NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2022

KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY







KHS SUMMER SHOW – Saturday, 27th August, 2022

Dear Members,

We had a wonderful day on the Green again this year, with good weather, good crowds and a happy and positive community spirit.

There were 128 exhibitors and the marquee was packed with colour. The judges were very complimentary about the entries.

During the afternoon, over 700 visitors came through the marquee, which is a fantastic number.

Overall, the Show made a profit of £2,600, which is a great sum and will ensure we can go forward next year. We know the final amounts made by the individual KHS stalls are of interest, so here are the details:



Books – £461
Plants – £200
Tea Tent – £1050
Bric-a-Brac – £821
Tombola – £112
Raffle - £283
Auction: £521



Congratulations and thanks go to our brilliant Show Organisers, Alison Greenwood, Mandy Botta, Siobhan Clegg and Jo Wenham, and their whole hard-working team, particularly Phil Crocker, Androulla Frazer, Dennis Clegg, Jill Ryzm, Mike Greenwood, Ian West, Sally West, Jonnie Calvert, Will Calvert, Beth Greenwood, Mark Clapp and Siobhan McCammon. Our thanks also of course to all the volunteers from KHS who helped with the set-up, the marquee, clerking for the judges, the stalls, and the auction. It is impossible to list everyone who helped, but special mention must go to Charlie and Jane Shelton, Celia Fisher, Chris Morley-Smith, Zelda Blackadder, Frances Goodwin, Zoe Neale, Teresa Hartley, Julia Welchman, John White and David Collison. And, of course, thank you to everyone who came and supported the event in any way, whether exhibiting; browsing the stalls; visiting the marquee; enjoying tea and cake while listening to the terrific jazz band, Osahn Humaran Quartet; watching the Punch and Judy or bidding at the auction!

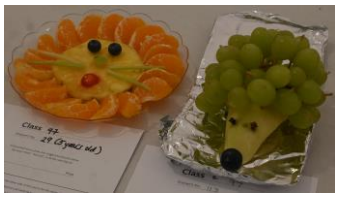






CUPS AND WINNERS 2022

THE BANKSIAN MEDAL	**Of the Royal Horticultural Society to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in Horticulture**	**Frances Goodwin**
LADIES' THRESHER CUP	**To the lady exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless she has won the Banksian Medal**	**Carole Brougham**
MEN'S THRESHER CUP	**To the gentleman exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless he has won the Banksian Medal**	**Malcolm Bell**
DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining the next highest points in Horticulture**	**Richard Ward**
PRESIDENT'S CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining most points in the vegetable classes only**	**Malcolm Bell and Richard Ward**
ASSOCIATION CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining second highest points in the vegetable classes only**	**Malcolm Taylor**
NEWTON CUP	**For most meritorious vegetable exhibit**	**Cliff Michael**
KEENE CUP	**To the winner of Class 28 (a collection of vegetables)**	**Charlie Shelton**
IAN MACLEAN CUP	**For the best display of vegetables grown from Garden Organic Seeds**	**N/A**
DR SPARKES CUP	**For the best fruit exhibit**	**Ruth Speirs**
TINKER CUP	**For the exhibitor gaining the most points in the dahlia classes**	**Stuart Webb**
KEW SOCIAL CLUB CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining most points in the Flowers and Plants classes 42 - 64**	**Stuart Webb**
NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY CERTIFICATE	**For the best exhibit of dahlias**	**Stuart Webb**
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KEW CHALLENGE CUP	**For the first-time exhibitor gaining the most points in horticultural classes 1 - 64**	**Katrina Roche**
K.E.W. CUP	**For gaining the most points in Cookery**	**Jane Shelton**
THOMAS CUP	**For the best exhibit of jams, chutneys & pickles, classes 65 - 71**	**Noemia Slack**
BURKE CUP	**For gaining the most points in Art and Crafts (excluding Photography)**	**Catherine Bates**
GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP	**For the best Craft exhibit**	**Gay Lyle**
SCARBOROUGH CUP	**For the best Art exhibit**	**Catherine Bates**
CAROLINE FIELDING CUP	**For best photograph in the Show**	**Yvonne Edwards**
WELCH CUP	**For gaining the most points in children's classes, age 6 and under**	**Beatrice Smith**
QUEEN ELIZABETH CUP	**For gaining the most points in children's classes, age 7 - 11**	**Teddy Gomez**
PAT THOMAS CUP	**For children's photography**	**Teddy Gomez**
FLORAL CUP	**For gaining the most points in Floral Art**	**Jane Shelton**
DAWSON CUP	**For the best exhibit in Floral Art**	**Caroline Buck**
SIR ARTHUR HILL CUP	**For gaining most points in the Show**	**Catherine Bates**



