



Bulletin

19th August 2024

From the Chair

Dear Members,

The shows this year have been absolutely wonderful, despite the unpredictable weather. A big thank you to all our exhibitors who have made them so special.

Bob Charman's "Violas and Volcanoes" talk was very interesting, accompanied by beautiful slides. It also had a very tasty interval with a cream tea courtesy of Signature.

I have just returned from my holiday to find the garden looking like a jungle, with grass as least 6" long and everything overgrown, so lots of work to do. I didn't know where to start! On holiday I saw lots of fabulous

blue hydrangeas, and speaking to the gardener at the guest house she gave me a tip on how to keep them blue, which is to cut up a lemon and a lime into pieces and place them around the roots of the plant, as the acid in the fruit should help keep the colour. I am going to try this so will let you know if it works.

I am now looking forward to our Autumn show on 14th September.

Happy gardening and best wishes.

Gail Fraser - Chairperson

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Autumn Show

Saturday 14th September at
2pm in Banstead Community Hall

The team that helps set up the shows is fairly small, and if anyone can spare some time on a Friday evening from 7.00pm we would be grateful. Set up for the Autumn show starts at 6.30pm on Friday 13th.

There is a new class (4) open to all. If you do not have enough vegetables, flowers or fruit to make up an entry here is your chance! Details are on the top of page 21 of the schedule but if you have any questions please contact the show secretary.

The Banstead Gardeners Challenge is for a collection of 3 vegetables to be staged on a tray or board 45 x 60cm (18 x 24 in). A black cloth may be used, and the tray may be painted. No accessories such as onion rings plates etc are allowed, but a garnish of parsley is. Three of the following vegetables must be displayed with the amount in brackets: Carrots (3), cauliflower (2), onions (3) parsnips (3) peas (6 pods), potatoes (3), runner beans (6 pods), tomatoes (6), French beans (6 pods), sweet corn (2), peppers (3), cucumbers (2), courgettes (3) red beet (3) aubergines (2). Each type of vegetable is judged out of a total of 24 points, size, shape and colour 7, condition 7, uniformity 6.

Class 88. Flower arrangers, do not forget to contact the assistant show secretary to obtain the intriguing accessories for this challenge.

David Peterken, Show secretary

Note: David and Sally do an incredible job behind the scenes working out who has won the cups and the number of firsts, seconds etc, but if anyone is able to assist them from anytime between 11pm and 4pm they would be most grateful.



Despite the high standard of the exhibits at our shows, we have a way to go to match these ones at this year's Hampton Court Flower show in July.

Plant Corner

Plant of the season is Jackie Russell's Eucomis Pink Gin.

This unusual clump-forming, bulbous perennial with its pink flowers and bright green foliage is a stunning addition to the late summer garden. It grows to 120cm tall and requires direct sunlight.



Shows

We are most grateful to all our exhibitors who have helped us stage three magnificent shows in May, June and July. Each one has been the largest in terms of exhibits for many years, filling the hall with exhibits. The judges have been most

impressed, and a new judge commented “Just how do you manage to do six shows of this standard”. We would also like to thank all those involved in the Iris Show, especially Banstead Village Residents Association, as well as those who

helped at Banstead May Fair.

Thanks are also due to those who provided and served the splendid teas, cakes and strawberry and cream at the shows. Expect the teas to be outside for the next show!

David Peterken, Show Secretary

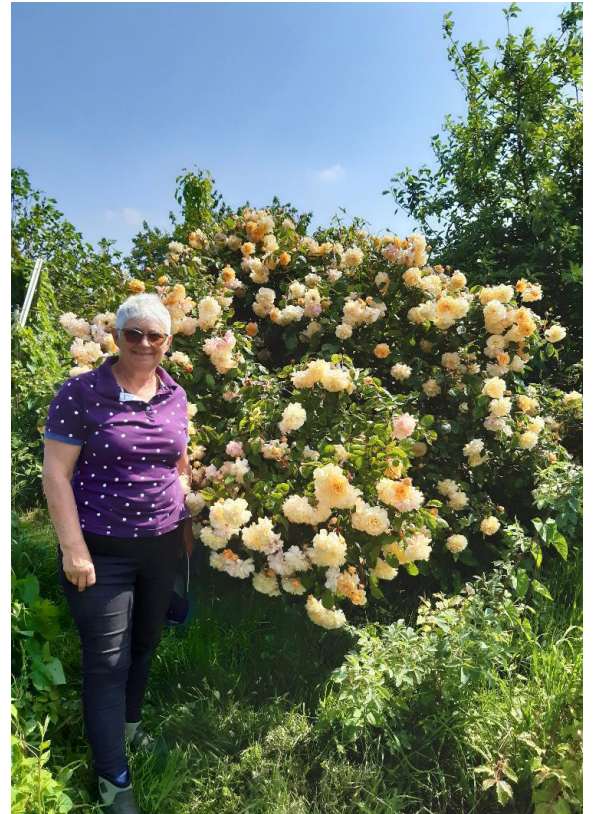


Jackie couldn't believe the size of her rose Crown Princess Margarette in the allotment.

