

# SRGC SECRETARY'S PAGES



**JULY 2015**



## **AGM & GRAND PICNIC SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

For full details and Agenda please see pages 8 & 9

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### **Third Gold in a Row for the SRGC Stand at Gardening Scotland**

By judging day, the team knew that they had produced their best display yet and fortunately the judges agreed. Despite the difficult spring weather, the range of plants used was the best yet and was a wonderful demonstration of rock garden plants. If you want to see lots of pictures of the stand please go to the Forum on the Club website ([www.srgc.net](http://www.srgc.net)).

As always, it was a big team effort by Club members from all over Scotland and sincere thanks go to each and every one of those listed below but especially to:

Stan da Prato and Ian Christie

Peggy Anderson, Carole and Ian Bainbridge, Sylvia and Garth Broomfield, Anne Bush, Ann and Ian Christie, Julia Corden, Stan da Prato, Helen Donald, Al Elliott, Alan Gardner, Rob Graham, Richard Green, Cyril Lafong, Sandy Leven, Sheila and Neil McNulty, Liz Mills, David Millward, Netta Milne, Ian Pryde, Trina Rogerson, Sue Simpson and George Watt, Ann Steele, Sam Sutherland, Jackie Thomlinson and Maureen Wilson.

Thanks also to Ardfearn, MacPlants and Rumbling Bridge Nurseries

## EVENTS

**Discussion Weekend      2 - 4 October 2015      Grantown-on-Spey**

Please refer to the July issue of 'The Rock Garden' for full details, Or see here <http://www.srgc.net/forum/index.php?topic=12745.0>

### **REMAINING SHOW DATES FOR 2015**

**Summer Event to Celebrate Rock Gardening**

**Dunblane Christian Fellowship Hall**

**22 August 10am - 4pm**

**Flowers of the Hills & Mountains**

Two talks by Susann Nilsson

11am *Pulsatillas*

2.30pm *Treasures in Mongolia and Eastern Russia*

A four-part event with talks, displays, plant and seed exchange and plant sales.

**Late Bulb Display at Old Scone Church Hall 19 September**

Coffee at 10.00am

Two presentations by

Julian Sutton

11am *Making Sense of Iridaceae*

2pm *From South to North*

*Southern Hemisphere Bulbs in the Garden and Cool Greenhouse*

Julian & Sarah run a small nursery in Devon and will be bringing a range of bulbs to sell.

Tickets, costing £5:00, will be on sale at the door. Members are encouraged to bring along as many pans of dwarf bulbs and flowering alpine plants as possible for a display.

Bring a picnic lunch, self serve tea / coffee provided. Contributions are invited for a 50:50 plant sale, which will be held to cover expenses.

**Discussion Weekend Show 3 October** - Note this Show will be open to the public from 10:30 to 12:00

**Newcastle Show                      10 October**

### **Free Place at the 2015 Discussion Weekend**

At the Council Meeting in March the President drew the name for the free place at the Discussion Weekend. The winner was Alistair Chalmers, who works at Branklyn Garden in Perth. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 place

## Change of Information

The President's address is now: Luckie Harg's, Anwoth Road, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas DG7 2EF. Phone number: 01557 814141

## Provisional Show Dates for 2016

*Please note that these dates are **PROVISIONAL** and subject to change over the next six months. **Please** consult the 2016 Show Schedule for confirmed dates.*

Dunblane Early Bulb Display	20 February
Kendal	12 March
Stirling Show (Kincardine)	19 March
Hexham	26 March
Edinburgh	9 April
Perth	16 April
Highland Show (Nairn)	30 April
Glasgow	7 May
Aberdeen	21 May
Summer Event (Dunblane)	20 August
Newcastle (Ponteland)	8 October
Discussion Weekend	15 October

## Discussion Weekend 2015

Organisation of the event is well in hand and the weekend is now fully booked, if you would like to be put on the waiting list please contact Carol Shaw [findhorncarol@icloud.com](mailto:findhorncarol@icloud.com).

In April your intrepid organisers braved heavy snow to get to the Grant Arms to taste the proposed menu for the Discussion Weekend dinner. The food was all of excellent quality and we're sure the menu we selected will please all the delegates.

Once again the Birdwatchers and Wildlife Club folk will be on hand to lead guided walks in the local area on Saturday morning. There are also various other activities you can indulge in, including visiting the Heather Centre to indulge in their renowned clottie dumpling.

