

Talks and Garden Events 2010

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Dear Club/Society Organiser

We thought you might be interested in the talks and events we have for clubs and societies in 2010. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any more information.

Gardening Talks

We only give talks between March and October. Fees are based on distance travelled, travel time, and size of group. Please contact us discuss whether we are able to come to your group.

Our talks are suitable for everyone interested in gardening and plants:

- "Feeling Hot! Hot! Hot!" – Creating heat and excitement in your plantings using colour, shape and plant associations. Hot doesn't just mean bright colours, our minds are brilliant at creating associations between shape, texture and smell and mood. This talk is about creating a hot, exciting mood in your garden, the plants to use and how to combine them to create inspiring, energising effects. (Best times to visit us: June – October)
- "Late Again - Reliable Late Bloomers For Every Garden": Everyone wants late colour in their gardens and with autumns getting milder there are plenty of herbaceous perennials that will still be dazzling on Guys Fawkes night. But getting that late show requires planning and work at the right time. This talk not only recommends late flowering perennials for every garden but also gives you proven tips to make sure they are ready to perform.
- "Heleniums – Late Summer Colour Not To Be Sneezed At" – We have a National Plant Collection of over 80 Helenium cultivars all planted in our South Cheshire garden. This talk covers Heleniums as plants, their history, cultivation and use in mixed plantings. Fully illustrated with photos from our collection. (Best times to visit us: July – October)
- "Beauty for More than A Day – Day Lilies in the Garden": We grow more than 300 varieties of Day Lily (Hemerocallis) and this talk draws on our experience in selecting and growing the best varieties for the British Climate from amongst over 50,000 registered varieties. The talk covers choosing varieties, care and maintenance, classic British varieties, Spiders and Unusual Forms, and the latest trends in breeding from around the world. (Best times to visit us June and July)
- "Gardening with Perennials" – How to select and use perennials to create lovely garden be it in sun or shade, wet or dry, exposed or sheltered. Suitable for general interest groups but can be tailored to suit more experienced gardeners.
- "Perfect Partners": Are you looking for plants that are great in the bed together? This talk gives you some great ideas for creating the perfect perennial partnerships in your beds and borders. Planting ideas for plants that are well suited in temperament looks and needs for every garden.

All talks are fully illustrated with our own photographs and, in season, plants. Plants will be on sale afterwards and mail orders taken. Please note we can only accept payment by cash or cheque.

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Talk and Tour

Alternatively, visit us for a talk in our chapel hall with complementary tea, coffee and biscuits, followed by a short walk to our small but plant-packed garden (limited parking for disabled) for a guided tour and a chance to buy plants from our nursery at 10% discount. (Toilet facilities at Chapel Hall only). The cost is £5.00 per head (minimum charge of £50). There are many nearby attractions if you want to make a day of it, including: Bridgemere Garden World, Stapeley Water Gardens, The Dorothy Clive Garden, Cholmondeley Castle Gardens, Wollerton Old Hall, and Trentham Gardens. We are happy to help you create a thrilling itinerary for your group.

Group Visits to our Garden

Groups may also visit for a garden / nursery tour only in the daytime or evening. Cost is £2.50 per head to include tea / coffee and biscuits..

Special Talk and Tour Events

These events are open to the general public and we would be grateful if you could bring them to the attention of your members. You can of course book these topics for your group's "talk and tour" if the time of year is suitable.

Each event includes an informative talk, complementary tea / coffee and biscuits at our chapel hall, entrance to our garden and practical demonstrations of the key skills and techniques involved. Times: 2pm-4.30pm. Special offer: 10% off plants purchased on the day. Cost £5.00 per person per event. Prebooking is essential.

- 8 July: Day Lilies for every garden: Come and see our collection of over a hundred varieties of Day Lily (Hemerocallis) and find out more about how to select and grow varieties to suit your garden. Choose from over 100 varieties for sale.
- 12 August: Heleniums for late summer colour: Find out all about these invaluable late flowering plants, how to grow them successfully and select the best varieties for your garden.
- 9 September: Late bloomers: The best late flowering perennials and grasses to add colour and interest to the autumn garden. Also how to extend interest into winter using seed heads and stems.

Kind regards

Janet & Martin.