

URGENT NOTICE – ACT NOW!

Should Hampstead Horticultural Society live or die? It's up to you!

Do you want HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY to continue?

In order to plan and operate each year's programme a committee and officers are essential. We have no officers for 2012 onwards.

If you do want the Society to continue, **nominate yourself** for one or more of the following posts by entering your name and returning this form to:

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tel: [020 8452 3143](tel:02084523143), e-mail: marscan@talktalk.net **by 30th August**

Chairman.....

Chairs meetings and committee meetings, spokesperson for Society

Hon. Secretary.....

Arranges meeting dates and venues and speakers, takes and circulates minutes

Hon. Treasurer

Deals with income and expenditure for the Society

Newsletter editor.....

Not an officer, but works with the Secretary to produce the Newsletters and the annual programme

Database organiser

Works with the membership secretary, keeping the electronic database, producing membership lists as required and address labels for mailings to members.

Other committee tasks include organising coach outings, running the Society website, photocopying and mailing newsletters, assisting the secretary with booking judges etc, acting as secretary for Shows, helping at all events.

If you make no response to this notice we will understand that you are in favour of the Hampstead Horticultural Society winding up the AGM on Sunday 4th March 2012

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Future of Hampstead Horticultural Society

Members will realise that the events in this Newsletter will be our last. We are unable to plan a programme for 2012 because our Officers are retiring and we have no replacements. In the circumstances, the October Newsletter will be the last one I shall produce for the Society, although a notification of the AGM and lecture to be held in March will be circulated in January. It is likely that the October Newsletter will outline the practicalities of winding up the Society and that after the AGM in March 2012 Hampstead Horticultural Society will sadly no longer exist. Current members might wish to join one of the two other local groups, Highgate Horticultural Society or Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society.

Coach Outing, September 17, Saturday Frogmore House, Berkshire and the Savill Garden, Surrey

Pre-booking essential for this visit and Nigel Bee must have your name not later than 3rd September

Frogmore House in the private Home Park at Windsor is renowned for its beautiful landscaped gardens. Queen Charlotte (wife of George III) was very interested in botany and laid out the garden at Frogmore with rare and unusual plants. In 1932 Queen Mary gave Eric Savill permission to develop a garden in Windsor Great Park. The creation of the 35 acre garden was later followed with great interest by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Temperate House is dedicated to her. The beautiful herbaceous borders are particularly good in August and September. The Savill Building has a shop, plant sales and a restaurant.

Departure: Lyndhurst Road (outside the converted church) at 9.15
rear of Waitrose, near Finchley Road Tube Station at 9.25

Cost: £20

To book please complete the form at the end of this newsletter. Queries to Nigel Bee on 7435 8823

Autumn Show - Please note change of date!

The HHS Autumn Show is on **Saturday, 3rd September**, at Gospel Oak Methodist Church, Agincourt Road, NW3 Shows are more fun if you enter one or more classes – give it a try and you might be surprised at your success. Have a look at the Schedule later in this Newsletter. ***The entry form is on page 6***

Wholesale Bulbs

Don't forget to order your wholesale bulbs immediately. These bulbs are very good value and we are grateful to Mrs Gill for continuing to offer this service to members. See page 3 for details. **Closing date for orders 5th August**

Garden Party

Our garden party was again held in Gerlinde Kathuria's beautiful garden in Hamilton Terrace. The garden looked lovelier than ever and we were lucky with the weather. About fifty members and friends came along to enjoy the garden and to have a chat with friends old and new. We are very grateful to Gerlinde and her family for their hospitality and the work they do to make the garden party such a successful occasion. Thanks also to all the committee members who helped to make the evening go smoothly, particularly Margaret Scanlon for the food and Joan Payne for her efficient organisation.

Greenhouse needs a new home

I have a Robinson greenhouse, 6ft by 8ft,(height 7ft at apex) which I wish to part with this autumn. Anyone who would be interested in taking it on please contact Carol Bateman on 020 7485 0178, or e-mail carolbat@blueyonder.co.uk. The deal is that the new owner helps to dismantle the greenhouse and takes it away. Further details and pictures, or viewing, on request.