## DEATHS

The Club has received intimation of the death of the following members: Mrs A Bremner, Port Gordon; Mr John Chappell, Dorchester; Mr C Chester, Ousby; Mr W A Clark, Torthorwald; Mrs Alisa Cooper, Aberdeen; Miss C H Cruft, Aberdeen; Mr Euan Mason, Edinburgh; Miss Patricia Scott, Penrith; Mrs Evelyn Tocher, Aberdeen; Mr Michael Upward, Pershore; Mr Arthur Willetts, Warley. *We extend our sympathies to their families and friends.*

## DUNBLANE EARLY DWARF BULB DISPLAY

20 February 2016 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### A Celebration of Bulbs with talks at 11am and 2pm

For further details please check the website and the 2016 Show Schedule

### Results of the Twice Yearly Photographic/Art Competition Held at the Kincardine Show 21 March 2015

Class 1 (Photograph of an alpine plant)

1st Bob Maxwell (Tibbermore) *Merendera kurdica* at Lake Van, Turkey.

2nd Matt Topsfield (Benbecula) *Galanthus reginae-olgae* ssp *reginae-olgae* in Langada Pass, Central Mountains, Greece.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Forbes (Freuche) *Nerine bowdenii*.

Class 2 (Alpine landscape or habitat including alpine plants)

1st Matt Topsfield (Benbecula) with "Mountain habitat with *Crocus hadriaticus* ssp *hadriaticus*. Central Mountains, Greece".

Class 3 Matt Topsfield (Benbecula) "Variations in leaf forms of *Cyclamen graecum*, Southern Peloponnese, Greece". A photomontage of different leaf forms.

Class 4 (Drawing or painting of a rock plant)

1st Jim Forbes (Freuchie) *Aquilegia alpina* Colour painting.

Class 5 (Artwork or craftwork inspired by rock plant) No entries.

Going off on holiday, on a Garden Visit or out in the garden? Don't forget to take some photos for the next photographic competition, which will be at the AGM.

The Williamson Cup will be awarded for the best entry to Class 5 (Artwork or Craftwork as above).

Classes and conditions of entry are in the 2015 Show Schedules.

Cathy Caudwell

### GOLDEN JUBILEE SALVER

Nominations for the 2015 recipient should be sent to the Secretary no later than 15 August 2015. It would be helpful if a short account of the nominee's services to the Club were to be included, and also the names of other supporters.

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.

(You may submit your nomination again in subsequent years if initially unsuccessful.)

The names of all previous holders are recorded in the Golden Jubilee Salver Book which is available for inspection at the AGM. For those who cannot attend our AGM the information is available on our website:

<http://www.srgc.net/site/index.php/extensions/notice-board>

## NOTICES

### EXPLORATION FUND GRANTS

The following grants have been awarded this year:

- £1,000 to Julia Cordon for a trip to Merak and Saktang Trek and the surrounding area of Bhutan in 2015.
- £1,000 to Elspeth Mackintosh for a trip to Merak and Saktang Trek and the surrounding area of Bhutan in 2015.
- £1,000 to Johan Nilson for a trip to Merak and Saktang Trek and the surrounding area of Bhutan in 2015.
- £500 to Robert Blackhall-Miles for a trip to study the horticulture of the high altitude Proteaceae of the Western Cape of South Africa in 2015.
- £800 Sally Mary-Ann Hughes for a trip to see the see the alpinines of Sichuan, Aba, Wenchuan and Leshan in 2015.
- £1,000 Susann Nilsson for a field trip to study Pulsatillas in 2015.

**Deadline for Applications for 2016** Anyone wishing to apply to the Exploration Fund for a grant for an expedition in 2016 or early 2017 should submit their application **not later than 1st March 2016**. Application forms are available from the Secretary, Carol Shaw.

**Contributions to the Fund** are always welcome and would enable us to offer more support. Any donations should be sent to the President, Carole Bainbridge, Luckie Harg's, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, DG7 2EF.

### DIANA AITCHISON FUND GRANTS 2015

Kate MacColl	Placement at the Explorers Garden – 5 months to gain experience	£1,500:00
Kate MacColl	RHS Level 3	£445:00
Petra Palkova	HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship RBGE	£1,500:00
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Petra Palkova	Visit to gardens and Alpine Houses in SE England	£500:00
Georgina Goss	Visit to gardens and Alpine Houses in SE England	£500:00
Sean Hannah	Visit to gardens and Alpine Houses in SE England	£500:00
Kerry McCallum	Visit to gardens and Alpine Houses in SE England	£500:00
Kate Merrington	Visit to gardens and Alpine Houses in SE England	£500:00
Jessica Scobie	Visit to gardens and Alpine Houses in SE England	£500:00
Colin Whiston	Placement Glenarn Gardens, starts autumn 2015	£1,500:00
Rebecca Walker	Month's placement Tromso Botonic Gardens	£1,500:00
Nick Courtens	Two week study tour around Alpine Houses of Britain including RBG Edinburgh, RBG Kew, Cambridge Botanic	£2,000:00

## **Travelling Speakers**

### **2016**

The next Travelling Speaker will be Ger van den Beuken from the Netherlands. Ger is well known to many of us for his travels in South America and for his Success in growing cushion plants. Ger has suggested a range of talks and the Conveners have made some excellent selections. The tour will take place during the last week in March and the first in April next spring so the actual itinerary is held over until the January Secretary's Pages.

