

# The Aberdeen Rock Garden Club

(Affiliated to The Scottish Rock Garden Club)



## Programme 2011 - 2012

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**All talks, will be held in the  
Rubislaw Church Centre, Beaconsfield Place, Aberdeen, AB15 4AB at 7.30 pm.  
[Except for that of MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Venue is Airyhall Community Centre, see  
relevant entry.] Please note dates carefully!**

Entry charge per meeting £3 pp. **Local Membership £10 includes entry to all talks**, so subscribing to  
Local Membership supports the Group even if you only attend a few meetings.  
Pay at a meeting or send your cheque to the Treasurer.

### Tuesday 27th September

#### **“Greenland and Svalbard: the Scottish Connection”**

**Dr Stan da Prato** from Tranent, known for his work with the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society and for wonderful exhibits at Gardening Scotland for his local Garden Club shows that he still has time for some travels as he gives this talk about these fascinating, regions in the north, rich in flora and potentially dangerous fauna.

### Tuesday 25th October

#### **“New ways of growing Himalayan plants”**

**Jim Jermyn**, former nurseryman and now show manager for the likes of Gardening Scotland and the Ayr Flower Show, will give his advice on how to grow the fine plants from the Himalayas.

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**“Galanthus”** There has been a real explosion of popularity of Snowdrops in recent years: **Rod Begbie** grows a wide range in Aberdeenshire and is our local expert on these flowers.

**There will be no early January meeting in 2012**

**Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>**

“Mike’s Tulips” Group Convenor Mike Hopkins will try to re-ignite the Tulip-mania of history by taking us on a tour of the wonderful Tulips he has seen in the wild.

**Tuesday 28th February**

“Southern Colorado - flowers along the dirt roads” Sandy Leven from Dunblane has been tirelessly enduring some trips along some less than perfect roads in the USA to bring us this talk without us having to suffer either car or air-sickness to participate in the fun!

**There will be no meeting in March, instead there will be a meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**APRIL** which will be given by the SRGC Travelling Speaker, Pam Eveleigh from Canada at 7.30pm in this venue: **Airyhall Community Centre, Countesswells Road, Aberdeen AB15 8AD :**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** -- “Wild Flowers of Alberta” Pam Eveleigh will introduce us to the local wildflowers of the State of Alberta. Pam is well known for her enthusiasm for primulas; she runs the Primula World website, which is a great source of information on that genus: [www.primulaworld.com](http://www.primulaworld.com)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** Local Annual General Meeting and Members’ Night.

**Details to be announced**

Charge for each meeting is £3 . Local Subscription is £10 and includes entry to all meetings. Even if you do not attend all meetings your Local Subscription will help to keep the local group afloat to run meetings and the show. Pay at any meeting or send your name, address and cheque to Group Treasurer, Bill McGregor, Remuera, Inchgarth Road, Cults, Aberdeen AB15 9NX

To check for any last minute changes, because of weather conditions, for instance, phone Margaret on 01224 318617 .

Don’t forget to book your place for the coach trip to Dunblane Early Bulb Day - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**Guests welcome at all meetings.**

**Donations of plants for the Raffle greatly appreciated.**

**Free raffle tickets for newcomers.**