



The Plant Review Handbook 2023

Celebrating plant societies and their work

From the editor



Editing *The Plant Review*, I hold a privileged position from which to survey the staggering diversity of plants in cultivation and gain some sense of just how much there is to know about them.

Pick a genus at random, be it one, even, that you have studied closely, and you will experience no

difficulty in uncovering some knowledge that is new to you. In books, articles, catalogues, online forums, blogs and Twitter feeds, there is information everywhere.

But this very wealth of source material presents some problems. Put in the wrong place or inadequately disseminated, nuggets of knowledge can quickly become obscure. What is commonly understood one day may be forgotten with alarming speed if not properly recorded. Further, the more numerous the sources of data, the more liable that data is to accrue errors, each repetition permitting the possibility of modification and misunderstanding.

Added to the difficulties inherent in dealing with such dispersed output is the rate at which information is generated. The pace of horticultural development is such that, unless special systems are in place to capture them, new things to know are created faster than they can be chronicled for posterity.

If only there were a network of authoritative organisations that could act as focal points to gather expertise on particular plant groups. Wait a moment...! Such an arrangement already exists, of course, and much is being done by the plant societies included in this *Handbook*

to make their accumulated wisdom available to everyone. Some are International Cultivar Registration Authorities, others run databases or are overseeing the production of ambitious online encyclopedias, and almost all publish original work in their journals and newsletters. These are fantastic efforts of genuine and lasting value, doing work that is not being done elsewhere and that needs to be fanfared more loudly.

But with the verve and enthusiasm characteristic of plant societies still more can be done, and even more again with collaborative working between organisations. And so to plant societies I issue this plea: aggregate your knowledge, amalgamate your learning. Horticulture needs you!

James Armitage

Editor, *The Plant Review*



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Explore the world of plant societies

Plant societies are membership-based organisations that are always delighted to welcome new members, whatever your level of knowledge. Most plant societies hold shows, competitions and plant sales at RHS Gardens and other locations, so check their websites for more information on these events.

There's probably a plant society for every gardener, full of friendly enthusiasts ready to share the enjoyment and knowledge of their favourite plants with you. Whether you like a riot of colour, amazing annuals, reliable perennials, trees, shade-loving vegetation or rare and unusual plants from almost every plant group, there will be a plant society waiting to welcome you. All have websites where you will find advice, information, loads of pictures and information on how to join.

Plant societies give their members, whether amateur or professional, the opportunity to meet each other and share experience, knowledge and plants, as well as offering a varied range of benefits and activities. Many societies now offer online meetings, activities and competitions, making it even easier to get involved.

Each society offers a membership package and benefits which can include:

- Visits to collections and gardens not usually open to the public

- Opportunities to grow new and unusual plants through seed distribution and plant-sharing schemes
- Meetings with other members in your area through local branches
- Chances to take part in shows and competitions
- Regular publications and yearbooks
- Access to information and advice
- Talks and demonstrations about your favourite plants
- A website that provides a platform to interact with fellow enthusiasts and take part in society events.

To be able to continue providing this information, advice and published material, and to organise and take part in events and shows, plant societies need members. So why not think about joining a society that represents your favourite plant? The websites given in this *Handbook* will give you all the details you need to join and further enrich your life through plants.

Vanessa Penn
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For more information visit
[rhs.org.uk/plants/plantsmanship/
plant-societies](https://rhs.org.uk/plants/plantsmanship/plant-societies)



CLEMATIS 'VILLE DE LYON' ANNA BROCKMAN/RHS



Gentiana sino-ornata 'Starlight'

Alpine Garden Society

Founded in 1929, the AGS is now one of the largest specialist garden societies in the world. It is a charitable organisation primarily concerned with the cultivation of alpine and mountain plants.

The AGS is passionate about the conservation of alpine plants in the wild and it funds various projects across the UK and abroad. It also supports the development of knowledge and skills in the alpine field through conferences, study days and its AGS Trainee Scheme.

Members enjoy many benefits, from webinars, plant fairs and informative publications, to expert-led tours and one of the biggest seed exchanges in the world. The Society's quarterly journal is packed with articles and advice for enthusiasts of all abilities and experiences. Anyone can visit the AGS Garden at Pershore for free.

2023 EVENTS

4 Feb AGS Snowdrop Day, Lilleshall, Shropshire

Sep AGS Bulb Day

Nov AGM & Weekend Conference

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20–50

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- 128-page full colour quarterly journal
- Free webinars
- Seed exchange
- Large network of local groups
- Shows & plant fairs
- Worldwide plant tours



Grevillea juniperina f. *sulphurea*

Australasian Plant Society

Formed more than 30 years ago, the Australasian Plant Society was born out of a shared love of growing plants from Australia and New Zealand and the islands that surround them. Its members include people growing Australasian plants in their back gardens, keen enthusiasts, public gardens, nursery owners and head gardeners.

The Society aims to encourage the conservation and cultivation of Australasian plants and promote their suitability for the garden. Experienced growers are happy to share their specialist knowledge of these unusual and unique plants in person and through the Society's journal *Pentachondra*.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

Australasian Plant Society
1 Iffin Cottages
Iffin Lane
Canterbury
Kent CT 7BE

T +44 (0) 1227 780038

E membership@anzplantsoc.org.uk

W anzplantsoc.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£15 UK; £18 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly newsletter
- Extensive seed list
- Members' area on website
- Garden visits
- Lectures
- Visits to historical botanical collections





Rebutia 'Stardust'

British Cactus and Succulent Society

The British Cactus and Succulent Society has a worldwide membership and more than 70 branches in the UK and Ireland. Joining is a great way to learn more about these fascinating plants and meet like-minded enthusiasts through regular meetings.

The Society helps enthusiasts grow and enjoy these plants and provides an insight into their origin in nature. Its charitable objectives are to support professionals in the field in their research and conservation activities.

New members receive a pack containing useful information and cultivation and propagation guides to get started, as well as seeds.

2023 EVENTS

13 May Cactus & Succulent Day, RHS Garden Wisley
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

British Cactus and Succulent Society
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Manchester M24 1NR

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E secretary@bcss.org.uk
W bcss.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20 (concessions available)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- *CactusWorld* – a leading quarterly journal
- Extensive seed list
- Large network of branches
- Shows and plant sales
- Educational courses and conventions



Clematis 'Bill MacKenzie'

British Clematis Society

The British Clematis Society was founded in 1991 in response to the growing interest in clematis. Its aim is to advance horticulture and promote the cultivation and preservation of the genus, encouraging more gardeners to grow and enjoy clematis.

There are three newsletters and a full-colour journal each year, plus members' meetings, workshops and seminars on both a national and regional basis. Members have their own private section within the British Clematis Society website and access to the Society's Facebook page.

2023 EVENTS

1 Apr National AGM
22–23 Apr Clematis & Iris Weekend, RHS Garden Wisley
Online talks throughout the year
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£25 single; £30 joint;
£35 Europe, single and joint

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual full-colour journal
- Regular newsletters
- Regional groups
- Events





Conifer garden of Mr D Ward, Leeds

British Conifer Society

For nursery people, enthusiasts and organisations with an interest in conifers, the non profit-making British Conifer Society produces two issues of its journal annually and organises visits in both the UK and abroad.

Overseas trips are operated jointly by the BCS and the Dutch Conifer Society, and in the last few years have included destinations such as France, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Estonia and two locations in the USA.

Follow them on Facebook under the British Conifer Society, where you can ask questions that will be answered by a committee member, and join their British Conifer Society Facebook group.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website and Facebook page for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual journal and regular newsletters
- Visits to the UK and abroad
- Contact with other conifer enthusiasts



Fuchsia 'Lillian Annetts'

British Fuchsia Society

Since 1939 the British Fuchsia Society has been promoting, growing and enjoying fuchsias.