### **2016-2017**

You will remember the tragic earthquake that hit Nepal a few months ago and How the media seemed to focus most of their attention on the climbers killed on Everest. The people of Nepal suffered terribly from this event and appeals were made for aid. Chris Chadwell, seed collector and Speaker, approached the SRGC with the offer to give talks on Nepal to any of our Groups who might like to hear him and he would donate his normal £100 fee to a Nepalese aid group that he supports. As £100 plus travel expenses is more than most groups can think of affording Chris has been invited to give the Travelling Speaker tour in 2016/17 when aid will still be badly needed. Arrangements for this tour are still at a very early stage but, once again, it will take place in March/April.

## **69th Seed Exchange & Distribution 2015-2016**

### **Password for 2015-2016: cdSeed69**

#### **SEED EXCHANGE TEAM**

##### **Seed Reception Managers:**

Drs Ian and Carole Bainbridge: 01557 814141.

Luckie Harg's, Anwoth Road, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, DG7 2EF, Scotland.

##### **Seed Packeting Manager**

Ian Pryde 01875 615185 or 07746 298334

##### **Seed Distribution Team Manager**

Carolyn McNab:

Barmagachan House, Borgue, Kirkcudbright DG6 4SW, Scotland.

##### **Seed Request Manager**

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

**Note: from 2015, all seed correspondence, lists and queries can be sent to: [seed@srgc.org.uk](mailto:seed@srgc.org.uk)**

After twelve years as Seed Reception manager, Stuart Pawley has retired from the Seed Exchange. The Club would like to thank Stuart for all his work for the Seed Exchange over the years and wishes him a very happy retirement from it!

## **SEED DONATIONS AUTUMN 2015**

Please send fresh clean seed as early as possible, and no later than 31st October.

Send seed to Ian and Carole Bainbridge at the address above.

Late seed can be accepted if a list has been sent by post or e-mail by 31st October. Please send e-mails to [seed@srgc.org.uk](mailto:seed@srgc.org.uk)

The seed list will be compiled on 1<sup>st</sup> November, so late seed may well not be in the exchange.

Please: Write the full name of the seed on each packet of seed, and your name as well.

Put all seed of one type in one packet.

Use small packets when possible (and avoid very big packets!).

Supply a list of donated seed in alphabetical order.

Please put your e-mail and phone number on your list in case we have any queries.

Provide comments on any new or rare seed.

## **SEED LISTS 2015**

As from 2015 **all members** (except those with paperless subscriptions) will receive a seed list automatically by post. There will be no need for UK members to request lists. Please ensure your membership is renewed promptly, to ensure you receive a seed list.

Seed lists will be posted in late November and the seed list will be online from late November as well.

The request system will be live until 15<sup>th</sup> January, which is the closing date for receipt of all seed orders.

To access the online system you will need to register each year, and use the password which changes annually. **Password for 2015-2016: cdSeed69**

You will also need to enter your membership number; only the digits, so for example,

member REW97836 only needs to enter 97836

Queries about passwords and membership numbers can be sent to [seed@srgc.org.uk](mailto:seed@srgc.org.uk)

Full instructions and guidance will be provided; details from Ian Pryde on 01875 615185 or 07746 298334 or at [ipryde@btinternet.com](mailto:ipryde@btinternet.com)

## **SEED DISTRIBUTION: EARLY 2016**

The South-West Scotland Group will manage the distribution again in 2015-16. Full details of the arrangements for ordering seed will be included in the seed list and on the website. Seed requests must reach the **Seed Request Manager**, Neil McNulty, by the **deadline of 15 January**. The seed distribution will begin in early 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. 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 before enquiring about the whereabouts of your seed. Please wait until **after 15th February**; after that queries should be addressed to Neil McNulty, 6 Main Rd, Crookedholm, Kilmarnock, KA3 6JT, Scotland, UK, or at [\*\*seed@srgc.org.uk\*\*](mailto:seed@srgc.org.uk)

### **US Members**

Members from the USA must have a **'Small Lots of Seeds'** permit, which is issued by APHIS.

