

Kennington Gardens Society



Programme & Show Handbook 2012

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Kennington Gardens Society

Affiliated to:

The Royal Horticultural Society
The Lambeth Horticultural Society

Annual subscription: £5 single, £8 couple

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Spring Show

Saturday 24 March
St Anselm's Church, Kennington Cross

Show Admission 50p

Each show opens at 2:30pm. Prize giving at 3:30pm

Rules for members exhibiting: See pages 8 & 9.

Don't Forget – Please remember to contribute to our Bring & Buy stalls:
Plants, Cakes, Biscuits, Jams, Sweets, Bric a Brac.

Letter from our Chairman

Welcome to our programme and handbook for 2012. This is my first letter to you as chairman and I would like to thank you for becoming, or remaining, a member of the Kennington Gardens Society.

At our Annual General Meeting in November there were some changes to our committee. Philip Moore, who had given three successful years as chairman, stepped down, but I'm pleased he remains an active committee member. Long serving committee members, Jackie Orme, Dilys Cossey, and Henry Gunning, also decided to step down. On behalf of everyone in the society I would like to thank them all for their time, dedication and hard work they have given to the society over the years.

At the AGM, I was pleased to be elected chairman, and delighted that my first duty was to welcome Christopher Jackson to the committee.

Most year-end summaries usually say 'It's been an interesting year', and my first letter to you is no different. It has been an interesting year for the Gardens Society, and we have an interesting, but I hope, successful year ahead of us. However, 2012 will be an important time for the survival of the KGS. The society has been a part of Kennington life since the early 1930s, and the committee and I are determined to keep it that way, but we need your support and participation.

We looked at how we could update the society and keep it relevant to the members when we all have busy lives to lead. We decided to introduce some changes to our programme of events: there is only one flower show this year, in March; we have changed the time of our talks; and there is a slightly reduced programme of events. However, we aim to encourage greater participation from our existing members, to attract new members, and to focus our monthly talks and events on seasonal or local topics.

We will also make greater use of our email updates and our website, which is the main source for all current society information. I know many of you will lose this brochure, or put it in a drawer, but our website is always there, it's easy to find, and it's up to date – please visit it regularly.

The committee and I hope these changes will help ensure our society continues for many years. We invite you to join us in 2012 by, encouraging all our members and the community to work towards a greener and better Kennington.

Regards, Robert Buxton

Gardens Society Meetings & Events 2012

We hold our meetings at Roots & Shoots, Walnut Tree Walk, SE11. Doors open at 7:00pm, talks start at 7:30pm, we aim to finish at 9pm. Visits start at 7pm. Free to members, non-members welcome with a £2 charge.

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| February 9 | Floral Art
A demonstration of floristry by Duncan McCabe, of Jane Packer and McQueens. Roots & Shoots. |
| March 24 | Spring Show
St Anselm's Church, Kennington Cross. |
| April 12 | Behind the Scenes at Chelsea
A talk by Sally Nex, horticultural expert and journalist. Roots & Shoots. |
| May 10 | Visit to Bee Keepers' Lodge, Kennington Park
Talk and visit hosted by Barnaby Shaw. 7pm. |
| June 14 | Visit the Garden of the Temperance Works
A chance to explore one of the hidden gardens of Kennington. 2a Ravensdon St. 7pm. |
| July 12 | To be confirmed, please check website. |
| August 11 | No meeting |
| September 13 | Planting Bulbs
A talk and demonstration by Linda Philips. Root & Shoots. |
| October 11 | Grow Your Own Veg
A talk by Sally Nex, veg expert and journalist. Roots & Shoots. |
| November 8 | Annual General Meeting
followed by a short talk (tbc). Roots & Shoots. |
| December 13 | Our Christmas Social Evening
Roots & Shoots. 7:30 start. |

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Show Entry Fee - 50p per entry (maximum fee £3)

Entry form on page 11. Please see the show rules on pages 8 & 9.

Class

A Growing Bulbs (grown in the container)

- 1 Daffodils / Narcissi, three or more.
- 2 One bulb of any kind, including Hyacinth or Amaryllis.
- 3 Three or more bulbs of any kind, similar or mixed.