Its members enjoy a range of benefits including shows and displays, three publications and advice on all aspects of growing fuchsias. As a registered charity, the Society's aim is to advance the education of the public and further knowledge of fuchsias by encouraging, improving and extending cultivation of the genus in all possible ways.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£16–20

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Three publications
- Eight regional shows
- Three free fuchsias





Hosta 'Mikawa-no-yuki'

British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society

The Society aims to record the history of *Hosta* and *Hemerocallis* and increase the knowledge and appreciation of the genera. It also encourages the cultivation of these beautiful plants and makes awards each year for special achievements in growing or publicising them.

Membership brings with it a range of benefits including a full-colour journal and the opportunity to meet up with other members to learn more about these plants.

2023 EVENTS

Nurseries of BHHS members at RHS Flower Shows
 Summer weekends to socialise and visit gardens
 Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

E membership@hostahem.org.uk
 W hostahem.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

See website for prices

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Full-colour 84-page journal
- Summer weekend events to meet and socialise with other members
- Open gardens to see members' collections of hostas and daylilies



Iris 'Spirit of Kent'

British Iris Society

Membership of the British Iris Society is for anyone who admires irises and wishes to further their knowledge of the genus. Founded in 1922, the Society's interests include all of the *Iridaceae* from *Anomatheca* to *Watsonia* including *Crocus* and *Gladiolus*, but predominantly *Iris*.

The Society has three local groups: Kent, Eastern Area and West & Midlands and three specialist groups: Beardless Irises, Historic Group and Species Group. All groups have their own annual publications and hold various events including lectures and garden visits. The Society's own shows are a chance to exhibit but also to meet fellow enthusiasts and breeders and gain from their knowledge. The annual lecture day and AGM venue varies each year, but the meeting is always a friendly affair, so do think about joining if you have an interest in the *Iridaceae*.

Follow the Society on Facebook and Instagram.

2023 EVENTS

11 Feb Early Spring Show, RHS Garden Wisley
 22–23 Apr Late Spring Show, RHS Garden Wisley
 3 Jun Summer Show, RHS Garden Wisley
 Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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 British Iris Society
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E rexharden.bis.members@gmail.com
 W britishirissociety.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£15

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Yearbook and twice-yearly newsletters
- Seed scheme
- Help growing, breeding and showing irises
- Shows and lectures
- Access to libraries and digital images





Athyrium niponicum

British Pteridological Society

The Society was founded in 1891 as a focal point for fern enthusiasts in Britain and Ireland. Today it continues to provide a wide range of information about ferns through its website, regular journals, leaflets and books, as well as formal talks, informal discussions and outdoor meetings. It has a programme of national excursions for members, supplemented by field and garden meetings organised by regional groups.

The aims of the Society, which is run on a voluntary basis, are to promote all aspects of pteridology by encouraging the appreciation, conservation, cultivation and scientific study of ferns, horsetails, clubmosses and quillworts. The Society is affiliated to the RHS and Plant Heritage, and supports recording and conservation activities with other botanical societies. The BPS patron is His Majesty the King.

2023 EVENTS

17–18 Jun Plant Society Show, RHS Garden Wisley

22–23 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show, RHS Garden Wisley

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£21–25

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly publications
- Free spore distribution and plant exchange
- Garden visits
- Indoor meetings, lectures and workshops
- Horticultural advice



Nepenthes x ventrata

Carnivorous Plant Society

Membership of the Carnivorous Plant Society is for everyone interested in growing and learning more about these fascinating plants and their amazing adaptations. It is devoted to education and conservation, because only through awareness can these special plants and their habitats be protected.

Joining the Society brings introduction to like-minded enthusiasts, a wealth of growing advice, tips and social events. Your membership helps to fund conservation projects.

The Society is present at most RHS Shows and holds carnivorous plant weekends at some RHS Gardens and botanical gardens. In addition, the Society holds its AGM in the spring and its end-of-season meeting in the autumn. Talks are given to garden clubs and Society members hold around 20 open days across the country.

2023 EVENTS

22–23 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show, RHS Garden Wisley

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

E enquiries@thecps.org.uk
W thecps.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20–30

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal *Planta Carnivora*
- Regular newsletters
- Seed bank access
- Events, open days and meetings
- Online resources





Cottage Garden Society

With a more natural approach to gardening, the Cottage Garden Society, founded in 1982, encourages members to grow flowers, vegetables, fruit and herbs together, combining beautiful scents and colours with practical production. The resulting spaces provide a haven for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. By working with nature and companion planting, the Society aims to conserve older and rarer species of plants and protect them for the future.

Members take part in a very popular seed exchange. We have 34 local and specialist groups across the UK, and with members all over the world there is always someone new to meet.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£15–18

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly magazine
- Seed exchange
- Regional and specialist groups
- Photo competition
- Group garden visits
- Educational display stands at flower shows



Cyclamen Society

The Society is for gardeners, horticulturists and those with a more scientific interest in the genus *Cyclamen*. It is a UK registered charity, founded in 1977, and has 1,200 members. The Cyclamen Society furthers the knowledge of *Cyclamen* in cultivation and in the wild. It works towards conservation efforts and finances research by DNA and other studies.

Membership benefits include a journal with articles on cultivation, *Cyclamen* in the wild, research results, botanists and historical botanical art, and seed distribution. There's also access to a panel of experts and a library with publications on *Cyclamen*. The competitive shows provide an opportunity to meet other members, buy plants and get advice from experts.

2023 EVENTS

11 Feb Winter Show, RHS Garden Wisley
 25 Mar Spring Show, RHS Garden Harlow Carr
 23 Sep Early Autumn Show, RHS Garden Wisley
 15 Oct Late Autumn Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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 West Kingsdown
 Kent TN15 6LG

E membership@cyclamen.org
 W cyclamen.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10 UK; £16 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Annual seed distribution
- Shows with plant sales
- Panel of experts
- Specialist library





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Narcissus 'Shining Light'

Daffodil Society

Established in 1898, the Daffodil Society is the specialist society of Great Britain for all who are interested in the genus *Narcissus*. It aims to promote the whole of the genus *Narcissus*, the botanical name for daffodils and narcissus, but uses the more common name of daffodil.

The Daffodil Society is open to everyone. Its membership includes keen gardeners, horticultural and gardening societies, professional growers, botanists, enthusiastic flower show exhibitors and daffodil lovers in general. It is also on Facebook.

2023 EVENTS

15–16 Apr National Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
 20–23 Apr Spring Show, Great Yorkshire Showground
 Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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 32 Bentham Road
 Standish
 Wigan, WN6 0ND

E maddaff@gmail.com
 W thedaffodilsociety.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
 £15–21

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual journal
- Annual newsletter
- Annual national show



DELPHINIUM SOCIETY

Delphinium 'Cupid'

Delphinium Society

The Delphinium Society is a registered charity with members worldwide. It was established in 1928 to promote the growing of delphiniums by means of educational, instructional and advisory services to its members. In 2018 it celebrated its 90th anniversary. It is pleased to announce HRH The Prince of Wales as patron.

In 2014 the Society set up a plant donation scheme to raise the profile of delphiniums, and has provided significant numbers of plants to gardens open to the public around the UK. A list of these sites can be found on its website. It is the Society's intention to continue this scheme while funds permit.

The Society has an active Facebook group with 2,900 participants.

