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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

Tonight we have our Members Spring Flower Show. The schedule is as follows:

1. DAFFODILS/NARCISSI - 3 stems, one or more cultivars
2. TULIPS - 3 stems, one or more cultivars
3. SHRUBS, FLOWERING - 3 stems of any cultivar except camellias
4. CAMELLIAS - one stem
5. SHRUBS, FOLIAGE - 3 stems any cultivar
6. SMALL VASE OF MIXED SPRING FLOWERS
7. ANY POT-GROWN PLANT (indoor or outdoor)
8. SPRING BULBS COMPETITION - 5 "Pipit" narcissisi in a pot
9. FLORAL ART - arrangement of spring flowers. Space available 20" square.
May be arranged at home. Flowers may be purchased
10. SPRING PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR GARDEN (up to 4 per person.)
Max size A5 (or 210mm x 148mm) or 8 ¼ "x 5 ⅝ "

Top Plant Award

Last month we launched our "CABAHS Top Plant" award for which members are asked to vote each month. This is just a bit of fun but it is a great way to get to know each other's favourite plants and will probably spark some debates! Anyone can nominate their favourite plant, and each month we will put 4 at random up by the Noticeboard. A button represents a vote. We hope you will all vote for one, then at the end of the year we will put the monthly winners up for a final vote and that will be the CABAHS Top Plant. So get thinking and nominate your favourite plant - forms are by the Noticeboard, or you can email direct to cabahshortisoc@gmail.com.

Outings

The next outing will be to RHS Wisley on Friday 28th April and there are still a few tickets left. This will only cost £14 to cover the coach expense so it's a real bargain. Full details will be available from Anna at tonight's meeting, where you can sign up to join the trip. (Full payment is required by tonight - exact amount preferred) Pickup times are:

08.45 at Tudor Grange, 114 Westcombe Park Road SE3.

09.00 Charlton House

09.15 Court Road Bus Stop, opposite Mottingham Village Post Office

Jillian is organising a Hever Castle outing on Friday 19th May. £26 tickets (near the raffle table) Pick-ups 9.30am Westcombe Park, 9.45am Charlton House, 10am Mottingham PO

The Great Get Together. Royal Artillery Barracks, Repository Rd, Woolwich, SE18 4BB on Saturday 24 June from 11- 6pm Entry is free.

This year our society plans to have a plant stall at this event. As we are currently in need of funds we hope that members will grow as many plants in pots as possible to sell on our stall. We also need volunteers to man the stall during the day. If you think you can help, for an hour or two, please sign the list by the register, or speak to a committee member. Please also tick the appropriate column if you are able to supply some well-grown, potted and labelled plants.

It is one of the UK's largest Armed Forces Day events and is combined with the Royal Borough of Greenwich's big summer community celebration. Other attractions include live music stage, sports try-out sessions, armed forces stalls, vintage military vehicles, healthy living zone, veterans' parade, children's crafts, zorbing balls and laser tag, family funfair, and lots more.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Dates for your diaries

23rd April Plant Fairs Roadshow, Hall Place & Gardens, Bourne Rd, Bexley DA5 1PQ
10am-3pm. Adm Free www.plant-fairs.co.uk/

23rd April Open garden for the NGS- South London Botanical Institute, 323 Norwood Rd, SE24 9AQ 2-5. £3 Enquiries 8674 5787 www.slbi.co.uk

24th April - 7th May Hever Castle Tulip Celebration with 7000 tulips.

27th April Plant Fair for disabled gardeners The Freight, Freight Lane, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3PG 10-3pm

29th April Garden Museum Plant Fair Lambeth Palace SE1 7LB 11.00am-5pm Adm £5
www.gardenmuseum.org.uk

7th May Godinton House & Gardens Plant Fair Godinton Lane , Ashford TN23 3BP
11am-4.30pm Adm £5 www.gondintonhouse.co.uk

20th May Plant Fairs Roadshow Telegraph Hill Centre, Kitto Rd, New Cross SE14 5TY
1pm -4pm Adm £2 www.plant-fairs.co.uk/

Top Tips

- 1 Keep weeds under control
- 2 Tie in and feed climbing and rambling roses
- 3 Plant Mediterranean-type plants eg Ceanothus and Cistus, now that soil is warmer
- 4 Trim lavender and other shrubs after flowering, leaving some green leaves on stems.
- 5 Divide snowdrops
- 6 Sow hardy annuals, herbs and veg. eg beetroots, carrots, leeks, radish and spinach
- 7 Later in April sow tender vegetables eg runner beans indoors
- 8 Pot on tomato seedlings once true leaves appear and keep under cover till June
- 9 Feed citrus plants and trees
- 10 Ensure birds are not nesting before trimming evergreen hedges.

I hope that you have been enjoying the current spring sunshine. Happy gardening.

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