

Hampstead Horticultural Society



Newsletter October 2012

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Here we are again nearly the end of another gardening year, except for the tough and strong minded!

At this time of year we look forward to the **Prize giving and Autumn Lecture at Burgh House, Sunday 4 November 2012**. Our prize giving will be at 2.30 pm by **the mayor Cllr. Heather Johnson**, when cups and certificates for the Spring and Autumn Show winners will be presented.

After the prize giving ceremony there will be an illustrated talk by **Philippa O'Brien on gardening for bees and wildlife**.

Following the editor's notes is a brief write up about Philippa by Anne Rowe.

I am happy to say the Autumn Show was well attended by people from Gospel Oak, eager to buy the plants for sale, especially perennials, and enjoy the colourful display set out.

19 CLASSES (Horticultural): Flowers, Foliage, Vegetables, Fruits, judged by Julia Lloyd.

7 CLASSES (Domestic): Jams, Chutneys, Cakes and Samosas, judged by George Fraser.

6 CLASSES (Floral art): Miniature, Japanese and Interpretive judged by Maureen Sinclair.

Best in their classes were Ros Osmond and Margaret Scanlon.

It always amazes me how from so few taking part the tables get filled with wonderful colour and design and we have the Plant Sale and Tea & Cakes.

We would like to see more of the Hampstead Horticultural Society members supporting their club. Our Fairs, Shows and Garden Plant Sales are how we build up our funds to pay for the venues we use, and I regret to say that over the last two years numbers have fallen.

Hampstead Horticultural Society is a wonderful opportunity for everyone interested in plants, and floral displays be it in window boxes, balconies, gardens or vase.

There are opportunities to join in activities such as long week-ends and day coach trips. Interesting illustrated talks twice yearly, and coming up next, we have a London garden walk, an invitation for members to attend a communal garden and make suggestions on design and planting, this will include tea and cakes.

The **Floriade trip to Venlo, Netherlands** was excellent, which included four gardens: private garden of Landscape architect Dina Deferne, private garden of garden designer Piet Oudulf's, country house garden of De Wiersse, and gardens of Appletern.

There is never enough time to get round the venues, and we could not have asked for better weather no cardis or rain coat required. A marvellous time was had by all thanks to Ann Jones, ever vigilant, and Brightwater's guide and coach driver. We could not have asked for better, in fact we have asked to book Mike again for next year's trip to Gardens of the Loire Valley. (See under **TRIPS BY COACH OR RAIL**.)

Editor Mary Betts email gladyswood1@talktalk.net

Our Autumn Lecture:

Philippa O'Brien has a degree in horticulture and is a registered member of the Society of Garden Designers. She runs a garden design and consultancy business and has designed gardens in Britain and Europe ranging from tiny front gardens to plots of over 100 acres.

She has nine medals from Chelsea Flower show and has also won awards at Hampton Court, Zurich, Geneva and in Austria. She has lectured in garden design for the last 20 years.

Philippa is a beekeeper with five colonies at present and takes much pleasure in introducing bee-

friendly plants to gardens where ever possible. The recent developments in meadows are of such interest that she volunteered for the Olympics to make sure she could see the landscaping.

Anne Rowe, Bookings Secretary

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 Buttery after the lecture.

HHS Members Forum Section

Meetup your Expectations

MEMBERS who use email should join the Meetup website, if they have not already done so, the Chairman Ken Ellis told the newsletter.

Meetup makes a useful companion to the main website, the Hampstead Horticultural Society, provided by Yola.com, Ken Ellis said. A Member on email who joins Meetup would benefit from the fast communication with all other Members who have joined the mass communication website. It encourages people as a first step to join us, even if they have not had any contact with the Society or come to an event. Existing Society Members of course could also join Meetup. Meetup can automatically sends messages to all Members at once, including reminders of events just before they take place.

Ken's instructions to join Meetup:-

1. **Search online for Meetup.com**
2. **Click on the Find button**
3. **Immediately below the heading 'Kinds of Meetups' type in the tiny search box 'Hampstead Horticultural'. On your keyboard press the Enter key. Click on our photograph or heading.**
4. **On our Hampstead Horticultural Society screen that appears click the 'Join Us' button at the top right of the screen.**
5. **Put your details in the boxes that appear. For privacy's sake, use only your first name and provide only the information that you wish to. You will note that many members have not answered most of the questions about their gardening preferences and so on.**
6. **Please note that the method of joining will vary according to what appears on your individual screen. Procedure seems to differ from time to time and from search to search.**
7. **If to find us on Meetup you need to provide more than the name of our Society, you will probably be required to type in the location. In that case, add 'London NW3'.**
8. **There is a tiny Help button on the top right corner of the screen.**

Ken Ellis, Chairman HHS

Invitation to Members Garden

Chris Hall a new member joined HHS after the Floriade trip and has opened dialogue with us to invite HHS members to help him design and give him ideas on plants for his communal garden.

