



## Epsom Garden Society: July 2023

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*Dear Member, if you have any news or garden related small ads that you would like to be included in the Newsletter, please phone me, 01372 724138, or email me, [margarethaslam6@gmail.com](mailto:margarethaslam6@gmail.com)*

**Kim and Cathy** have been working on a '*Members handbook*'. This is intended for new members to help them make the most of our Society and includes information on the Show [now re-named the **Garden and Craft Show** to more accurately reflect the range of categories], discounts available to members, plus information about our sponsors. Although we are sure that as long term members of the Society, you will be very familiar with this information, it will be available to all via email and the website [just google **Epsom Garden Society**]. Due to printing costs we are not planning to have paper copies of the handbook. However, if you do not have any access to the internet, please contact us and we will arrange for one to be printed.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June we held a coffee morning in the *Sports Club, Woodcote Road*, with a Plant Sale and members display table too. Thanks to **Cathy Flitter, Kim Shrosbree** and **Helen McMeecham** who brought beautiful flowers from their gardens, and to **Vicky Holmes** and **Chris Powsey**, who had both made charming arrangements for us to see. **Vicky's** was an arrangement inside an amazing swirl of open-work basketry, and **Chris** brought a neat cushion of flowers arranged in a dome shape, in interesting shades of mauve and lime green. Thanks to everyone who contributed flowers for our sale. I was trying a new experiment where you don't price the plants but just let people decide what they want to pay, and was so pleased! You are all very generous, and we made £28, which helps towards the hire of the hall.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> July at this same venue, starting at 10.15am for a 10.30 prompt start, **Margaret Trepant** will be running a workshop '*Arranging with Summer Flowers*'. Bring along a favourite container and a selection of flowers [supermarket ones will be absolutely fine if you don't want to strip your garden] and **Margaret** will be giving some simple hints and tips to make them look their best. Hopefully this will inspire you to have a go at an entry for the show. Numbers are limited, so please let **Cathy** know you are intending to take part, [catherine.flitter2@ntlworld.com](mailto:catherine.flitter2@ntlworld.com) or 07821 277708, and she will then confirm by return with more information. If you want to just watch, do come along, although it is a lot more fun to 'have a go.'

Last Autumn some members from our Society went to visit **Gertrude Jekyll's** garden at *Munstead Wood* after hearing **Cherrill Sands'** lovely talk about *Arts and Crafts gardens*. The property was about to be sold and everyone thought it would be the last chance to see it. We have just heard that the *National Trust* have bought it and the contents are about to be sold by auction. Its future is assured, and we will be able to visit again one day.

**Cherrill** will be visiting us again on Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about *Painshill Landscape Garden*, where she has been heavily involved in the research and restoration. 'Painshill in Surrey was one of the finest landscape gardens of the eighteenth century. It was the vision of **Charles Hamilton**, who created a garden of mood, designed to play on the senses and imagination. He was also a great plantsman, who grew vines for wine making and succeeded with a number of exciting North American plants. During the twentieth century *Painshill* was neglected, the buildings decayed and the garden became overgrown. Through the efforts of the *Gardens Trust* and local historians, most of the land was bought by Elmbridge Borough Council. In 1981 the *Painshill Park Trust* was formed to rescue and restore the garden. By using archive research, archaeological excavations and continual physical work, the magic and beauty of *Painshill* has been rediscovered.'

The *Surrey Horticultural Society*, which we are affiliated to, have been busy arranging lots of things for us to enjoy. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July there will be a visit to 'Grattons', The Green, Dunsfold, Surrey GU8 4LU. A large private garden opening exclusively for SHF Clubs from 2.30 – 4.30pm. Teas available on the Terrace. Entry £5 each which will be donated to the owners charity. Free parking. Sorry, no dogs in the

garden. The garden has been extensively renovated by the owners [though, like most gardens it is a work in progress] with lots of unusual trees and shrubs, flower borders and a lovely kitchen garden with fruit cage. The terraced lawns run down to a stream at the base of the valley.

To find it: take the A281 from Guildford, follow it until a set of traffic lights shortly after the Smithbrook Kilns Centre. Turn right at the lights onto the B2130, then follow round a couple of sharp bends for a mile or so. Then when the road does a second sharp right turn, go [carefully!] straight onto the road to Dunsfold. Coming into the village green, the house has its own signpost from the road on the right hand side.

**Squires Garden Centre in Halliford Road, Shepperton TW17 8SG** are holding the *National Sweet Pea Show* from 11 -5pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and 11 -4pm on Sunday 2nd July. To be held in partnership with the *National Sweet Pea Society*. It will be held in a large marquee in the plant area and speciality *Sweet Pea seeds from Roger Parsons Sweet Peas* will be available to buy.

