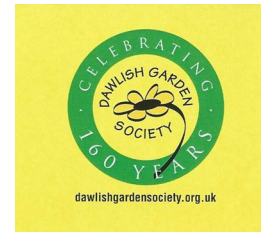


Dawlish Garden Society

Newsletter June 2022



A Busy Summer Ahead

The garden society has a busy summer ahead: first we will be at the Turn The Tide event on June 2nd; then we have members gardens open on June 25th; a coach trip to Rosemoor on July 15th; and last but not least The Summer Show on August 13th.

Turn The Tide—June 2nd

On the first day of the Jubilee celebrations the society will have a stall at this event promoting sustainability and wellbeing in the garden. There will also be a small plant sale, and competition for children.

Gardens Open—June 25th

Three member's gardens will be open with a walk past at a fourth, and afternoon tea. The gardens will be open from 2.00-4.00pm with the tea venue open until 4.30. There will not be a charge to visit the gardens, however there will be collection pots for the Devon Air Ambulance and the Alzheimer's Society in each garden.

This will not be a public event, the gardens will be open to members and their friends and family.

47, High Street—Newly landscaped garden

6, Barton Lane—Winner of Dawlish in Bloom 2020

7, Weech Road—Front garden walk past, winner of Dawlish in Bloom containers 2020

14, Barton Terrace —Plants woman's garden and the Tea venue

A map is available, there is no order—start with tea, have it in the middle or finish with it, it is up to you.

Coach Trip to Rosemoor

There are still spaces for our trip to Rosemoor on July 15th, at £12 for members and £15 for non-members, which then also gives them 6 months membership of the society. Contact Suzanne to book a place—suzannej191@gmail.com

Summer Show—August 13th

The programme is now available from Park Road Pets, Dawlish Farm Shop, the Library and Hay's Travel or on line at our website. The full schedule is back, after last years restrictions. The theme for this year is The Platinum Jubilee. There will also be the plant sale out on the Strand during the day.

Next meeting—June 30th at 7.00 for 7.15

Wildlife Friendly Gardening by Ben Candlin

Looking Forward

We do not have meetings in July and August, they will be back in September with a talk on Hedgehogs.

We are planning to go back to Lukesland on a Wednesday in October to see the autumn colours following the really interesting and informative talk from John Howell in May. Details in the September Newsletter.

Welcome to Dawlish Sign

As you drive into Dawlish on the Exeter Road you will now see a refreshed flower bed under the 'Welcome to Dawlish' sign. This is thanks to the hard work of Steve and Karen Templeman, Roger Kohl, and June Cassidy, who first cleared it up and then replanted it.

It is also thanks to a grant from Teignmouth District Council and Park Road Pets who delivered the compost and plants to this difficult to access site. We hope that residents and visitors alike will enjoy the splash of colour as they drive into the town.



Lukesland Gardens



Back in April 2020 Lorna Howell was due to give us a talk on her garden, Lukesland. However, lockdown meant that all meetings were cancelled, so instead we ran a feature on it in our first newsletter. Her talk was again cancelled in 2021—but this May John Howell came and tell us all about their garden, which was started in the 1860s and it has now been in John's family for three generations since the 1920's.

Also in May a group of garden society members visited Lukesland by train, and it was a lovely day out amongst all the spring flowers.



For enquires contact:

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Ian Hallett in April informed us how to make the most of our entries to shows

First make sure that you read the schedule for exact numbers and display information before selecting the best items for the show bench. Ian worked through our 2022 Show schedule offering advice and remarking on the various vegetables and fruit.

Tomatoes – check the size, how many on a plate, how to stand them on a plate using little tricks like polo mints to hold them upright and in place. Some growers use sharp sand to place Tomatoes successfully. All entries should be the same size and shape.

Onions and shallots should have the tops tied and roots trimmed

Leeks have their roots washed and left on and the green tops tied with string to keep tidy.

Leave the stem on garlic.

Carrots should have the single root left on, be the same length and have 75 mm of green tops trimmed. A variety called Sweet Candle is currently winning all the prizes.

With beetroot, a judge will often cut a slice out to check the rings go all the way through, you must keep the tap root on.

For radish keep the root and stem on and point the same way on a plate.

A "Top Tip" for keeping runner beans straight is wrapping them in a damp tea towel overnight, the judge will usually pick one bean from the group and snap it to test for freshness.

Good varieties of potato to grow for showing are Winston (white) and Kestrel (coloured) a good size would fit in the palm of your hand. Place on the plate with eyes pointing outwards.

When displaying flowers, make sure you know if the blooms are annuals or perennials as you will be disqualified for having the wrong item in the vase. Most flowers require a long stem to show successfully – especially sweet peas and roses. Most dahlia heads should be at a 45-degree angle to the stem apart from Pom-Pom which should be upright.

For pot Plants the judge will also take into account the outer pot the plant is displayed in so choose carefully.

A Really Successful Spring Plant Sale

On May 14th we enjoyed good weather and a plant sale that beat all previous records. Many people came looking for plants as they knew our reputation for quality at a good price, some were new to our plant sale and of course there were lots of members who dropped by. Thank you to everyone who grew plants, bought plants and especially thanks to all the sales people and the members who donated their time to give us such a success. It is our plant sales that finally support the society and has kept membership fees unchanged now for 20 years.

