

HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2014

Hello again

For this year and we hope for many more to come we have a **New Yearly Handbook** for you. The Booklet will have information on the Committee members, Hampstead Horticultural Rules, Show Schedules, Programme of events, garden nurseries and the forms for annual subscriptions and Show entry in the middle page. This handy Booklet we hope you will treasure. *You will still receive your quarterly Newsletter, minus the above.*

At our **3rd November 2013 Prize Giving** Rosie Hunt our Chair person had the honor of introducing our new **PRESIDENT Sir Patrick Garland**. He has for many years donated plants at our plants sales and we thank him for accepting the role and look forward to him giving us his secret for growing such magnificent specimens.

Hilda Gill, our vice president and a member for over 50 years, happily obliged us with presenting the 2013 Spring and Autumn Show Prizes. It was good to see almost every chair filled, and we look forward to seeing you all again at the **AGM ON 23RD March 2014 at Burgh House from 2.30 pm to 4.30pm.**

The talk will be on Thyme by Margaret Easter.

She is the holder of the National Collection for Thyme at her home in Harpenden. She runs **LW Plants** as a back garden nursery and holds open days for charity during the year.

She has been growing and researching this aromatic herb for 20 years and her thymus collection was awarded Scientific Status in 2004. Her many years of research have resulted in name changes for cultivars and she published *The Big Book of Thyme* in 2009. She has around 250 examples of species from the UK and Europe and is one of the world's leading authorities on thymus species. Her research has resulted in the renaming of many of the cultivars. She

also holds smaller National Collections of Savoury and Hyssop.

Organised by Anne Rowe
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Anne invites members to send her names of possible future speakers to invite

Talk at Burgh House 3rd November 2013

Mr Francis Quesada-Pallares talked about orchid species and the old faithful *Phalaenopsis* grown by himself in his small two bedroom flat. He took up an interest in orchids in 2002 and it has really got a hold on him.

Francis uses his coffee table, a lit up four shelf unit, an aquarium and of course the window sills, south eastern facing.

Contrary to the usual advice, all his plants sit in their own saucer-like containers and he waters them with tap water. He leaves the pots to become almost dry before watering again, unless they are in the aquarium, which are the *plurothalis* family which prefer more humidity.

Francis very kindly sent me a write-up which will be in the next addition of the Newsletter. There were many questions flying and I had the warm feeling that everyone really enjoyed his talk and friendship.

2014 coach trips

Your Chair Rosie Hunt has been busy organizing day and long week-end coach trips alongside keeping order on us her committee, and we **NEED YOU** with ideas of what you would like from your HHS - or better still become a committee member or volunteer.

Mary Betts Editor
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HHS members forum section

June Brett is down sizing and has a collection of flower pots and pot trays to dispose of. Give June a call if you are interested before 3rd February to check on available items. Tel: 020 7435 6137 (Or try after 15th March)

Gardeners Question Time (Not BBC) at Burgh House on 26th March – arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Fantastic panel of garden experts – Tickets £12 or £10 for Friends of Burgh House, 020 7431 0144.

Mike Jackson retires

Our Autumn Show speaker Mike Jackson has just retired from the Camden Garden Centre after 17 years of service. At last year's Autumn Show he gave a memorable talk on preparing for winter and general garden cultivation. He will be missed for his gardening advice to customers.

Will members with NGS Open Gardens this year please notify Mary Betts URGENTLY gladyswood1@talktalk.net

Member's NGS Open Garden

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| 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 “ |

Did you Know

That worms are attracted to your Garden/Allotment when there is plenty of humus. You don't find them, they find you.

Any hints to help new gardeners, places you want to visit and what you would like to see in your Newsletter. Email Mary gladyswood1@talktalk.net or Tel. 020 7625 9726

Deadline for the April Newsletter is 20th March

Members are invited to take part in our plug/bedding plant competition

See Handbook and last page of this Newsletter for details.

Saturday Spring Show Saturday 12th April to be held at All Saints Church Hall, Church Walk, NW2 2TJ. See information in New Handbook and change of times.

Staging of exhibits 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Judging from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm

Open to visitors from 2pm to 4.30pm

No entrance charge for members, 50p non members

Raffle ticket 50p and 5 for £2.00 –

If you cannot wait until 4 pm for the draw please offer ticket to a friend.