At the same venue on 13<sup>th</sup> August the *British Fuchsia Society* are holding the *National Fuchsia Show*. They are celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Exhibits will include standard and bonsai fuchsias. The Show takes place from 12 until 4pm in The Orangery. Entry is free to both events.

Closer to home, **Ewell Horticultural Association** are holding their *Summer Show* on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Free entry from 2pm. Tea and Cakes, raffle, plant sale and garden sundries for sale.

We are invited to **Keith and Elizabeth Lewis's** garden at 41 Shelveys Way, Tadworth KT20 5QJ, on 11<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm. Teas to be provided by TWOAT. There will be choice perennials together with colourful annuals. **Keith** was our Chairman for several years, and a judge at our shows, often a prize winner with his beautifully grown daffodils and tulips, and it will be lovely to see his immaculate garden. The cost will be £8, please have the right change and pay on arrival. TWOAT do want to know how many people to expect so that they will have enough cake, so if you intend to visit, please will you let **Sue Glover** know: 07810117140, [sue.192@live.co.uk](mailto:sue.192@live.co.uk) and she will tell **Keith**.

I was going to report on **Barry Newman's** vegetable talk here, but unfortunately he is unable to get to us because of an operation that has gone wrong. Best wishes to him and hopefully he will soon be recovered, and we look forward to hearing his informative talk another time.

**Chiltern Seeds** have been explaining Latin names. Sometimes Latin names can be confusing, difficult to pronounce and not as easy to learn as the English names, [eg Helianthus annuus is a bit of a mouthful compared with sunflower!] but they can actually reveal something of the plants appearance or habitat, and can be useful when selecting a plant for a specific purpose. Anything with 'Tinctoria' in the name will be useful for dying, and plants named 'Alba' will be white. Try these : *Nicotiana glutinosa*? Sticky. *Aquilegia viridiflora*? Green flowers. *Achillea millefolium*? With a thousand leaves. *Maclaya cordata*? Heart shaped. *Agastache aurantiaca*? Orange coloured. *Ammobium alatum*? Winged. *Anthriscus sylvestris*? Grows in woods. *Dionaea muscipula*? Fly catching. *Alchemilla mollis*? Soft. It's fun trying to guess.

Small Ads: **Experienced Gardener Wanted**, [not just cutting the grass], phone 01372 745221

**Plant Sale** in the front garden at HILBEN, 20 Manor Green Road. Dahlias and plants from seed or plugs, prices from 50p - £5, all in 2/3 litre pots. Also delphiniums, gazanias and strawberry plants, do come and browse. Queries to [hilbenhomegrown@hotmail.com](mailto:hilbenhomegrown@hotmail.com).

**1,000 litre white plastic IBC tank without metal cage, free** – measures 1metre cube, great for collecting rainwater if you have the space – new owner to collect from KT19 8LL, please contact [elizabeth@toogoods.com](mailto:elizabeth@toogoods.com).

**Lots of gardens open in Bookham** on 28<sup>th</sup> June in aid of the Old Barn. Pay once and see them all.

**15x wheeled plant pot holders for 11” tubs.** 020 8394 2168, [steveroebuck@talktalk.net](mailto:steveroebuck@talktalk.net).

**Please do you have any spare fruit and vegetables that you would like to donate to a new venture?** Members at **Epsom Pantry** are able to purchase a weekly food shop for a small weekly subscription of £5, to include fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up the cupboard and fridge. Please bring any donations to 24 South Street, on Mondays from 9 - 5, Wednesdays from 9 -12noon, Thursdays 9 - 5, and Fridays 9 – 12noon

*Best wishes Margaret*

## ANNUAL GARDENING & CRAFT SHOW SCHEDULE

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 at S t Martin's School, Ashley Rd, Epsom KT18 7AD

