



Northampton & District Fuchsia Society NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2022

EDITORIAL

Sadly, this issue contains a tribute to another member of our Society who has passed away. Michael Conroy was one of our great growers and showers of fuchsias, both locally and nationally. A very quiet, modest person but he was very fond of telling you "I'm the only person to ever win best in show at a national with a 9cm pot plant".



Michael with his haul of trophies
from our show in 2006

Despite the excessive temperatures members were still able to find sufficient plants to put on a good show in August at St Crispin's Social Club. Congratulations to Malcolm Beerman who managed to exhibit not only the Best in Show but also the Runner Up



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ROLLING CALENDAR 2022/23 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

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

September 6th 2022

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

October 4th 2022

Meeting: Sports Night & Buffet

November 1st 2022

Annual General Meeting

December 6th 2022

Christmas Party!

January 17th 2023

Care & Culture: Looking after your plants in Winter

February 7th 2023

Meeting: speaker tba

March 7th 2023

Meeting: speaker tba

March 21st 2023

Care & Culture: Bringing plants out of dormancy; collect your Society plants

April 4th 2023

Meeting: speaker tba

April 18th 2023

Care & Culture: Two tables meeting

May 2nd 2023

Meeting: speaker tba

May 16th 2023

Care & Culture: Plant sale

June 6th 2023

Meeting: speaker tba

June 20th 2023

Care & Culture: Feeding, Watering and Growing On

July 4th 2023

Meeting: speaker tba

July 18th 2023

Care & Culture: Preparing your plants for the show; dressing; the dreaded paperwork

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ROLLING CALENDAR SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2022/23

Tuesday November 1st 2022

Annual General Meeting

Conservative Club

Tuesday December 6th 2022

Christmas Party

Conservative Club

?Sunday March 5th 2023 (to be confirmed)

Visit to Jacksons and Hawgrip Nursery

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2023

FUCHSIA SHOW

ST CRISPIN SOCIAL CLUB NN5 4XD

Fri/Sun September 22nd/24th 2023

Festival of Fuchsias, Malvern Autumn Show

JACKSONS NURSERIES

A good selection of young plants available from March to June.

Self-service greenhouse will be open from March 1st

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MICHAEL CONROY 1937 - 2022



Michael with his haul of trophies from our show in 2006

A tribute to Michael from our Chairman, Bob Malin, and his wife, Chris:

It is with much sadness that, a few weeks ago, we had to say goodbye to our friend and fellow society member, Michael Conroy, who died on Monday, July 11th 2022.

Michael had been a member of our society since 1993 and over the years had served on our committee and later as Show Manager. His love, energy, enthusiasm, and support of the Society was amazing, especially around our annual show time.

Michael had the skill and dedication required to grow the fuchsia to perfection and was a very respected showman locally and nationally. He has said on many occasions "I'm the only person to ever win best in show at a national with a 9cm pot plant". He certainly grew some great plants.

Our deepest condolences go to his wife and family.

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The tribute given by Clive Gould to 'Michael Conroy – Fuchsia Grower' at his funeral:

My wife and I have known Michael for over twenty-five years. In 1993 he joined Northampton & District Fuchsia Society.

He was an excellent fuchsia grower. But Michael was not just a fuchsia grower – he was a successful showman, winning many awards. Michael exhibited at Wellingborough Horticulture Flower Show and at the Earls Barton Show as well as Kettering and Northampton Fuchsia Society shows.

Michael was a Committee Member, Steward and Show Manager for our Society.

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He was also a member of the British Fuchsia Society – he exhibited at the BFS National Shows at London and the Midland Show in Leicester. He also did the National Stewards course which he passed.

His greatest honour was winning Best in Show at the London National Show with his 9cm pot of Sophie Louise. He was very modest about what he achieved. Every year he reminded me ‘Of Course, you know, I am the only person to have won Best in Show with a 9cm pot at a National Show’. ‘Yes, Michael, I know’, with a smile on my face.

When Michael found it difficult to drive long distances, he was going to give up showing at the London National Show. It was the look on his face when Tracey said to Michael, ‘Would you like to go to London with Clive? – that was priceless.

