

The following additional nurseries are now offering a discount on plant sales for CGS members.

Please note that you must present a valid CGS membership card in order to claim the discount.

Unless otherwise stated the discount offered is 10% and the nurseries reserve the right not to offer discount on sale items, special offers and sales at shows, markets etc.

The Garden Lady

Rose & Herb specialist
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TR13 9TQ
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www.godolphinhill.com

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Telephone 01326 317959 or see www.qualitydaffodils.co.uk to request a catalogue. Deduct discount and quote membership number on order form.

Heritage Gardens UK

www.heritagegardens.co.uk

Online garden centre offering discounts on garden furniture
Quote codes CGS101 for Teak Garden Furniture and CGS10 for Aluminium Garden Furniture
Phone FREEPHONE number 0800 694 1841 for details of discounts on other products.

For a full list of the nurseries and garden centres offering discounts to CGS members please visit the website page

<http://www.cornwallgardensociety.org.uk/membership/membership-discounts>

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Included with your **June Newsletter** will be two Booking Forms:

- 1) 30th August - Walks and Talks visit to Tremeneere and Trewidden
- 2) 4th September - Day coach trip to Castle Drogo and Mardon and Sutton Mead Gardens

Also enclosed is a leaflet of gardens open in Cornwall for the National Gardens Scheme. Further details are given in Debbie Evans's piece overleaf explaining how you can help the CGS to enlarge membership by acting as an Ambassador and representing the CGS at NGS open gardens. For further details please contact Debbie: Tel 01209 714488 or email deborah.j.evans@btinternet.com

We have pleasure in welcoming the following as new members:

Mr Anderson and Mrs Le Page from Saltash
Ms Bell from Crapstone
Mrs Berman from Sticker
Mrs Betts from Porthleven
Mr and Mrs Bromage from Carnon Downs
Mr Carlsaw and Mrs Gundry from Budock
Mrs Crabb from Pensilva
Mrs Cradick from Landulph Cross
Mrs Dunn from Truro
Mr and Mrs Evans from Newquay
Miss Gason from Playing Place
Mrs Gifford from Luxulyan
Mr and Mrs Godkin from Truro
Mrs Greenhalgh from Lostwithiel
Mrs Gubbins from Liskeard
Mrs Hawken from Landulph Cross
Mr and Mrs Hocking from Polbathic
Mr and Mrs Holborow from Ladock
Mr and Mrs Jacques from St Newlyn East
Mrs Jones from Mevagissey
Mrs Langdon from Carnon Downs
Mr Lavis from Truro
Mr and Mrs Lockwood from Padstow
Mr Macqueen and Ms Curnick from Liskeard
Mrs Manning from Bodmin
Mrs Marshall from Trevadlock
Ms Matthews from Looe
Mr and Mrs Maynard from Liskeard
Mr Mills and Mrs Wood from Goovhavern
Miss Mostyn from Helston
Miss Neller from West Looe
Countess Oldofredi from St Just in Roseland
Mrs Parnell from Launceston
Mrs Parslow from Bodmin
Mrs Pascoe Price from Portscatho
Mrs Pidcock from Cardinham
Mr Salz from Padstow
Mr Sole from Falmouth
Mrs Stanley from Helston
Mrs Thomson from Probus
Mrs Vanstone from Tavistock
Mrs Vincent from Fowey
Ms Vine from Liskeard
Mr and Mrs Waldie from Penzance
Mrs Ward from Truro
Miss Wenger from St Austell
Mr and Mrs White from St Agness
Mrs White from Tavistock
Mr Whitfield from St Kew
Mrs Wilding from Flushing
Mrs Wilkins from Bodmin

SPECIALLY REDUCED GARDEN ENTRY RATES FOR CGS MEMBERS

Regular readers will be aware that there is normally a list of gardens on this page which offer entry at reduced rates to CGS members upon production of their membership card.

Although this arrangement is still continuing, the list will not be printed repetitively in every Newsletter, but the gardens involved can be found on the CGS website.

<http://cornwallgardensociety.org.uk/membership>

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Chairman's Corner

For those of you unable to get to the Show, it was again a huge success. We were very fortunate with the Saturday weather, which was gorgeous, and as a result we had near record numbers.

On Sunday the cold wind returned, but it remained dry and the numbers held up pretty well.

The Competitive classes were amazing, considering the long cold miserable winter. I do congratulate and thank everyone who persevered and entered the various classes, as it is a most important part of our Show.

The Show could not be the success it is without the help of our dedicated volunteers who gave up so much of their time to help. I do thank them all very much and hope that we see you all back again next year.

