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HELLO FROM THE NEWS EDITOR

Summer is in full swing, and my Lincoln garden is looking particularly lush thanks to the many downpours we've had this June. I never used to like wet weather, but as a relatively new gardener I am coming around to the benefits. For starters, all my primulas are all alive and well this year, whereas in contrast, the dry spells of last year caused heavy losses. It still surprises me how variable British weather can be.

This year is the 73rd SRGC Seed Exchange and I am planning to give it a go. The first time I encountered the seed exchange was a few years back when I came up to Scotland for an SRGC event put on for 'youngish' people. We were invited to help ourselves to leftover seed packets, which we did with enthusiasm. I was struck by the wide range of species available, which included some surprising submissions such as the notoriously invasive *Impatiens glandulifera* (Himalayan Balsam)!

My approach was to select several envelopes of seeds at random. Most of the genera I knew, but what was this *Tragopogon pratensis* I picked up? No doubt some choice exotic I thought. It wasn't until I got home and looked it up that I discovered it was Goat's Beard, a common dandelion-like species. I didn't have any success with my *Tragopogon pratensis*, but the *Cyclamen mirabile* and *Codonopsis clematidea* I chose that year are doing well.

There is more to being a seed donor to the exchange than pure altruism, as Ian and Carole Bainbridge explain in this edition of *Dryas*. Donors get priority when choosing seed, which can help you secure more highly sought species. Carole also gives some tips to help identify if *Celmisia* seed are viable – pointers which to a certain extent apply to other species. So - time to start saving seed (but preferably not Himalayan Balsam!).

News Editor

Ed Shaw

YEAR BOOK ADDENDA

The following entries should have been in your *Year Book* for 2019:

Office bearers on Council

Past President

David Rankin, 16 Kevock Road, Lasswade EH18 1HT 0131 663 2089

Committees

Finance - Peggy Anderson is a member of this committee.

Groups

North Cumbria is now Janet Fielden, 36 Boroughgate, Appleby CA16 6XG 017683 52604 janetf36@yahoo.co.uk

Apologies to David, Peggy and Janet for their omission.

GOLD AT GARDENING SCOTLAND

As in previous recent years the Club's involvement started on the Monday when Rob Graham collected our blue wooden boxes and other materials, which Billy Carruthers of Binny Plants accommodates for us at his nursery in West Lothian. We soon put it together. On Tuesday Ian Christie arrived with a large carload of *Meconopsis*, trilliums, orchids and anemones. A collection of dwarf conifers from Stan de Prato was set up on one side of our main stand. Later that day Liz Mills brought a crate of small alpines she had collected from Ardfearn. Richard Green and Peggy Anderson were now busy positioning and supporting plants; the pot tops have to be level although there are very different pot sizes. Richard has discovered that sheets of insulation material can be cut into sizes for packing underneath and between the pots. Gaps are then filled with bubble wrap and top dressed with moss or gravel appropriate to the section of the display. This means we can dispense with compost which makes dismantling on Sunday evening much quicker – and easier.

Plants came in from other members, notably arisaemas and insectivorous plants from Shelia McNulty from Ayrshire. Sandy Leven arrived with his estate car laden with beautifully presented polystyrene troughs. On Thursday Carole Bainbridge arrived to add her skills at fine tuning the stand while I moved outside to set up pallet gardens in a downpour. Judging took place later on Thursday, but it is on

Friday morning before the public get into the hall that you see the card – yet another gold medal for the Club, which has supported Gardening Scotland in every one of its twenty years. Over the three days the show was open to the public SRGC members manned – and womaned – the stand on a rota organised by Richard. Many visitors bought seeds, some attractively packaged by Ian Pryde and Norman McClure.

We understand the show will continue on the present site for at least another two years. We've already told the organisers that we anticipate contributing a stand in 2020. An illustrated article focusing on some of the plants on our stand will appear in the Club's journal later.

