

HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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July 2013 Newsletter

Hello again,

It's wonderful to see how our gardens, allotments, patios & window boxes have come alive with flowers & vegetables, this long winter of 2013 suddenly gave way to a late spring and the early and late blossoms blooming together brightening up our streets and gardens. Cherry, plum and apple blossom, mimosa, camellias, magnolias and of course to cheer us the ever faithful primroses, hellebores, daffodils/narcissi, you can add to this list, all just in time for our **Spring Show**.

The All Saints Church Hall was bright with colour, spring flowers on display, marmalade, cakes and bread competition, the children made a colourful display, and of course the **Plant Sale**. Thankfully the rain stayed away and we had a good turn out of members buying plants and enjoying tea & cakes.

Which brings me to our Autumn Show on the:

21st September 2013, at All Saints Church, Cricklewood, take a look at the Show Schedule and take part in your club activities how ever small.

At the Spring Show we had a talk on daffodils and narcissi by Dr Russell, this went down very well with members staying behind to hear him. Our local papers gave the show a very good write up including the talk on daffodils. They also featured a delightful photo of Margaret Scanlon our former Chairman. All future shows will have an interesting floral or horticultural topic at 3.30pm, before the raffle. Our Autumn Show topic will be "Preparing for winter" by Mike Jackson Head Gardener and Teacher at the Camden Garden Centre.

Please let's see some new faces contributing in the classes, perhaps then we won't hear murmurs **ITS ALWAYS THE SAME WINNERS**. Your committee wants new names to print in the results. Have a go.

All Saints Nursery School children and parents will be joining us at the Autumn Show, and taking part in the children's section. We hope that parents with gardens will show off their plants and maybe, a parent can take part in our floral display.

Mary Betts Editor
Anne Rowe

HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Saturday 21st September Autumn Show

All Saints Church Hall, Church Walk, Childs Hill, NW2 2TJ

2.30 - 4.30pm

Buses: 13 - 82 - 328 - 460 - 260

All Saints Church Hall will be our regular meeting hall until there are too many members and we are forced to look else where. It is easy to reach by bus and there is easy parking.

There are classes for horticulture, flower arranging, photography and cookery, not forgetting the children's classes.

At 3.30pm there will be a talk, **"Preparing your Garden for Winter" (ready for Spring) by Mike Jackson**, then the raffle. Please try to enter at least one class if you possibly can, but if not come along and support those who do enter. This is a good opportunity to buy plants, have tea with friends or meet new ones.

The show schedule is included in this Newsletter - do have a look and see what you could enter. It would help if you complete the entry form and bring it with you to the show to help the deputy Show Secretary. Taking part is fun and who knows, you might win. For more information please contact the Show Sec.: Mary Betts (020) 7625 9726.

There is no entry charge for members and 50p for non members, donation box on entry and raffle.

Home made cakes would be very much appreciated, please ask for cost or donate.

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RESULTS of: HAMPSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Kensington Roof Garden led by Mary Betts. 7th April.

We met with the Head Gardener David Lewis and enjoyed his very special garden. There were 29 visitors, members and friends (non members) It was quite strange seeing over roof tops across London from above the old Derry & Toms building opposite Barkers. It was once owned by John Barkers from Chicago, who moved to Kensington in 1929 with modern ideas for shop properties like lifts. The roof garden is a grade 2 listed building and began life in 1938 designed by Trevor Hancock a renowned gardener.

There are three themed gardens sprawling over 1.5 acres including fully grown oaks and fruit trees, growing in just 1'6" of soil, a Spanish garden, Tudor garden and English woodland. And now a hanging garden in flexible containers of strawberries and flowers. And a flowing stream stocked with fish and wildlife, including Pink Flamingoes and ducks.

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ONE DAY COACH TRIP Thursday 16th May Batsford Arboretum & Sezincote House led by Rosie Hunt

On the 16th May a party of 24 members and friends set off by coach to visit Batsford Arboretum in the Cotswolds. Rosie certainly chose the right time to visit, trees were just budding with fresh green leaves and there were plenty of spring wild flowers still holding their own, heads up to the sunlight in the deciduous tree areas. The weather forecast had not been good but the sun shone for us. We explored the arboretum looking for specimen trees, which were many. Here was an opportunity to see many different magnolias blooming, large trees and small shrubs and trees Japanese Acer in shades of reds, yellows, greens, magnificent Pinus, and lots more. Lunch was in the café looking on to the well stocked plant centre where we spent a long time. In the afternoon we travelled a short distance to Sezincote. At the entrance and over a bridge a beautiful water garden and view of the house. We toured this family home still in use, the exterior was Indian Moghul style and inside late 1700 early 1800 English, wide staircase left & right. We had afternoon tea and cakes in the lovely orangery. Fuchsias were planted to the front of the conservatory and the back wall was covered with climbing plants. Then just as the last person boarded the coach for our return journey, down came the rain.

