

SPECIALLY REDUCED GARDEN ENTRY RATES FOR CGS MEMBERS

Carwinion, Mawnan Smith. 2 for the price of 1
Open Daily 10.00am - 5.00pm all year.
Website: www.carwinion.co.uk

Lost Gardens of Heligan. Admittance at group rate: Adults £8.00 (Seniors £7.00). Open daily all year. April - September 10.00am - 6.00pm. October - March 10.00am - 5.00pm.
Dogs on leads: October - March only. Assistance dogs welcome all year. Website: www.heligan.com

Pencarrow, Washaway, Bodmin. Gardens only: £1.00 reduction on standard admission prices and house tours. Dogs are welcome in the grounds (off leads in woodland areas). Free admission to both house and gardens when joining the Friends of Pencarrow.
House Tours: March 28th - September 30th, Sunday to Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm.
Café, plants and shop: 11.00am - 5.00pm.
Normal admission £8.50 adults, £4.00 Children 5-16 years, under 5s free.
Gardens only: March 1st to October 31st daily 9.30am - 5.30pm, normal admission £4.00 adults, £1.00 Children 5-16 years, under 5s free.
Events: March 1st - Gardens open for the season. March 14th - Wedding Fair. March 28th - House tours begin. April 21st - Open for NGS. May 2nd - Bluebell Sunday.
Website: www.pencarrow.co.uk

Penjerrick Garden, Budock. (Gumboots recommended) 2 for the price of 1. Adults £3.00, Children £1.50. Open: March 1st - Sept 30th. Wed. Fri. & Sun. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.
Website: www.penjerrickgarden.co.uk

Pinsla Garden & Nursery, Cardinham, Bodmin. 2 for the price of 1. Open Feb 23rd to Oct 31st. 10.00am - 6.00pm. Naturalistic planting surrounded by wild woodland.
Website: www.pinslagarden.net

Port Eliot, St Germans. 2 for the price of 1.
website: www.porteliot.co.uk

Trebah Garden, Mawnan Smith. 2 for the price of 1. Open every day of the year from 10am. Gallery and Garden Shops, Plant Sales and Planters Cafe. Dogs welcome, on a lead please, all year round. RHS Recommended Garden.
Website: www.trebah-garden.co.uk

Tresco Abbey Gardens, Tresco, Isles of Scilly. 2 for the price of 1 entry to the gardens. Open every day of the year 10.00am - 4.00pm.
Website: www.tresco.co.uk

Trevarno Estate, Crowntown, Helston. Open daily except Christmas Day & Boxing Day. 10.30am - 5.00pm. 2 for 1 entry. Full programme of events and walks. National Daffodil Collection with over 1,000 varieties. Also National Museum of Gardening; Soap and Toy Museum.
Website: www.trevarno.co.uk

Trewithen Gardens, Grampound Road. Members at group rate £5.00 per adult (normally £7.50). Garden opens March. Plant Nursery open all year round.
Website: www.trewithengardens.co.uk

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRODUCE YOUR VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN CLAIMING THE SPECIALLY REDUCED ENTRY RATE.

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Coombe Trenchard Arts & Crafts Garden Festival

June 17th & 18th 2011 10am - 5pm

www.coombetrenchard.co.uk

Advance notice - Further details in CGS June Newsletter

The West Cornwall Horticultural Society

will be holding their **Spring Flower and Vegetable Show** at St John's Hall Penzance on Friday 11th (12.00 - 7.00pm) and Saturday 12th March (10.00am - 4.00pm) 2011. There will also be sections for Juniors, Eggs, Photography, Domestic and Handicrafts, they will also have a variety of trade stands in attendance. Refreshments will be available. The venue has limited disabled access. The show will be opened by Tracy Wilson at 1.00p.m. on Friday March 11th, The Presentation of prizes will be at 3.00p.m on Saturday March 12th.
Contact: Mrs C Ede, Hon. Sec., Ennis Farm, Chyenhall, Buryas Bridge, Penzance, TR19 6AN
Tel: 01736 731473

Hellebores Galore

John & Gilly Mann invite you to see their hellebore collection at Higher Truscott, St Stephens, Launceston PL15 8LA on Sunday 20th March from 11.00 - 5.00
Soup will be served and cream teas.
For suggestions as to more substantial meals please telephone John Mann on 01566 772755



West of Cornwall Plant Fair

Saturday 30th April from 10.00 - 5.00 Tremenneheere Gardens

1 mile east of Penzance between Gulval and Ludgvan.
For further details please contact Neil Armstrong
Boscathnoe Farm, Penzance, TR20 8RY.

