



Northampton & District Fuchsia Society NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

EDITORIAL

This Autumn issue is, as usual, the 'big issue' of the year with all the awards and results of our Fuchsia Show. And what a great show it was.

As last year, congratulations to Malcolm Beerman for showing not only the Best in Show but also the Runner Up to the Best in Show.



Malcolm Beerman being presented with the Ray Campbell Trophy by Johnnie Amos.



Malcolm's Best Pot in Show which, perhaps unusually, was one of the three 3½" pots in Class 10.

We miss those great growers and showers, Ernie, George and Michael, now sadly no longer with us, and also the now retired Chris and Rosie Woolston, but what a magnificent show it still was!



Another retirement upcoming is that of Noel and Vanessa Jackson of Jackson's Nurseries who will be closing the nursery at the end of the year. They have penned a letter to all members that is reproduced on page 12.

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ROLLING CALENDAR 2023/24 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Conservative Club, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA commencing at 7.30pm

September 19th 2023

Welcome New Members; Open Evening; Cut Bloom & Photography Competitions

October 17th 2023

Meeting: Sports Night & Buffet

November 21st 2023

Annual General Meeting, followed by: Care & Culture: Preparing your plants for Winter.

December 12th 2023 (2nd Tuesday!)

Christmas Party!

January 16th 2024

Care & Culture: Looking after your plants in Winter; Bringing plants out of dormancy.

February 20th 2024

Meeting: Speaker to be announced.

March 19th 2024

Care & Culture: Cuttings evening; Collect your Society plants.

April 16th 2024

Care & Culture: Two Tables meeting – the Clive and Bob Show!!

May 21st 2024

Meeting: Speaker to be announced.

June 18th 2024

Meeting: Speaker to be announced.

July 16th 2024

Care & Culture: Preparing your plants for our show.

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Festival of Fuchsias @ Malvern Autumn Show

22nd to 24th September 2023

Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

FUCHSIA SHOW 2024

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2024

ST CRISPIN SOCIAL CLUB NN5 4XD



Malcolm Beerman's entry of Yeti caught the Editor's eye, if not the Judge's.

JACKSONS NURSERIES

CLOSING DOWN – CEASING BUSINESS

on

31st December 2023

Closed on Tuesdays

Send a large s.a.e. (2 x 1st Class) for list of plants or see

www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/Nursery-Plant-List?id=600&name=Jackson%27s%20Nurseries

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NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2023

JUDGE: Rebecca Gillard, BFS Judge

TROPHIES & SPECIAL AWARDS

<i>Trophy</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Awarded to</i>
Ray Campbell Trophy	Best pot or exhibit in show	Mr M Beerman
Harris Cup	Runner up to best pot or exhibit in show	Mr M Beerman
Leo Boullemier Silver Trophy and BFS Bronze Medal	Most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr R Malin
Lepper Cup and BFS Blue Rosette	Runner up to most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr P Hunt
Baker Trophy	Most first places in show	Mr R Malin
Sayers Silver Trophy	Best Standard in show	Mr P Thorn
Peg & Stan York Cup	Best hanging pot in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
BFS Crested Spoon	Best pot in 3½"/9cm class	Mr M Beerman
Adams Cup	Best pot in 5"/13cm pot class	Mr M Beerman
José Lepper Rose Bowl	Best pot in Double Flower classes	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Starmer/York Trophy	Best pot in classes 8 to 27	Mr M Beerman
J W Jupp & Son Trophy	Best exhibit in cut blooms classes	Mrs W Addington
Harding Cup	Most points in Beginners' classes	not awarded
Hickman Memorial Trophy	Most points in Intermediates' classes	Mr L Northover
A & L Smith Trophy	Best pot in Beginners' classes	not awarded
Michael Conroy Trophy	Best pot in Beginners'/Intermediates' 3½"/9cm classes	Mr L Northover
Chris & Stuart Burton Cup	Best pot in Intermediates' classes	Mr B Harbour
J A Tonnison Trophy	Winner of Beginners'/Intermediates' Hanging Pot class	Mr B Harbour
John Belton Memorial Trophy	Best pot in Society Plant classes	Mr P Thorn
N D F S 25yr Commemorative Trophy	Winner of Full Basket class	Mr P Pettitt
Alan Hounslow Trophy	Winner of Variegated Foliage class	Mrs W Addington
J B Linnell Cup	Winner of Triphylla class	Mr M Beerman
J M Julyan Shield	Winner of Species class	Mr B Malin
Pettitt & Daniels Trophy	Winner of pot grown as a structure class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Arthur Bryan Silver Trophy	Winner of Mini Standard class	Mr R Malin
Summers Trophy	Winner of Quarter, Half and Full Standard class	Mr P Thorn
Barbara Watkins Chalice	Winner of Half Basket class	Mr R Malin
Bill Swann Shield	Winner of novelty class	Mr P Hunt
Chairman's Choice Rosette	Most Improved Exhibitor/Contributor	Mrs W Addington

