**Staplehurst Horticultural Society**

**Programme of Speakers and Events**

**How Artists and Garden Designers Lead us up the Garden Path talk by Jane Scotchmer**

**Tuesday 16th January**

Meeting at the Community Centre, South Hall TN12 0BJ. 8.00pm

Focusing on the role of the path, Jane’s talk is an entertaining and creative mix of horticultural principles of design. She will be using copies of well known paintings, her own photos and sketches of gardens to illustrate and explore how basic principles are used.

**History of Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens talk by Stephen Harmer**

**Tuesday 20th February**

Meeting at the Community Centre, South Hall TN12 0BJ. 8.00pm

Stephen is a Garden History lecturer and author. Tonight, he will be talking about the whole history of Sissinghurst from the Bakers and when Elizabeth 1 stayed for three nights right up to the death of Vita Sackville West in 1962 with the garden going to the National Trust.

**Spring Show**

**Saturday 23rd March**

Community Centre, North Hall

Our popular Spring Show has refreshments, competitions and raffle. Register by referring to your new 2024 schedule instructions.

**English Love Affair with Iris A talk by Sue Marshall**

**Tuesday 16th April**

Meeting at the Community Centre, South Hall TN12 0BJ. 8.00pm

Sue has run her nursery Iris of Sissinghurst for 20 years, during this time she attended many local and RHS shows. She also grows Iris for garden designers to use at shows including Chelsea. Her talk will focus on why she loves Iris, why she specialised in growing one particular group of plants and illustrates the wide range of plants available, including their care and development. Did you know that there is an Iris called Staplehurst?

Sue will be bringing plants along to sell.

**Saturday 20th April Rumwoods 20% off day.**

Rumwoods Nursery has kindly agreed to give members of Staplehurst Horticultural Society a special day where all our purchases have 20% off. So, come along and stock up on your horticultural needs today. Then meet up with other members, whilst enjoying coffee and cake in the café.

Entry to non-members £2 evening meetings (other than AGM) annual membership £10 Contact Margaret 07740655666

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