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BIG ideas for small plants!

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society

Society Stand at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2012

The Society once again staged a successful Membership Promotion & Sales Stand on Eastern Avenue. The stand featured a prominent display of alpinists planted in a raised sleeper bed by Ray Drew and Christopher Grey-Wilson. The stand proved extremely popular with visitors, helping to raise the awareness of the public to the delights of growing alpine plants and importantly gained us some new members. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to build and staff the stand during the week. I also particularly want to thank Richard Clements and his daughter Ruth who laboured on after darkness fell to help dismantle the stand. We waved goodnight to them at around 10.15 pm and then, with the help of my husband Jim, set off to drive the van back to Pershore.



Christine McGregor - Director

Subscription Rates – 2013

We are pleased to report to members that subscription rates will remain at the same level for 2013. The Society has attempted to reduce costs in order to avoid an increase for the forthcoming year.

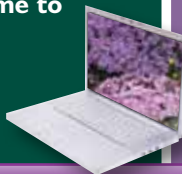
Online Flower Show 2012 Now open for entries



The 2012 show is now open for entries. Please support the show and start posting your entries now.

If you have never participated before now is the time to give it a go!

For more information please visit our website:
www.alpinegardensociety.net



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 10 November 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the AGS will take place on Saturday, 10 November 2012 at the Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwick Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0PY.

(The Hotel is situated M40, Junction 15 the A46 to Stratford, 1st roundabout take A439 to Town Centre, Stratford Manor 1 mile on left). Full details of the event and a map will appear in the next Newsletter.

ELECTIONS AND AWARDS

- **President** – The Trustee Board is pleased to announce that it will be nominating Mr David Haselgrove to serve as President of the Society following the retirement of Mrs Val Lee at the 2012 AGM.
- **Officers** – The following Officers have been nominated for appointment by the Trustee Board (see Note 1 below): Director of Tours (Mr Chris Barber), Director of Shows (Mr Ray Drew), Director of Seed Distribution (Mrs Diane Clement), Website Director (Mr Jim McGregor), Treasurer (Professor John Galloway)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Nominations, with supporting statements/citations, are invited from Members for the following posts:

- **Committee** – Two vacancies to serve for three years and two vacancies to serve for four years (see Note 2 below).

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 12 November 2011.
2. To receive the Report of the Board of Trustees.
3. To receive the Hon. Treasurer's Report and accounts.
4. To elect a President, Treasurer and FOUR other Officers to serve for the ensuing year.
5. To elect TWO Trustees to serve for FOUR years and TWO to serve for THREE years (see note 2 below).
6. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.
7. Any Other Items of Business as notified to the Society Director – in writing, no later than 1 August 2012.

Notes on Election of Officers and Members of the Trustee Board (1) Officers retire annually and are eligible for re-election as per rule 7.1.3.1 of the Constitution. All Honorary Officers listed have agreed to stand for election. (2) In accordance with rule 7.1.4, two Trustees retire annually and are not eligible for re-election for one year. To maintain the correct balance in the number of Trustees in the future two extra trustees are sought this year but who will only serve for three years and not four.

AGS ANNUAL & LITERARY AWARDS: Nominations

AGS ANNUAL AWARDS

- **Lyttel Trophy** for meritorious work with alpines
- **The Sir William & Lady Lawrence Award** for an outstanding contribution to work with alpines from those new to horticulture in the last five years
- **The Award of Honour** for sterling work on behalf of the AGS, not necessarily during the previous year, but over a period of time
- **The Ferrier Charlton Award** for outstanding work for the Society in an administrative capacity
- **The Kath Dryden Award** to recognise meritorious work on basic cultivation/new plant introduction within a single genus or group of alpine plants
- **Local Group Awards** these awards recognise outstanding service within a Local Group over a number of years, the impact of which is felt more widely than just the local area. (Nominations for this award must come from the Local Group concerned)
- **Website Award** to recognise the best contribution to the Society's website during 2011

AGS LITERARY AWARDS

The Alpine Gardener sets extremely high standards in horticultural journalism and photography, and every year the Society seeks to honour the very best of the contributions. We do this by appealing to the judgement of the most discriminating and informed critics - you, the readership. Members are invited to nominate *The Alpine Gardener* Volume 79 2011 contributors for the following awards:

1. **The Clarence Elliott Memorial Award** for the best article published in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2011 (Vol 79).
2. **The Lionel & Joyce Bacon Award** for the best practical alpine gardening article published in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2011 (Vol 79).
3. **The Christopher Grey-Wilson Award** to recognise photographic excellence in *The Alpine Gardener* for the best 'feature' article that must contain a minimum of ten photographs.

[All nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form (available from AGS Centre) and sent to Christine McGregor, Director, AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, WR10 3JP by 31 July 2012]

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AGS AWARDS AND GRANTS

Applications for 2013

The Society considers applications for AGS Travel Awards annually and applications for these awards must be received by 31 January 2013 at the latest.