B Cut Blooms

- 4 One stem of Daffodil or Narcissi, including multi-headed.
- 5 Three stems of Daffodils or Narcissi, any kind, not multi-headed.
- 6 Three stems of Daffodils or Narcissi, any kind, multi-headed.
- 7 Tulip, one stem.
- 8 One flowering stem, other than Tulip or Daffodil / Narcissi.
- 9 Three flowering stems, any kind other than Tulip or Daffodil / Narcissi.

C Growing Plants (see rule 4 on page 8)

- 10 One foliage plant (not Cactus or Succulent).
- 11 One flowering plant (not Cactus or Succulent).
- 12 One Cactus or Succulent.
- 13 A collection of mixed foliage and/or flowering plants for indoor or outdoor display, in any size container.

D Cut Shrubs

- 14 Two or more kinds of shrub foliage.
- 15 Two or more kinds of flowering shrubs.
- 16 One stem Camellia.
- 17 One stem flowering shrub (not camellia).

E Floral Art (foliage may be included)

- 18 Arrangement of home-grown spring flowers in a jug.
- 19 An arrangement of flowers and foliage with a Royal or Jubilee theme.
- 20 A display of spring flowers, to be seen from the front (any container).
- 21 A hand-tied posy of flowers, suitable for a Royal visit.

F Children's Open Class

- 22 An Olympic Games painting or collage.
- 23 A hard boiled egg, hand decorated or painted for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 24 A flower or plant made from vegetables and / or fruit.

G Cookery

- 25 Pot of home-made marmalade.
- 26 Pot of home-made chutney.
- 27 Four cup cakes, home made and decorated for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 28 Vegetable quiche, own recipe, maximum width 8 inches.
- 29 Ginger Cake (made to the recipe on page 7).

H Handicrafts

- 30 Hand-made article or garment – fabric, knitted, crocheted or embroidered.
- 31 Painting or drawing.
- 32 Any hand-made item (non-textile).

RECIPE

Ginger Cake (Spring Show)

Ingredients

100g (4oz) butter or margarine
50g (2oz) caster sugar
1 dessertspoon of treacle (warmed)
1 dessertspoon of golden syrup (warmed)
1 dessertspoon of marmalade (warmed)

100gms (4oz) self-raising flour
2 standard eggs, beaten
2 heaped teaspoons of ground ginger
1 level teaspoon of mixed spice

Topping

Icing sugar, ground ginger, lemon juice, crystallized ginger (optional)

Method

Preheat oven to 180C (350F, Mark 4) and prepare a small cake tin (6/7" diameter). Cream the butter and sugar; add the warmed syrup, treacle and marmalade, and mix well. Add the beaten eggs, together with a tablespoon of flour and beat well. Fold in the rest of the flour, ground ginger, and mixed spice. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake in the oven for approximately 45 minutes.

Allow to cool before turning out and decorating.

Make the icing as usual, but first dissolve a little ground ginger to taste in the boiled water, adding a few drops of lemon juice. Decorate, if you like, with a little chopped crystallized ginger.

Rules for the show

1. The Judge's decision is final.
2. Competitors must be members of the Society or affiliated societies, except for open classes. Exhibits by non-members in other classes are welcome, but will not be awarded prizes.
3. Exhibitors may enter more than one item into any individual class.
4. With the exception of flower arrangements, exhibits must have been grown by members or, in the case of plants, have been in their possession for at least eight weeks before the show. For floral art classes, flowers etc need not be home-grown unless so stated. The arrangements may be prepared in the exhibition hall in the morning of the show. Space will be available for that purpose from 9:00am.
5. Exhibitors of cut flowers and foliage must supply their own containers. These need not be vases but any receptacles of suitable size. Those exhibiting pot plants are reminded that pots should always be clean and appropriate to the plants they contain.
6. Handicraft items which have already won prizes at previous shows may not be entered again.
7. Staging of exhibits will be between 9:00am and 11:30am on the day of the show. Entry forms are to be handed in to the relevant officers, and show cards must be collected and displayed with each exhibit by 11:30am. Exhibits where the entrant cannot be identified will not be judged. Judging will commence at 12 noon by which time all exhibitors, other than organizers, must leave the hall. The show will open to the public at 2:30pm.
8. If there are too few entries in any single class, the committee reserves the right, with the Judge's agreement, to group two appropriate classes together into a single class.