Included in this mailout will be your 2011 Membership card, attached to Marion Barker's letter, please ensure that you detach and save it before throwing her letter away! For any membership enquiries, please contact Marion at the address below:
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Chairman's Corner

It is hard to believe that, at the end of this month, we will be setting up for the Show which is on April 2nd & 3rd. As you will be aware, the setting up is done by an army of volunteers, but we always need more. If you feel you would like to help in whatever way, please contact Alison Voelcker on 01726 833268 or e-mail: alison.voelcker@green-bough.com.

I appreciate that there is uncertainty, with the weather being what it is, to know what blooms will be at their best in time for the Show, but please try to get your entry forms to Rosemary Wakeham as soon as possible before the deadline. It will make her substantial workload a lot easier if all the entries do not arrive on the last day!

The lecture season got under way with two fascinating talks by Tony Kirkham, Head of Arboretum at Kew and I am delighted to say that both lectures were very well attended. All the forthcoming lectures are of the highest quality and I do hope that as many members and guests as possible will attend.

I hope that the savage weather has not had too devastating effect on your gardens. Spring has to be around the corner! I look forward to seeing you at Boconnoc.

Andrew Leslie

Chairman



Stewards for Spring Show

Thank you for all the entries coming in.

If you have not sent your form back, I would be grateful if you could return them as soon as you can.

Thank you.

Alison Voelcker



Minibus from the west to Boconnoc Sunday 3rd April

The Executive have agreed that we run the minibus, even though in previous years we have always made a small loss. A coach is usually put on by Oates themselves but that goes 'round the houses' in the west and takes for ever to get to the Show. Our minibus will go from Penzance, through St Erth, and Hayle, then via Truro Coach station and along the A390. If you want to go to the Show from the west please use the minibus. I can change it to a coach if we get sufficient numbers.

Encourage your friends to have a great day out and pass the word round the local gardening clubs and societies.

Peter Gilmore



I hope that by the time of reading this that members have submitted their entry forms for the competitive classes at this year's Show – if not there is still time, so please send them in!

There are a few new features in this year's competitive classes:

- 1) Class 107(a) for pre-1940 Daffodils (3 stems of one cultivar in a single vase). Entries must be named and the class will be judged in accordance with the RHS Daffodil Register.
- 2) Mount Edgcumbe Garden has awarded a new cup for the person achieving the most points in the Novice Camellia Classes which will hopefully inspire those Camellia enthusiasts who have not won a class before to have a go.
- 3) For Trade exhibitors, CGS member John Mann has awarded a new trophy for the Best Plant in the Show. Traders are invited to submit a single plant or piece of plant material for judging along with a brief description of why it is special. All exhibits will be on display in a new CGS tent in the Stable Yard.



Show gardens will again be staged in the Main Marquee and in the trade areas we have a good mix of the best of Cornwall's nurseries and suppliers, as well as bringing the best of those from further afield. Alongside the regulars there are some new names including 'Gardens of Japan' specialists in conifers and acers, and a number of people selling garden accessories such as Flock Follies – bird tables & feeders.

In the Events Marquee we have arranged a programme of interesting talks and demonstrations over the two days including Bees at the Bottom of Your Garden, Floral Art Demonstrations, Woodland Garden Q & A Session with Ken Cox and, as always, BBC Radio Cornwall's Gardenline Team will be on hand to answer your questions on Saturday afternoon.

We are very grateful to Truro based estate agents Lillicrap Chilcott, who are the major sponsor of this year's Show and their support is greatly appreciated in this time of financial uncertainty.

All the funds raised at the Show go towards financing the Society's educational and charitable activities including the annual lecture programme, so I urge you to spread the word and encourage as many people as possible to attend. If you haven't already returned your raffle tickets please do so as soon as possible – there are lots of fabulous prizes to win!

The Show would not happen without all those people that volunteer to help set up, steward during the weekend and then take it all down again. If you haven't volunteered before please consider it this year. It is great fun for a good cause and all volunteers receive a free pass to enter the Show. Please contact Alison Voelcker for details on 01726 833268

Finally – the CGS and the Show are now firmly in the 21st century and, in addition to the redesigned and updated website, the Show now has its own Facebook page (many thanks to my teenage daughter for her assistance with this!)



If you are a Facebook user, search for us as *Cornwall Spring Flower Show* and help promote the Show to your friends on Facebook.

Debbie Evans

Show Director

Spring Flower Show 2011

Remember to take suitable photos for the Photographic Competition!