Stan de Prato



Thanks to the following who prepared, manned and closed the stand as well as those who provided plants:

Peggy Anderson	Carolyn McNab	Ardfearn Nursery
Carole & Ian Bainbridge	Sheila & Neil McNulty	Helen Donald
Ian Christie	Stan da Prato	Alan Gardner
Rob Graham	Ian Pryde	Peter Semple
Richard & Jan Green	Norman McClure	Anne Steele
Sandy Leven	Watt Russell	Jackie Tomlinson
Dave Millward	Beryl McNaughton	Maureen Wilson

RESULTS OF THE TWICE-YEARLY PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ART COMPETITION

CLASS 1 (Photographic print of rock plant)

1st Carolyn McNab, Borgue. *Erythronium* "Franz Hals".

CLASS 2 (Photographic print of an alpine landscape or habitat)

1st Carolyn McNab, Garrigue (with *Phlomis*), Crete.

CLASS 5 (Piece of artwork or craftwork inspired by a rock plant/alpine habitat)

1st Carolyn McNab, Gentian in ribbon patchwork and applique.

There were no entries in Class 3 and Class 4.

The winner of Class 5 (Carolyn McNab) can re-exhibit her winning entry, where it will be judged against the winner of Class 5 at the AGM, for the Williamson Cup. It was great to see a new painting of goldfinches brought by Anne Chambers for us all to see, as well as bringing some cards along for sale. It all helps to add interest to the show hall.

The next competition will be on 9th November at the Autumn festival & AGM (in Scone). At the moment the cumulative results (starting spring 2017) are Carolyn McNab 8 firsts, Margaret Fraser 2, Anne Chambers 2, Ian Christie, 2, Ann Sinclair 2, Sheila Sadd, 1. The bronze Art Merit Medal will be awarded to those getting 10 firsts.

DIANA AITCHISON FUND

This Fund, in memory of nurserywoman Diana Aitchison, awards grants and bursaries to support younger people who wish to pursue or further a career in horticulture and can demonstrate an interest in furthering their knowledge of alpine and rock garden plants.

For application forms and awards criteria go to srgc.net/site/index.php/extensions/grants or contact the **Fund Administrator:** Matthew Topsfield (07775 812036 mtopsfield@icloud.com).

EXPLORATION AWARDS

The following awards have been made this year:

- Craig Huggan to study the autumn flower of South West China - £1250
- Matt Edwards to study the autumn flowers of South West China - £1250
- Garry Mentanko to explore the flora and habitats in the Lofoten Island, Norway - £350
- Jens Nielsen to retrace Farrer's 1915 expedition at the boundary of the Chinese provinces of Qinghai and Gansu - £1,250

The deadline for applications for awards in the next financial year is 15 November 2019 and 31 March 2020. The application form and award criteria can be found at srgc.net/site/index.php/extensions/grants or by contacting the **Award Committee Secretary** (findhorncarol@icloud.com 01309 641405).

Contributions for awards are always welcome as they enable us to offer more support. Donations should be sent to the **Treasurer**: Richard Green (Cedar Cottage, Balfron Station, Glasgow G63 0SQ, United Kingdom treasurer@srgc.net).

GOLDEN JUBILEE SALVER

The Salver is presented annually to an individual member for outstanding service to the Club. All nominations are considered by the Awarding Committee, which consists of previous winners of this prestigious award.

Nominations for the 2019 recipient should be sent to the Secretary no later than 15 August 2019. It would be helpful if a short account of the nominee's services to the Club and also the names of other supporters were included. You may submit your nomination again in subsequent years if initially unsuccessful.

The names of all previous winners are recorded in the Golden Jubilee Salver Book which is available for inspection at the AGM or on our website. In 2018 the recipient was John Lee.