Watch this space for dates to attend in the January issue.

FREE EVENT: - RELAXING WITH HERBS

You are invited to join medical herbalist Ann Jones to discover how herbs can help you unwind and tap into your inner stillness.

We will explore a variety of herbs with calming and relaxing properties that can naturally restore balance and help to sooth tension and stress. Our exploration will include tasting herbal teas and tinctures as well as discussion of their traditional and modern uses.

WHERE: THE PEACE GARDEN
SOUTH HILL PARK, NW3
(adjacent Hampstead Heath overground)

WHEN: Sat Oct 6th **TIME:** 2:30 – 3:30

TO BOOK: botannics@yahoo.co.uk

SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

Who went to the RHS Spring Show at Vincent Square, Victoria London SW1 in March 2012

I arrived at the RHS building Lindley Hall early afternoon, and not being a regular visitor offered to pay by debit card. Horror of horror I was directed to find a hole in the wall, **only cash accepted**. I returned 45 minutes later and bought my ticket at the Lawrence Hall behind the Vincent Hall building. **Lesson learnt.**

On entering there was a display of rock plants, alpines planted in all sorts of containers little and large. The old sinks, large broken flower pot, boots, very nice but not very bright. To my left along the wall camellias, a magnificent display of reds pinks whites, tiny clusters of nearly white florets. I asked is this the tea plant - no it was not, but very similar. Next I turned right towards bright spring colours of yellow daffodils of all sizes, early miniature Tete a Tete hardy enough to take over the woodland area. And narcissi, with double and triple petals, the trumpet lost. Can someone tell me is it the trumpet or the petals that are trebled? There were stands with pink cyclamen, snow drops tiny ones and longer stems with many pearl drops hanging off.

To the front of the hall the Hellebores with the darkest reds and bright yellow and green, all the shades of pink. The yellow is a must have. For me the hellebores took centre stage, one of my favourite spring flowers.

There was a steady flow of over sixties, not surprising being a Wednesday, just the occasional youngster, quite the opposite in the design section in the Vincent Hall side.

Over the antenna came an invite to hear a talk by Lady Christine Skemerdale from Somerset on the

Shaded Woodland Garden, planting for Autumn to Spring, just right for me I have a small shaded garden with a large silver birch. The talk was on her newly acquired garden with deciduous woodland area needing attention; she skimmed and cleared the area, composted the leaves, laid compost under the trees to give the plants a head start. She had a table covered with a black plastic sheet and as she described the plants suitable she placed them on the table. She explained her joy to see the spring flowers coming out of hibernation.

First were Snowdrops, Aconites, Autumn Cyclamen, wild primroses which will seed themselves and white primrose from Greece, little clustered flowers that keep flowering to May, these need dividing in December. Hellebores which I learnt originate from Turkey, H. Orientale's, CyCoo from Vigor, Balkan species which is used in hybridizing for colour, Celandine red, and Brazen Hussie. Not to forget Wild Anemones, and blue Hantire very small flower, throw broadcast then compost over. Crocus which will seed, Dwarf Iris Reticulata from Iran & Turkey and the most delicate Cila Mischenko ana wella ana like a miniature white hyacinth.

Christine recommends when flowering has finished cover over with wood chippings until September when Autumn Cyclamen Headra Folium will appear.

Now you will say next spring do we remove the leaves & wood chipping OR! Me - I'd leave well alone? What about you? Mary B.

Subscriptions for 2013 due January 1st

You are welcome to pay your subscription for next year at the Burgh House meeting on 4th November, or by post to Mrs H. Gill, 11 Briardale Gardens, London NW3 7PN, using the form at the end of this Newsletter. If paying by post remember to enclose a S.A.E. for your new membership card. The subscription is: £7.00 or £6.00 for pensioners and those under 16.

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

We are looking forward to Chris Hall write up on the Floriade trip next January's Newsletter, due to the editors decision to close the positions for October 2012 Newsletter and send for printing.

Form for subscription and to attend Shows, Gardens, and Parties etc. on last page of Newsletter

HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Plant Sale at Margaret Scanlon's garden 12 May 2012



Garden Party at Gerlinde Kathuria

Hampstead Horticultural Society's yearly get together at Gerlinde Kathuria's beautiful home and garden was well attended, and the rain did not let us down, why stop for HHS. Just to remind you. There's spots of rain on the camera lens.