What did he enjoy most? It was not taking his plants to National shows – it was coming with me and other fuchsia growers going for a Sunday morning fry-up at the local pub – where, of course, we would talk about how our plants would do.

Michael is the only showman to have won every 9cm pot class at the London National Show over a period of time.

I had the privilege of being with Michael when he won with his 9cm Triphylla, the class that had eluded him for many years. He could not believe it when he saw the red rosette by his plant. ‘That’s it’, he said, I have done it; he was so chuffed. He even went up to the BFS Show Manager to ask if it could be mentioned in the BFS newsletter.

As a beginner, he encouraged me to grow and show fuchsias. I thought growing fuchsias was a reasonably cheap hobby. Until I met Michael.

He gave me one piece of advice, which was ‘if you are going to exhibit you will need to get an estate car’. Blimey, I thought! That is not cheap! I told Tracey. She said, ‘You need what?!’. But he was right!

I was taken aback by his stunning plants on the show bench.

Well, it took me a few years, with his guidance, to learn how to grow show-standard fuchsias. He always had this competitive streak in him but he was always very modest. We always had a bit of banter and I pulled his leg many a time. Too many to mention.

Like all showmen Michael was very particular on showing his plants. He thoroughly enjoyed going to shows and competing against the top growers in the country.

In a 1996 edition of the Society newsletter there was a ‘Spotlight on Michael Conroy’ and I came across his ambition:

To have the Best in Show at our show, then held at Wyevale, and

To see a show being judged.

Well, Michael, you succeeded both of them and so much more.

Kind, considerate, helpful; a very modest man. You will be missed by so many in the fuchsia world.

Especially by us all in our Society. God Bless you, my Friend. Rest in Peace, Michael.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW
SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2022
JUDGE: Mr Geoff Smith, 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 & Mrs C Gould
Lepper Cup and BFS Blue Rosette	Runner up to most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr R Malin
Baker Trophy	Most first places in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Sayers Silver Trophy	Best Standard in show	Mr R Malin
Peg & Stan York Cup	Best hanging pot in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
BFS Crested Spoon	Best pot in 3½"/9cm class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Adams Cup	Best pot in 5"/13cm pot class	Mr M Beerman
Josie Lepper Rose Bowl	Best pot in Double Flower classes	Mr R Malin
Starmer/York Trophy	Best pot in classes 8 to 27	Mr M Beerman
J W Jupp & Son Trophy	Best exhibit in cut blooms classes	Mr R Malin
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	Mrs J Maris
J A Tonnison Trophy	Winner of Beginners'/Intermediates' Hanging Pot class	Mr B Harbour
John Belton Memorial Trophy	Best pot in Society Plant classes	Mrs 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	Mr & Mrs C Gould
J B Linnell Cup	Winner of Triphylla class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
J M Julyan Shield	Winner of Species class	Mrs P Thorn
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	not awarded
Barbara Watkins Chalice	Winner of Half Basket class	Mr R Malin
Bill Swann Shield	Winner of novelty class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Chairman's Choice Rosette	Most Improved Exhibitor/Contributor	Mr D Jupp

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW**SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2022****JUDGE: Mr Geoff Smith, 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	Mr A Huggett
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Class 5 Intermediate. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 3 entries.

1st	Mr L Northover	Nell B
2nd	Mrs J Maris	Dollar Princess
3rd	Mr C Leeke	unknown

Class 6 Intermediate. Any size pot. Any cultivar. 1 entry.

1st	Mrs J Maris	unknown
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BEGINNERS'/INTERMEDIATES' CLASS

Class 7 Beginners/Intermediate. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. Multi-plant. Any cultivar. 1 entry.

1st	Mr B Harbour	Red Sunrise
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CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Class 8 Open. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 6 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Alicia Sellars
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Twinny
3rd	Mr B Malin	Kobold



Lewis Northover receiving the Michael Conroy Trophy from our own Dave Jupp.



Lewis' entry in Intermediate Class 4 of Mr A Huggett.