Secretary

Carolyn McNab (01557 870225 secretary@srgc.net)

DEATHS

The Club has received intimation of the deaths of the following members: Irene FERNS, Chalfont St Peter; Ken TULLIS, Dollar; S MURRAY, Caverton; Claud WILSON, Auchencloch; Judith RUSS, Ormskirk; David MILLER, Wallsend; Graeme STRACHAN, Aberdeen; David MILNE, Falkirk; I McNAUGHTON, Pencaitland; R POOR, Alyth; Ron BEZZANT, Stirling; PR ELLIS, Montrose; Ron BEESTON, Worcester.

We are also sorry to hear of the death of Lesley Gillander of Tasmania. She and her husband ran a native plant nursery there and travelled across the world looking at plants, collecting seeds and giving talks. She and Ken have been good friends of SRGC and major donors of seed. Lesley's contributions in various media will be sadly missed.

We extend our sympathies to the friends and families of the deceased.

SECRETARY VACANCY

I shall be retiring from the position of Secretary in 2019 AGM and so we are looking to find a replacement before then. The post is one of the Executive Officers of the Club, a responsible position whilst not strictly secretarial in nature. The Secretary's responsibilities have been reduced following the appointment of a Minute Secretary (Liz Cole) for Council and a News Editor (Ed Shaw) for *Dryas* and the *Year Book*. It is a great way to meet members and to become more involved in the Club.

Ideally, the role would suit someone who has served on Council and thus has experience and knowledge of Club matters and personnel. A person who has been involved with Club activities in another role would also be suitable.

If you would like to have more information about what I do or just to talk about it, please ring me.

Secretary

Carolyn McNab (01557 870225 secretary@srgc.net)

DISCUSSION WEEKEND BURSARY AWARD

The bursary for the 2018 Discussion Weekend has been awarded to Chris Parsons at Logan Botanic Garden - congratulations to him, we look forward to seeing Chris in Grantown-on-Spey.

SEED DISTRIBUTION 2019

This was the fifth year that the SW Scotland Rock Garden Group ran the Seed Distribution side of the Seed Exchange. The experienced team was grateful to National Trust for Scotland for the use of Threave Gardens Visitor Centre again. Many members used the new online ordering system and the forms produced made processing orders much easier for the group.

Most packets made their way to their destinations overseas eventually. Postal delays could be shared via email and members in any one country could realise they were not alone. Some packets came back to base. One envelope was returned to sender as the recipient was away on holiday and had been unable to claim it from the postal service within the time limit; it was resent. One or two came back from Australia as customs had found some banned seed and decided to return the whole order to SRGC. Another went all the way to China and back because of an incomplete address; it made it at the second attempt.

If you are an overseas member please do check if your authority has seed import requirements. Those for members from USA from USA, New Zealand, Australia and Japan are given on page 13.

Good luck with your germinating seeds and do start saving seed to donate for the next exchange.

Seed Distribution Manager

Carolyn McNab

SEED DISTRIBUTION – THE VALUE OF DONOR STATUS

When seed distribution comes around, the SRGC Seed Exchange has a particular sequence for fulfilling your seed requests.

First, we do all the main requests, and the first picks always go to the **donors of seed for that year's exchange**. We sort the donors into a priority ranking; put simply, the donors who have sent the most seed for the most years will have their requests fulfilled first. The calculation we do means that if you send us 100 packets plus and it's your first year of donating to the exchange, you'll still be pretty close to the top of the list. In general, we like you to send five packets of seed to qualify for donor status, but if you send us a big packet of *Ranunculus lyallii* for example, we'll be very happy!

If yours is a family membership, you qualify for two donor picks at your donor ranking. This means it's better for you to **send us one donation on behalf of your family** rather than separate smaller donations from each of you, and it's easier for us to administer in the seed reception process.

Second, we fulfil the non-donor main requests. These are processed in the order of the date of their arrival, so it is an advantage for non-donors to send in their seed requests quickly.

