani Pal 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Berridge 3<sup>rd</sup> Gerlinde Kathuria

### The Autumn Show continued with as usual the plant sale, raffle, socialising, tea & cake and a very interesting talk by Richard Wiltshire.

Our novel idea to have a talk at the shows was repeated when Richard Wiltshire came from Dartford to give us a talk on The Future for Allotments. He battled through on public transport, even with the Northern Line once again out of services for the weekend. He has been involved in the administration of allotments and is co-author of the local government association's good practice guide for allotments site management and author of articles on the political ecology of allotment gardens.

Allotment gardens can be traced to the Norman Conquest when the peasants' land was taken and they were allocated small strips to cultivate. Camden was exempted from the obligation to allocate allotments in 1963, although they still do so, as do most local authorities. They would probably have a fight on their hands if they tried to take them back these days.

**Class 9 Perennial flowers** (Certificate)

1<sup>st</sup> Gerlinde Kathuria 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Bunn

**Class 11 Foliage** (Certificate)

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bunn / Gerlinde Kathuria

#### Fruit and Vegetable Section

**Class 12 Fruit** (Howard L. Jacob Cup)

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Rowe 2<sup>nd</sup> Susie Ray

**Class 13 Soft fruit or grapes** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bunn 2<sup>nd</sup> Susie Ray

**Class 14 Tomatoes outdoor** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Bunn 2<sup>nd</sup> Susie Ray 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Rowe

**Class 15 Tomatoes indoor** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Susie Ray

**Class 16 Runner beans** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Susie Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> Frances Radford

3<sup>rd</sup> Sir Patrick Garland

**Class 17 Vegetables** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Susie Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosie Hunt 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Rowe

**Class 18 Herbs** (Diploma in Horticulture)

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scanlon 2<sup>nd</sup> Kalyani Pal

#### Floral Art Section

**Class 23 A petite arrangement** (E.Buckley Sharp Cup)

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scanlon

**Class 24 A Japanese style arrangement**

(eg Ikebana) (Aline Coker Bowl)

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scanlon

**Class 25 'Sea Breeze'** (Stocker Cup)

**An interpretive arrangement**

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scanlon

#### Domestic Classes

**Class 26 A jar of home made jam or jelly** (Rosette)

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scanlon 2<sup>nd</sup> Susie Ray

**Class 27 A jar of home made chutney** (Rosette)

1<sup>st</sup> Susie Ray

**Class 28 A Summer fruit cake** (Rosette)

1<sup>st</sup> Frances Radford

**Class 29 A Summer salad treat** (Rosette)

1<sup>st</sup> Frances Radford

Anne Rowe

## Coach trips to Chenies Manor and Cornwall

**Chenies Manor is within the M25 in the estate village of Chenies and a half hour walk from the Metropolitan line underground station of Chalfont & Latimer. Green fields and woods reminded us of what London once looked like before brick and concrete took over.**

An interesting Tudor manor house was open to view. Pretty pastel colour gardens until the dahlias bloom with their gaudy bright amid pastel shades, sectioned to lawn and borders to the back, large borders to one side of the house, orchard and maze cut on lawn to the other side with the vegetable plot to the back. Between the vegetables were flowering herbs and dahlias. Perhaps the idea of flowers between the veg. attracts the bugs and of course pollinators. My own fascination was the chimneys' beautiful individual designs.

### **OUR CORNWALL BREAK**

**Every garden lover has heard about the gardens of Cornwall.** There are three hundred year old and three year old gardens to view. Fifteen of us travelled in a small comfortable coach making good time and being entertained by our tour guide Michael Gill. We had to stop to collect a member at Newquay railway station which almost wrecked our

### **HHS Members Forum Section**

The plug plant competition information in the Handbook and certificate given to us by Clifton Nursery was contradictory and confusing - my mistake. We will attempt again to bring the plants to our Spring Show, more in the January Newsletter.

We have an idea which you our members I hope will agree with? Competing with neighbour societies at our Spring & Autumn Shows?

Would members please offer HHS unwanted gifts for the raffle, the raffle is fun and helps our fund.

**Subscriptions for 2015 are due on January 1<sup>st</sup>.** Members who have not paid for 2014 are welcome to pay their subscription at the Prize giving at Burgh House on 2nd November, or by post to Mrs Margaret Scanlon, 17 Sanderstead Avenue, NW2 1SE, signing the form. If paying by post remember to enclose a S.A.E. for your new membership card. The subscription is: £8.00 or £7.00 for pensioners and those under 16. **Please complete Sub. Form it helps Margaret & Moira to keep correct data.**

If you have internet access, why not consider getting your HHS Newsletters via the email.

### **Activities of interest in local area**

#### **Royal Horticultural Harvest Festival Show (RHS)**

Behind the Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Lindley & Lawrence Hall, Westminster, SW1.

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Oct from 10am to 6pm. Harvest Late to 9pm. Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct from 10am to 5pm.

RHS members free with a guest or £8.00 at door, or pre book £5.00 (includes entry to Shades of Autumn Show).

#### **RHS London Shades of Autumn Show**

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Oct from 10am to 7pm. Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct from 10am to 5pm

RHS members free with a guest or £8.00 at door or pre book £5.00.

#### **RHS Secret Garden Christmas Special Lindley Hall**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am to 8pm – members free, non members £5.00.

### **HHS Activities to look forward to in 2015**

#### **DAY AND LONG WEEKEND COACH TRIPS**

**Gardens of Herefordshire & Worcestershire 7-10 May** to include a full day at the Malvern flower show and to include some or all of the following gardens: Laskett, the garden of Roy Strong, Long Meadow, the garden of Monty Don, Hampton Court gardens Leominster, Westonbury Mill Water Gardens, Stone House Cottage Gardens. The itinerary is still being planned and is subject to change. We will probably stay in either Hereford or Worcester. Our favourite tour guide Michael Gill will again accompany us.

The day trip could possibly be in the Oxfordshire area with a good choice of gardens and possibly visit another HHS member, Margaret Broadbent.

day, to our astonishment to the left of the coach was a Ton Up mobility driver trying to overtake us. Pleased to say he was well known by the Police and the ambulance service, allowing us to get on our way after the formalities. En route we visited

**Hestercombe house and garden** (Gertrude Jekyll & Edwin Lutyens' masterpieces). Our coach driver made good catch up time to our hotel, giving us time to freshen up, take a quick look at our very large comfortable en-suite room, and go down to dinner. The following day Thursday after a grand breakfast we drove to **Pinsla garden, Pencarrow** and just a short drive away to **Ken-caro** when it poured, soon after arriving it stopped. Next day's gardens were **Trebah, Lamorran House and Poppy Cottage.**

Saturday was **Tregehren and Marsh Villa**, then time to shop or stroll along Padstow's Quay and beach. Sunday was **Trebartha gardens and Lemarre**, Moira Latham's home and garden. Moira is HHS data clerk keeping us in touch on the internet with what's on at HHS. The weather forecast was thunderstorms all week, we had a few, but always managed to be in the coach between gardens. Most of us bought plants from mainly the small gardens. I could fill these pages writing about the gardens, they were all special, with their own personality, and each year depending on the weather they will look different.

