

# Edinburgh & Lothians Rock Garden Group

Affiliated to the Scottish Rock Garden Club

## Newsletter Spring 2018

### **EDINBURGH AND THE LOTHIANS SHOW – PLEASE HELP**

**7<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm (show opens about 11.30 am)**

**Fairmilehead Parish Church, Frogston Road West, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh EH10 7AA**

The Edinburgh Group's annual spring show is held on behalf of the Scottish Rock Garden Club. It enables the group and Club to show the public beautiful and interesting plants and to share these treasures. We need your support to make sure that it is a success. So, please tell all your friends, family, neighbours, and work colleagues to come along to Fairmilehead to see the wonderful display of plants. There are other ways in which you can help:

#### **Bring some plants for sale and items for the tombola**

We need plenty: you can either donate plants or bring them for sale on a 50:50 basis. Please bring plants on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Also, items for the tombola would be welcome; please contact Peter Moore (01620 825180).

#### **Home baking**

Home baking is a feature of our show and we would appreciate donations. Also, please consider giving one hour of your time on the Saturday, helping out with the teas. It will allow others to enjoy the show. Please contact Elspeth Mackintosh (0131 554 3240 or [emackintosh@rbge.org.uk](mailto:emackintosh@rbge.org.uk)).

#### **Help on the door**

Please consider giving an hour of your time helping out on the door. Contact Peter Moore (01620 825180).

#### **Buy things while you're there!**

There will be six trade nurseries as well as the Club plant stall, seeds for sale, tombola and scrumptious cakes. The nurseries this year are: MacPlants, Binney Plants, Kevock garden plants, Edrom, Pottertons and Rumbling Bridge.

### **Why not enter a few plants in the show this year?**

As usual we are looking forward to seeing the benches bulging with beautiful plants. Why not join in by showing some plants of your own! Section Two of the show is very much the Edinburgh Group's section; the big exhibitors from around Scotland all show their plants in Section One. So, please put some plants on the show bench and help to fill the hall with wonderful spring colour.

It's easy to start showing. Just check over your plants in pots a few days before the show, tidy them up, label them and bring them along. If you don't grow plants in pots, why not dig up a few choice offerings a few days before the show, pot them up, clean them up, give them a top dressing of some nice grit or leaf mould and bring them in. There's nothing to it!

Don't know which classes to put them in? Ask Dave Millward to help you to work out where they can be entered. Entries can be made during the week before the show, or between 6 and 8 pm on Friday evening, and between 8 and 9.30 am on Saturday. If you're going to bring a lot of plants let them know in advance (01620 870283 or [dmillward6@aol.com](mailto:dmillward6@aol.com)) but if it's only a couple of plants, they can be sorted out on the day.

If you've never shown before, there is a £10 prize for the best plant from a new exhibitor, so tell Dave that it's your first show, and you might win enough to buy the next four plants to show in future years!

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### **LATE BULB DISPLAY EDINBURGH**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September, 9 am to 4 pm**

We look forward to hosting this year's autumn plant event in Edinburgh, at the Royal Botanic Garden (Conference Room). The programme will include talks and guided tours:

- 10 am Frazer Henderson: Stars of the Celestial Mountains
- 12 pm Margaret Thorne: Autumn bulbs of the Aegean
- 2 pm Guided tours around the garden and the alpine department

#### **! Plant display and biosecurity – IMPORTANT !**

To comply with the RBGE Plant Health Policy, biosecurity measures will have to be taken regarding the plants which are brought to the venue from outside the garden. The members who are planning to bring plants for display are kindly asked to send the list of plants prior to the event to John Mitchell ([jmitchell@rbge.org.uk](mailto:jmitchell@rbge.org.uk)) to rule out any susceptible host plants.

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## DISCUSSION WEEKEND

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October

This year's Discussion Weekend is held at Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, Perthshire. Speakers will include Larz Danielsson, Gerben Tjeerdsma, David Sellars, John Mattingley and Matthew Topsfield.

Deadline for bookings is 11<sup>th</sup> August. More details can be obtained at <http://www.srgc.net/> or from Julia Corden at [julia.corden@icloud.com](mailto:julia.corden@icloud.com).

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**24<sup>th</sup> March: Stirling Show, 12 noon to 3.30 pm**

Victoria Hall, Stirling Rd, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 9EX

**31<sup>st</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April: Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show**

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, The Fletcher Building

**14<sup>th</sup> April: Northumberland Show, 11 am – 3.30 pm**

Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 3PD

**21<sup>st</sup> April: Perth Show, 12 noon – 3.30 pm**

Bell's Sports Centre, Hay Street, Perth

**28<sup>th</sup> April: Highland Show, 10.30 am – 3 pm**

Nairn Community Centre, King Street, Nairn IV12 4BQ

**5<sup>th</sup> May: Glasgow Show, 11.30 am – 3.30 pm**

Milngavie Town Hall, Main Street, Milngavie, Glasgow

**19<sup>th</sup> May: Aberdeen Show, 11.30 am – 3.30 pm**

David Welch Winter Gardens, Duthie Park, Polmuir Road, Aberdeen AB11 7TH

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Gardening Scotland**

The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh E28 8NB

**4<sup>th</sup> August: Innerwick Flower Show**

**18<sup>th</sup> August: Dunblane Summer Meeting, 10 am – 4 pm**

Victoria Hall, Stirling Road, Dunblane FK15 9EX

**18<sup>th</sup> August: Ormiston and Oldhamstocks Flower Shows**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August: Gifford Flower Show**

**25<sup>th</sup> August: East Linton, Garvald and Musselburgh Flower Shows**

**1<sup>st</sup> September: East Lothian Horticultural Society Flower Show (Haddington) plus Stenton, Pathhead and Penicuik Flower Shows**

**1<sup>st</sup> September: Macplants Open Day at the Nursery, 10am – 4pm**

Macplants, Berrybank, 5 Boggs Holdings, Pencaitland, East Lothian, EH34 5BA

**2<sup>nd</sup> September: British Fuchsia Society Show, Linlithgow**

**8<sup>th</sup> September: Dunbar Flower Show**

**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September: Dalkeith Show, incorporating South East Scotland Fuchsia Society Show on 8<sup>th</sup> only**

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## CATERING AT EVENING MEETINGS – HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to help with the catering at our evening meetings? Please contact Elspeth Mackintosh ([emackintosh@rbge.org.uk](mailto:emackintosh@rbge.org.uk)) or any other member of the committee at a meeting. There will also be a signing sheet for catering volunteers at the door every meeting so if you can't commit regularly, just choose a date of future meeting which suits you and put your details down.

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## INCREASING NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The committee are open to any suggestions on how to get more people joining the club and more members attending the evening meetings. There is a possibility to move the time of meetings to earlier afternoon hours if there is enough support from the members. Please send your thoughts on this subject to John Mitchell ([jmitchell@rbge.org.uk](mailto:jmitchell@rbge.org.uk)). In the meantime spread the word about the club or bring a friend to a meeting.

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