Third, after the cut-off date for receipt for seed requests, we will fulfil the surplus requests. These are also done in the order of the date of their arrival, so it is an advantage for members wishing surplus seed to order quickly. Please also remember that by this point, many of the numbers will have been exhausted, so send us plenty of alternatives on your surplus request. Again, a family membership qualifies you for two surplus orders if you wish.

So, donate some seed this year and enhance your chances of getting the seed you want from the SRGC Seed Exchange.

SRGC Seed Reception Managers

Ian and Carole Bainbridge

SENDING CELMISIA SEED TO THE SRGC SEED EXCHANGE

Some SRGC Members like to grow New Zealand plants in the garden and regularly save seed to send to the Seed Exchange. However, when seed arrives, it can be disappointing to discover that most is infertile chaff and not viable seed. For those who regularly save *Celmisia* seed, here are a few tips to ensure that the seed you send is viable and has a good chance of germinating and providing plants to delight other members who order New Zealand seed.

First, seed should look and feel plump. In the wild *Celmisia* seed fertilisation is only about 10% in a good year – so most of your “seed” is infertile chaff.

To identify fertile *Celmisia* seed, there are a couple of techniques:

First, take a pinch of seed and drop it from about 10 inches onto a paper plate. If the seed is fertile you will hear a faint “ping” as the seed hits the plate.

Second, fertile seed is quite hard and rigid, by taking a seed between forefinger and thumb and gently pressing the pointed end against the forefinger of the other hand, you can determine if the seed is viable or not. Seed that bends is infertile, seed that remains rigid is probably fertile.

Good seed collecting, and hopefully, good germination.

Seed Reception Manager

Carole Bainbridge

AN APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PACKET SEEDS

For new members of the SRGC, ‘seed packeting’ is the process of placing donated seeds into small glassine envelopes for later distribution. It is the middle process of the SRGC Seed Exchange and is of vital importance. Last year we had only just enough volunteers to cope and are therefore anxious to recruit new volunteers. It has been agreed that participants need not be members of the Club and that friends of members would be more than welcome to take part.

Please do consider joining the team. Detailed instructions will be given. Contact the **Seed Packeting Manager**: George Watt (01292 592445, seed@srgc.org.uk, Burnside, Littlemill Road, Dronan, East Ayrshire, KA6 7EN).

UPDATE ON THE SEED EXCHANGE WEB PORTAL

The new web portal opened as planned for the 2018 seed exchange, with 567 members completing 643 orders. This represented 63% of the total seed orders received, an increase on the 55% of orders submitted during the previous two years. Some 163 orders were made during the first 24 hours but this high level of activity then declined over the next week to less than 10 a day for most of the rest of the exchange period. Interestingly, the last order was received 1 minute before the exchange closed!

Several new features were made available, with feedback suggesting that members particularly appreciated being able to explore the seed list in advance of the exchange opening for orders. Needless to say, the introduction of the new portal was not without some teething problems, notably about registration and payment. Many bugs were fixed by our developer as soon as they became apparent and some additional functionality was added whilst the exchange was open. Work is ongoing to eliminate the remaining problems.

The development team received many helpful suggestions for improvement – thanks for these. Following this, some further development will be made this year. The most significant will be to separate payment from the ordering process. Hopefully this will result in a more intuitive experience for members. Answers to *frequently asked questions* will be made available to help users solve common problems encountered. Also, there will be further behind-the-scenes functionality to assist our Seed Team.

See page 12 for details of how to use the seed exchange portal.

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All seed correspondence, lists and queries can be sent to: seed@srgc.org.uk. We will ensure that emails reach the relevant manager.

Seed Donations (Autumn 2019)

Please send fresh clean seed as early as possible (no later than 31 October) to Ian and Carole Bainbridge (see the Team subsection at the bottom of this item for the address). Late seed can be accepted if a list has been received by post or email by 31 October. The seed list will be compiled on 1 November, so late seed may not make the exchange.

On each packet please write the full name of the seed, where it was collected (if wild), and your name or initials. Put all seed of one type in one packet, using small packets when possible (avoid big packets!).