Saturday 18th May Hampstead Horticultural Society Plant Sale

at St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, NW8 9UT,

The plant sale with tea & home made cakes was a success. Members found that the journey was quite easy by car or public transport. The venue is between Edgware Road and Abbey Road, and St John's Wood or Maida Vale tube station.

We all missed Margaret Scanlon's garden, but we could not continue taking advantage of her generosity. Gerlinde Kathuria has organized with the Vicar of St Mark's for us to hold our annual plant sale in his lovely church garden and use the entrance hall of the church for our teas and home made cakes.

If any HHS member would like to help with the garden on the following dates, helpers turn up at St Marks Church Garden at ten o'clock, the first Saturday of each month 6th July – 3rd August – 7th September. Gerlinde Kathuria is in charge of this happy band of gardeners. Give her a call for further information. 020 76256909

Wednesday 29th May Holland Park Garden Walk:

We met Ian Fleming the head gardener and began our walk at 10am, the two members were disappointed with the turnout but this gave us more personal time with Ian and there was much to see. Holland Park won the Gold award 3 years running for their originality and in this year's Chelsea a Silver for their flower lawn. I loved the Dutch Garden with 50 different varieties of tulips planted in mixed beds, amazing colours, not the usual block planting. A special area for dahlias of every type was planted with spring flowers, Lady Holland was the first person to plant dahlias from seed. The dahlia area is a must to return for in late summer. Then the lovely Japanese Kyoto Garden donated by the Chamber of Commerce of Kyoto in 1999 and just recently visited by the Emperor, Ian told us that he planted seven white rhododendrons in memory of the Fukushima disaster. There were beds of Iris, an entrance planted with cornus to show off the coloured stems in the winter, large woodland area covered in horse chestnut blossom off-pink and beige, and let's not forget the peacocks' beautiful display and cat calls.

Thanks to Su-li Low for her comments

HHS MEMBERS FORUM SECTION

Carol Klemera and Tina McKay brought to my attention that we missed the Mapesbury Open Garden Day, as this is a very popular event in our Hampstead Horticultural Society area. Would anyone with information for next year notify me? Email:

gladyswood1@talktalk.net

Someone special wanted to adopt a potted Cedar of Lebanon tree, give Peter Denton a call 020 7289 7611

HHS Members - your committee is working hard for you and in return someone must have a short story for the next Newsletter. Members with ponds - have the frogs returned? Beekeepers, how are they doing? Let's hear how members deal with uninvited guests (cats/pests). Deadline for the October Newsletter is 20th September 2013.

Results Spring Show on 13th April 2013

The Spring Show was well reported in the local paper with photos of the winners.

Horticultural classes	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Highly Commended
Judge: Pat Fox-Matthews				
Class 1 Narcissi, large trumpet (Lyndhurst cup)	Margaret Scanlon	Dr. L Russell		
Class 2 Narcissi, other (Bertram Cup)	Griselda Vrolyk	Dr. L Russell		
Class 3 Tulips				
Class 4 Small bulbous flowers				
Class 5 Flowering bulbs	Griselda Vrolyk			
Class 6 Hellebores	Griselda Vrolyk	Rosa Bacharach	Carol Klemera	
Class 7 Pot plant, flowering (Society Trophy)	Dr. Kalyani Pal	Mary Betts	Tina McKay	
Class 8 Pot plant, foliage(Dip.in Horticulture)	Tina McKay			
Class 9 Pot plant, succulent/cactus	Dr. Kalyani Pal			
Class 10 Pot plant-seed or cutting	Dr. Kalyani Pal	Tina McKay		
Class 11 Outdoor cut flowers	Audrey Stocker	Elizabeth Brestow		
Class 12 Shrubs in flower(Arnold Trophy)	Elizabeth Brestow	Rosa Bacharach		
Class 13 Flowering shrub 1 stem	Laura Singleton	Carol Klemera		
Class 14 Camellia (Horwood Bowl)	Pauline Swindell	Dr. L Russell	Laura Singleton	
Class 15 'My garden in spring'	Carol Bateman	Frances Radford	Mary Betts	
Best in Horticultural classes:	Dr. Kalyani Pal			
Floral Art Classes Judge: Pat Fox-Matthews				
Class 16 Miniature (Ackworth Bowl)	Rosa Bacharach	Frances Radford	Carol Klemera	
Class 17 A petite arrangement (Brearley cup)	Margaret Scanlon		Frances Radford	
Class 18 Modern freestyle (Ena cup)	Carol Bateman	Margaret Scanlon		
Class 19 Easter Parade	Margaret Scanlon			
Best in Floral Art Classes	Margaret Scanlon			
A Decoration for Easter Judge: Pat Fox-Matthews				
Class 20a Child 6-12 years Coloured eggs or table display	Rita Bacharach	Elsie Singleton		
Class 20b Child 5 or under Coloured eggs or table display				Sidney Singleton
Domestic Classes Judge: Jeannie Martell				
Class 21 Grapefruit marmalade(rossette)	Frances Radford	Margaret Scanlon		
Class 22 Orange Marmalade any variety (rossette)				Margaret Scanlon
Class 23 Easter Sponge	Griselda Vrolyk	Mary Betts	Margaret Scanlon	
Class 24 Easter Loaf	Mary Betts			
Class 25 Vegetarian or Chicken Pate	Frances Radford	Margaret Scanlon	Carol Bateman	
Best in Domestic	Frances Radford			
Class 26a Child 6 -12 years				
Class 26b Child (5 & under)				
Photography Classes Judged by popular vote				
Class 27 Getting ready for Spring	Rosa Bacharach			
Class 28 Fun at Easter	Margaret Hilton			
Best of two in Photography	Margaret Hilton			