2023 EVENTS

23–27 May RHS Chelsea Flower Show
 10–25 Jun Godinton House and Gardens, Kent
 Nov AGM, RHS Garden Wisley
 Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
 £10 UK; £15, €15 or \$20
 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual yearbook
- Autumn bulletin
- Seed availability
- Regional groups
- Shows and plant sales





Topiary at Levens Hall, Cumbria

European Boxwood and Topiary Society

The European Boxwood and Topiary Society is a not-for-profit, pan-European organisation with active membership in the UK, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, and with affiliates in the USA and Japan. Its aim is to encourage and enhance knowledge, cultivation and conservation of boxwood and topiary through visits, publications, promotions, exhibitions and scientific research.

The Society's varied membership includes garden designers, historians, writers, scientists, nursery owners, professionals and amateurs.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of events.

CONTACT

EBTS UK
PO Box 256
Stroud GL5 5WZ

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W ebts.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£12-48

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- UK & Europe garden visits
- Lectures on the practice, science and history of boxwood and topiary
- Clipping workshops
- Annual *Topiarius* magazine
- Free promotion of your horticultural business

*Brahea armata*

European Palm Society

Founded in 1991, the European Palm Society (EPS) champions and is dedicated to the growing of palms and other exotic plants across Europe and other temperate regions. The EPS is affiliated to the International Palm Society. It recognises that many areas of the world experience similar climates to those in Europe, and therefore welcomes the sharing of experiences and knowledge from growers worldwide. The main goal of the EPS is promoting the pushing of boundaries in growing palms and exotics outdoors. It also encourages the cultivation of tropical and subtropical species in homes, conservatories and glasshouses.

Members communicate and share experiences through its website, discussion forum, Facebook page and by garden visits. An online archive of its former journal, *Chamaerops*, and other documents relevant to growing palms and exotic plants are available. Members can also share pollen to raise pure seed of less common species and develop potentially ornamental gardenworthy *Trachycarpus* hybrids.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

E info@palmsociety.org.uk
W palmsociety.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
Free, just register on website

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Website with large resource of information and members' cultivation experience
- Help, advice and plant identification from experts
- Behind-the-scenes garden and nursery visits
- Track down wanted plants and seeds
- Pollen-sharing scheme





Fritillaria epirotica

Fritillaria Group

The *Fritillaria* genus comprises about 160 species around the northern hemisphere. They grow in a variety of habitats from coastal cliffs to high mountains, and from seasonally wet habitats to semi-deserts. The Group's members grow a wide range of species successfully, including those that thrive in the open garden and others that require more specific conditions and careful nurturing.

The Group was formed in 1997 to increase interest in the observation and culture of this fascinating genus. Today it comprises members from all over the world, including both amateur and professional gardeners, amateur and academic botanists, plant breeders, geneticists, ecologists and photographers who enjoy its diversity and beauty. The website includes an excellent guide to the genus.

2023 EVENTS

March Spring Show and Conference

October AGM and Conference

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

Fritillaria Group
24 Leven Road
Yarm
North Yorkshire TS15 9JE

E thefritillariagroup@gmail.com
W fritillaria.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£8-12

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Seed exchange
- Meetings with speakers, photographic displays and live plant exhibits
- Visits to collections around the UK
- Plant sales and rare plant auctions



Papaver orientale 'Patty's Plum'

Hardy Plant Society

This national charity aims to encourage interest in growing hardy perennial plants. Members receive *The Hardy Plant Journal* and three newsletters a year. They are also invited to join local and special interest groups to share their passion for plants.

The HPS website provides information about all its activities, regular blogs, image library and horticultural advisory service. Booklets and membership can be purchased there. The conservation scheme seeks to preserve older and less well-known cultivars and the seed distribution scheme offers the opportunity to grow something unusual from around 2,000 varieties of seed donated by members. The Kenneth Black Bursary Scheme supports students and horticulturists working to further their education.

2023 EVENTS

15 Apr Pulmonaria Group meeting, Nottinghamshire

6 May Magic of Plants day conference, West Yorkshire

20 May Shade and Woodland Group meeting, Oxfordshire

3 Jun Hardy Geranium Group meeting, Worcestershire

10 Jun Peony Group meeting, West Lothian

9 Sep National AGM and lecture day, Worcestershire

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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W hardy-plant.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£17 single UK & overseas;
£19 joint UK & overseas;
£10 UK student

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Local and special interest groups
- Journals and newsletters
- Seed distribution scheme
- Conservation scheme





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Hardy Plant Society – Special Interest Groups

Within the HPS are a number of Special Interest Groups, with members ranging from beginner to expert. For a small membership fee you can receive newsletters and attend an annual lecture day with a guest speaker and garden visit. The website for each group can be found at hardy-plant.org.uk/meet-us-at/specialist-groups



GALANTHUS GROUP

Galanthus Group

A must for snowdrop enthusiasts, Group members brave the cold and meet in February to admire the diversity of these gorgeous bulbs and for a chance to buy some of the more unusual cultivars. galanthus@hardy-plant.org.uk



HARDY GERANIUM GROUP

Hardy Geranium Group

There really is a geranium to suit every garden and hardy geraniums have been voted the HPS's favourite flower. Most are easy to grow and propagate providing flowers from spring to autumn. hardygeranium@hardy-plant.org.uk

Peony Group

Whether your interest lies with species or garden cultivars, learn more about these beautiful plants from knowledgeable members who share a passion for these sumptuous summer flowers. peony@hardy-plant.org.uk



CAROLINE STONE



JASON INGRAM / RHS

Ranunculaceae Group

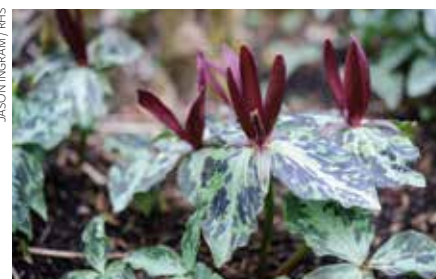
This group of plants includes anemone, clematis, delphinium and thalictrum. It gets its name from 'rana', the Latin for frog, because many like damp conditions, but are adaptable and widely grown. ranunculaceae@hardy-plant.org.uk



TIM SANDALL / RHS

Pulmonaria Group

With flowers that can be red or white as well as the typical blue and pink on the same stem, pulmonarias are the perfect foil to spring bulbs. The foliage is usually variegated and may look good into autumn. pulmonaria@hardy-plant.org.uk



JASON INGRAM / RHS

Shade & Woodland Plants Group

Every garden has a shady spot, whether under trees or overshadowed by buildings. From hardy ferns to delicate trilliums, find out just how many beautiful plants can thrive in shady areas. shade@hardy-plant.org.uk



TIM SANDALL / RHS

Variegated Plants Group

Variegated plants are often used as a focal point or to lighten a shady area. This Group encourages the use of unusual variegated forms and is responsible for introducing a number of firm favourites. variegated@hardy-plant.org.uk



Hebe x andersonii

Hebe Society

The Society was formed in 1985 to promote the cultivation and conservation of *Hebe* (shrubby *Veronica*) and New Zealand plants in the UK and abroad. Most of its members are in the UK, though it has branches in Europe, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

The Society has established National Plant Collections of *Hebe* in Sussex, Yorkshire and Kent and supports their ongoing conservation. Its website has full descriptions of *Hebe* and a wide range of New Zealand plants.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

From £10

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Three newsletters each year
- Free cuttings exchange
- Nursery and garden visits based around an annual autumn get-together



2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Symphytum officinale

Herb Society

With a strong tradition of promoting the use and enjoyment of herbs going back more than 95 years, the Herb Society works to bring together and represent those who have an interest in herbs either for health, through medicinal, culinary and practical use, or from an artistic, historical or folklore perspective.