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW**SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2023****JUDGE: Rebecca Gillard, BFS Judge****RESULTS OF CLASSES****BEGINNERS' CLASSES**

Class 1 Beginners. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. No entries.

Class 2 Beginners. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. No entries.

Class 3 Beginners. Any size pot. Any Cultivar. No entries.

INTERMEDIATES' CLASSES

Class 4 Intermediate. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 1 entry.
1st Mr L Northover Kath van Hanegem

Class 5 Intermediate. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. No entries.

Class 6 Intermediate. Any size pot. Any cultivar. 2 entries.
1st Mr B Harbour Bella Evita
2nd Mr L Northover Mrs A Berkley

BEGINNERS'/INTERMEDIATES' CLASS

Class 7 Beginners/Intermediate. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. Multi-plant. Any cultivar. 1 entry.
1st Mr B Harbour Eva Boerg

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Class 8 Open. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 6 entries.
1st Mr R Malin Shatzy B
2nd Mr M Beerman Yeti
3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Sporting Chance

Class 9 Open. 2 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 4 entries.
1st Mr B Malin Nottingham Jubilee
2nd Mr M Beerman George Dawson
3rd Mr P Thorn unknown



Lewis Northover receiving the Michael Conroy Trophy from Johnnie Amos.



Lewis' entry in Intermediate Class 4 of Kath van Hanegem.

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 10 Open. 3 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 3 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Ernie, George Dawson, Anna Silveria |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Lynne Patricia, Lyndon, Ben Ben |
| 3rd | Mr P Hunt | Mini Rose, Ben Ben, Party Boy |
- Class 11 Open. Society Plant – President John Porter. 3.5"/9cm pot (max). 3 entries.
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| 1st | Mr R Malin | |
| 2nd | Mr P Thorn | |
| 3rd | Mr L Northover | |
- Class 12 Open. Society Plant – Lillian Annetts. 5"/13cm pot (max). 5 entries.
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| 1st | Mr P Thorn | |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | |
| 3rd | Mr B Harbour | |
- Class 13 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 9 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Rebecca Ward |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Nottingham Jubilee |
| 3rd | Mr R Malin | Loves Reward |
- Class 14 Open. 3 x 5"/13cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Twinny, Ginny B, Nikita |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Sprigamint, Frank Saunders, Olga Storey |
| 3rd | Mr P Hunt | Pabbe's Kirrevaalk x3 |
- Class 15 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm (max). Double flower cultivar only. 5 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Lynne Patricia |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Bookwood Belle |
| 3rd | Mr P Hunt | Winston Churchill |
- Class 16 Open. 1 x 6"/15cm pots (max). Any cultivar. 9 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Paula Jane |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Hayley Jackson |
| 3rd | Mr P Hunt | Lyndon Clements |



Bob Malin receiving the Leo Boulemier Silver Trophy and the BFS Bronze Medal for the Most Points in Classes 8 to 34.



Bob's entry of a matching pair of Nottingham Jubilee's in Class 9.