Supply a list of donated seed in alphabetical order. Note your email, phone number and membership number in case we have queries, and provide comments on any new or rare seed.

Wild Seed

The reputation of the SRGC is at risk if we offer seed that has been collected illegally or does not have distribution permission. This could harm future attempts by people who want to collect seed legitimately. The SRGC is not able to check seed submissions, so please do not submit wild collected seed that would put our reputation at risk. Please also retain the documentation giving any relevant permission for as long as possible.

Seed Lists

All members (except those with paperless subscriptions) will receive a seed list automatically by post late November. Ensure your membership is renewed promptly to ensure you receive a seed list. The request system will be live until 15 January, which is the closing date for receipt of all seed orders.

Online ordering

The 73rd seed list will be available on the portal from 22 November for members who registered last year (www.srgcseed.net). Please use your email address and the password you created last year to login. If you've forgotten your password, you will be able to reset it when you try to login. If you didn't use the online portal last year, please try it this year - you will be able to register from 22 November. The portal will then open for orders on 30 November.

Seed Packeting

Packeting will be done during November / early December. The Ayrshire group would be very grateful to hear from any UK member willing to volunteer to packet seeds (see appeal on page 10).

Seed Distribution (Early 2020)

The South-West Scotland Group will manage the distribution again in 2019. Full details of the arrangements for ordering seed will be included in the seed list and

on the website. Requests must reach the **Seed Request Manager**, Neil McNulty, by 15 January 2020.

The seed distribution will begin in mid-January and all main requests will be sent out by late January. Donors' seed requests are completed first, then non-donors' in order of their arrival date followed by surplus seed requests (see page 9 for benefits of being a donor). This means that main and surplus requests are sent out separately and may arrive a few weeks apart. The whole distribution should be completed by the end of January. Please allow for delays in the postal system, waiting until after 5 February before enquiring with Neil McNulty about the whereabouts of your seeds.

USA

Members from the USA must have a permit, which is issued by APHIS, see: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/smalllots_seed.shtml. This must be a 'small lots' permit, as this does not require UK phytosanitary certification. Please apply for your permits ahead of the exchange to ensure there is no delay in getting your seeds to you. Permits are valid for three years so if you are using an old one please check it is valid to the end of February 2020. You must email or enclose a copy of the permit and conditions with your request. Each numbered green/yellow customs label may be used once only; please send one for each request - one for a main request, and one for each surplus request of 50 packets.

If you order seed online, you must still send the permit documents and labels to Neil McNulty, as soon as possible - preferably to arrive well before 15 January (or you may send them to Ian and Carole Bainbridge with your seed donation). We must stress that "no permit, no seed" is the SRGC rule! We will do our best to get everyone their seed, but it must be in compliance with USDA regulations.

Australia, New Zealand

There are lists of allowed/banned plant taxa. Please check your request against these **BEFORE** placing your order. Customs may bin your whole order or return it to SRGC if it has banned seeds.

Japan

A phytosanitary certificate is required. All the seeds must be examined by an inspector here; his/her time is charged to the client. This charge is high and is

payable by the member. Most members this year found it very expensive for just a few seeds, not even a complete request. Seed exchange for Japan may need to be suspended until conditions are relaxed for small groups sending small amounts of seed such as ours.

Other overseas members

Please check with your authorities whether your country has any seed import requirements. Let us know what we need to do and send any necessary documentation. We do wish to comply with any laws relating to seed imports.

The Seed Exchange Team

Seed Reception Managers:

Ian and Carole Bainbridge, 01557 814141, Luckie Harg's, Anwoth Road, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, DG7 2EF, Scotland.

Seed Packeting Manager:

George Watt, 01292 592445, Burnside, Littlemill Road, Drongan, East Ayrshire, KA6 7EN, Scotland

Seed Distribution Team Manager:

Carolyn McNab, 01557 870225, Barmagachan House, Borgue, Kirkcudbright DG6 4SW, Scotland.