Prizegiving awards

At our prizegiving ceremony cups and awards are presented to winners of the Shows and Garden competitions. In addition to cups and other prizes, the Society has a number of special awards in particular categories. These are:

The Dobbs Seat:

Awarded to the member gaining the highest number of marks in Shows, (excluding Domestic classes) throughout the year.

The Camden Garden Centre Cup:

For the highest marks in the two garden competitions combined.

The Cyril Gill Picture:

Awarded to the person gaining the most marks in the Horticultural and Floral Art categories at the Spring and Autumn Shows

The Banksian Medal:

The prestigious Banksian Medal is awarded by the RHS for the highest marks in horticulture classes in Affiliated Society shows.

Spring Show Pictures from the Camden Journal and Ham & High 2012

16 H&H Series, Thursday April 19, 2012

Horticultural Shows: Pictures by Nigel Sutton and Dieter Perry

Area of spring flowers is very appealing

Hampstead Horticultural Society members present their annual spring show

Fresh roots keep society in full bloom

Heidi Corst and volunteer Suzan Betts

Margaret Scanlon with her best floral exhibit

Autumn Show 1st. September 2012

Horticultural society in appeal for new members as they celebrate

So, there is some growth in Britain!

Dr Kalyani Pal was among the winners as she collected the William Shaw Cup for her fuchsias

Hampstead show winners (From left) Mary Betts, Tina McKay, Arne Rown, Margaret Scanlon, Kalyani Pal, Carol Klemeris and Gerlinde Katharina

The photographs are so much nicer when you look at them on our website

**Photographs from trip to Netherland
Friday 7th -10th September 2012**

First garden Friday afternoon all set to go

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/87173056@N08/sets/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55839552@N06/>





TRIPS BY TRAIN OR COACH 2013

Gardens of the Loire Valley, June 21st – 24th 2013 4days 3nights Preliminary Notification £450 - £ 525.00 depending on number of travellers

Next year's garden visiting week-end will be to the Loire valley in France. Often called the 'Garden of France' the Loire valley is famous for not only gardens but also vineyards' and chateaux. Our trip will include a visit to the garden festival at Chaumont and a vineyard.

Register your interest with Ann & she will update you as soon as the details are finalised
For further information contact Ann Jones, gardann@yahoo.co.uk

DAY TRIPS

Look out for January Newsletter for the day trips organised by Rosemary Hunt, we missed out this year due to lack of interest or folk booked up on other escapades, may be Rosemary will go for Copped Hall and Beth Chatto's Garden again, she is also on the look out for other interesting places to go.

For further information contact Rosemary Hunt rosichunt@blueyonder.co.uk

As taken from the Spring Newsletter
Copped Hall Gardens, Epping, and Beth Chatto's Garden near Colchester, Essex. Approx. £28/£30per person ?

Date for the garden walk in the January issue

I am looking at the possibilities of visiting the Fulham Palace walled gardens

The Physic garden Chelsea

Holland Park Japanese garden

Kensington Palace

And the roof garden Kensington

Not all at the same time, I need to do a trial run, test the route and time, the best month and what is growing?

Form for subscription and to attend Shows, Gardens, and Parties etc. on last page of Newsletter

Hampstead Horticultural Autumn Show 1st Sept 2012 Results 2012

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | Highly Commended |
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| Horticultural classes | | | | |
| Judge: Julie Floyd | | Best in class: Ros Osmond | | |
| C Class 1 Dahlias (Ackworth Vase) | <i>Carol Klemera</i> | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | | |
| Class 2 Fuchsias (William shaw Cup) | <i>Kalyani Pal</i> | <i>Gerlinde Kathuria</i> | <i>Mary Betts</i> | |
| Class 3 Annual flowers (Edward Theed Tankard) | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | |
| Class 4 Rose (Gainsborough-Murphy Cup) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | <i>Mary Barnes</i> | | |
| Class 5 Roses (Arthur Corke Rose Bowl) | | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | |
| Class 6 Pot plant(s), flowering (A.M. Gear Cup) | | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | <i>Kalyani Pal</i> | |
| Class 7 Pot plant(s) foliage (Diploma in Horticulture) | <i>Mary Betts</i> | <i>Tina McKay</i> | <i>Anne Rowe</i> | |
| Class 8 Pot plant(s), grown indoors from seed or cutting (LGS Bronze Medal) | <i>Tina Mckay</i> | <i>Kalyani Pal</i> | | |
| Class 9 Perennial flowers (Certificate) | <i>Gerlinde Kathuria</i> | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | |
| Class 10 Garden shrubs in flower (Sadler) | <i>Gerlinde Kathuria</i> | | | |
| Class 11 Foliage (£3 prize) | | | | |
| Fruit and Vegetable Section | | | | |
| Class 12 Fruit (Howard L. Jacob Cup) | <i>Anne Rowe</i> | | | |
| Class 13 Soft fruit or grapes (£3 prize) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | | |
| Class 14 Tomatoes (£3 prize) | <i>Mary Barnes</i> | | | |
| Class 15 Tomatoes (£3 prize) | | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | | |
| Class 16 Runner beans (Diploma in Horticulture) | | | | |
| Class 17 Vegetables (£3 prize) | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | | | |
| Class 18 Herbs (Diploma in Horticulture) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | <i>Kalyani Pal</i> | | |
| Class 19 "A walk through my garden" (£3 prize) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | <i>Mary Betts</i> | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | |
| Floral Art Section | | | | |
| Judge: Maureen Sinclair | | Best in class: Margaret Scanlon | | |