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 17 Open. 2 x 6"/15cm (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 1 entry.
 1st Mr P Thorn Waltz Jubelteen
- Class 18 Open. Three pot class. Any cultivars in 1 x 3.5"/9cm + 1 x 5"/13cm + 1 x 6"/15cm pots. 3 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin Ben Ben x2, Wigan Pier
 2nd Mr P Hunt Barbara Reynolds, Mini Rose, Lyndon
 3rd Mr P Thorn Dollar Princess, Diva, Coral & White
- Class 19 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 3 entries.
 1st Mr P Hunt Nell B
 2nd Mrs M Daniels unknown
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Stienenbluit Butt
- Class 20 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Double flower only. 3 entries
 1st Mr R Malin Lillian Annette
 2nd Mr P Hunt Lillian Annette
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould My Little Dream
- Class 21 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Variegated Foliage cultivar. 6 entries.
 1st Mrs W Addington Tom West
 2nd Mr P Hunt Tom West
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Firecracker
- Class 22 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Encliandra Type (Breviflorae). 5 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Oostji
 2nd Mr P Hunt Cherry Pop
 3rd Mr R Malin Lottie Hobbie
- Class 23 Open. Triphylla Type. Any size pot. 4 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Coralle
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Jaspers Lightning
 3rd Mr P Thorn Koralle
- Class 24 Open. Species, sub-species and variants. Any size pot. 2 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin F. fulgens
 2nd Mrs W Addington unknown



Phil Hunt being presented with the Lepper Cup and the BFS Blue Rosette for Runner Up to Most Points in Classes 8 to 32.



Phil's entry of Nell B in the 7" pot class.

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 25 Open. One pot grown as a structure not specified in any other class. 2 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	T.S.J (Radar)
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Ocean Mist

Class 26 Open. Mini Standard. 5"/13cm pot (max). 2 entries.

1st	Mr R Malin	Ben Ben
2nd	Mr P Hunt	Walz Jubelteen

Class 27 Open. Quarter, Half or Full Standard. Any size pot. 3 entries.

1st	Mr P Thorn	unknown
2nd	Mr R Malin	Olive Smith
3rd	Mr P Thorn	unknown

Class 28 Open. Half Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 1 entry.

1st	Mr R Malin	Sylvia Barker
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Class 29 Open. Full Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 3 entries.

1st	Mr P Pettitt	Daisy Bell
2nd	Mrs P Pettitt	Auntie Jinks
3rd	Mrs M Daniels	University of Liverpool

Class 30 Open. 6"/15cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 1 entry.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Delicate Purple
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Class 31 Open. 8"/20cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 1 entry.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Auntie Jinks
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Class 32 Open. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 3 entries.

1st	Mrs W Addington	Time After Time
2nd	Mr P Hunt	Jack Sheldon
3rd	Mr P Thorn	Pink Galore

Class 33 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. Different cultivars. 4 entries.

1st	Mr R Malin
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould
3rd	Mrs W Addington



Pam Pettitt receiving the NDFS 25yr Commemorative Trophy for Peter Pettitt's entry in the Full Basket Class.



Peter Pettitt's entry of Daisy Bell in the Full Basket class.

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 34 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. All the same cultivar. 4 entries.

1st	Mrs W Addington	Mrs P Wood
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Winters Tale
3rd	Mr R Malin	Ann Reid

Class 35 Open. An Arrangement of Fuchsia Flowers in a 9"/23cm dia. Glass Bowl. 1 entry.

1st	Mrs C Malin
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Class 36 Open. Novelty Class. 24" board with a theme depicting the name of the fuchsia. 3 entries.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Mikado
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Flanders Field
3rd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Dark & Delicious

Class 37 Open. A Fuchsia Bonsai exhibit in a Bonsai style container. 1 entry.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Walz Jubelteen
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PLACINGS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Points in Classes 8 to 32

1st	Boullemier Trophy & BFS Bronze Medal	Mr R Malin
2nd	Lepper Cup & BFS Rosette	Mr P Hunt
3rd		Mr & Mrs C Gould

Most 1st Places in Show

1st	Baker Trophy	Mr R Malin
2nd		Mr M Beerman
3rd		Mr P Hunt

Most Points in the Beginners' Classes

1st	Harding Cup	not awarded
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Most Points in the Intermediates' Classes

1st	Hickman Memorial Trophy	Mr L Northover
2nd		Mr B Harbour



The John Belton Memorial Trophy being presented to Phil Thorn for his winning entry in the Society Plant classes and his entry of Lillian Annetts.





The W Jupp & Son Trophy was awarded to Wendy Addington for the Best Exhibit in the Six Fuchsia Flowers classes.



Six Fuchsia Flowers of Mrs P Wood entered by Wendy.



