

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

Trevano Estate, Crowtown, 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.trevano.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

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A Message from the Cornwall Gardens Trust:

The C.G.T. needs Garden Recorders! We have a long list of historic or interesting gardens which their owners would like to be recorded and currently do not have sufficient volunteers to help with the projects. And what is garden recording? What it is not is CGT members going round each garden and making a critical judgement as to how many weeds there were lurking in it, or how successful - or otherwise - was that new colour scheme.

Recorders study the garden from a historical point of view: how it has changed over the years, who the past owners and staff were, and they note significant features such as walled gardens or gazebos. Interesting planting is included but the focus is not on the horticultural aspects of the gardens. Information is to be found by studying archives, and local and family history and here the Cornwall Record Office and the Courtney Library in Truro are very helpful. This research is fascinating and one learns a lot about the county. Finally all the written data is assembled together with photographs and maps and is deposited in the C. R. O. where it can be accessed by future historians and by those involved in chronicling the impressive garden history of the county which undeniably deserves to be documented for posterity. Recorders will be given a training day in a significant garden and will be helped by the current recorders. We are convinced that there are many CGS members out there who have all the necessary expertise and interest - and we do need your help!

Angela Stubbs Chairman CGT.

For more information please contact Ianthe del Tufo, CGT Recorders Coordinator.
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We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Miss Baker and Mr Craigie from Penzance
Mrs Bennelick and Mr Groves of St Dominic
Mr and Mrs Dormand from St Blazey Gate
Mrs Fyfe-Smith of St Mawes
Mrs Hyde from Par
Dr and Mrs Raj of Truro
Mr and Mrs Sanger from Liskeard
Mrs Tetley of Launceston
Mrs Toms from Chacewater

And an especially warm welcome to a new affiliated society - Penwith Organic Gardeners and Growers from Helston

Included with your **March Newsletter** will be the 2012 CGS Journal: **The Cornish Garden**
A letter from the Membership Secretary with 2012 membership card/s attached
Walks & Talks: 1) Chyverton and Fentongollan. 2) Trenarth and Navas Hill House
3) Hidden Valley Gardens and Waye Cottage
Day Coach: 1) Castle Hill. 2) Mount Edgcumbe
A Burncoose Voucher.
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Chairman's Corner

Camellias galore, Daffodils, Cornish Red are all out and it is only just February!

We are often asked how the competitive classes would be affected should the mild winter continue. The answer is that it will be different in that we will see later flowering Magnolias and Rhododendrons which are not normally out with a cold winter and there might be fewer Camellias, but what is certain is that the Show will be as spectacular as ever.

On the subject of the Show, please spread the word that it is our 100th Show and we do need the support, with as many people attending as possible. It always amazes us how many gardeners in Cornwall are not aware of the Show, and although we are helped hugely by the media, word of mouth is still the best way of telling people that it is a Show that should not be missed.

In order for the Show to be the success we want it to be, we do need help. If you can help, or have friends that would like to help in the build up or during the Show, please contact Alison Voelcker. See below.

It gave me great pleasure to announce at the Christmas Lunch that your Trustees had agreed that Pat Ward should be made an Honorary Vice President. This being in recognition of the many years of dedication to the Society. We all heartily congratulate her.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Boconnoc.

Andrew Leslie Chairman



Stewards for the Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc

If you would like to help with the Show either during the set up week Tuesday 27th March - Friday 30th March and/or

Show Days: Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April. Please contact me (01726 833268) thank you.

Alison Voelcker



Free Prize Draw at Boconnoc

To celebrate the 100th CGS Spring Flower Show and to mark the event's beginnings as a Daffodil Show, we will be running a free prize draw throughout the weekend in conjunction with internationally renowned daffodil grower Ron Scamp.

The prizewinner will have the opportunity to select a new variety of daffodil from a selection grown at Ron's nursery near Falmouth and to choose a name for the new variety (it could be the name of the winner or the name of a person or place special to them).

Full terms and conditions of the competition will be available at the Show.