Seed Request Manager and Seed Accounts Treasurer:

Neil McNulty, 01563 526351, 6 Main Rd, Crookedholm, Kilmarnock, KA3 6JT, Scotland.

SHOW NEWS

Have you ever known it to be so warm in February? The unseasonably balmy conditions did not bode well for a great show season, but despite the ups and downs in temperature this spring (and the torrential rain all day during the Kendal show), we have seen once again some splendid shows. Many thanks are due to all the exhibitors and members who help to make these events so enjoyable a part of our annual calendar.

The Hexham show this year was held for the first time in the Auction Mart on the Tyne Green. The venue has plenty of space for the show, nurseries and adjacent car parking. A varied selection of snacks and meals was available in the venue's restaurant. The move from the sports centre proved popular with exhibitors and the public alike, despite the location on the edge of the town. Congratulations to

Angus Thompson and his team in making the transition so successful. We can look forward to another great show there in early October with our autumn show. The premier awards for plants and their exhibitors at our shows this year so far, are as follows. You can read about these plants and their growers in Sandy Leven's reports on the Club's website.

Kendal: *Saxifraga* 'Coolock Kate', Frank & Barbara Hoyle

Stirling: *Narcissus obesus* 'Lee Martin', David Millward

Hexham (AGS rules in 2019; Farrer medal): *Shortia uniflora*, Cliff Booker

Edinburgh & the Lothians: *Clematis columbiana* var. *tenuiloba* 'Ylva', Sue Simpson

Perth: *Pleione* 'Tongariro', Francis & Margaret Higgins

Glasgow: *Saxifraga pubescens* 'Snowcap', David Millward

Aberdeen: *Ramonda nathaliae* JCA686, David Millward

Just a reminder of forthcoming events in our calendar. The guest speaker at our summer meeting in Dunblane on 17 August is Christoph Ruby of the Botanic Garden at Hof in Bavaria, Germany. His two talks will be on the garden there and on his speciality, trilliums.

The Late Bulb display is being held this year at the Knightswood Community Centre in Glasgow on 21 September. The speakers are John Richards on Greek bulbs and Kit Strange on growing and maintaining a collection of bulbs. Do bring some plants to help make colourful displays at both of these meetings.

Our competitive autumn shows then follow in Hexham on 5 October and at the Discussion Weekend in Grantown-on-Spey on 11-13 October. Full details of all the forthcoming events are in your Shows and Events booklet or on the website.

Hope you enjoy these events.

Convener, Show Secretaries

David Millward

PROVISIONAL 2020 SHOW DATES

22 February:	Early bulb, Dunblane
14 March:	Kendal joint AGS/SRGC show
21 March:	Dunblane show
28 March:	Hexham Spring joint AGS/SRGC show
4 April:	Edinburgh & the Lothians show
18 April:	Perth show
25 April:	Highland (Nairn) show
2 May:	Glasgow show
23 May:	Aberdeen show
15 August:	Dunblane Summer event
3 October:	Hexham Autumn joint AGS/SRGC show
9-11 October:	Discussion Weekend
14 November	AGM

4TH DAVID BOYD EVENT: INVEREWE ROCK GARDEN PROJECT

**WEDNESDAY 4 - MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019
INVEREWE GARDEN, POOLWE, WESTER ROSS**

The David Boyd Events are intended to reach out taking our enthusiasm and expertise on Rock Gardening to remote areas as well as cooperating with other organisations and the Inverewe Rock Garden Project does that. This is a different kind of David Boyd Event where the SRGC is working with the garden staff of the National Trust for Scotland Inverewe Garden to renovate part of its rock garden in the crevice style.