A Hanging Pot of Eva Boerg entered by Brian Harbour.



Brian Harbour awarded the J A Tonnison Trophy for the Beginner/Intermediate Hanging Pot class.



The Chairman's Award goes to Wendy Addington.

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

2023 St Crispin Show

The weather leading up to the show was much kinder to the plants and growers this year compared to last year when we can remember temperatures in excess of 40 degrees centigrade. This year, thankfully, we even managed without the air conditioning on in the room.

We had less members making entries this year, but the reduced number made more entries than last year. We had 12 members making 108 entries. This resulted in 129 exhibits being entered. This was a wonderful response by those involved.

The quality of the exhibits, as always, was excellent. Malcom Beerman was awarded the 'Best exhibit in show' with a 3½"-9cm plant of George Dawson. The cultivar George Dawson was a new introduction by Mal Wilkinson, a longtime friend of our George who sadly passed away in 2020.

This year the income for the show was wonderful, with the tombola raising £90.00, thank you Marilyn, plant sales contributed £88.00, thank you Phil, and visitors made donations of £14.00. This was a great achievement, well done.

As usual I would like to thank all the members who helped to make this year's show great. The people who helped with putting on and running the show did an excellent job and it is very much appreciated, thank you.

Bob Malin

Show Secretary

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**Have you visited your
Fuchsia Society's
website recently?**

www.ndfs.webador.co.uk

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LUXURIOUS LOCOMOTION – A Talk by Colin Rowe

Meeting – 16th May 2023

Luxury train travel began in the USA founded by George Mortimer Pullman in 1867 when he formed the Pullman Palace Car Company.

George Nagelmackers, a Belgian bankers son, visited the USA and met Pullman. This inspired Nagelmackers to start a luxury train service in Europe and he founded the Compagnie Internationale des Wagon – Lits (CIWL) which expanded luxury train/hotel services all over Europe.

The first Oriental Express train comprised of:

- Baggage car
- Sleeping coach with 16 beds (with bogies)
- Sleeping coach with 14 beds (3 axles)
- Restaurant coach (Nr 107)
- Sleeping coach with 13 beds (3 axles)
- Sleeping coach with 13 beds (3 axles)
- Baggage car (complete 101 ton).

The first menu on 10th October 1882 comprised of:

- Oysters
- Soup with Italian pasta
- Turbot with green sauce
- Chicken a la chasseur
- Fillet of beef with chateau potatoes
- Chaud frois of game animals
- Lettuce!! (a delicacy in 1882 apparently, who knew that!)
- Chocolate pudding
- Buffet of desserts.

The original route from Paris to Constantinople had a connection over the Black Sea until 1889.

The train was officially renamed as the Orient Express in 1891 and it had many notable passengers including Lord Baden-Powell, who was actually a secret agent posing as a butterfly collector, Baroness Orczy, Edward VII, Edward VIII, Wallis Simpson and Agatha Christie, who was inspired to write Murder on the Orient Express when the train was stuck in a snow drift for 6 days in 1929.

On 12th September 1931 a viaduct in Budapest was blown up by Silvestra Matuschka and twenty passengers were killed, Josephine

Baker the famous cabaret singer was on board and sang to the remaining passengers while they were being rescued.

During WW2 Hitler commandeered one of the carriages, parked it at Limoges and used it as a brothel for German Officers.

Many of the carriages went into disrepair and have been found and restored In Carnforth (also famous for Brief Encounter), Bremen & Ostend.

The rolling stock only had wash facilities in the berths and even in modern carriages not many have en-suites.

The Staff relied very heavily on tips. They converted the berth to a bedroom while dinner was taken and back to a lounge during breakfast, so presumably if not well tipped you didn't get such good service.

The cost of travel is far beyond our pockets but maybe we'll win the lottery and be able to do a trip in the UK.

This was a fascinating talk by Colin, accompanied by some lovely pictures & music too.

Reported by Dot Leeke

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THE VERSATILE FUCHSIA – A Talk by Arthur and Nancy Phillips Meeting – 20th June 2023

Arthur started the talk by explaining his method of propagation. Before taking the cutting from the plant make sure that it is well watered. He takes a tip cutting 15mm long and even reduces the size of the two leaves by a half. Arthur uses 50mm square pots because they fit more compactly onto the bench. With these small tip cuttings, he can get 7 in the pot, he uses Jack's Magic multi - purpose compost mixed with 25% by volume perlite.