Recent Event



TOUR OF LINCOLN'S INN GARDENS

Sixteen KHS members and friends enjoyed a tour of Lincoln's Inn Gardens on Monday 12th September, led by Head Gardener and past Kew Gardens student Miranda Kimberley.

Members met at 10.30 for refreshments at Fields Bar and restaurant before revelling in the three acres of horticultural oasis that is Lincoln's Inn Gardens.



The weather was warm and sunny. Many interesting and historic plants are here and it was good to have Miranda with us to explain the history of the area and offer a horticultural slant on it.

Some of the interesting plants we saw included the 'false nettle', Boehmeria sieboldiana, and a lovely purple blue Solanum that grew to the height of a small tree each year. In the lawn border, Miranda pointed out Penstemon 'Blackbird' – a very dark purple and excellent 'doer'. She also liked Verbena 'Bampton' - wiry with pinky flowers, full name Verbena officinalis var. grandiflora 'Bampton'. The long border by the hall boasted some gorgeous grasses, including Molinia 'Bergfreund' with tiny, airy yellow flowers and a beautiful Pennisetum with purply flowers like squirrel tails.

Following the tour, members enjoyed a relaxed lunch with Miranda at Field's Bar and Restaurant. We thank Richard Ward for organising this very special visit, and members for their interest and support. Where would you like go next?!










Photographs of the Show throughout the newsletter by Caroline Fairs

Future Events

QUIZ NIGHT – our annual quiz will take place on Friday, 24 February. Please save the date! Further details to come.

TENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY COACH TRIP TO SOMERSET FOR 2023

June 13 - 17

After our Irish adventure in 2022 we have decided on somewhere close and easy to spend our time away in 2023. There will be some rather special extras planned to celebrate this 10th year of summer KHS coach trips.

With their many contacts Travel Editions have devised an exceptional programme which includes private tours and special meals, with our headquarters in the picturesque little city of Wells. At the planning stage we were always mindful of the incredible increases in hotel prices, the best time to see gardens, no school holidays and well clear of the Summer Solstice which can affect the area. Of course the best news is that Tony Russell will be guiding us around many of his favourite places again next year.

The brochure is being prepared and will be sent out very shortly, so look out for the mailing. Meanwhile make a note of the date in your diaries and as this will be the last year with Mary Fisher and Jenny Long helping with the planning, why not let Jenny Long know (jennylong1@icloud.com) if you would like to be involved in arranging future exciting trips?







Membership News

During this year, we have had 36 new members, with 20 signing up at the Show, which is splendid. Welcome to you all.







Richard Ward's Gardening Tips

In case you missed Richard's September tips, they are printed below and the October tips will be up on the website in a day or two, so do take a look.

KHS TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Do hope you were able to get to the KHS Show on 27th., August - a feast for the eye - and well done to organisers and exhibitors. It was certainly a challenge this year, what with the drought and pests and disease being rife!

Lawns. One of the wonders of nature is that lawns and general grass areas can adapt to 40+ days without rain and within a week of good rain they have re-grown. Whilst I'm not a lawn expert, my advice is to rake out the thatch if it's bad, topdress with fine bagged soil, and oversow/lightly rake in/roll at the end of the month/water it well. At this time of year the seed will germinate within a few days and establish before most leaves drop. With care you can then lightly rake and remove leaves rather than have them smother the new grass.
An alternative is to returf your lawn. Best done after leaf-fall and good rain, ideally November to February which allows the turf roots to establish before springtime.