The Society prides itself on helping to increase the understanding and use of herbs for health and well-being and providing a worldwide forum for the exchange of ideas and information. It welcomes members of all levels of knowledge from amateur to professional.

The Society supports a number of education and community projects around the country. Corporate packages are available upon request.

Follow them on Instagram: [theherbsocietyuk](https://www.instagram.com/theherbsocietyuk)

CONTACT

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W herbsociety.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

From £35

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Society magazine
- Regular e-newsletters
- Special offers
- Reduced fees at events
- Members' Day and Annual Gathering



2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Rosa 'Félicité Parmentier'

JOHN WOOD / HISTORIC ROSES GROUP

Historic Roses Group

Founded in 1990 as an offshoot of the old Royal National Rose Society, the Historic Roses Group (HRG) is an independent plant society with an international membership. In January 2022 HRH The Duchess of Cornwall (now HM The Queen Consort) became its patron.

The HRG aims to encourage interest in timeless older roses, explore their rich history, and enable everyone to grow and enjoy roses of the past today. It celebrates the importance of unique older roses of historic value, including rare or unusual garden roses no longer widely grown, wild (species) roses and their magnificent hybrids.

The HRG is a friendly group of rose enthusiasts with subscribers all over the world. Its twice-yearly *Historic Rose Journal* has articles on the history and cultivation of older roses by horticultural experts and researchers into rose history.

Its website offers information about historic roses, past articles from the journal, details of publications for sale, a blog, and listings of all HRG events and activities.

Follow on Facebook and Instagram.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20; £50 five-year; £200 life

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly *Historic Rose Journal*
- Workshops and study days
- Expert advice and guidance
- Online talks
- Guided visits to private gardens with old roses
- Annual five-day tours in UK and abroad
- The chance to help at professional shows



JAPANESE GARDEN SOCIETY



Daigo-ji Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan

Japanese Garden Society

The Society was founded in 1993 and is a registered charity to educate the public about Japanese gardens and support the construction, maintenance, and restoration of Japanese gardens. In addition to national activities, six regional groups across the UK organise local events which can be attended by all members.

Members can learn about Japanese garden designs through the journal, members-only area of the website and online lecture programme. These explore the culture and history of Japanese gardening traditions, offer advice about building Japanese-style gardens, and suggest ways to introduce Japanese plants and features into gardens. The Society runs garden visits across Britain and overseas. Members can attend national and regional events such as lectures, skills workshops, garden visits, and visits to specialist nurseries.

The Society welcomes amateurs and professionals, garden lovers and garden designers who are interested in Japanese gardens and wish to share their interests with like-minded people.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£40 single; £50 joint; £60 Europe; £65 rest of world; £100 corporate

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly journal, *Shakkei*, and e-newsletters
- Online lectures
- Regional group membership
- Visits to gardens
- Workshops and skills development
- Opportunities to assist in garden construction
- Garden design assistance





Mammillaria surculosa

Mammillaria Society

Based in the UK but welcoming members from all over the world, the Society focuses on the largest genus of the cactus family, *Mammillaria*, and its allied genera, *Coryphantha*, *Thelocactus*, *Escobaria* and *Turbincarpus*.

Originating from Mexico and the southern United States, *Mammillaria* are mostly small, spherical cacti that flower in a ring around the plant, and often grow into small clumps. Many species can successfully be grown on a windowsill with good light.

The Mammillaria Society seeks to support enthusiasts in growing these lovely plants, and in particular to help in their conservation.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£13 UK; £20 EU; £24 rest of world

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly 40-page journal
- Annual free seed distribution
- Quarterly online zoom meetings
- Biennial show in conjunction with British Cactus and Succulent Society, Oxford branch



Acer palmatum 'Elegans'

The Maple Society

The Maple Society is dedicated to furthering the knowledge, supporting the conservation and promoting the culture of all *Acer* species. It welcomes experts and amateurs from around the world and encourages discussion, promotes education and shares information. This is done through a quarterly journal, expert-led garden tours, online talks and a triennial symposium.

The Society supports the environmental protection, scientific study and conservation of maple species. Most recently, these efforts ensured a successful collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International to produce *The Red List of Acer*, a definitive report on the conservation status of maples in the wild.

The Society is open to all, from those with a small courtyard garden growing a few trees in containers to arboretum owners; from Japanese maple collectors to bonsai practitioners; from members of the scientific community to anyone simply looking to learn more about these most remarkable trees.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£25 individual; £90 corporate

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly newsletter in full colour
- Seed distribution scheme
- Spring and autumn garden tours
- Members' area on website





Ebenus cretica

Mediterranean Garden Society

Founded in Greece in 1994, the Mediterranean Garden Society focuses on the conservation of water and the use of drought-resistant plants to create beautiful and sustainable gardens in summer-dry climates. It has a much-visited internet forum, open to members and non-members, where contributors post a wide range of information on Mediterranean plants (mgsforum.org).

The headquarters of the Mediterranean Garden Society is at Sparoza, a 1.2-hectare estate in Attica, Greece, the property of the Goulandris Natural History Museum. Here it maintains an important garden in which the principles of waterwise, climate-compatible gardening are put into practice and plants are constantly tested for their ability to withstand drought, providing a valuable model in these days of climate crisis.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

€45; €30 students

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly journal
- Seed list
- Local groups
- Annual international excursions



The Mediterranean Garden Society



Phoenix theophrasti in Crete

Mediterranean Plants and Gardens

Mediterranean Plants and Gardens is a cooperative mutual support group for amateur and professional horticulturists with a special interest in indigenous Mediterranean plants and their use in gardens. It has 445 members.

In 2023 there will be a series of online lectures, guided visits to Croatia and to Epirus in north-west Greece with specialist botanical guides, a week of garden visits in western Sicily, and a summer garden tour in Essex in the UK. A visit to north-west Morocco is anticipated, visiting gardens in Tangiers, a private wild-plant collection and exploring. Events are open to members only.

2023 EVENTS

21 Jan Online lecture by Alasdair Moore on the Hanbury gardens of La Mortola and the Lost Gardens of Heligan

Mid Apr Garden tour in western Sicily

22–29 Apr Botanising in Croatia

Late May A week of wild-plant hunting in Epirus, Greece

Late Jun Summer garden tour of East Anglia

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Email newsletter
- Mediterranean trips
- UK garden visits
- Meetings, events and online lectures
- Bursaries and sponsorship





Primula auricula 'Prosperine'

National Auricula and Primula Society – Northern Section

Formed in 1872, the Northern Section has members all over the world and is always happy to welcome new people. Its more experienced members are on hand to encourage and advise on how to achieve the best in growing, and hopefully showing, auriculas and primulas.

The Society holds three shows each year and a full day seminar AGM, all free to members. It has plant sales at these events with plants supplied by members and that are mostly unavailable elsewhere. The website is available to members and contains pictures, contacts, help and more, and our archive and library hold books and other specialist literature.

2023 EVENTS

- 1 Apr Primula and Auricula Show
- 20–23 Apr Members' Plant Display, Harrogate Spring Show
- 6 May Auricula and Primula Show
- 13 May Northeast Show
- Oct AGM

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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W auriculas.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10 UK; £15 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Welcome pack
- Three shows per year
- Yearbook and spring newsletter
- Regular e-newsletter
- AGM with guest speaker
- Seed exchange
- Advice from expert growers
- Access to archive and library



Chrysanthemum 'Jolly Rose'

National Chrysanthemum Society

Founded in 1846, the National Chrysanthemum Society is a registered charity and its primary objective is to promote the cultivation of *Chrysanthemum*. The Society focuses on educating members and affiliated societies on the cultivation of all types of *Chrysanthemum* through its publications, exhibitions, lectures.