The SRGC are bringing two world renowned experts on creating crevice gardens to lead the construction. Paul Spriggs from Vancouver Island, Canada, and Zdeněk Zvolánek from the Czech Republic. The SRGC team will be on site from Wednesday 4 September until Monday 9 September with the construction work starting on Thursday 5 September. During the construction there will be the opportunity to demonstrate and explain the methods and reasons behind this style of garden.

Subject to the weather a demonstration of landscaping in troughs and containers will take place near the rock garden at 2pm on Friday 6 and again on Saturday 7 September.

In addition to the construction work all are invited to attend two talks which will be held in the Inverewe Garden Café:

7pm Friday 6 September - Rock Gardening in Troughs and Containers – Ian Young

7pm Saturday 7 September - Crevice Gardens - Paul Spriggs

Located in the magnificent scenery of the West Coast Inverewe Garden is one of Scotland's most iconic and beautiful gardens well worth visiting at any time.

There is a range of accommodation available in the area including hotels, B&B and camp sites for anyone thinking of visiting or attending the talks.

For further information contact **Ian Young** ianyong.aberdeen@gmail.com

DISCUSSION WEEKEND 2019

FRIDAY 11 - SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY

(Booking Form Page 23)

Provisional Programme

Friday 11 October 2019

15.00	Registration	16.00 – 17.00	Plant Staging
18.00	Dinner	19.45	President's Welcome
20.00	The Jim Archibald Bulb Lecture: Dimitri Zubov (subject to Visa agreement) 'Bulbs in the Wild'		
21.00	Small Bulb Exchange		

Saturday 12 October 2019

7.00 – 9.00	Breakfast	8.00 – 9.00	Plant Staging
9.00	Optional activities	9.30	Guided walks, organised by the hotel
12.15	Lunch		
13.45	The Harold Esslemont Lecture: Anne Wright 'Growing Bulbs'		
14.45	Peter Korn 'Inspiration from the Steppe'		
16.15	Steve Newall 'Growing Plants for Seeds'		

18.30	Reception	19.00	Gala dinner
20.15	Presentation of trophies	20.30	Plant auction

Sunday 13 October 2019

7 – 9	Breakfast	8.00	Show opens
9.30	The William Buchanan lecture: Christopher Bailes 'Gardening with Shade Perennials'		
11.00	Steve Newall 'The Alpine Gems of Te Waipounamu'		
12.15	Lunch	13.15	Show closes
13.30	Peter Korn: 'Creating Conditions'		
14.30	The John Duff lecture: Kevin Hughes 'Cally Gardens - my First Year'		
15.30	Closing address		

Booking:

Please give details of your dates and room type in the booking form (page 23). If you need extra nights, we will book these for you. Extra nights are to be settled by you with the hotel on checking out. Please send the form on the last page of *Dryas* together with the appropriate remittance, made payable to "Perthshire RGC Discussion Weekend", to the Registration Secretary.

Registration Secretary:

Julia Corden julia.corden@icloud.com
2 Lettoch Place, Pitlochry, Perthshire PH16 5BB,

Terms and conditions:

Your booking form and remittance must reach Julia no later than 31 August 2019.

Cancellations:

No refunds will be given for cancellations made after 31 August 2019.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND SRGC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2019

Location: Burnside Hall (Old Scone Church Hall), Burnside, Scone, PH2 6LP.

Note that this is **NOT** the hall we have used for the last two years, but the one that we used before that.

Directions: take the A94 Perth/Coupar Angus road from Perth. The hall is near the David Douglas Memorial, which is well signposted. As you approach Scone take the first left turn into Cross Street, and then an immediate sharp left into

Burnside, which takes you to the hall. There is ample parking. The number 7 bus runs from Perth to Scone.