We are now well established at All Saints cosy hall for our Spring and Autumn Shows, it is easy to reach by bus and there is easy parking. You can reach the Church Hall via Cricklewood Lane or Finchley Road (between Lyndale Avenue, Finchley Road and Cricklewood Lane). **Buses:** Finchley Rd. Child Hill area – 13/82 – 328 – 245/460 – 260 For more information please check your Yearly Booklet or contact the Show Secretary: Mary Betts 020 7625 9726. gladyswood1@talktalk.net

For those of you who missed the Prize Giving

The main prize winners were: Rosa Bacharach for floral arrangements; Carole Bateman for floral art, Virginia Berridge for plot plants and fuchsias; Mary Betts for Easter baking, pot plants and tomatoes; Elizabeth Bristow for shrubs and flowers in spring; Margaret Hilton for photography; Rosie Hunt for runner beans; Gerlinde Kathuria for herbs, autumn shrubs and flowers and Best in Autumn Horticultural Classes; Carol Klemera for flowers and shrubs at the Spring Show; Tina McKay for Spring plants; Kalyani Pal for best in Spring horticultural classes; Frances Radford for floral and domestic classes in Spring and Autumn shows; Anne Rowe for Autumn pot plant and tomatoes; Dr L Russell for narcissi and camellia; Margaret Scanlon for flowers, floral arrangements, domestic classes and Best in Spring Floral Art classes, Laura Singleton for Spring and Autumn shrubs; Elsie and Sidney Singleton for children's Easter eggs; Audrey Stocker for Spring flowers; Pauline Swindell for Camellia and tomatoes; Griselda Vrolyk for Spring flowers and Easter sponge.

Gerlinde Kathuria won the Banksian Medal for most points for horticulture in both shows. Margaret Scanlon retained the Dobbs Seat and Cyril Gill picture for most points in shows excluding Domestic classes.

2014 COACH TRIPS

**Contact Rosie Hunt for information: rosiehunt@blueyonder.co.uk Tel. 020 7586 4979
or send SAE to Rosie Hunt, 56E King Henry's Road, London, NW3 3RP.**

Coach Trip to Chenies Manor, Bucks. Wednesday, 7th May 2014 £35 per person

Morning visit to the Van Hague Garden Centre at Chenies where we can explore the nursery, buy plants and have a light lunch (not included) before our afternoon visit to Chenies Manor, a fine old Tudor house, visited by Henry V111 and Elizabeth 1. Chenies Manor is surrounded by enchanting gardens and famed for the spring display of tulips.

Entrance to the house and gardens is included, but afternoon tea is not included.

Coach Trip to Loseley House & Gardens – 11th June 2014

Further information and reminders of walks and visits in March newsletter.

Coach Trip to Private Gardens of Cornwall 2-6 July 2014 £535 per person (single room supplement £100)

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, Pinsla, 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 of £535 per person (single room supplement £100):

- * 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

Other Local Interests

Saturday 3rd May 2014 10.30am - 3.30pm : London Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair is being held at St Michael's School, North Road, Highgate N6 4AY. The school is on the same side just past the petrol station.

London Plant Heritage www.nccpg.com Entry fee £2.50

2014 London NGS Gardens Books will be at the Spring Show

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

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| 21 - 22 Feb | RHS Flower Show. Theme: Plants & Design. First day 10am – 7 pm. Second day 10 am – 5 pm |
| 01 – 02 Apr | RHS Great London Plant Fair (late Spring Fair) |
| 11 – 12 Apr | RHS London Orchid Show and Botanic Art show, both days 10 am – 5 pm RHS members £5.00 non members £8.00 10 April Exclusive Preview Evening |
| 27 April | RHS London Alpine Garden Show |
| 20 – 24 Apr | RHS Chelsea Flower Show |
| 11 – 15 June | BBC Gardeners World Live |
| 08 – 13 Jul | RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 07 July Preview Evening |



Camden Garden Centre
Owned by Camden Garden Centre Charitable Trust
Providing employment opportunity through training

UK Urban Garden Centre of the Year 2012/13
UK Garden Centre of the Year 2002/3

Camden Garden Centre - the UK Urban Garden Centre of The Year winner has its own car park in Barker Drive, just off St Pancras Way, which is very easy to get to from all points in Islington. The 274 bus stops at the corner of Agar Grove/St Pancras Way and the Overground Station Camden Road is just five minutes walk. Masses of plants, containers, compost and everything that London gardeners need.

The Garden Centre not only provides quality plants and gardening products, a 10% save as you buy reward card scheme and special offers throughout the year, but is owned by a charity – Camden Garden Centre Charitable Trust - helping disadvantaged people back into work through its training, employment and education scheme.

Camden Garden Centre
2 Barker Drive
St Pancras Way
London NW1 0JW

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Full details about the centre, its charitable work, and latest special offers can be seen at
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DESIGN • PRINT STRATEGY • COMMUNICATION

Members are invited to take part in our plug/bedding plant competition

We are pleased to announce that Clifton Nursery is to sponsor us in the above competition.

The idea is to grow one or more pot plants and bring your beautifully grown specimen to the 14th June Plant Sale at St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, NW8.

We will receive a voucher each and invitation to collect our plant or plants at our convenience from Clifton Nursery. Address below.

The vouchers will be available with the April Newsletter.

The pots should not be more than 6"/17cm.

Judging will be by Wendy Bowen, whom we must thank for organizing the team work with HHS and is looking forward to meeting us all.

We hope that members will get a lot of fun and perhaps next year we can try small hanging baskets?



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Marketing & Business Development Manager

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