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 9 Open. 2 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 2 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Colin Dorrington
 2nd Mr R Malin Shatzky B
- Class 10 Open. 3 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 2 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Colin Dorrington, Kobold, Alicia Sellars
 2nd Mr P Hunt not recorded
- Class 11 Open. Society Plant – Widnes Wonder. 3.5"/9cm pot (max). 6 entries.
 1st Mrs V Lovett
 2nd Mrs D Leeke
 3rd Mr C Leeke
- Class 12 Open. Society Plant – Mrs Audrey Berkeley. 5"/13cm pot (max). 5 entries.
 1st Mrs P Thorn
 2nd Mr P Hunt
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould
- Class 13 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 6 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Ginny B
 2nd Mr R Malin Loves Reward
 3rd Mr R Malin Ben Ben
- Class 14 Open. 3 x 5"/13cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 3 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman not recorded
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Hayley Jackson, Anne Reid, Toby S
 3rd Mr P Hunt not recorded
- Class 15 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm (max). Double flower cultivar only. 3 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin Lillian Annette
 2nd Mr P Hunt Winston Churchill
 3rd Mr P Hunt Whoopee



Malcolm Beerman receiving the Harris Cup for the Runner Up to the Best in Show.



Malcolm's entry in Class 13 – 5" pot any cultivar– of Ginny B.

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 16 Open. 1 x 6"/15cm pots (max). Any cultivar. 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Seedling Nottingham Jubilee |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Lyndon |
| 3rd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Squirtie |
- Class 17 Open. 2 x 6"/15cm (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. No entries.
- Class 18 Open. Three pot class. Any cultivars in 1 x 3.5"/9cm + 1 x 5"/13cm + 1 x 6"/15cm pots. 2 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Nell B, Kenny Walking, Kobold |
| 2nd | Mr P Hunt | Nell B, Lyndon Clements, Lyndon |
- Class 19 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr R Malin | Angela King |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Seedling Nottingham Jubilee |
| 3rd | Mrs M Daniels | unknown |
- Class 20 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Double flower only. No entries
- Class 21 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Variegated Foliage cultivar. 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr P Hunt | Tom West |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Janice Perry |
| 3rd | Mrs W Addington | Tom West |
- Class 22 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Encliandra Type (Breviflorae). 7 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Oulton Red Imp |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Lottie Hobbie |
| 3rd | Mrs W Addington | Little Jessica |
- Class 23 Open. Triphylla Type. Any size pot. 2 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Jaspers Lightning |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Gartenmeister Bonstedt |
- Class 24 Open. Species, sub-species and variants. Any size pot. 2 entries.
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| 1st | Mrs P Thorn | unknown |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | F. glazioviana |



Clive and Tracey Gould being presented with the Leo Boullemier Silver Trophy and BFS Bronze Medal for Most Points in Classes 8 to 32.



Clive and Tracey Gould's 10" Hanging Pot of Wilsons Pearls in Class 32.

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	Oulton Ring
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	T.S.J (Radar)

Class 26 Open. Mini Standard. 5"/13cm pot (max). 3 entries.

1st	Mr R Malin	Ernie
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Mr A Huggett
3rd	Mr P Hunt	unknown

Class 27 Open. Quarter, Half or Full Standard. Any size pot. No entries.

Class 28 Open. Half Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 2 entries.

1st	Mr R Malin	Sylvia Barker
2nd	Mrs J Maris	Hayley Jackson

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	La Campanella
3rd	Mrs M Daniels	Trailing Queen

Class 30 Open. 6"/15cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. No entries.

Class 31 Open. 8"/20cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 2 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Delicate Purple
2nd	Mr P Hunt	Auntie Jinks

Class 32 Open. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 4 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Wilson's Pearls
2nd	Mr R Malin	Sylvia Barker
3rd	Mr D Jupp	Putts Folly

Class 33 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. Different cultivars. 3 entries.

1st	Mr P Hunt
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould
3rd	Mr R Malin



Peter Pettitt receiving the NDFS 25yr Commemorative Trophy for his 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	Mr R Malin	unknown
2nd	Mr P Hunt	Pabbes Kirrevaalk
3rd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	unknown

Class 35 Open. An Arrangement of Fuchsia Flowers in a 9"/23cm dia. Glass Bowl. 2 entries.