Schedule

When you arrive – tea, coffee, and lots of wonderful cakes

- 11.00 Three short talks about how the club supports its charitable aims
Jens Nielsen will show highlights of his expedition to China, partly funded by the Rock Garden Club, following in the tracks of Reginald Farrer.
Scott Cook will tell us how a grant from the Diana Aitchison fund has helped him complete a work placement at Gothenburg Botanic Gardens, Sweden. Plus show us around the garden.
Reports on the David Boyd event held in June at Lockerbie and the Inverewe Event held in September.
- 12.00 Coffee, tea and a glass of wine will be provided; bring the rest of your own lunch (apart from the cake).
- 13.00 Our Annual General Meeting. Reports of activities, presentation of awards, electing Council members.
- 14.00 The Clark Memorial Lecture, "Utrecht Alpine Garden' by Gerard van Buiten. Gerard will give a talk on the general history and overview of the Rock Garden and Peat Beds, at the world-famous Utrecht Botanic Garden, Netherlands.
- 15.00 More food, tea and coffee, and time to socialise before departing for home.

There will also be:

- the second photographic/art competition of the year
- a non-competitive display of plants
- a members' 50/50 plant sale

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held at Balformo Road Hall, Scone on 10th November 2018
3. Matters arising
4. President's review
5. Presentation of honours and awards
6. Proposed change to the Club constitution
7. Accounts: presentation and adoption of the accounts for the year ending 30th June 2019; appointment of examiner of accounts
8. Elections and appointments: office-bearers; ordinary members to serve on council; approval of other office bearers; approval of members of the Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee
9. Date and place of the annual general meeting in 2020
10. Any other competent business

NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL

Nominations are invited for membership of council.

- They must be received by the Secretary at least 30 days before the Annual General Meeting, which is on 9th November 2019.
- They must be in writing from the proposer – on paper or by email.
- Each nomination must state the names of one or more seconders.
- Each nomination must state that the candidate has agreed to stand for election.

The Secretary, Treasurer, Subscription Secretary, Web Manager, Publicity Manager and Editor retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. Nominations are required as described above.

Ordinary members of council serve for three years; four are elected each year. There are also vacancies remaining from previous years, so one additional member may be elected for two years, and one for one year.

The **Secretary** is Carolyn McNab, 01557 814141, Barmagachan House, Borgue, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4SW secretary@srgc.net.

SRGC EARLY BULB DAY
SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2020
VICTORIA HALL, DUNBLANE, PERTSHIRE

David Millward will talk at the event. He will give two talks based on his many travels in Turkey and Greece, in spring, summer and autumn, that will take us deep into the wild areas where the bulbs flourish. David is Edinburgh Show Secretary and chairman of the SRGC show secretaries committee. He has won several Forrest medals, including a couple for his magnificent pan of *Narcissus obesus* "Lee Martin form".

As usual there will be a number of nurseries selling a wide range of plants. We hope that members will support us by bringing many plants for the 50:50 plant sale, whose sales help to meet the costs of the event.

Further information will be in the 2020 Show Schedules or by contacting sandy.leven@btinternet.com

INTERNATIONAL ROCK GARDEN CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 8 - TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021
PERTH CONCERT HALL, PERTH

The next ten-yearly international conference, a gathering for lovers of plants, gardens and mountains, is due to be held in Scotland in 2021. A committee has been formed and is making preparations. More details will be revealed over the coming months and years, through our printed publications, website and Facebook.

DISCUSSION WEEKEND BOOKING FORM 2019

Please complete in block capitals

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

EMAIL

TEL No.

RESIDENT	Per Person	No.	TOTAL COST
Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea - double	£237		
Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea - single	£287		
Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon - double	£168		
TOTAL COST			

Please indicate your needs:

Double occupancy room preference:

Twin beds Double bed

Walk-in shower required:

Yes No

Dietary requirements:

Special requirements:

Name of roommate booking separately:

Extra nights DBB are payable directly to the hotel at £71-50 per person per night

Extra nights required:

NON-RESIDENT	Per Person	No.	TOTAL COST
Friday - evening (including dinner)	£30		
Saturday - morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea	£30		
Saturday - as above plus dinner	£70		
Sunday - morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea	£30		
TOTAL COST			