The categories are: *Palette of colours*
Patterns
Portrait of a flower
Waterworld
Relationships



CGS 2011 Spring Flower Show Judges

SECTION A TREES AND SHRUBS
Jonathan Hutchinson
Peter Borlase

SECTION B MAGNOLIAS
Val Anderson

SECTION C CAMELLIAS
Pat & Herb Short
Jim Stephens

SECTION D RHODODENDRONS
Barry Champion
Ken Cox

SECTION E DAFFODILS
Andrew Tompsett
Jackie Petherbridge

SECTION F HERBACEOUS, RHIZOMATOUS & OTHER BULBOUS PLANTS
SECTION G POT PLANTS
SECTION H ALPINES
Jane Little
Dr Julian Sutton

SECTION I FLORAL ART
Valerie Best (National)
Julia Harrison (Area)

SECTION J PHOTOGRAPHY
Tony Sutton

TRADE STANDS
Jim Buttress
Bob Sweet

SHOW GARDENS
Jim Buttress
Sue Minter

Medicines from Plants

The miraculous properties of plants and how they grew over the centuries to be the mainstay of modern medicine is the subject of a lecture in Truro on April 14th which will fascinate gardening and medical communities alike.

Dr Arthur Hollman, a renowned expert on the history of medicinal plants, will be warmly welcomed by the Duchy Health Charity to give its 2011 President's Lecture "The discovery of medicines from plants – from Gerard's Herball to the present day" at the Peninsula Medical School's Knowledge Spa. Dr Hollman is a consultant physician with a long interest in the therapeutic use of medicinal plants and he is the curator of the Physic Garden at the Barber-Surgeons' Hall in London. He is a member of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries and also the Worshipful Company of Barbers which was founded 1308 and had a hall near the current site in 1441.

The great John Gerard was a surgeon, plantsman and gardener who became Master there in 1607. He wrote his famous and influential Herball in 1597 describing about 2000 plants with their medical or domestic uses.

Dr Hollman's lecture will chart the path from Gerard's early discoveries right through to the types of drugs and medicines that derive from different plant groups from around the world.

Admission including a glass of wine is free – doors open at 6pm for pre-lecture drinks and the lecture itself begins at 7pm. For tickets please contact Duchy Health Charity Secretary Richard Robinson on 01209 715198 or email robin1674son@btinternet.com or write to him at Tanglewood, Parklands, South Drive, Tehidy, Camborne, TR14 0EZ.

Walks & Talk

The two Carolines have been busy planning for 2011. We do welcome your feedback on our trips and it is really helpful to have tips from some of you about gardens we may not know about or that you have particularly enjoyed and think others would too. Thank you to those of you who have e-mailed or written in with ideas.

If you managed to get to Tony Kirkham's excellent tree lecture on 27th January at Wadebridge, you will have heard him mention the name Thistleton Dyer (the 3rd Director of Kew) and it is of course this garden, which his widow Harriet, developed at Weir Quay, which we will be visiting in October, to see her collection of rare trees. Please note that there will have to be a change of date for this one because we have inadvertently clashed with the lecture by Kim Wilkie, on the same date.

We look forward to meeting you at the show, at one of the lectures or at one of the Walks & Talks.

Caroline & Caroline

Booking forms

In this mail out there are ten Booking Forms. I fully appreciate that if you wanted to go on everything there is a considerable outlay and many cheques. With the Walks and Talks the cheques are not cashed until the Carolines close the booking for each event, so that staggers those outlays.

In the case of day Outings, where I can, I have just asked for the booking form to be returned as soon as possible and the payment can be sent in nearer the date of the event. In the case of Short Breaks, a small deposit is required with the booking form and the final payment is required just in time for your cheque to be processed into our account and for us to pay the hotel eight weeks before the trip.

Oates, the coach company that we use are very good in that they do not invoice us until after the event.

Outings in 2011 – costs

The cost of our events has increased substantially this year. As you will realise, this has been caused by the rise in VAT, fuel costs for the coach and ferry and generally gardens have had to increase their entry charges as well. We aim to just cover the costs.

I hope that you can still come to the various trips as I appreciate for some that it is their main opportunity to get out, meet friends and to have an enjoyable time.

Outings Organiser – position partly filled!

Following my comments in the last Newsletter that I was planning to step down as Outings & Holiday Organiser, I am very pleased to report that we do have a person who has expressed interest in taking on some of aspects of the Outings organisation but perhaps thinks that the whole job might be too much. So we have discussed the idea that perhaps one person looks after the day coach outings and another the short breaks. If there is anyone interested in helping on this basis then please call me

Peter

Can You Believe It? by Pat Ward

From the Journal in 1971.

A visit to Knightshayes on May 11th is planned. Limited to 82 in 2 coaches.
Cost: including Coach Fare, Coffee, Garden Entry and Tea @ £1.75 per head.

Report in the 1975 Journal.

On June 20th Lady Boyd of Merton received about 70 members to Ince Castle, half travelling by car and half by coach (which went to the wrong Castle but managed to turn round on dry land!).