1st	Mrs C Malin
2nd	Mrs M Daniels

Class 36 Open. Novelty Class. 24" board with a theme depicting the name of the fuchsia. 2 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Sprigamint
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Feather Duster

Class 37 Open. A Fuchsia Bonsai exhibit in a Bonsai style container. 2 entries.

1st	Mr M Beerman	Oosjie
2nd	Mr P Hunt	White Jubilee

PLACINGS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Points in Classes 8 to 32

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

Most 1st Places in Show

1st	Baker Trophy	Mr & Mrs C Gould
2nd=		Mr M Beerman
2nd=		Mr B Malin

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		Mrs J Maris
3rd		Mr C Leeke



Bob Malin being presented with the Barbara Watkins Chalice for the winner of the Half Basket Class.



Bob Malin's entry of Sylvia Barker in the Half Basket class.

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

2022 St Crispin Show

Considering the weather conditions this summer, with temperatures peaking at 40 degrees centigrade, together with brisk winds, the number of plants and their quality was excellent.

We had 17 members making 91 entries in 31 classes. This resulted in 116 exhibits being entered.

I would like to thank all the members who helped to make this year's show a great success. As usual the people helping make my job much easier 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?**

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CHARLES TAYLOR'S WORKSHOP

Meeting – 3rd May 2022

We were treated to a very interesting talk about Charles Taylors Workshop and, as he was born deaf, the talk was delivered by his mother, Carol.

Charles was fitted with a cochlea implant when he was very young to assist with his hearing. He also has ADHD which is kept under control with medication. Despite these setbacks he attended 'normal' schools and after leaving secondary school went on to Moulton College and gained a level 2 City & Guilds in furniture making. But, unfortunately, he was unable to then find a job.

Charles has a love of wildlife and started making bird, insect and animal houses and gifts for the house and garden. To fund his hobby

they sold at craft and country fairs. Eventually they contacted the Princes Trust who, through the enterprise scheme, helped him to set up and develop the business he has today.

All the products are made from sustainable wood and painted with animal friendly paint. He also does much research to ensure that the houses/nesting boxes are suitable for the inhabitants. They brought along some very fine examples of his work and a few purchases were made.

A truly inspirational young man and a fascinating talk.

Reported by Dot Leeke

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TREVOR MINETT from NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION Meeting – 7th June 2022

Trevor gave an excellent presentation with the aid of a comprehensive collection of diagrams via his digital projector.

He opened by explaining the three main types of bees:

Solitary bees - Mining bees and Masonry bees, with approximately 250 types in the UK.

Social bees – Bumble bees, with a queen and workers and drones (males).

Advanced Social bees – Honeybees, with a queen, workers and drones.

Trevor concentrated on the honeybees and explained that a colony would consist of many thousand worker bees building the nest, collecting food and rearing the young. Each member has a set task to perform.

In their natural environment honeybees build the nest in holes in trees and under cover to protect them from predators. They like to be as near to orchards, fields of flowering crops and gardens with a plentiful number of flowers.

Different plants and blossom have quite different quality of pollen, with horse chestnut

being one of the best. One of the earliest sources of food comes from the fields of rape.

The Queen bee produces up to 2000 eggs a day, which will hatch in 3 days and are pupae for 5 days. They are then sealed in their cells for a further 13 days, before hatching at 21 days. A drone takes 24 days, but the Queen only takes 16 days. Fertilized eggs will hatch into female worker bees while unfertilized eggs will become drones, or honeybee males. The queen bee and the drones have a full reproductive system.

The bee has a diet of pollen which is their protein, or beef steak for feeding their pupae, and nectar, which is their sugar for energy and water. But the lifespan of a worker bee is only about 15-38 days in the summer and about 150-200 days in winter.

When a beekeeper keeps his bees in a hive, he uses the hard-working bees to produce the honey. The hive is best installed near a good source of food. The honeybee can travel up to three miles, but the bumble bee only about five hundred metres.

The honeybee has a very sophisticated system to enable it to find its way to the desirable food source and back to the hive.

When the beekeeper wants to remove honey from the hive he checks to see when a frame contains sealed capped honey. They can then remove that frame. When the honey has been harvested the hive will be given a supply of sugar water to keep the bees alive. In a healthy productive hive, the beekeeper can harvest honey two or three times each season. Most beekeepers will harvest between June and September.