The Society hosts two national shows at the Staffordshire County Showground each year. There are also shows hosted by regional groups and local societies. Affiliated memberships are offered to local horticultural societies who wish to offer NCS medals and certificates of merit at their shows.

The Society offers a warm welcome for those new to growing and those who wish to improve their knowledge, as well as those who want to be introduced to other growers and receive advice from top exhibitors.

2023 EVENTS

- 18 or 25 Mar AGM, date & venue tbc
- 9–10 Sep Early National Show, Staffordshire
- 3–4 Nov Late National Show, Staffordshire

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£22 UK; £44 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Two annual journals
- Online winter lectures
- Cultural videos via NCS 175 Facebook page
- Members' welcome pack





Dahlia 'Tahoma Lady Oh'

National Dahlia Society

The world's largest dahlia society, the National Dahlia Society promotes dahlias through exhibitions, trials and conferences. Its main national exhibitions are at RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey and Newby Hall in North Yorkshire, with displays at other shows around the country.

The Society holds two annual conferences, where members can hear world-class speakers, buy plants and tubers of all the latest and best cultivars, and chat with other enthusiasts. The Society keeps its members informed on every aspect of dahlia news with two annual publications. New members receive a classified directory (containing lists of recommended cultivars, rules for showing dahlias and addresses of more than 200 local societies affiliated to the NDS) and the much-acclaimed publication *Dahlias For You*.

2023 EVENTS

Mar Conference, Midlands

Mar Conference, Cumbria

5–10 Sep National Show, RHS Garden Wisley

Sep National Northern Show, Newby Hall, Ripon N Yorks

Sep Malvern Autumn Show

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20–£24 UK; £25 Europe;
£30 rest of world

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Discounted entry to NDS shows at Newby Hall and RHS Garden Wisley
- Two annual publications
- Members' welcome pack



Lathyrus odoratus 'Noel Sutton'

National Sweet Pea Society

Founded in 1900, the National Sweet Pea Society is a registered charity dedicated to these wonderful flowers. The Society aims to share its knowledge of sweet peas and other *Lathyrus* species, and to improve and extend their cultivation. This includes holding annual scientific trials, hosting national exhibitions twice each year, and creating displays at RHS and other flower shows. The Society also supports around 100 affiliated societies in the UK and Ireland by organising regional and local contacts and meetings.

At least four publications are produced each year, exclusive to members.

2023 EVENTS

4 Mar Spring Social and AGM, Nuneaton

1–2 Jul Early Show, Squires Garden Centre, Shepperton

8–9 Jul Late Show, RHS Garden Bridgewater

15–16 Jul Wem Show

24–27 Jul Royal Welsh Show

28–30 Jul North West Region Show, Chorley

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20 (plus £5 joining fee)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Free copies of all periodicals
- Growing guide
- Eligibility to show at national exhibitions



NSPS Founded 1900



Planting salad crops

National Vegetable Society

A registered charity, the National Vegetable Society focuses on educating individual members and affiliated societies on the cultivation of all types of vegetable. It does this through its various publications, exhibitions, research and by staging competitions.

Members include some of the foremost vegetable growers in the UK, and their experience and expertise is freely available to other members. The Society is a great place to start for those new to growing vegetables, those who wish to improve their knowledge, or those who simply want to meet other growers to share tips and advice.

2023 EVENTS

15–17 Sep National Championships, Harrogate Show, Newby Hall, Ripon, N Yorks

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£5–22

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly magazine
- Seed discounts
- Regular local speakers
- Free exhibitor show entry



Nerine bowdenii

Nerine and Amaryllid Society

The Nerine and Amaryllid Society is for all those with an interest in plants of the *Amaryllidaceae* family. Its main focus is on nerines, but the family includes many popular plants such as daffodils, snowdrops, agapanthus and alliums, and less well-known plants such as scadoxus.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Society organises visits, study days and talks, mounts a stand at the Malvern Autumn Show, supports research, runs a bulb exchange twice a year, and publishes a journal three times a year.

The Society is keen to encourage beginners by offering advice and access to a wide range of plant material through its bulb exchange.

2023 EVENTS

Mar Visit to daffodil growers and collections

14 Oct Visit to Exbury *Nerine* collection, Hampshire

Oct Displays and talks, RHS Garden Wisley

4 Nov AGM, Holton, Oxfordshire

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£10 single; £15 joint or overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- *Amaryllids* journal published three times a year
- Twice-yearly bulb exchange
- Visits and events of specialist interest
- Advice from expert growers





SARAH CUTLER / RHS

Pleione Tongariro

Orchid Society of Great Britain

Founded in 1951, the Orchid Society of Great Britain aims to promote the cultivation of orchid species and hybrids. It publishes a beautifully illustrated quarterly journal on the habitats, conservation, breeding, cultivation and history of these plants.

Meetings are held regularly with lectures, plant competitions, sales and judging. The Society also holds biannual shows and exhibits at a range of national and international shows and events, and has an annual plant auction. Information on all lectures, shows and events can be found on the Society's website.

2023 EVENTS

Apr/May Spring Show, date & venue tbc
23–27 May RHS Chelsea Flower Show
16–18 Jun International Orchid Show, Malvern
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20 UK; £30 rest of world;
 £15 juniors

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly journal
- Monthly meetings
- Exhibition at national and international shows
- Access to Society library



MARK WINWOOD / RHS

Pelargonium 'Cophthorne'

Pelargonium and Geranium Society

The Pelargonium and Geranium Society was formed in 2009 and membership is open to amateurs and professionals and anyone with an interest in pelargoniums and geraniums.

A registered charity, its objectives are to advance the knowledge of growing plants in the family *Geraniaceae* by promoting good practices at annual shows, competitions, meetings and lectures.

2023 EVENTS

17 Jun National Show, RHS Garden Rosemoor
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£19 single; £21 joint; £23
 affiliated society

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Digital magazines, printed year book and regular e-newsletters
- Leaflets on cultivation
- Annual show





Epimedium grandiflorum 'Lilafee'

Plant Heritage

Plant Heritage is the only national charity focussing on plant conservation to ensure the cultivated plants we grow now will be available to future generations for cultural, medical, culinary and aesthetic use.

The National Plant Collections are at the heart of the charity's work, each creating a unique living plant library representing the diversity of our garden plants. In addition, the Plant Guardian scheme encourages individuals to get involved in plant conservation by nurturing one or more rare or unusual plants.

A network of local groups around the country offers access to rare and unusual plants through plant fairs, talks, visits and a free annual plant exchange.

Plant Heritage asks you to share your plant passion by joining them and helping support plant conservation.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£40 single; £60 joint; young person (under 30) & student £12

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Directory, journals and e-newsletters
- Support vital conservation work
- Local group network
- Talks, events, visits and plant sales
- Receive hard-to-find plants in an annual plant exchange
- Become a Plant Guardian



Rhododendron suilenhense

Rhododendron Species Conservation Group

The Rhododendron Species Conservation Group consists of rhododendron species enthusiasts. Its aim is to establish subsections of *Rhododendron*, particularly species threatened in the wild, in suitable gardens interested in maintaining them. The Group also surveys gardens with important rhododendron collections in order to create a database. Members get the opportunity to participate in fieldwork in the Group's outreach gardens.