You can tell when the cuttings have rooted because the very tip is a lighter shade. When well established he divides the rooted cuttings into individual 50mm pots. The only exception to this division is when he wants a large plant

more quickly; then he simply pots them on together. As the cuttings grow, they then have the growing tip removed to shape the plant.

When growing a standard you should choose a strongly growing cutting and transfer it to a 50mm pot; at this point he places a short cane into the pot to remind him this is intended to be grown as a standard; this will stop him removing the growing tip by mistake. As the whip grows the side leaves are left on to maintain the growth until the head is formed. During the period of growing the standard Arthur feeds, as always, a quarter strength, high nitrogen feed at every watering. It is very important to ensure that the plant does not become pot bound or it will start to go into bud and reduce growth.

As Arthur and Nancy go to visit Nancy's relatives in America about four times a year for a month at a time, he has devised an automatic watering system for his many plants using capillary matting which simply requires a neighbour to top up the reservoir periodically.

Arthur and Nancy then gave a slide show to explain how a fuchsia show is conducted in America. The main difference is that the plants are arranged as a display with plants from different classes mixed together, instead of our method of keeping plants of the same class all together. They also judge every plant using a point system similar to ours and every plant is awarded a coloured ribbon showing the position awarded in the class by the judges, blue showing first place. The stewards have to guide the judges around the display.

Most of the plants were shown in wooden boxes instead of plastic pots, because wood is so cheap and plentiful. Cedar is most commonly used.

The fuchsia groups hold large plant sales to raise funds and because they have very few places to purchase fuchsia plants they are very well attended. It's not uncommon for a sale to raise several hundred dollars in three hours.

Reported by Bob Malin

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A LETTER from NOEL & VANESSA JACKSON to all Members

Dear Members,

We are writing to let you know that, after growing and supplying fuchsias for over 50 years, we have decided now is the right time for us to call it a day.

So this has been our final season for fuchsias.

We have had a long association with Northampton Fuchsia Society, first meeting Leo Boullemier, Ernie Sayers and Society members at the 1972 British Timken Show in Northampton.

We have enjoyed meeting members over the years when they have visited the nursery. We would like to thank members past and present for their support over the years.

We hope you will continue to enjoy growing and showing fuchsias.

As many will know, we are a general nursery; as the summer bedding season has also ended we are now preparing for the Autumn season.

We will finally retire when the nursery closes on New Years Eve, 31st December 2023.

With Best Wishes to all,

Noel and Vanessa

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NENE VALLEY ORGAN & KEYBOARD CLUB

For over 35 years NVOKC have been producing electronic organ and keyboard shows to the public on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Top international artistes are presented, performing a wide range of music on state of the art instruments.

A NVOKC show is a superb evening for all in the comfortable surroundings of the Plough Hotel, Northampton NN1 1PF

Come along and join us one Monday.

Doors open at 7.15pm. Start 8.00pm. Finish 10.30pm.

For any further information call Matthew Bason 01933 420130



The Peg & Stan York Cup was awarded to Clive (and Tracey) Gould for the Best Hanging Pot in Show of Delicate Purple above right.



The José Lepper Rose Bowl presented to Tracey (and Clive) Gould for the Best Pot in the Double Flower Classes.

GROWING YOUR FUCHSIAS

September through to December

The months of **September** and **October** are a time when we can really enjoy our fuchsias, particularly those that were bedded out for the summer. They should now be in their full glory but remember to continue feeding; this applies to both inside and outside planted specimens. If you do not feed you will find that the flowers grow smaller and fewer but by feeding correctly you will find the flowers continue to be of good quality right up to the first frosts. Remember to pick off the spent flowers, seed pods and yellowing leaves. If you leave the seed pods on, the plant will think that its job is finished for the year and stop producing new flowers.

Watering will be eased considerably as the months' progress with the heavy dews descending and this will create the humid atmosphere that fuchsias just love. Continue to fight the battle against pests, particularly greenfly and red spider.

Cuttings can now be taken provided that a little heat is available; these will make splendid plants for next year but remember we must keep these young plants, once rooted, in green leaf throughout the winter and that means 40-45°F (4-7°C).