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST IN LOCAL LONDON AREA

Garden History course at Burgh House starting in September 2013

The course will cover the Medieval period through to the beginning of the 19th century and will take place on Thursday mornings. Contact Burgh House for further details (020 7431 0144)

Saturday 7th September 2013 10am-3.30pm : London Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair is being held at St Michael's School, North Road, Highgate N6 4BG. The school is just past the petrol station. An opportunity to buy rare and unusual plants from specialist nurseries around London. **London Plant Heritage www.nccpg.com**

Royal Horticultural Society News

9 -14 July **HHS Hampton Court Flower Show** – Preview evening ticket £63.00, £10 reduction for members, check availability of tickets **Tel: 020 7649 1885** Dates & Tickets visit www.rhs.org.uk

NGS GARDENS

The following are some of the gardens in our area opening this year for the NGS. All are worth visiting, the proceeds go to charities, particularly Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie Hospice, Help the Hospices, Carers Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute, National Trust, Alzheimer's Society, Perennial and Garden Museum. When you attend participating gardens pick up a free copy of the Yellow Book for the London area, and in local libraries, for gardens open to the end of the year. NGS website: www.ngs.org.uk

It would be nice to have names of any HHS members who open their gardens.

Thur 11 July	116 Hamilton Terrace NW8 9UT	5 - 9	(wine) Gerlinde Kathuria
Sun 14	Menelik Road NW2 3RJ	2 -5.30	Carol Klemara
Sun 14 & Wed 17	5 Hillcrest Avenue NW11 0EP	Sun 2 – 6 Wed 5 -9	(Wine) Ruth Rees
Sun 21	91 Willifield Way NW11 6YJ	2 – 6 (HGS)	

Hampstead Horticultural Society's Garden Visits

Ian Fleming describing the woodland garden at Kensington Roof Garden, The Spanish Garden (below)



The Orangery at Batsford Arboretum

Before the rain came 16th May 2013 Batsford and Sezincote



SCHEDULE FOR AUTUMN SHOW:

Saturday 21st September 2013

at All Saints Church Hall, Church Road, NW2 2TJ

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

Teas and Cakes available and plants for sale.

No entrance charge for members 50p non members - Raffle ticket 50p 5 for £2.00 - if you cannot wait till 4pm for the draw please offer ticket to a friend

General Section

- Class 1 Dahlias** (Ackworth Vase) 3 dahlias, any variety, can be mixed
- Class 2 Fuchsias** (William Shaw Cup) 3 stems of any varieties
- Class 3 Annual flowers** (Edward Theed Tankard) 5 stems of those normally grown as annuals
- Class 4 Rose** (Gainsborough-Murphy Cup) 1 bloom, any variety
- Class 5 Roses** (Arthur Corke Rose Bowl) A vase or bowl of roses, any variety, can be mixed
- Class 6 Pot plant(s), flowering** (A.M. Gear Cup) Names on a card please
- Class 7 Pot plant(s) foliage** (Diploma in Horticulture) Names on a card please
- Class 8 Pot plant(s), grown indoors from seed or cutting** (LGS Bronze Medal)
- Class 9 Perennial flowers** (Certificate) Up to 5 stems of hardy perennial flowers, each of a different kind. Plant names on a card.
- Class 10 Garden shrubs in flower** (Sadler Cup) Up to 5 stems, each of a different kind. No berries. Names on a card
- Class 11 Foliage** (£3 prize) Up to 3 stems, each of a different variety. Berries allowed. Names on a card