Thank you, Trevor.

Reported by Bob Malin



BFS MIDLAND NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS - 21ST August 2022

Malcolm Beerman

Class 6 2nd Any Cultivar 15cm Pot

Class 11 1st Max 18cm Pot

Class 26 1st Min 13cm - Max 15cm Pot

Best Exhibit in Class 26 and 27

Clive Gould

Encliandra 3rd Max 18 cm Pot

Tracey Gould

Class 37 2nd Any Manner of Training

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.

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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



GROWING YOUR FUCHSIAS

September through to December

In early **September** the weather is still warm and moist and ideal for growing fuchsias. With continual feeding, deadheading and removing any seedpods our plants should continue to flower until the early frosts.

Cuttings can now be taken to increase your stock; it is best to avoid cuttings material with flower buds in the tips. It is a better idea to cut back some of the laterals to promote new growth which will be fresh and soft and will root very easily. Remember that cuttings taken now will have to be over-wintered at temperatures around 40-43°F/4-6°C. You do not want strong growth over the winter period but just to keep your plants ticking over.

The **end of October** means the start of the over-wintering period for our plants. Be selective over the plants you intend to keep. Only over-winter the best shaped, healthy looking, named cultivars.

Come **early November** and it is time to prepare the greenhouse (if you have one!) to receive your over-wintering plants. If you have not already done so it is time to remove any shading and clean the glass. A solution of either Jeyes' Fluid (20ml in 5 litres of water) or Armillatox (50ml in 5 litres of water) applied to the sides of the glazing bars will kill off any moss that is growing there.

Empty the greenhouse of all plants and wash the inside of the glass with a solution of Jeyes' Fluid (1 tablespoon to 1 gallon of water). If possible, use a pressure sprayer to force the solution into every crack and crevice to force out any creepy crawlies.

November is when we can expect the first hard frosts and these will usually end the wonderful display of flowers that our fuchsia plants have put on for us over the past few months. The hardies in the ground and the plants in containers will all suffer the same. Once you know that no recovery is likely then you can begin the over-wintering process for them.

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

Fuchsia plants being retained in patio containers, whether hardy or not, must also be given winter protection. A hard frost will easily penetrate the sides of most types of container, plastic, clay or wood, so killing the roots.

If the containers are too large to be moved, then the plants are best taken out and re-potted into smaller pots. All plants in pots should be allowed to dry off until the compost is just moist. The laterals should then be reduced in length by almost half.

To over-winter a plant in a 'dormant' state all foliage should be removed. They must be kept in a FROST-FREE store, be it garage, greenhouse or shed. Check the plants regularly to see that the compost does not dry out completely.

Hardy fuchsias established in the garden should have their laterals reduced in length by almost half to prevent the wind rocking the plant and causing disturbance to the root system.

December must be the most inactive month for the fuchsia grower but anyone who has taken autumn cuttings and has them in the propagator must check them daily for moisture content. Over-wintering plants must also be examined for botrytis (grey mould). Give them an airing on a dry day by opening the vents for a while allowing the air to circulate. Even plants in a garage or shed should be brought out periodically for an airing.

When sending for fuchsia catalogues request some from different parts of the country. There are quite a few different cultivars grown north and south of us.

And now we have reached the end of December so a Merry Christmas and a Happy Fuchsia-Growing New Year to you all.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS 2022/2023

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 2022. 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.

Northampton and District Fuchsia Society



Membership



APPLICATION
RENEWAL

To The Membership Secretary:

Mr P Pettitt
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1st November 2022

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 54th Annual General Meeting of the Northampton & District Fuchsia Society will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at the Conservative Club, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA commencing at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 53rd 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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Brian Harbour being presented with the J A Tonnison Trophy for winning the Beginners'/ Intermediates' Hanging Pot class



The Chris & Stuart Burton Cup being presented to Joan Maris for the Best pot in Intermediates' classes



Brian's entry of Red Sunrise



Joan's entry in Class 6 Intermediate Any Size Pot – cultivar unknown



Dave Jupp's wheelbarrows went unrewarded as they were 'not as schedule'.



An arrangement of Fuchsia Flowers in a Glass Bowl created by Chris Malin



