

The Aberdeen Rock Garden Club

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The SRGC Rock Garden Plant Show in Aberdeen

.... is, I am sure, one of the most important days in your schedule and already marked in your diary for **Saturday 15th May 2010**. As in previous years, we urge you to spread the word of this event as widely as possible among your friends and neighbours. We hope you will all visit the show, even if you are unable to volunteer to be more fully involved and that you will all bring a friend.... actually, as **many** friends as you care to bring!!

SRGC Show Saturday 15th May 2010

The Show is at the Ruthrieston West Church Halls, Broomhill Road, Aberdeen AB10 7LU on Saturday 15th May from 11.30am to 4.00pm.

Members free of course and visitors only £2.

Getting involved is one of the most fun ways of getting to know people and really enjoy the show, as many of our new Members have found; we were really pleased to have some of our newest members join in last year with the proceeding and I believe a good time was had by all!

If you have a plant which is looking good, why not enter it in the show..... if you enjoy attending a show to see a mass of colourful plants, do remember that it takes YOU, the Members to provide those plantsno plants – no show, so **why not join in** and make the day a success for all.

Show time is hectic; with volunteers needed for all sorts of tasks, from welcoming visitors to making tea and selling plants; there is surely a job to suit everyone. The main '**volunteer line**' is **01224 318617** and you may use this number to contact Ian and Maggi Young (the Show Secretaries) **with your entry for the show and with any queries you may have about the show.**

If you are feeling energetic, then perhaps you will help with the set-up on Friday afternoon, at around 3.15pm and for the dismantling and cleanup on Saturday at 4pm.

All the activity on Show day makes for hungry work, for helpers and visitors alike so we are begging, as ever, for your contributions

of sweet cakes and goodies for the Tea stall. We once more plan to make the savoury filled rolls fresh in the kitchen at the hall.

You are also invited to bring plants for our Club plant stall for sale on a 50/50 basis (you get half the sale price and the other half goes to the ARG Group). The pots you bring need two labels in.... one with the name of the plant and one with your name (or initials) and the price of the plant, lowest price is £1, no upper limit and only neat amounts please, no halves that turn into 3pounds 43.5p !

This is the most important event in the year for our Group, it will be fantastic if you do what you can to help make it a success!

There is no doubt the day is all the more fun for those actively involved in the whole organisation of the event, so.....

Please, do volunteer in some capacity and have a **great Show Day**...Remember, if YOU enter a plant it might win the Forrest Medal and that will make it an even better Show Day!!

This year the SRGC LATE BULB DISPLAY will be held at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh on Saturday 4th September 10.00 am to 4.00 pmdetails follow....

Any questions should be addressed to the show secretary: Barry Caudwell, Abernyte Farm Cottage, Abernyte, Inchtute, Perth, PH14

9ST. Telephone 01828 686709. E-mail f.b.caudwell@fireflyuk.net

VENUE: Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

Pedestrian entrance is through Inverleith row at the old reception next to where the flag poles are situated.

Members are invited to bring along as many pans of dwarf bulbs and flowering alpine plants as possible. A single flowering bulb or plant is of interest to other enthusiasts.

The usual rule of one pan per class per exhibitor will be waived for this non-competitive display. Contributions are invited for a 50:50 plant sale, which will be held to cover expenses.

Please note that no Ericaceae should be brought along for either the display or the plant sale.

Coffee at 10.00am

There will be two Presentations on the Day: by Prof. Dr. Adil Güner from the Nezahat Gökyigit Botanic Garden. This is the botanic garden in a motorway intersection in Istanbul Turkey, NGBB, which Robert Unwin told us about in his Talk in Aberdeen in November 2009.

At 10.30am Adil will talk on "The Turkish geophyte collection at NGBB" and at 2 pm his subject will be "Growing Turkish bulbs at NGBB"

For more about the Turkish garden see the NGBB web site at

<http://www.ngbb.gen.tr/>

This is a ticket only event: your ticket includes free parking within the garden, **lunch and coffee**, as well as a tour of the new John Hope Gateway and the garden.

Tickets which include a map & directions, are available from Ann Christie, Downfield, Westmuir, Kirriemuir DD8 5LP. Please make cheques payable to SRGC.

The year started with January 09 being colder than in recent years with below average rainfall. March was fairly dry and mild and April had well below average rainfall and was virtually frost free. Things started to go downhill in May with a lot of dull wet weather, followed by summer months that were not as the Met. Office forecast- I wonder how many barbecues were used? The months of October and November were very, very wet with poor light quality- quite a depressing couple of months and December started cold and damp before the snow arrived. To me, 2009 was a difficult gardening year because of the weather and I can only hope that after the cold start to 2010 we enjoy a warm spring and summer with less rain than last year – and more sunshine, please!

JL –Westhill- March 2010

BEATING THE SHOW DRUM: AGAIN!

Please tell your friends about the show on **May 15th** and consider getting involved in some way yourself....it is a lot of fun and our main means of fundraising to keep the group going.

Phone 01224 318617 to enter your plants or volunteer to help. We'll look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there!

This newsletter can also be found online at www.srgc.org.uk and don't forget the Forum with its thousands of plant photos at www.srgc.org.uk/smf/index.php ; you can join in there, too!!

We very much look forward to meeting up with all of you at the Show. We send best wishes to all those suffering ill health who will not be able to join us at the Show: we hope for better times for you soon.

It will soon no longer be Spring and we hope you will all enjoy a really good summer.... Great weather, great plants and masses of pleasure from your gardens. No harm in hoping, eh?!!

The next meeting Season will begin on 28th September 2010: the venue for meetings will again be the Rubislaw Church Centre, Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen. Meetings are *mostly* held on the last Tuesday of the month from September to April.