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This has been a magnificent year for roses. This is Jackie Russell's rose Madame Isaac Perrier taken at the end of May. It was a foretaste of the exceptionally high quality of the rose exhibits in the summer shows.

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Show awards

Cups

The Marillee cup for the most points in the iris classes: Sally Keywood-Gray

The Mrs Bristow challenge cup for a box of 6 roses: Diana Beck

The Major Wade cup for the best rose early summer show: Jackie Russell

The Branscombe Memorial Delphinium Bowl: Bob and Marion Charman

The Edwards cup for early season vegetables: Judith Henley

The Collett cup for sweet peas: Sune Larsen-Walsh.

Blue ribbons

Sally Keywood-Gray, (a planted container in two shows), Diana Beck (an exhibit of Roses, 6 Rose heads), Jane Mawer (a marmalade cake and redcurrants), Nina Fassnidge (ginger

muffins, chocolate chip cookies and raspberry loaf cakes), Yvonne Perriam (carnations and a pot grown plant in flower), Ann Shore (Hydrangeas), John Edwards (a cordial), David Peterken (4 herbs and cluster flowered roses), Jackie Russell (a specimen rose and English madeleines), Nina Fassnidge and Alison Hooker (May Dance), Jill Clark (a large flowered rose), Judith Henley (any other vegetables and Summer harvest), Ed Nash (new exhibitor fruit and onions), Margaret and Norbert Dietsch (a flowering pot plant).

Certificates of Merit

Charles Marshall (a poster for a local event and chocolate chip cookies), Ryder Fraser (a planting of Cress), Nina Fassnidge (shortbread fingers), Deanna Singh (fuchsia heads and Perennial flowers 1 vase). Jackie Russell (paeonia, fuchsia heads & gladioli), Jill Clark (roses), George

Tyler (leeks), Sally Keywood-Gray (a collection of pot plants, a flowering tree or shrub, a collection of flowering pot plants and a pot grown begonia), Diana Beck (a foliage tree or shrub, a petite arrangement of flowers and an arrangement of miniature roses), Marion Charman (a miniature flower exhibit), Sune Larsen-Walsh (12 sweet peas, annual flowers and an arrangement of flowers), Margaret and Norbert Dietsch (pansies and a child's wedding circlet), Marion and Bob Charman (any other iris), Gail Fraser (cluster flowered roses and Summer Days are coming), Richard and Peggy Reid (paeonia), Judith Henley (mixed flowers, a vase of annuals and annuals I kind) Jane Mawer (a flowering shrub). Signature SL (pansies, a planting of herbs and a miniature flower arrangement), Mark and Caroline Morgan (2 large flowered roses).

Fees and Subscriptions

There is never a good time to raise entry and membership fees, especially after the difficult year in the economy. However, due to the increase in costs this year in running the shows, cost of stationary, hire, judges expenses and sundry, the Committee has decided that the cost of membership will rise to £6 per person, with joint membership will rise to £11. If there is a third adult in the household, the fee will be an extra £5. Children under 16 remain free.

The charge for postal delivery of the Bulletin, will rise from £3 to £5 per year. The rapid rise in stamp prices has made this change necessary.

Entry fees are increased for members and non-members as follows:

Coffee mornings – members £2, non-members £3

Afternoon teas – members £3, non-members £5

Evening lectures – members £2, non-members £5

Shows – members free, non-members £4

Special events – members £5

Free entry for all will still apply to the Iris 'Show

Jackie Russell, Membership Secretary

Prize Draw

The lottery winners from the Early Summer and Summer Shows were as follows:

June 2024

1st no.62 Laura Edwards

2nd no.90 Michael Cartwright

3rd no.61 Laura Edwards

4th no.77 Nina Fassnidge

July 2024

1st no.79 Claire Abbott

2nd no.6 Sally Keywood-Gray

3rd no.85 Ed Humphreys

4th no.8 Jackie Russell



The early summer's excessive rain has resulted in luscious growth and vibrant colour in our gardens, and Richard and Peggy Reid's is no exception.

Epsom College

As a member of BHS you are eligible to join us in our partnership with Epsom College. Sixth form students volunteer to help us in our gardens. In my first year of participating I have loved seeing just how much the students enjoy it. The look on a young girls face when

she saw that the seeds she had sown had begun to grow was a joy! As was the look on my face as the student cutting my hedge declared it a great upper arm workout!

To learn more, please ring me on 01737 813377 or email me at junechennell@hotmail.com

(You need to be within 15 minutes drive away from college)



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