### SECTION 1 - FLOWERS

1.	Rose large flower : one bloom	For example, a hybrid tea or a large-flowered climber
2.	Rose English/old fashioned type: one bloom	
3.	Roses: large flower three blooms	
4.	Roses : English/old type: three blooms	
5.	Rose – cluster flower 1 stem	Cluster flowered roses include floribunda, rambler, polyantha, climbers etc.
6.	Roses – cluster flower 3 stems	
7.	Roses - six or more stems	
8.	Pot of grass/sedge	Pot not to exceed 12" (30cm) in diameter
9.	Pot grown flowering plant other than fuchsia	
10.	Pot grown foliage plant	Houseplants can be included in this category
11.	Cut flowers from the garden, one vase, at least three different kinds, minimum of 5 stems excluding Dahlias	Space should not exceed 60 x 60 cm
12.	Clematis, 3 stems 1 vase, 1 or more kinds	Single or double
13.	Hydrangea – 1 bloom any variety	
14.	Hydrangea – 3 blooms any variety	
15.	Fuchsia – one pot single flowers	Pot not to exceed 10" (27.3cm) diameter
16.	Fuchsia – one pot double flowers	Pot not to exceed 10" (27.3cm) diameter
17.	Fuchsia flowers – six displayed on a board	Single or double flowers displayed on a black board. Card to rest on water container
18.	Hosta leaves, six, one or more varieties in a vase	
19.	Pelargonium, regal, ivy leaved, zonal or scented in flower, one pot	
20.	Dahlias – cactus variety 3 blooms	
21.	Dahlias – decorative variety or ball variety 3 blooms	
22.	Dahlias – any other classification - 3 blooms	
23.	Dahlias – mixed, no more than 12 blooms in a vase	
24.	Gladioli – up to 3 spikes any variety	
25.	Sunflower – 1 stem any variety	
26.	A terrarium with 3 or more plants	
27.	Alpine garden with 3 or more varieties	Container not to exceed 46 x 31cms or 42cms round
28.	Single cactus or succulent in a pot	Pot not to exceed 12" (30cm) diameter

Unless otherwise stated, cut flowers should be displayed in a vase with appropriate water retaining material if needed. Vases are available on the day, but it is generally easier to use own where possible.

### SECTION 2 - FRUIT

29.	Eating apples x 5	
30.	Cooking apples x 3	
31.	Raspberries x 10	Leave stalks attached. It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate
32.	Blueberries x 10	Leave stalks attached. It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate
33.	Blackberries x 10	Leave stalks attached. It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate
34.	Plums, damsons or greengages x 6	
35.	Pears x 5	
36.	Grapes x 1 bunch	
37.	Any other fruit	For example, melons or apricots (for numbers ask Show Secretary)

**SECTION 3 - VEGETABLES**

38.	Cucumbers x 2	
39.	Beetroot x 2	
40.	Standard tomatoes x 5	
41.	Cherry tomatoes x 8	It is recommended that these are displayed on a non-patterned plate
42.	Sweet peppers x 3	
43.	Chillies x 6	
44.	White potatoes x 5	Displayed on a non-patterned plate
45.	Coloured potatoes x 5	Displayed on a non-patterned plate
46.	Onions x 5	Dressed (tops tied down with raffia/twine)
47.	Shallots x 6	Dressed (tops tied down with raffia/twine)
48.	Courgettes x 3	
49.	Lettuce x 2	Display with washed roots attached
50.	Kale x 6 leaves	
51.	Swiss Chard or Spinach x 10 leaves	
52.	Runner Beans x 6	
53.	French Beans x 6	
54.	Collection of 5 different herbs in a vase	Display with names on a card
55.	Any other vegetable	For example, squash, leeks or parsnips (for numbers please refer to our website or ask Show Secretary)
56.	Basket/trug of vegetables 4 different kinds, 3 of each	Table space not to exceed 60 x 60 cm

Unless otherwise stated, fruit and vegetables may be displayed directly on the display table, with the proviso that they must be washed and dried before placing. They should also be checked for any signs of live infestation.

**SECTION 4 - FLOWER ARRANGING****Open Classes**

57. Apple Glory - an exhibit (for example displayed in a vase)  
 58. **The Beauty of Bronze – an exhibit**

**Advanced Classes**

59. Floral Fireworks- an exhibit  
 60. **Mellow Fruitfulness – an exhibit**

**Intermediate Classes**

61. Good Enough to Eat - an exhibit in an edible container  
 62. **Bring Me Sunshine – an exhibit**

**Novice Classes**

63. Autumn Tones- an exhibit  
 64. **Berries and Blooms – an exhibit**

Natural plant material to be used in all classes unless otherwise stated and should be displayed in water or water retaining material. Except where shown, all exhibits will be displayed on open staging 60 cm wide x 60 deep, height optional and are judged from the front. For entry qualifications and hints on producing your arrangement, please look at the hints on our website [here](#). Exhibits may be prepared at home or at the Show table (please allow adequate time for the latter).

**SECTION 5 - JUNIOR EXHIBITORS****PRE-SCHOOL (UNDER 5 YEARS)**

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| 65. | A painting             | No bigger than A4                               |
| 66. | Decorated biscuits x 3 | Displayed on a plate, biscuits can be purchased |
| 67. | A posy of flowers      | Displayed in a jam jar                          |

**5 – 10 YEARS**

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| 68. | Radishes growing in a pot |   |
| 69. | Jam tarts x 3             | Displayed on a plate, pastry may be purchased |
| 70. | A hand-tied posy          | Displayed in a jam jar                        |

**11 – 14 YEARS**