RHS London Flower Shows, Vincent Square, Westminster

October Tues 4, Wed 5 Autumn Harvest Show
1st day 11 am – 7 pm Members free, public rate £5
2nd day 10am – 5pm Members free, public rate £3

National Gardens Scheme (yellow book) gardens open in and around our area:

July 17 Sun 180 Adelaide Road, NW3 3 – 5 p.m.
66 Muswell Avenue, N10 2 – 6 p.m.
July 24 Sun Linear House, 70 Southwood Lane N6 5DY 2 – 6 p.m.
51 Northway, NW11 6PB 2 – 5.30
86 Willifield Way, NW11 6YJ 2 – 5.30
July 31 Sun 19 Hillfield Park,N10 3QT 2 – 6 p.m.
Aug 7 Sun 180 Adelaide Road, NW3 3 – 5 pm
Gloucester Crescent Group NW1 7EG 2 – 5.30 p.m.
Aug 13 Sat The Holme, Inner Circle, Regents Park MW1, 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.
Aug 14 Sun The Holme, Inner Circle, Regents Park NW1, 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.
Royal College of Physicians Garden, 11 St Andrews Place, NW1 10 – 5 p.m.
Sep 4 Sun 7 Byng Road, EN5 (High Barnet), 2 – 5

Details of many (but not all) NGS gardens open under the 'yellow book' scheme can be found on the NGS website: www.ngs.org.uk

Summer Garden Tour to the Welsh Marches, July 2100

This weekend tour was enjoyed by 37 members and friends, based at the delightful Feathers Hotel in Ludlow. The group visited a variety of interesting gardens over the three days. Particular highlights were the two gardens visited on Saturday, Hergest Croft and Stockton Bury Gardens. At Hergest croft the guide was very interesting about the arboretum, the gardens have one of the finest collections of trees and shrubs in the British isles. Stockton Bury gardens had outstanding planting, all in beautiful lush condition and the group thoroughly enjoyed both the garden and the plant sales in the nursery. On Sunday morning after inspecting the walled vegetable garden at Hanbury Hall, Droitwich, the group were delighted to be able to purchase fresh produce, grown for the restaurant, at knock-down prices. The parterre, seen from the viewing gallery, was planted with vivid geraniums and African marigolds, producing an almost psychedelic effect. In the afternoon Brook Cottage, with its steep hillside garden, was an interesting visit and the owners provided a delicious tea. Many thanks from everyone to Margaret Scanlon for making this trip possible and organising it.

Wholesale Bulbs

Members can buy bulbs through the society at considerably reduced prices.

To order: please complete the order form at the end of the Newsletter and return to Mrs Hilda Gill by **5th August**.
Cheques, made payable to Hilda Gill, must be sent with the order. Please make sure you include your phone number and send your order by 1st class post.

Alliums

	Each
Rosenbachianum – large white, 120cm, May	£1.20
Giganteum – very large, violet, 120cm July	£1.50
Mount Blanc, white, May/June	£1.20

Hyacinths all top size

Gypsy Queen - orange	45p
Ostara – deep blue	43p
Pink Pearl, bright pink, very early	45p

Crocus - species, mixed, February £3.70 per 100
(can order less than 100)

Daffodils/Narcissi all top size

Trumpet mixed, early March	15p
Bravoure – lemon/white, 45cm, mid March	21p
Mount Hood – white, 40cm, early April	15p
Lothario – yellow/orange, 40cm, late April	13p
Verger – white/red, 43cm, early April	13p
Ice King – double, white/orange, 35cm, mid April	13p
Ice Follies – white/yellow, 45cm, late March	13p
Salome – white/pink, 40cm, early April	15p

Tulips

Rembrandt – mixed bicolour, streaky, 50 cm, April/May	17p
Donna Bella – carmine/cream, 20cm, March	18p
Double early mixed, 30 – 40 cm, April	16p
Holland's Glory – scarlet, 60cm, end April	16p
Pink Impression – edge white, 56cm, end April	16p
Blushing Apeldoorn – yellow/red, 56cm, mid April	16p
Queen of Night – maroon, 60cm, mid May	15p
World Expression – white, scarlet base, 60cm, April/May	16p
Angelique – double pink, 40cm	15p
Mixture of lily flowering, May	17p

**SCHEDULE FOR AUTUMN SHOW: Saturday 3rd September 2011
at Gospel Oak Methodist Church Hall, Agincourt Rd, NW3**

Staging exhibits	9.30 – 11.30 am
Judging	12 noon
Open to visitors	2.30 – 4.30pm

Teas available and plants for sale.