Towards the end of **September**, we should be thinking of ripening off our plants for the winter ahead. From this stage, until the sign of the first frosts, our plants under glass should be outside at every occasion for the purpose of ripening the wood. This will enable them to stand a better chance of surviving the winter. Let your plants finish their flowering naturally and when **October** is with us gradually ease off the watering; should the plants need a slight shaping this will do no harm but heavy pruning should not be carried out at this time. Remember also that plants in containers, whether hardy or not, will require frost free accommodation over the winter months.

November; time to start your over-wintering programme. First job is to clean your greenhouse out, always assuming you have one! It is best to remove all your plants out of harm's way; they can easily be knocked over during the cleaning process. All staging, brickwork, glass and glazing bars should be thoroughly washed down; a power washer is ideal for this job if you have one. Take care though as a powerful jet of water can damage woodwork and even crack glass.

One suggestion is to wash down with water first and then go over everything again with a pump spray with diluted Jeyes' Fluid (read the instructions on the container for the correct dilution).

When moving plants back into the greenhouse only take those worthy of being over-wintered.

Fuchsia plants growing in containers, whether hardy varieties or not, must also be given winter protection. A hard frost will penetrate the sides of most containers, clay, wood or plastic, and so kill the roots. If the containers are too large to be moved the plants must be taken out and re-potted into something smaller. All plants in pots should be allowed to dry off until the compost is just on the moist side; the laterals should then be reduced in length by about a half. To over-winter a plant in a 'dormant' state all foliage should be removed and they must be kept in a frost-free store, be it greenhouse, shed or garage. Check the plants regularly to see that they do not dry out completely.

Hardy fuchsias established in the garden should have their laterals reduced in length, again by about a half; this will prevent the wind rocking the plants and causing root disturbance. The remaining shortened laterals will act as a barrier to prevent the frost damaging the crown of the plants.

Triphylla types, e.g., Thalia, Coralle and Insulinde, require more warmth over winter; ideally temperatures of about 40-45°F (4-7°C).

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MORE PICTURES FROM OUR SHOW



Judge and three members of the Jury about to give their verdict on the Lore?



One of five trophies, the Bakers Trophy for the Most First Places to our Chairman, Bob Malin.



Malcolm Beerman's Runner Up to the Best in Show.



Malcolm Beerman being presented with the Harris Cup for the Runner Up to the Best in Show, one of six awards he received.



Didn't my Master do well?



The Novelty class entry by Phil Hunt with the theme of the Mikado.



Deliberating on the sentence? A very Good Show!

**SUBSCRIPTIONS
2023/2024**

As we get older the time seems to pass faster and, yes, that time of year is here again.

This is a reminder to all members that subscriptions for the new year’s membership are due **before** 1st October 2023. Please pay Peter Pettitt at your earliest opportunity.

Remember, only fully paid-up members are entitled to vote at the Society’s General Meetings – don’t be left out!

Single £12.00
Double £20.00

Please continue to support your Society!

The application form is below. Please cut it out and give it/send it with your cheque/cash to Peter without delay. The address, if required, is on the form.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
21st November 2023**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Northampton & District Fuchsia Society will be held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at the Conservative Club, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA commencing at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Chairman’s Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of Minutes of the 54th AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. Chairman’s Address
7. Hon Secretary/Social Secretary’s Report
8. Hon Treasurer’s Report
9. Social Secretary’s Report
10. Editor’s Report
11. Show Secretary’s Report
12. Membership Secretary’s Report
13. Propositions
14. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Hon Secretary
 - c. Hon Treasurer
 - d. Editor
15. Election of Vice-Chairman
16. Election of Membership Secretary
17. Election of Show Secretary
18. Election of Social Secretary
19. Election of Committee Members
20. Appointment of Auditors
21. Any Other Business

Any Propositions or items for discussion under Any Other Business must be notified to the Hon Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting.

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Northampton and District Fuchsia Society



**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION
RENEWAL**

To The Membership Secretary: Mr P Pettitt
9 Berrydale
Northampton NN3 5EQ
Tel: 01604 412637

Would you please renew my / our membership for
2023/2024

Subscription: Single £12.00 Double £20.00

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