Blackberries. Tie long new growths

Weeding and compost. Keep on top of weeds in borders. Hoe on a dry day whilst they are small/before they set seed, then they will shrivel quickly and save you having to pick them up. If you have home-produced compost there's no reason why you can't then spread it between plants this month, which will free up space for autumn leaves and soft prunings which will produce next year's compost.



Thistle seed - hoe it!!

Next year's flowers. Many plants flower in spring on growth produced the previous year. You just need to know what to prune and when! For example: Forsythia - prune after flowering in May/June. Climbing roses - loosely tie in long new growths now to prevent breakage. Wisteria - trim back long new still green growths in late summer to within 6-8" of spurs/side shoots, and in January cut then again to 3 or 4 buds of their base, these being potential flower buds. Skilled stuff.

Wisteria summer prune - before and after.





Winter/spring colour. Already bedding plants in hanging baskets, window boxes and bowls are looking past their best. Plan ahead. Take cuttings of favourite geraniums now. Consider replacing compost (bagged) and drainage in autumn rather than spring. Or add bonemeal fertilizer, and water it well a day or so before replanting. Good luck.





And finally.....does anyone know what this 2m tall purple annual is called?
Please email Richard Ward if you do! (richardward62@icloud.com)

Help Wanted

The Kew Society is seeking more volunteer gardeners to help with looking after the beds in Kew Parade, the Plaza and the platforms of Kew Gardens Station, either to join a regular-ish group, or for one-off help. For instance, they will be dealing with the laurels on Platform 1 on 27th October and bagging up the compost heap on Platform 2 on 28th October and would welcome anybody with an hour to spare. Please email Anna Anderson on anna.anderson471@gmail.com.









Kew Mutual Improvement Society

We thought that members might like to hear/be reminded about the lectures at Kew Gardens given under the above – see their introduction below:

'KMIS are proud to present our 2022/2023 lecture programme! Live tickets can be purchased on the door at 50% off for staff and volunteers. For online, please visit kmis.eventbrite.co.uk

For those of you who may not know, the Kew Mutual Improvement Society (KMIS) was started by Joseph Dalton Hooker in 1871. He wanted to create a space where new thinking and cutting-edge ideas in the world of horticulture and botany could be discussed by the passionate students studying it. KMIS is run by diploma students who curate and present a varied programme of lectures.

Our programme now reaches beyond students with audiences from all over the world and we welcome anyone who shares a passion for the plant and fungal kingdom.

We have three fundraising lectures, which include diploma alumni Alan Titchmarsh and Alys Fowler as well as Joey Santore from Crime Pays But Botany Doesn't. Joey Santore will be joining us online from America, which will be streamed live at the theatre.

We will also have live demonstrations from Peter Chan from Herons Bonsai who will show us how to create your own Bonsai, and Marianne and Camila from Wolves Lane Flower Company who will show us how to create beautiful floral displays.

The full programme can be viewed in the schedule attached to this email.

With more than half our speakers diploma students and alumni as well as Kew/Wakehurst staff, this lecture series is a real testament to the knowledge that Kew has to offer!

Live tickets can be purchased on the door at 50% off for staff and free for students. For online, please visit kmis.eventbrite.co.uk.'

Happy gardening to you all from the Editorial Team.

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1. I enclose cash/cheque payable to Kew Horticultural Society for £5.00/£10 for my/our subscription.

Please return this form to our Membership Secretary, Carole Brougham, 58 Bushwood Road, Kew, TW9 3BW (020 8948 7254).

2. I have completed a standing order mandate (see below) for my/our bank/building society to pay my/our annual subscription(s) and I will give/send it to my bank.

3. I bank online and have instructed my bank to pay KHS by Standing Order and am emailing this application form for your records.

If 2 or 3 apply, please email this form to membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org for our records.

DATA PROTECTION: The KHS is operated in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. By submitting this form you understand that KHS will hold and use your personal data for administrative purposes and to keep you informed of its activities. Our data protection policy under these regulations can be found in full on the KHS website.

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