General Section

Class 1 Dahlias *3 dahlias, any variety, can be mixed*

Class 2 Fuchsias *3 stems of any varieties*

Class 3 Annual flowers *5 stems of those normally grown as annuals*

Class 4 Rose *1 bloom, any variety*

Class 5 Roses *A vase or bowl of roses, any variety, can be mixed*

Class 6 Pot plant(s), flowering *Names on a card please*

Class 7 Pot plant(s) foliage *Names on a card please*

Class 8 Pot plant(s), grown indoors from seed or cutting

Class 9 Perennial flowers *Up to 5 stems of hardy perennial flowers, each of a different kind. Names on a card.*

Class 10 Garden shrubs in flower *Up to 5 stems, each of a different kind. No berries. Names on a card*

Class 11 Foliage *Up to 3 stems, each of a different variety. Berries allowed. Names on a card*

Fruit and Vegetable Section

Class 12 Fruit *One dish of 4 of any variety and any size, culinary or dessert*

Class 13 Soft fruit or grapes *A bunch of grapes or a plate of soft fruit, with stalks attached
(raspberries without stalks)*

Class 14 Tomatoes *One dish of 4 grown outdoors (calyces attached)*

Class 15 Tomatoes *One dish of 4 grown indoors (calyces attached)*

Class 16 Runner beans *6 pods on a plate*

Class 17 Vegetables *A selection of vegetables from your garden, displayed in a 31x31cm(12x12ins) space*

Class 18 Herbs *A bunch of fresh herbs in a container. Names on a card please*

Class 19 "A walk through my garden" *A trug or basket filled with gleanings from your garden. Could include individual cut flowers, a handful of runner beans, an apple, tomato, sprig of honeysuckle, a few herbs etc. The diversity and quality of plant material is of most importance. Material may be placed on moss or have ends wrapped in foil to conserve moisture. Oasis and jars of water are not permitted.*

Floral Art Section

Alcoves will be provided for class 22 and 23. The alcoves are 81cm high x 55cm wide (32ins x 22ins) at the rear. The sides open to a maximum of 63cm (25ins). Bases are allowed in all classes unless otherwise stated.

NAFAS rules state that the following will lead to disqualification:

- 1) Failure to comply with any specific requirements for a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. in the measurements or the components.
- 2) Inclusion of any fresh plant material that does not have its roots or the cut ends of its stems in water or water retaining material. Air plants, cacti, fruits, grass turf, lichen, moss, succulents and vegetables need not conform to this ruling.
- 3) Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed by a show schedule)

Class 20 A miniature arrangement *Max. 10cm(4") in any direction. No accessories*

Class 21 A modern freestyle arrangement

Class 22 An arrangement in an unusual container *In proportion to the size of the alcove. (see above)*

Class 23 'Autumn Symphony' An interpretive arrangement
In proportion to the size of the alcove (see above). Accessories allowed.

Class 24a Children's class: A miniature beach rock pool, or garden pool (age 5 or under)

Class 24b Children's class: A miniature beach rock pool, or garden pool (age 6 – 12)

Photography Classes

Class 31 Wild life in an urban garden

Class 32 A picture depicting a season – a detail or wider view in a garden

Size of photographs to be between Postcard and up to but no greater than A4.

Photographs will be displayed flat on a table, and may be mounted or not, as the owner prefers.

Judging for these classes is by popular vote.

Domestic Classes

Class 25 A jar of home made jam or jelly* Jar size 350 – 500g

Class 26 A jar of home made chutney

Class 27 Shortbread fingers, 4 on a plate

Class 28 A small brown loaf – 1lb tin

Class 29 Fish pate *an individual dish*

Class 30a Children's class: an edible animal (age 5 or under)

Class 30b Children's class: an edible animal (age 6 – 12)

*Jars should be clean and labelled with date and variety of contents, with jam pot cover. No screw tops

Rules for the Autumn Show

1. All classes are open to members and residents of Camden and neighbouring districts
2. In any class, only one entry per person
3. Entry forms must be with the Show Secretary by 1st September 2011. Late entries will be accepted at the Secretary's discretion, and only if space is still available.
4. All exhibits in Classes 1 to 5 and 9 to 19 must have been grown by the exhibitor. Exhibits in Classes 6, 7 & 8 must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months. Classes 25 to 30 must have been made by the exhibitor. Photographs (classes 31,32 must have been taken by the exhibitor)
5. Exhibits in classes 6 to 8 must not have been shown before at HHS Spring or Autumn Shows.
6. Exhibitors to supply their own containers, dishes, plates etc.
7. All exhibits to be staged between 9.30 am and 11.30 am on the day of the show. At noon the hall will be cleared for judging to begin.
8. An exhibitor who has won first prize in any of classes 1 to 19 for three years in succession eligible only for 'Highly Commended' if his/her exhibit comes first in that class the following year.
9. Any award or prize may be withheld or modified at the discretion of the judges if the exhibits in particular classes are considered unworthy of the award or prize offered.
10. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the decision of the judges will be final
11. All other matters are the responsibility of the Show Secretary.
12. Exhibitors who do not wish to keep their exhibits should inform the Show Secretary so that these items may be sold or donated as appropriate.
13. The Society cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage, but all reasonable care will be taken.

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