You can find details of how to get a permit at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_imports/smalllots\\_seed.shtml](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.

You must enclose a copy of the permit and conditions and a green/yellow customs label 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 post the permit documents and labels to Neil McNulty, **as soon as possible to arrive before 15 January** (or you may send them to Ian and Carole Bainbridge with your seed donation). You can copy your permit as many times as you need. Please ensure your permit is still valid before you send copies to us; the permits are valid for three years.

We must stress that "no permit, no seed" is the SRGC rule! Several packets were left unsorted last year as the paperwork never arrived. We will do our best to get everyone their seed, but it must be in compliance with USDA regulations.

### **US, Australian and New Zealand members**

We still need you, please, to send a named and numbered list of seeds requested, unless you order online, when the computer will do that job for you and us.

### **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.

### **Your Club Needs Your Help**

After many years as the Minute Secretary to the Council Ann Brown has made the decision that she wishes to step down. The role requires you to attend all Council meetings and take accurate minutes of the proceedings. For more information please contact Ann Brown or Carol Shaw.

Seed Packeting Manager, after twelve years' 'on the job' Ian Pryde has decided it is time for someone else to take on the role of Seed Packeting Manager. The member taking on this role needs to live in Scotland or the North of England to allow co-ordination between the Seed Receptionists, Seed Packeting and Seed Distribution teams. For more information contact Ian Pryde or Carole & Ian Bainbridge.

**Please consider whether you can take on either of these roles, the Club can only function with the help of the members.**

## **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Amendments to the Constitution have been proposed, backed by Council. The revised Constitution will be presented to the AGM for approval in November.

The main changes are as follows.

- The deadline for nominations to Council is changed from mid May to thirty days before the AGM
- In future a new President will be elected as President Elect one year before taking office, and after completing office will serve for just two years as Immediate Past President.
- Working Groups, established by Council as required, will replace Sub-committees fixed by the Constitution.
- A new article defines what happens in the unlikely event of the Club being disbanded.
- The opportunity has been taken to make the text clearer and to put articles in a more logical order.

A copy of the proposed Constitution is included with this mailing; the previous Constitution was sent out with the January 2014 Secretary's Pages.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Old Scone Church Hall, Scone on Saturday 14 November 2015 at 1.00 pm.

***Travel Directions: Entrance to Old Scone Church Hall is off the A94 (Perth/Coupar Angus road), coming from Perth take the first left onto Cross Street and immediately left again onto Burnside and follow the signs for the David Douglas Memorial.***

***If you are travelling to Perth on public transport walk down Leonard Street and New Row to York Place. The number 7 bus, which runs every ten minutes, leaves from the bus stop opposite the Library. This link leads to a map:***  
**[http://files.srgc.net/show\\_info/MapsScone.pdf](http://files.srgc.net/show_info/MapsScone.pdf)**

### PROGRAMME

**12.00 pm**

**Grand Picnic**

(You bring the food, we provide the wine, juice, tea and coffee.)

**1.00 pm**

**Annual General Meeting**

#### SHORT BREAK

**2.00 pm (approx)**

**The Clark Memorial Lecture**

Ian Young – Bulbs from Seed to the Garden

**3.00 pm (approx)**

**Tea and biscuits**

There will also be:

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

Please bring along plenty of plants for the display and/or sale as well as entries for the photographic/art competition.

# AGENDA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held at Scone Old Church Hall, Scone on 15 Nov. 2014
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. President's Review of the Year
5. Presentation of Honours
6. Presentation of Merit Medals by the President
7. Presentation of the AGS Salver, the Rutland Salver and the Golden Jubilee Salver
8. Approval of changes to Constitution
9. Consider adoption of the Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2015
10. Election of Executive Office-Bearers
11. Election of four Ordinary Members to serve a 3-year term on Council
12. Consideration for adoption the changes to the Constitution
13. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts
14. Approval of the members of Joint Rock Committee
15. Date & place of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in 2016
16. Any other competent business

In accordance with Rule 5.1 all Executive Office-Bearers retire annually but are eligible for re-election. Dr Carole Bainbridge has served as President for 3 years and may not be re-elected. The following have been nominated:

President	Prof David Rankin
Treasurer	Mr R Green
Secretary	Mrs C Shaw
Subscription Secretary	Ms C Boulby
Editor	Anton Edwards
Publicity Manager	Mr A J Leven
Chairman of Web Committee	Mr I Young

In accordance with Rule 6.1 four members shall be elected to the Council annually to serve for three years as Ordinary Members.

To date nominations have been received for Monica Wylie

**Please consider becoming an Ordinary Member of Council. Talk to Carole Bainbridge or Carol Shaw for more information.**

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