It is with sadness that I report the death of Yvonne Matthews, who was Vice President of the Society and a leader in plant conservation, a subject on which she wrote several articles for our Journal. The family are planting a tree in her memory, to which we have contributed.

I wish you all a wonderful summer, and for all our sakes, I hope a decent one!

Andrew Leslie Chairman



Walks & Talks Visits Raise Money for Charities

Walks & Talks had six successful visits to gardens last year.

The two Carolines decided last year to let members know that most of these visits are to private gardens and that the owners often donate their takings from the day to their chosen Charity. The total amount given to Charities for 2012 was £2,353 and the following Charities benefitted:

Cornwall Mind	National Garden Scheme
Mount Edgcombe	Cancer Research
Constantine Church	Save The Children
Cornwall Blind Association	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Truro Fencing Club Talent Trust	Bishop Cornish Education Centre
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	

Not only is the CGS itself a Charity, but events such as these also generate income for other worthwhile causes.

This year has got off to a splendid start and we look forward to seeing members on forthcoming outings.

The Two Carolines



Photo: Jim Rucker



Cornwall Blind Association garden at Stoke Climsland

The Spring Flower Show will have a new Show Director for 2014

As we say "Goodbye" (but not totally) to Debbie Evans and "Hello" to Martin Pallett, they each give their thoughts on the running of the Show.

Debbie first:

"Now that the dust has settled following this year's Spring Flower Show I can reflect on my five year term as Show Director.

It was not without some trepidation that I took over the reins from Sally-Jane Coode. What an act to follow! S-J had successfully turned the show around from an event that been beset by bad weather and poor returns by establishing it at Boconnoc and building up a loyal team of volunteers. 'It runs like clockwork' she assured me. Being an enthusiastic but not very knowledgeable gardener I was also somewhat over-awed at my first Schedule meeting by the expert Committee members around the table who knew their species from their hybrids and a Falconera from an Edgeworthia.

Also new in post that year were Andrew Leslie as CGS Chairman and Melville Osborne as Trade Stand Coordinator. Our first Show together was blessed with good weather and crowds of visitors which resulted in a healthy surplus for the CGS funds. We have been fortunate to have enjoyed reasonable (and sometimes glorious) weather every year since. Despite the inevitable date clashes (Mother's Day, The Grand National) and unpredictable problems such as petrol shortages and emergency roadworks, the crowds have always turned up to form orderly queues prior the Show opening and I have been able to breathe a sigh of relief that everyone's efforts were not going to be wasted.

There have been many highlights during the past five years - the introduction of the Show Garden class, seeing hundreds of children in the Dorothy Garden with Mr Bloom and meeting Roy Lancaster this year are just a few. But most of all I have met lots of lovely people - the hard working Show Committee, the volunteers, judges, traders and visitors. I think I'm a better gardener now too.



I shall remain involved with the Show to coordinate the volunteers and I wish the new Show Director the very best of luck. "Don't worry Martin, it runs like clockwork!"

Now Martin:

'I am really excited about my new role as Director for the April 2014 Spring Flower Show. Although new to organising it, I am not new to the Spring Flower Show itself. I have always looked forward to my annual visit which has heralded the start of spring. As a public sector and charity manager over many years and also a keen gardener and horticulturalist, I am looking forward to being involved.

I have organised many large public events, but it is still going to be a sharp learning curve for me after Debbie Evans's excellent stewardship over the last five years and more.

As a volunteer during the week leading up to the Show earlier this year, I was struck by how much goes on to prepare for the Show that, as a visitor, I simply hadn't realised. On my first day I was amazed to see armies of enthusiastic and committed volunteers all working so speedily and effectively together to first built the competitive show stands. This was quite some task as timber had to be sorted, matched and then allocated to the varied rooms before being assembled and dressed. The Charity and the Show are so dependent on volunteers who give up their time in very many ways. We need to continue to find ways of engaging and keeping in touch with them all, not just around Show time, but throughout the year.

The one aspect that I won't be able to control is the weather. After a cold and difficult earlier part of the year, we were so fortunate again to have good weather for the Show weekend. This obviously impacts on numbers attending and the Charity's income from the Show. We have fortunately been able to grow pre-event ticket sales and this needs to continue with this so that the Charity is always guaranteed a reasonable level of income to offset against the costs of running the Show. This income is then guaranteed whatever the weather and however high visitor numbers are.

For the future, it would be lovely to be able to also attract even more children, families and younger people and this is an area we need to consider carefully. We want anyone to feel they can come along whether they are a keen gardener or are just looking for a pleasant day out.

Some of our members do join us at the Show but we need all of them to feel that it is always part of their personal calendar.