Members encourage conservation through seed and plant propagation of rare material, which is made available to members. The Group arranges lectures and visits to rhododendron gardens not generally open to the public.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£12 UK single; £15 family;
£120 participating gardens
(10 years); £150 senior life

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual newsletter
- Biennial conference and study weekend alternating with the Scottish Rhododendron Society





Pinkcurrant 'Glorie de Sablons'

RHS Fruit Group

The RHS Fruit Group consists of a friendly bunch of gardeners with a particular interest in growing fruit, including apples, pears, cherries, currants, blackberries, raspberries, peaches and strawberries.

The Group meets regularly to exchange ideas and take part in talks and demonstrations from experts and professionals in the fruit-growing world. It also arranges visits for members to gardens, orchards, fruit farms, nurseries and sites of fruit-growing excellence.

Though based at RHS Garden Wisley, there are regional branches in the South West and the Midlands, and close links with the Northern Fruit Group.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£7 for RHS members

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Lively meetings
- Talks by experts
- Fruit-oriented visits
- Access to other growers
- Informative newsletter

*Lilium speciosum var. clivorum*

RHS Lily Group

Created in 1931, the Group encourages the cultivation of lilies and nomocharis, as well as erythroniums and fritillaries, helping ensure they remain in cultivation. It was involved in a recent three-year trial at RHS Garden Wisley of more than 200 commercial hybrids and a number of species.

Their seed list regularly contains the widest range of *Lilium* species available anywhere in the world. Whether an amateur or professional gardener, you are welcome to join the Group to learn more about how to grow lilies from seed to flowering bulbs. Members benefit from sharing information, knowledge, experiences and events with other lily enthusiasts, around half of whom are from overseas.

2023 EVENTS

18 Jan–15 Mar Seed list available

Mar–Oct (tbc) Programme of members' events

23–28 Oct (tbc) Online bulb auction

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£15

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Seed list & bulb auction
- Two newsletters a year
- *Lilies and Related Plants* journal
- Garden visits and tours
- Online talks
- Website with advice





Rhododendron 'Lady Anne'

RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group

With its origins in 1915 as the Rhododendron Society, the Group can claim to be one of the world's oldest plant societies. It linked with camellia and magnolia enthusiasts more than 40 years ago, and now has a worldwide membership dedicated to the study and enjoyment of the three essential genera in the classic woodland garden.

Its thriving regional branches and national events, together with its internationally respected publications, online lectures and informal talks, lively social media and renowned annual seed list offer something for every rhododendron, camellia and magnolia lover, whether interested amateur or dedicated professional.

2023 EVENTS

11–12 Mar Spring Flower Show, RHS Garden Rosemoor

1 Apr Spring Ornamental Competitions, RHS Garden Wisley

22–23 Apr Rhododendron Show, RHS Garden Rosemoor

29–30 Apr Rhododendron Show, RHS Garden Harlow Carr

13 May AGM and Show, Ness Botanic Gardens

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20–30

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Yearbook and bulletins
- Seed list
- Events and shows
- Tours
- Branch meetings
- Online talks
- Website with extensive plant directory



Rosa It's a Wonderful Life ('Dictwix')

Rose Society UK

The Society was formed to support the growing, showing and enjoyment of all roses. Members enjoy many benefits. The Rose Society UK offers affiliate membership to local horticultural societies and provincial flower shows in order to award its Bronze Medal for excellence in rose cultivation.

The Society has information stands at many of the country's major flower shows and offers free advice to the UK's rose lovers.

The Rose Society UK is committed to helping everyone to successfully grow and enjoy the nation's favourite flower.

2023 EVENTS

11–14 May Spring Rose Show, RHS Malvern Spring Festival

24–25 Jun Summer Rose Festival, Squires Garden Centre, Shepperton, Surrey

23 Jul Members' Day (Little Rose Show and Meet), Pelsall, West Midlands

15–17 Sep Autumn Rose Show, Harrogate Show, Newby Hall, Ripon, N Yorks

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10 internet (single or double); £20 postal (receive printed newsletters)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Four national shows
- Expert rose advice
- Quarterly e-newsletter, *The Rose Times*
- Society events and visits
- Access to a network of experienced rosarians
- Discount on rose purchases at select rose nurseries





ROGER BROWN BRIDGE

Rhododendron degronianum

Scottish Rhododendron Society

A Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, the Scottish Rhododendron Society welcomes all those interested in rhododendrons and their cultivation. Its annual rhododendron show, competition and exhibition, held in the first weekend of May, is open to all and both species and cultivars can be exhibited and are judged by experts.

Tours of approximately one week have included the west coast of Scotland, English counties, southern Ireland and Germany, with north west America in the future. With its sister organisation, the Rhododendron Species Conservation Group, the Society also organises lectures and study weekends.

2023 EVENTS

6 May Annual Show and Exhibition, Gibson Hall, Garelochhead, Argyll

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£18 single; £20 family; £41 incl. ARS single; £44 incl. ARS family; free for students in hort ed'n or working in a woodland garden (full time)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Yearbook and two Reviews
- Visits to private gardens
- Scottish garden tours



SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB

Erythronium californicum 'White Beauty'

Scottish Rock Garden Club

Scotland's biggest garden club has an enthusiastic international membership of people interested in all kinds of smaller hardy plants and bulbs, often in traditional rock gardens, raised beds and troughs. Membership offers contact with other enthusiasts through online and social media presence, shows, conferences, local groups and a journal, *The Rock Garden*, with excellent articles and illustrations.

Members can share seeds of thousands of plants via a seed exchange and interact through the Club website with its friendly forum and wealth of resources, including Ian Young's weekly Bulb Log and the monthly e-magazine *International Rock Gardener*.

Grants for students and for relevant projects are offered.

2023 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20 single; £23 family (two adults at one address); £3 junior; £11 electronic subscription (no paper copies)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Seed exchange
- Flower shows
- Local groups
- Website resources





The ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY

JOIN US TO

- Receive a superb quarterly journal
- Have access to regular free Zoom lectures on specialist topics
- Support our conservation and education projects in the UK and abroad
- Support our rock garden at Pershore
 - Enjoy free entry to over 20 National Flower Shows & Plant Fairs
- Have access to our Seed Exchange which offers over 4000 different varieties of seeds every year
 - Take part in exclusive Botanical Tours led by experts
- Be part of a community of passionate gardeners and like-minded people

Visit our website or phone us to join today
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The work of the RHS

The RHS was founded in 1804 to inspire passion and excellence in the science, art and practice of horticulture. Our vision is to enrich everyone's life through plants, and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place. We believe everyone in every village, town and city should benefit from growing plants to enhance their lives and build better communities and places to live.

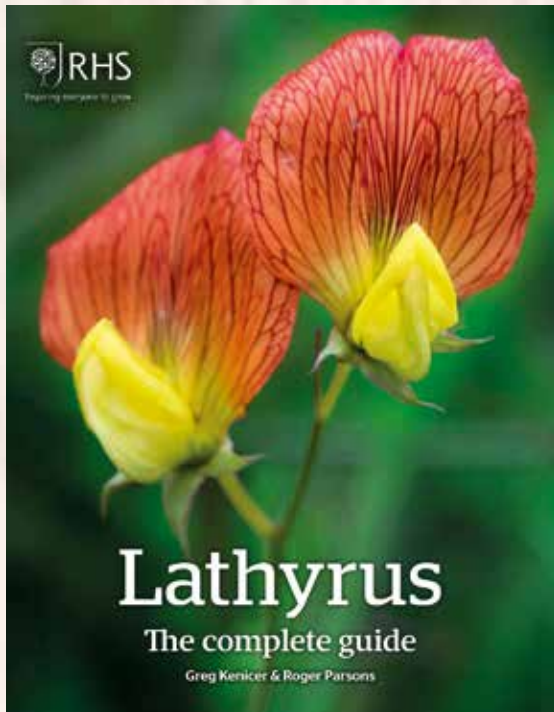
We held our first flower shows in 1820, were granted a Royal Charter in 1861 and acquired RHS Garden Wisley, our flagship garden, in 1903. From our first meetings in a small room off London's Piccadilly, we have grown to become the world's

largest gardening charity. At our gardens and shows, and through our scientific research, publications, libraries and our education and community programmes, we inspire a passion for gardening, promote the value of gardens, demonstrate how gardening is good for us and explain the vital roles that plants undertake.