9. If the Judge considers it appropriate he/she may withhold First, Second or Third prizes, irrespective of the number of entries in any class.
10. Protests of any kind must be made in writing and handled to the Secretary not later than 3:00pm on the day of the show. The decision of the Committee will be final.
11. No exhibit may be removed from the show until after the prizes have been given. The Committee hopes that appropriate exhibits may be put up for auction for Society funds after the prize-giving.
12. Exhibitors are reminded that all property must be removed from the church by 4:45pm, as we must vacate the church by 5:00pm. Though every care will be taken, the Committee will not be responsible for loss or damage. Please ensure all containers are collected at the end of the show.
13. The Committee reserves the right of refusing any entry.
14. Exhibitors consent to photographs or digital images of their entries to be used at the discretion of the Committee, including publishing on websites.

Suggestions for new classes in any of the groups are welcomed by the Committee

Show Times

9:30 – 11:30am	Open for staging Exhibits
12:00	Judging
2:30pm	Open to the public
3:00pm	Prize giving

Admission 50p.

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Show Judges

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Horticultural Classes:

Mr Robert Golden

Cookery, Handicraft:
and Children's Classes:

Mrs Sarah Robinson

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Entry Form – Spring Show

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50p per entry to a maximum of £3

Name:

Class No.	Description	Fee

All show entries must be registered and staged by 11:30am on Show Day.

Gardens Society Meetings & Events 2012

We usually hold our meetings at Roots & Shoots, Walnut Tree Walk, SE11, on the second Thursday of each month.

We have an exciting programme of talks, meetings and events for 2012. See page 4.

Please note the new times: Doors open at 7pm, talks start at 7:30pm, we aim to finish at 9pm.

Visits start at 7pm.

Free to members, non-members welcome with a £2 charge.

Visit our website for up to date information on our talks and events.

Lambeth Horticultural Society

Garden Visits

The Lambeth Horticultural Society intends to run coach trips to gardens during 2012. Please see the Society's website for details and prices. Kennington Gardens Society members are welcome on the trips if space is available.

Saturday 14 April	RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey
Saturday 12 May	Chartwell and Charts Edge, Westerham, Kent
Saturday 16 June	Salutation Garden, Sandwich, Kent
Saturday 15 September	Aylett Nurseries, Herts and Wrest Park, Bedfordshire

Trading Hut

KGS members are entitled to buy horticultural products, gardening equipment, compost, etc. at reduced prices from the Lambeth Horticultural Trading Hut at Cedar Tree Close, off Lakeview Road, SE27. The Hut has a great selection of products at reasonable prices and is well worth a visit. Bedding plants and bulbs are sold in season.

The Hut is normally open Saturdays 2pm – 4:30pm and Sundays 10am – 12:30pm. Take this brochure as proof of KGS membership.

Garden Advice

Our affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society entitles our members to free gardening advice from RHS experts.

Royal Horticultural Society events 2012

RHS Flower Shows held at the RHS Horticultural Halls,
Vincent Square, Westminster, SW1. Free for RHS members. Public tickets are available at the entrance or by calling 0845 612 1253

London Plant and Design Show	14-15 February
Orchid Show and Botanical Art Show	16-17 March
Great London Plan Fair	10-11 April

Other RHS Events

RHS Show Cardiff	20-22 April
Malvern Spring Gardening Show	10-13 May
Chelsea Flower Show	22-26 May
BBC Gardeners' World Live (NEC Birmingham)	13-17 June
Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	3-8 July
RHS Show Tatton Park	18-22 July
Wisley Flower Show	6-9 September
Malvern Autumn Show	29-30 September

Tickets to all shows are limited and must be booked in advance on 0844 338 7505

The principal RHS gardens to visit:

Wisley, nr Woking, Surrey.	Open all year
Hyde Hall, Nr Chelmsford, Essex.	Open all year
Rosemoor, Great Torrington, Devon.	Open all year
Harlow Carr, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.	Open all year

For further information ring 0845 260 5000 or visit the RHS website:



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