The final challenge is to ensure that the Show is much more than an annual event in the public's mind and that people are repeatedly reminded in lots of different ways about both the Cornwall Garden Society and the Spring Flower Show.

So you can see, that as I start to embark on my new role, there will be plenty to occupy my attention. I do hope to meet as many of you as possible over the months leading up to next April.

Best wishes and thank you to you all for your continuing support.

Martin Pallett Show Director, Spring Flower Show 2014



William Croggon
NGS County
Organiser

CGS and NGS - working together by Debbie Evans

Given our Society's long history it always surprises me when keen gardeners in the County say that they have never heard of the CGS or the Spring Flower Show. In an attempt to address this, we are delighted to announce that the National Gardens Scheme has agreed that, subject to the consent of the individual owners, we can attend the many garden openings in Cornwall to promote the CGS to visitors. This is the beginning of what we hope will be greater partnership and mutually beneficial activity between our two organisations. Obviously to use this opportunity to the greatest effect we need people to be present at as many gardens as possible and I am looking to recruiting a team of 'CGS Ambassadors' across the County who will be willing to go along to their local garden opening to spread the word. In the future we may also consider attending local shows and events where again the Ambassadors would be needed to man a stand.

Listings of the NGS Open Gardens in Cornwall can be found in the enclosed leaflet. If you can help by representing the CGS at a garden local to you, please get in touch - Tel 01209 714488 or email deborah.j.evans@btinternet.com

Open Garden for Cornwall Hospice Care (Mount Edgcumbe)

Sunday 9th June 2013 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm

Brackenwoods, Zelah, Truro

A one acre garden surrounded by woodland, with pond, bog garden, terraced gardens, vegetable & fruit garden, poultry and orchard. Developed over the last twenty years, the garden has individual areas with ornamental trees & shrubs.

Gardeners: Lynn & Dick Butter

Refreshments: teas, coffees & homemade cakes.

Toilets, Parking & Plants for sale.

Admission £3.00

Directions: TR4 9HD (but do not use a satnav!)

From Chiverton Cross on A30, travel East towards Bodmin through Marazanvose take slip road to Zelah. Brackenwoods is 250 metres on left. From Carland Cross, through Zelah to crossroads at top of hill, continue straight on following signs to Brackenwoods.



Brackenwoods
© Dick Butter

Talk by Archie Miles -author of 'Meetings with Remarkable Trees'. October 29th 2013

The Cornwall branch of the Arboricultural Society have organised a talk by Archie Miles that will include information on his new book about to be released on the best 50 oaks in Britain. The talk will be held in the Truro City Hall.

Information regarding ticket price and booking contact will be in the September Newsletter and on our web site as soon as it is available.

Don't forget to visit our website regularly for updates: www.cornwallgardensociety.org.uk

Head Gardener's Seasonal Report by Tom Clarke at Trelissick

Early summer (if that is what we can call it!) is one of the busiest and yet most rewarding times of the year to be a gardener. This is particularly true for gardeners practising their art down here in Cornwall. Our spring gardens erupt into a cornucopia of flowers of every hue, texture and shape. Here at Trelissick, the hugely diverse genus of rhododendron takes the lead, followed by the beautiful flowering Japanese cherries, viburnums followed by a whole host of native and naturalised wild flowers creating a tapestry as rich as any garden. A recent trip to the epicentre of horticulture, the world renowned gardens of Kew reminded me just how truly unique our Cornish gardens are (as if I didn't already know!).

When entering the temperate house I was confronted with a whole range of plants that we can easily grow in a Cornish woodland (and they would probably be lot happier here). With our planting season now over (October to April) our work turns to the high quality of presentation that Trelissick is renowned for, lawns are fed and weeded as the grass slowly come back to life after a cold spring. Mulching is also an essential part of the garden calendar and as the sun begins to warm the soil in our borders, a thick layer of compost with a base dressing of blood, fish, and bone is applied to set the herbaceous plants up for the season to come. (A liquid feed of seaweed extract is also watered on our borders periodically through out the summer). In the nursery too, things are stirring, for those with a taste for propagation last year's hardwood and semi-ripe cuttings should by now be potted on and weaned off, whatever method you have at your disposal (we are lucky enough to use mist) and any seedlings you have sown should be pricked out and kept moving to avoid them stalling at the most crucial time in their young lives. Shading the glass house and keeping an eye on pest and diseases that can rear their ugly heads also make a huge difference to your success rates!!

All in all this is the time of year that most gardeners look forward to the most, so no matter how busy you are, take the time to enjoy gardening in the best growing climate anywhere in the United Kingdom (better even than the temperate house at Kew!)



Tom standing next to a Wild collected Rhododendron fortuneii flowering for the first time at Trelissick

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