The RHS is committed to bringing the joy of gardening to millions more people around the UK and inspiring the next generation of gardeners. By investing in the future of horticulture we can help safeguard a £10.4 billion industry employing more than 300,000 people.

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF HORTICULTURE

The RHS is investing £160 million in the future of horticulture across its work. As part of this national investment we are fundraising £40m to transform our gardens, outreach and education facilities to help raise the profile of horticulture, inspire more people to garden and share our knowledge with as many audiences and communities as possible.

- At RHS Garden Wisley, our flagship garden, we have opened RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science which houses laboratories, a herbarium, event spaces, classrooms and libraries.
- At RHS Garden Hyde Hall much of our investment has come to fruition with a new Learning Centre, so that we can reach out to more schools and visitors. There has also been investment in key infrastructure and horticulture.
- Our brand new RHS garden in Salford,

Greater Manchester, is now open. RHS Garden Bridgewater, once complete, will provide an exceptional horticultural resource for the people of North West England.

- At RHS Garden Harlow Carr we are planning to restore the Harrogate Arms and incorporate it into the garden landscape.
- Through Britain in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood and a host of community outreach we're greening up grey areas of our communities.
- The Lindley Library in London has been reconfigured to allow visitors better access to our collections.
- We're raising the profile of careers in horticulture, helping to safeguard the future of the industry.

Below RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science houses scientists helping the UK's 30 million gardeners.



Around the world with RHS Gardens and Partner Gardens

The RHS runs five beautiful gardens that members can visit free of charge. RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey, RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex, RHS Garden Harlow Carr in North Yorkshire, RHS Garden Rosemoor in Devon and RHS Garden Bridgewater in Greater Manchester provide fantastic days out, spectacular horticulture, and inspiring design

SCOTLAND

Attadale Gardens
Backhouse Garden, Rofsie Estate
Blair Castle
Branklyn Garden NTS
Cambo Estate Gardens
Castle Kennedy Gardens
Cawdor Castle Gardens
Cowden Gardens
Crathes Castle NTS
Douneside House
Drummond Castle Gardens
Dumfries House Gardens
Dunrobin Castle
Dunvegan Castle
Explorers Garden
Floors Castle
Geilston Garden NTS
Glenwhan Garden
Gordon Castle
Inverewe NTS
Kellie Castle & Garden NTS
Leith Hall & Garden NTS
Monteviot House
Mount Stuart
Paxton House
Pitmedden NTS
Scone Palace

St. Andrews Botanic Garden
Teasses Garden
Threave NTS

NORTH WEST

Abbeywood
Arley Hall & Gardens
Bluebell Cottage Gardens
Brantwood
Cholmondeley Castle
Dalemain Historic House & Gardens
Holehird Gardens
Holker Hall Garden
Hutton-in-the-Forest
Larch Cottage Gardens
Lovell Quinta Arboretum
Lowther Castle
Milntown Estate
Mount Pleasant
Ness Botanic Gardens
Rode Hall Gardens
Stonyford Cottage Gardens
Tatton Park Gardens

NORTH EAST

Beningbrough Hall NT
Bide-a-Wee Cottage Gardens

and planting.

As well as our gardens, members also have free access, at selected times, to more than 200 Partner Gardens, which can be found across the UK and overseas. A full list of Partner Gardens in the UK and overseas is given below. Those that are new this year are styled in **bold**.

Birkheads Secret Garden
Burnby Hall & Museum Gardens
Burton Agnes Gardens
Crook Hall Gardens NT
Duncombe Park
Durham Botanic Gardens
Helmsley Walled Garden
Normanby Hall Victorian Walled Garden
Nunnington Hall NT
Parcevall Hall Gardens
Scampston Walled Garden

Wentworth Garden Centre
Wentworth Woodhouse
Whalton Manor Gardens
Yorkshire Arboretum

EAST

Anglesey Abbey Gardens NT
The Beth Chatto Garden
Bressingham Gardens
Chippenham Park

East Ruston Old Vicarage
Elton Hall
Fullers Mill
Green Island Gardens
Houghton Hall
Knebworth House Gardens
Mannington Gardens
Markshall Estate
Place for Plants
Raveningham Gardens
Somerleyton Hall
The Swiss Garden
Wyken Hall Garden

SOUTH EAST

Bates Green Garden
Blenheim Palace
Borde Hill Garden
Denmans Garden
Englefield House
Exbury Gardens
Farringford Gardens
Furzey Gardens
Godshill Model Village
Goodnestone Park
Great Comp Gardens
Ham House & Garden NT
Hever Castle & Gardens
High Beeches

Houghton Lodge
Leonardslee
Loseley Park
Lullingstone Castle, The World Garden
Merriments Gardens
Nymans Garden
Osterley Park NT
Parham Park
Penshurst Place
The Savill Gardens
Sheffield Park Garden NT
Sir Harold Hillier Garden
Sissinghurst Castle Garden NT
Stowe
Sussex Prairie Gardens
Syon Park
Tylney Hall
Waddesdon Manor NT
Waterperry Gardens
West Dean Gardens

MIDLANDS

Arley Arboretum
Belvoir Castle
Biddulph Grange NT
Bluebell Arboretum
Bridgemere Show Gardens
Cascades Garden
Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens
Cottesbrooke Hall Gardens
Coughton Court
Deene Park
Doddington Hall
Dorothy Clive Garden
Evenley Wood Garden
Felley Priory
Goldstone Hall
Grimsthorpe Castle Gardens
Hidcote NT
Hill Close Gardens
Kelmarsh Hall

Melbourne Hall
Middleton Hall
Picton Garden
Renishaw Hall
Thornbridge Hall
Trentham Gardens
Winterborne House & Gardens

SOUTH WEST

Abbotsbury
Batsford Arboretum
Bishops Palace
Bowood Woodland Garden
Burrow Farm
Caerhays Castle
Cannington Walled Gardens
Castle Hill Gardens
Cloveley Court
Coleton Fishacre
Compton Acres
Dartington Hall Gardens
Docton Mill Gardens
East Lambrook Manor Gardens
Hotel Endsleigh
Forde Abbey Gardens
The Garden House
Greencombe Gardens
The Lost Gardens of Heligan
Hestercombe Gardens
Hidden Valley Gardens
Holme for Gardens
Kilver Court Gardens
Knoll Gardens & Nursery
Mapperton Gardens
Minterne Gardens
The Newt in Somerset
Painswick Rococo Garden
Sherborne Castle Gardens
Stone Lane Gardens

Tapeley Park
Trebah Garden
Trewithen Gardens
Wilton House
Yeo Valley Organic Garden

WALES

Aberglasney
Bodnant Garden
Cae Hir Gardens
Dingle
Dyffryn Fernat
Dyffryn Gardens
Llanerchaeron NT
Nant y Bedd
Picton Castle & Woodland Gardens
Plas Brondanw Gardens
Powis Castle NT
Upton Castle Gardens

N. IRELAND

Ballyrobert Cottage Gardens
Glenarm Castle Gardens
Hillsborough Castle Gardens
Mount Stewart NT
Seaforde Gardens

CHANNEL ISLANDS

ArtParkS Exotic Woodland Garden
Eric Young Orchid Foundation
La Seigneurie

BARBADOS

Andromeda Botanic Garden

BELGIUM

Arboretum Kalmthout

FRANCE

Château d'Ainay-le-Vieil
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Château de la Bussière
Château du Rivau
Château de Valmer
Château de Villandry
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ITALY

The Hanbury Gardens
Isola Bella & Isola Madre

JAPAN

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PORTUGAL

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For more information on RHS Partner Gardens visit rhs.org.uk/gardens/partner-gardens

RHS Plant Trials

The RHS trials a wide range of ornamental and edible plants to test their performance, health and weather endurance, with the best performers receiving a prestigious RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM). The award is the RHS seal of approval for plants that perform reliably in the garden, and the logo often appears on the plant label.

