



ABERDEEN ROCK GARDEN CLUB
affiliated to the Scottish Rock Garden Club

September 2011

Warm greetings to all members of the Scottish Rock Garden Club in the Aberdeenshire area.

This letter gives you brief details of the programme of Talks planned by the Aberdeen Rock Garden Club Group for our season, September 2011 to April 2012. We try to make the programme as varied as possible and we are sure that you will find the subjects of interest whatever your gardening experience.

We will be pleased to see you at the meetings, with any friends, relations and neighbours you might care to bring along. All are welcome at the evening meetings with free raffle tickets for first time visitors.

There is annual charge of £10 per person for full local membership of the Aberdeen Rock Garden Club. This will entitle you to free entry for all meetings, receipt of local newsletters and be eligible for any Group activities. This fee is payable in addition to any SRGC subscription you may hold. As meeting costs rise, it is important to support the Group by paying this annual fee. Those not paying the local subscription will receive only this intimation of the season's programme and will not receive a local ARGC membership /syllabus card.

To support the Aberdeen Rock Garden Group, and gain free access to all Talks, please send the details requested below, with your payment, to our Treasurer: **Mr Bill McGregor**, Remuera, Inchgarth Road, Cults, Aberdeen AB15 9NX .

I/We wish to become full ARGC Members and enclose cheque for £
----- (£10 per person)

Name:

Email and telephone:

Address:

The individual charge for attendance at meetings will be £3 per meeting, for SRGC members and any guests. All are welcome to come along.

Thus, if you are attending meetings regularly you will be getting an extremely good “deal” for your local subscription and if you cannot attend meetings you will at least be helping to support your local Group, and our Aberdeenshire SRGC Spring Show.

You may also pay your local group membership fee at any of the meetings.

Local group activities are listed on the SRGC Website www.srgc.org.uk and there is our popular Forum at www.srgc.org.uk/forum/index.php

Before we tell you about the meetings planned for the coming season, here are a couple of dates for your diary for national SRGC events:

The **Annual General Meeting of the SRGC** will be held on **Saturday 12th November 2011** at “the Hangar”, Perth Airport, Scone at 1.00pm. The AGM will be preceded by a Grand Picnic (bring your own food to enjoy an indoor picnic with other Members) and the AGM is followed by the Clark Memorial Lecture by Julia Corden:
“Bhutan Revisited”

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2012 is the date of the **Dunblane Early Bulb Day**. We will again be hiring a coach to take us to this most popular of SRGC Events. There will be Talks, a display of bulbs and alpines in flower and lots of plants and bulbs to buy.

To register your interest in joining this cheerful day out to the **Dunblane Early Bulb Day** on 18th February : please email youngs.aberdeen@btinternet.com or ring Ian and Margaret on 01224 318617.

Now to details of the all important programme of Talks.

All talks (EXCEPT FOR 2nd APRIL) will be held in the Rubislaw Church Centre, 1 Beaconsfield Place, Aberdeen, AB15 4AB at 7.30 pm. Please note dates carefully!

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 29th 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 31st

“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 2nd APRIL which will be given by the SRGC Travelling Speaker, Pam Eveleigh from Canada. The Venue for this meeting will be the Airyhall Community Centre, Countesswells Road, Aberdeen AB15 8AD. (This is near the Library where we meet for the coach for the Dunblane Early Bulb Day).

MONDAY 2nd 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

Tuesday 24th 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 .

Saturday 19th May

SRGC Aberdeenshire Show 11.30am to 3.30pm Ruthrieston West Church Halls ,199 Broomhill Road Aberdeen AB10 7LN

If there is any doubt about whether or not a meeting is going ahead, because of bad weather, for example, please telephone 01224 318617 to check details.

We hope you will support the local SRGC Group, Aberdeen Rock Garden Club. We look forward to welcoming you to the Meetings. Happy Gardening!