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| Class 20 A miniature arrangement (Cannon Trophy) | <i>Carol Klemera</i> | | | |
| Class 21 A petite arrangement (E.Buckley Sharp Cup) | <i>Carol Bateman</i> | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | |
| Class 22 A Japanese style arrangement* (eg Ikebana) (Aline Coker Bowl) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | | |
| Class 23 'Last of Summer' An interpretive arrangement. (Stocker Cup) | <i>Ros Osmond</i> | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | |
| Domestic Classes | | | | |
| Judge: George Fraser | | Best in class: Margaret Scanlon | | |
| Class 25 A jar of home made jam or jelly* (Rosette) Jar size 350 – 500g | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | | |
| Class 26 A jar of home made chutney (Rosette) | <i>Carol Bateman</i> | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | |
| Class 27 An open apple tart (Rosette) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | | |
| Class 28 A Victoria sponge (Rosette) | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | <i>Carol Bateman</i> | | |
| Class 29 Samosas | <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> | | | |

DISCOUNTED GARDEN SUPPLIES with your membership card

At the following:

The Garden Centre at Alexandra Palace, N22. 0208444 2555
The Boma Garden Centre, Islip Street, NW5. 0207284 4999
Clifton Nursery, 5A Clifton Villas, W9. 0207289 6851
Finchley Nurseries, Burton Hole Lane, Mill Hill, NW7. 0208959 2124
Highgate Garden Centre, Townsend Yard, Highgate High Street, N6. 0208340 1041
Greenhouse Garden Centre, Birchen Grove, Kingsbury, NW9 BRY 0208905 0189
(Camden Garden Centre, Barker Drive, off St. Pancreas Way NW1 OJW. 7387 7080
There is no 10% off as they have their own system with 10% off)

Golders Green Allotment Association on Hendon Way offers potting compost, fertilisers and garden sundries at wholesale prices.
Open: 2.30 - 4pm on Saturday, and 10.30 – 12 on Sunday.
Location: Hendon Way (A41) north, on left hand side after turning to The Vale.

*Discounts vary and are subject to production of your current HHS membership card.
Some exclusions may apply at weekends, goods not applicable to gardening, other companies on site.*

Membership Application

Subscriptions should be renewed on the 1st January each year.
New membership from September 2012 will be inclusive of 2013
Please complete and return the form on the next page (which you can also find on the website Membership page)

Hampstead Horticultural Society: Membership subscription

The annual subscription for 2013 is **£7 / £6** for pensioners & under 16s.
New membership subscriptions starting September - December 2012 will cover all 2013.
Note: a number of members pay for more than one year at a time. You can do this, if it suits you.
Cheques should be made payable to **Hampstead Horticultural Society**.

I enclose a cheque for £ which is my subscription for the year

Title First name

Last name

Street address

..... postcode

Telephone no

Email address

It reduces our overheads, saves volunteers' time, and speeds up communications if members see the newsletter and annual programme on our website - <http://hampsteadhorticulturalsociety.yolasite.com> - rather than receive it through the post. We let members know about updates by sending an email with a link to the website (not by sending a very long email).

If you have given us an email address, can we let you know by email when the next newsletter and annual programme is on the website, and occasionally send you other news by email?
Yes / No

Are you willing to see the newsletter and annual programme on the website, and not receive a printed paper copy through the post? (You can always change your mind later.)
Yes / No

Important! I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for my membership card.
Yes / No

Signed **Date**

Please post your completed slip, with your cheque and stamped, self-addressed envelope, to:

HHS Membership Secretary, 11 Briardale Gardens, Hampstead, London NW3 7PN
(tel 020 7453 4733)

Confidentiality: The personal information you provide on this slip will be used only in connection with Hampstead Horticultural Society membership and the provision of information to you by us. It will be respected as confidential and safeguarded in accordance with data protection legislation and good practice. It will not be passed on to any other organisation.