The trials enable multiple selections of the same plant to be grown side by side under the same conditions so they can be compared. Trials are assessed by an RHS forum panel and the results are ratified by a relevant plant committee to decide which plants should receive an AGM, and if any current AGM's should be rescinded. An AGM can also be awarded by round-table assessment.

Trials at RHS Garden Wisley are now held in a new purpose-built Trials Garden. This has been joined by a permanent trials area at RHS Garden Bridgewater which will allow trials to take account of climate differences across the UK. There are also off-site trials held at gardens and nurseries across the UK, including the four other RHS Gardens,



and also at RHS Partner Gardens. Visitors are welcome to visit the trials at RHS Gardens. In addition, many of the off-site locations are open to visitors or have special public open days.

Above A recent *Hyacinthus orientalis* trial that finished in 2022 assessed many modern cultivars.

Left Members of the Sweet Pea Trial Forum judging a trial in 2022.



CURRENT RHS PLANT TRIALS

Trials Garden, RHS Wisley

Aeonium: 2023–25 (also at Minack Theatre)
Baptisia: 2023–25
Dahlia: 2021–23
Delphinium (seed-raised): 2023–25
Helleborus: 2021–24
Lathyrus odoratus (sweet pea): 2021–23
Narcissus, shorter flowering: 2021–23
 Oregano and marjoram: 2022–23
Rosa, red-flowered: 2021–24
Salvia, hardy: 2022–24
Tulipa, early flowering: 2021–22
Veronica, shrubby (*Hebe*): 2021–24 (also at RHS Garden Harlow Carr)

Off-site trials

Aeonium: 2023–25
 Minack Theatre, Cornwall (also at RHS Garden Wisley)
Chaenomeles: 2021–24
 Witch Hazel Nursery, Kent
Cornus sanguinea & *C. sibirica*: 2021–23
 RHS Garden Hyde Hall
Fillipendula: 2023–25
 Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Gooseberry: 2023–25
 RHS Garden Bridgewater
Helenium: 2022–24
 RHS Garden Bridgewater
Hemerocallis: 2018–23
 Floors Castle and Sissinghurst Castle Garden
Hydrangea paniculata: 2021–24
 RHS Garden Bridgewater
Mahonia: 2021–25
 Sir Harold Hillier Garden, Hampshire
Primula: 2021–23
 RHS Garden Bridgewater
Spiraea: 2019–23
 East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden, Norfolk
Tillandsia: 2023–24
 Walton Hall and Gardens, Cheshire
Veronica, shrubby (*hebe*): 2021–24
 RHS Garden Harlow Carr (also at RHS Garden Wisley)
 Vegetables: chilli pepper, climbing French bean, garlic, spinach: 2023
 RHS Garden Bridgewater and RHS Garden Rosemoor

For more information on current trials, visit rhs.org.uk/trials-awards

RHS TRIAL REPORTS

The RHS publishes a trials report after each trial. The reports offer useful information on each plant awarded the AGM, and include cultivation advice and information on pests and diseases.

You can access all of the published reports for free from rhs.org.uk/plants/trials-awards/plant-trials/growerguides



RHS horticultural bursaries – start your adventure

The RHS offers a range of bursaries for projects, expeditions and other activities related to horticulture. These might include a voluntary work placement in a leading botanic or historic garden, an expedition or study tour to see plants in their native habitat, or attending a horticultural conference or symposium. In fact, any project, visit or study tour with a clear relevance to horticulture could be eligible.

Apply for a bursary

Anyone, from knowledgeable amateur gardeners to botanical artists, soil scientists and arboriculturists can apply for a bursary, provided certain criteria are met.

Following completion of a bursary-supported project, each recipient is requested to write a report on their experience. These are accessible to the public through RHS Libraries, ensuring that the knowledge gained is spread throughout the horticultural community.

More than £150,000 is awarded in bursaries by the RHS each year. This is thanks to charitable donations and bequests from benefactors wishing to further the interests of horticultural education.

For more information on how to fund your horticultural adventure with an RHS bursary, or to make a donation to the Society's bursary fund, visit rhs.org.uk/bursaries or email bursaries@rhs.org.uk

Ben Ram photographing *Protea rupicola* in South Africa on a trip funded by an RHS bursary.



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RHS Affiliated Societies – get involved

The RHS supports nearly 2,800 Affiliated Societies, making it Britain's largest network of gardening clubs and horticultural groups.

Any club or society that promotes horticulture at a local level, holds regular meetings and/or an annual show is eligible to join the RHS Affiliated Societies scheme. By becoming an Affiliated Society, groups will gain access to a wealth of benefits, knowledge and resources. This includes a free annual visit to an RHS Garden for up

to 55 members, which can be taken at any time of year, except during RHS Garden Flower Shows and Glow illuminations events. Other benefits include a beautiful medal and certificate to award at the club's annual show, a monthly copy of *The Garden* magazine, an information pack offering society-related support, and free group gardening advice from RHS advisors, plus access to a really useful list of speakers and judges. Insurance and specialist stationery is available too.

If your club is interested in joining, just email us and we will provide you with all the details you need. Visit our website for more information. If you're looking to join a club, check out the RHS Community Map showing all local affiliated and other community groups.

USEFUL LINKS

Email: affiliated@rhs.org.uk

Web: [rhs.org.uk/affiliated societies](https://rhs.org.uk/affiliated-societies)

Community map: rhs.org.uk/get-involved/find-a-group

The year ahead: horticultural events at RHS Gardens in 2023

The RHS has an exciting programme of horticultural events, courses and workshops that run throughout the year. These take place at all five of the RHS Gardens, many involving plant societies and specialist nurseries. The list below highlights a few key plant society shows for 2023, and full details of all shows are available on the RHS website.



RHS Garden Bridgewater

8–9 Jul National Sweet Pea Society Late Show

RHS Garden Harlow Carr

25 Mar Cyclamen Show

29–30 Apr RHS Tulip, Daffodil and Rhododendron Show

5–6 Aug Orchid Weekend

14 Oct National Alpine Show

RHS Garden Rosemoor

11–12 Mar RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group Spring Flower Show

22–23 Apr RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group Rhododendron Show

17 Jun Pelargonium and Geranium Society National Show

RHS Garden Wisley

11 Feb Early Spring Show featuring Cyclamen Society and British Iris Society

11–12 Mar Bonsai Show

27–29 Mar RHS Orchid Show

22–23 Apr Iris & Clematis Show

13 May Cactus Show

3–4 Jun British Iris Society Summer Show

17–18 Jun Plant Society Show

22–23 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show

5–10 Sep National Dahlia Society National Show

23 Sep Cyclamen Society Early Autumn Show



For full details of plant society and horticultural events at RHS gardens please visit these listings:

rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater/whats-on

rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr/whats-on

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