Fruit and Vegetable Section

- Class 12 Fruit** (Howard L. Jacob Cup) One dish of 4 of any variety and any size, culinary or dessert
- Class 13 Soft fruit or grapes** (£3 prize) A bunch of grapes or a plate of soft fruit, with stalks attached (raspberries without stalks)
- Class 14 Tomatoes** (£3 prize) One dish of 4 grown outdoors (calyces attached)
- Class 15 Tomatoes** (£3 prize) One dish of 4 grown indoors (calyces attached)
- Class 16 Runner beans** (Diploma in Horticulture) 6 pods on a plate
- Class 17 Vegetables** (£3 prize) A selection of vegetables from your garden, displayed in a 31x31cm(12x12ins) space
- Class 18 Herbs** (Diploma in Horticulture) A bunch of fresh herbs in a container. Names on a card please
- Class 19 "A walk through my garden"** (£3 prize) 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 (Cannon Trophy) Max. 10cm(4") in any direction. No accessories

Class 21 A petite arrangement(E.Buckley Sharp Cup) Max. 3cm (9ins) in any direction.

Class 22 A Japanese style arrangement* (eg Ikebana) (Aline Coker Bowl)

In proportion to the size of the alcove. (see above) No accessories.

Class 23 'Sea Breeze' An interpretive arrangement.(Stocker Cup)

In proportion to the size of the alcove (see above). Accessories allowed.

***Japanese arrangement:** Ikebana is asymmetrical, symbolizing the balance of opposites and space plays an important part. There are 3 symbolic main lines, Shin the longest represents Heaven, Soe, the middle line is Man and Hikae, the shortest, stands for earth. Ikebana uses great restraint and limited plant material.

Class 24a Children's class: 'At the Seaside' container not more than 20cm (age 5/6 or under)

Class 24b Children's class: 'At the Seaside' container not more than 20cm (age 6+ – 12)

At least one plants, seashells, stones An interpretive arrangement

Domestic Classes

Class 25 Jar of home made jam or jelly* (Rosette) Jar size 350 – 500g

Class 26 Jar of home made chutney (Rosette)

Class 27 ' Summer Tipple' using fruit and/or herbs (Rosette)

Class 28 'Upside down summer fruit cake' (Rosette)

Class 29 'Beetroot Salad treat' (Rosette)

Class 30a Children's class: A mighty Dinosaur on a plate (age 3 - 6 or under)

Class 30b Children's class: 3 Dinosaurs on a plate (age 6+ – 12)

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

Photography, Colouring, or Painting Class – Children 3 - 6 & under 6+ - 12 & 13 - 16 Adults any age

Class 31 'Your favourite holiday memory

Class 32 'A funny incident/accident on holiday'

Photography

Class 32A 'Flower Power'

Photography

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 fees – members 25p, non-members 30p. per exhibit no charge for children
4. **Entry forms** bring to the show completed for Secretary Mary Betts & Deputy Secretary Kalyani Pal, late entries will be accepted at the Secretary's discretion, and only if space is still available. This includes photograph, colouring & painting
5. 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.
6. Exhibits in classes 6 to 8 and classes 31, 32& 32A must not have been shown before at HHS Spring or Autumn Shows.
7. Exhibitors to supply their own containers, dishes, plates etc.
8. All exhibits to be staged between 9.30am and 11.30am on the day of the show. At noon the hall will be cleared for judging to begin.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the decision of the judges will be final
12. Picture and Photography classes are judged by the general public, Photograph to be post card size, colouring and painting no more than an A4 size
13. All other matters are the responsibility of the Show Secretary.
14. 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.
15. The Society cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage, but all reasonable care will be taken.

Show Secretary: Mary Betts Tel:020 7625 9726

email gladyswood1@talktalk.net

Autumn SHOW ENTRY FORM 21st September 2013
All Saints Church Hall, Church Road, NW2 2TJ

Entry Form

I wish to enter classes.....

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Name.....

Tel. no.....

Address.....

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Children only: age.....

Pay at show £.....

25p per entry, 30p non members

Please bring this completed form to the show to register your class to help the Show Secretary Mary Betts and Deputy Show Secretary Kalyani Pal.

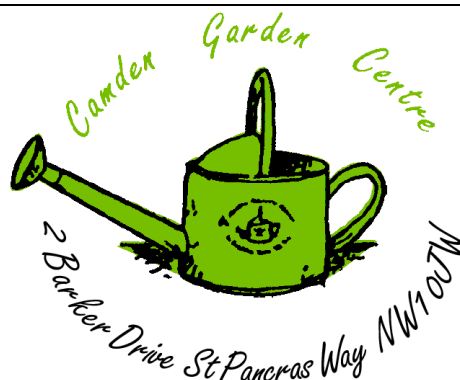
9.30am to 11.30am

Judging 12 noon

Any queries:

Mary Betts 020 7625 9726

email: gladyswood1@talktalk.net



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Camden Garden Centre
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