Debbie Evans Show Director



The two Carolines hope that you have been inspired by the Programme and look forward to seeing some of you on our Walk & Talk outings.



Walk and Talk 21st April 2012

Sadly the death of Nigel Holman, who was to host us on our visit to Chyverton, has meant that there has been a replan of that day. We are delighted to report that his son Nick Holman has agreed it can go ahead. Two of the gardeners who are currently listing the many treasurers in that garden have very kindly agreed to give a talk and walk us round this important and wonderful garden. One is Barry Champion, Horticultural Advisor. He was awarded the Goodman Cup in 2007 in recognition of distinguished services to Cornish Horticulture and the Associate of Honour by the RHS for distinguished service to Horticulture 2003. Previously Head Gardener at Tregothanan and 30 years Head Gardener at Trellissick. The other is Thomas Clark, Head Gardener at Trelissick. He has worked in various other Cornish gardens, including Glendurgan and Tregothnan. He is an RHS Magnolia Camellia and Rhododendron Group member as well as IDS and has 20 years experience as a professional horticulturalist and is particularly interested in Cornish woodland gardens. We are very lucky indeed that they have offered their services, other than travelling expenses, for free.

The charitable donations from Walks & Talks in 2011 amounted to a total of £1,894.00 which benefitted the following charities: Jennifer Trust; Cornwall Wildlife Trust; Memory Cafe, Wadebridge; Little Petherick Village Hall; Bishop Cornish Education Centre; Oasis at Penryn; Sennen RNLi; St. Joseph's Hospice; Penhaligon's Friends. A further £1,203.81 will go towards the Society's educational objectives as outlined in the Chairman's Corner by Andrew Leslie.

The Green Fingered Fete at the Eden Project.

Eden would love you to help with their Fete.

On Saturday 12th May 2012 Eden will be holding The Green Fingered Fete, a celebration of growing and gardening for all. Building on the success of last year's plant sale, the fete will be held at Eden in one of the car parks from 10.00am - 3.00pm. There will be themed areas selling plants - Allotment, Flower Garden, Botanical Treasures as well as a children's area and lots more to see and do including children's activities and gardeners question time and demonstrations. And, if you fancy your luck, you can enter the plant tombola.

Perhaps you would like to help on the day or bring some friends and family along to buy plants and join in the fun. By supporting the Green Fingered Fete you will be helping raise money for two really important projects both here and abroad: Grow a Gardener and Gardens for Life. Or perhaps you would like to grow your own piece of Eden?



Throughout the summer we are looking for people to grow their own plants at home and sell them at local community plant sales to help raise money for these really important projects. We will support you all the way with expert tips and hints from the Green Team and a visit to our own nursery.

If you're interested in volunteering at the fete or helping us in your local community please get in touch. Thank you!

Call Philippa Patterson on 01726 818808 or email ppatterson@edenproject.com

Gyllyngdune Gardens at the Princess Pavilion in Falmouth

These Gardens have just been extensively restored. There are two lectures there on March 21st and 22nd at 10.30am with lunch available. Any member interested should contact them on 01326 211222 or through their website www.gyllyngdunegardens.co.uk



South America to West Penwith - A Botanical Journey

Paintings by Claire Benson

Archie Brown's Café, Penzance
From mid-February to mid-April



West Cornwall Horticultural Society

WCHS will be holding their 2012 Spring Flower and Vegetable Show at St John's Hall, Penzance on Friday 9th March between 12 noon and 7.00pm with the opening ceremony taking place at 1.00pm with James Churchfield of Radio Cornwall. The Show continues on Saturday 10th March from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Presentation of prizes by Colonel Edward Bolitho O.B.E. Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall. Admission £3.00 There will also be sections for Juniors, Eggs, Photography, Domestic and Handicrafts. There will be a variety of trade stands in attendance. Refreshments will be available. The venue has limited disabled access. Further information from Mrs C Ede: 01736 731473.

Hidden Gardens of Wessex, Winchester 10th - 13th September 2012 (three nights)

A few places are available on this CGS short break to see gardens in Hampshire and organised for us by Heritage Touring. It includes 3 nights at the Mercure Wessex Hotel in Winchester on a B & B basis and with two dinners. Details are in the past Newsletters. If you would like to join please complete the booking form and send to Heritage Touring, Flaxmans, West Tytherley, SP5 1NR. If you need another booking form or any other details, please ring Peter Howard on 01208 873225.

CGS Brittany Gardens Tour 20th - 25th May - Urgent Request

The exciting Brittany Gardens Tour is getting close and we need to finalise numbers in order to complete hotel and ferry bookings. There are a few places remaining so if you wish to join the Tour please now complete the Booking Form (sent out in December). If you need another booking form or any other details, please ring Peter Howard on 01208 873225.

Mr Bloom of CBeebies

AT CORNWALL SPRING FLOWER SHOW

If you have pre-school children or grandchildren, you may well be familiar with the popular CBeebies programme

'Mr Bloom's Nursery'

which aims to teach young children how to care for plants and vegetables in a fun, entertaining way.



We are delighted to announce that Mr Bloom (played by Cornish-born actor and writer Ben Faulks) will be attending the Spring Flower Show on Sunday 1st April.



As well as doing some of the things he does on his show, like planting and watering seeds, he will be available for photographs and he will present the prizes for the Children's & Schools' classes in the Stable Yard at 3pm.

Entry to the show is free for under 16s and there is also free face painting - so if you know any budding young growers please encourage them to come along and enjoy the fun.

For more information about when Mr Bloom will be appearing during the day, visit www.cornwallflowershow.co.uk or call 01209 714488.

Behind the scenes at the Spring Flower Show

We always need help setting up and running the show and this year is no exception.



We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer. It isn't necessary to be a CGS member, so if you have friends or relatives that would like to join in please ask them to get in touch. There is a range of jobs to do during the week prior to the Show and then of course we need a legion of stewards to look after all the visitors during the weekend.

All volunteers are entitled to a pass for free entry to the Show and travel expenses can be claimed by those who help during the set up week.

For more details please contact Alison Voelcker 01726 833268



Raffle tickets Please remember to return your raffle ticket stubs to Debbie Evans and don't forget that the proceeds go towards the Society's educational objectives as outlined in the Chairman's Corner by Andrew Leslie.

Show entries

Looking back over past years at articles written for the Newsletter prior to the Spring Show only serves to emphasise the variation in our winter season each year. Last year was a bitterly cold winter but this year has remained mild in comparison. Even in cold North Cornwall my hanging baskets and outdoor pots have remained valiantly flowering and I had not the will to pull up the pansies and other bedding plants which, after a late summer trim up, are flowering on happily. Newspaper gardening articles are full of wonderful camellias and daffodils in full flower, but who can say what will happen between now and the end of March?

By now members should have received their Show Mail-out and it is time to study the Schedule and take a walk around the garden and make a note of possible entries for the Show. Please note that there is a mistake on Section F Class 110 which should read "Annual or Biennial 1 vase". If you do not have a Schedule please get in touch with me for one. You do not have to be a CGS Member to enter any of the classes and if you have friends who are keen gardeners please encourage them to put in entries. We have classes for Novice Entrants and Trophies for small gardens specifically. As you may know, the site in the Courtyard is somewhat restrictive for our number of entries, so please try to get your entries in as soon as you can. I am always ready to take a telephone call to change things, within reason, prior to the closing date.

The moving of the Photography section to the Groom's House was a great improvement last year. It will remain there this year, but we have decided not to offer the photographs for sale this year as it was not popular. All of the Children's classes will be outdoors this year in the Dorothy Garden as the Flower Marquee can no longer cope with the very welcome increase in the number of entries from individual children and schools.

I look forward to receiving your entries and to meeting you in the Show Office. If you have any queries please do contact me and if I cannot help I will find someone who can. Once again I must say that although there are lots of other things to enjoy at the Show, the wonderful spectacle of the Competitive Classes is the showcase of what the South West has to offer for those who love their gardens. You, the exhibitors make this happen.

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