TRAVEL AWARDS

Each year the Society gives a limited number of Travel Awards to enthusiasts wishing to gain field experience in the serious study of alpine plants in native habitats. Applications should be for clearly defined projects, though Awards have been made to those wishing to participate in an AGS Tour if it complements a particular area of interest. Application forms and further details are available from: Jackie Cooper, c/o AGS Centre or email: jackie@alpinegardensociety.net

HENDRY FUND GRANTS

In addition, grants for specific alpine-related projects are available financed by the E F Hendry Fund. Details from Meg Smith (meg.smith@agsgroups.org), The Hendry Bequest Fund, 23 Richmond Road, Leighton Buzzards, LU7 4RF. The closing date for applications in respect of the Hendry Fund Grants is 31 January 2013.

Successful Applicants in 2012 are:

Francis Brearley - £210 to support a project "How are the numbers of *Koenigia islandica* affected by climate?"

Andrew Gdaniec - £1,000 to support a study tour of native cacti in Canada.

Lionel Clarkson (AGS Blackpool Show) - £150 to support a lecture at the show.

Tony Good (Norfolk Group 40th Anniversary Conference) - £420 to assist with the costs of an overseas speaker.

AGS CENTRE OFFICE CLOSURE - JULY AND AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

The Office at the AGS Centre, Pershore will be closed on Wednesday, 18 July 2012 and on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 August 2012.



Items for the Newsletter and Copy Dates

Please note that any copy for the Newsletter should be sent to: AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, Worcs, WR10 3JP or email: ags@alpinegardensociety.net

Deadline for the September 2012 issue is Friday 3rd August 2012.

AGS SEED EXCHANGE NO 61

(2011- 2012) – Call for Donors

The Seed Exchange supplies seed to a large number of members during December and January each year and we are greatly indebted to the 200 plus volunteers who help to make the seed exchange such a tremendous success.

However, in order to be successful, we rely on a large number of members to donate their seed to the exchange. Please donate seed of as many varieties as you can, not forgetting seed from spring flowering plants. Please check your plants are correctly named and that the seed is free from chaff and grit and packed in leak-proof packets. Any seed collected should be stored cool and dry, (a plastic box in a fridge is ideal). All donors will receive an increased quantity of seed and priority in processing their order.

A **DONOR FORM** is included with this mailing, which will tell you when and where to send your seed. Anyone who requires more information please contact:

Diane Clement: 194 Compton Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 9JX, UK
e-mail: diane.clement@agsgroups.org

SALE OF SEED ENVELOPES

The AGS is selling seed envelopes as part of the Seed Distribution System. The envelopes are of the glassine type (as used in the AGS distribution) and are available in two sizes at the following prices:

50 packets 73 x 41mm (2.8 x 1.6in) for £2.00 (self-seal)
50 packets 98 x 64mm (3.8 x 2.5in) for £2.50 (gummed)

They can be purchased from the AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore Worcs, WR10 3JP

Postage is FREE to UK members.

Overseas members should contact AGS Centre regarding postage costs, which will depend on the quantity ordered.



Local Group News

LANCASHIRE SOUTH GROUP

The Lancashire South Group will be staging a display at the Southport Flower Show. There is also a competitive section open to all growers.

Schedule available from: Southport Flower Show, Victoria Park, Southport, PR8 2BZ
Tel: 01704 547147 Website: www.southportflowershow.co.uk

CHANGE OF LOCAL GROUP SECRETARIES

Northampton Group

Geoffrey Oddy replaces Richard Jeffrey

What's On

NORFOLK GROUP ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, 8 September 2012

Home And Away - Cultivation And Exploration

To be held at the Abbey Conference Centre, Norwich (Five minutes from the A47).

PROGRAMME

- Using Every Square Inch – Harry Jans
- Practical Propagation Techniques – Kit Strange (from Kew)
- Nature, the Gardeners Tutor – Ian Young
- A World of Alpines (Across the Globe in search of Alpines) – Harry Jans

Admission cost £25.00 to include lunch and refreshments.

For further details contact: Tony Goode

Tel: 01603 409074 or E-mail: thealpinehouse@hotmail.co.uk

Tickets available from Diane Blyth

Tel: 01508 494277 or E-mail: Diane.Philip.Blyth@agsgroups.org

WEST YORKSHIRE GROUP CONFERENCE

European Alpines – 22 September 2012

To be held at St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Far Headingley, Leeds LS16 5JT

PROGRAMME

- Scandinavian Alpines – John and Hilary Birks
- The Maritime Alps – Peter Erskine
- Mount Olympus and Northern Greece – John Richards
- The Eastern Alps and Slovenia – Jim Jermyn

Nurseries present will be – Slack Top, Aberconwy, Potterton's, plus the group plant sales stall.

Admission cost is £15.00

For further details contact: Liz Barber

Tel: 01904 704459 or E-mail: elizabethbarber2@gmail.com

BRISTOL GROUP ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, 6 October 2012

The Bristol Group One Day Conference will be held at Red Maids School, Westbury-on-Trym, BS9 3AW. Speakers: Chris Lovell, Peter Cunnington, Robert Rolfe and John Page. Refreshments and Plant and Seed Sales. For further details contact Mike Taylor, 96 Reedley Road, Bristol, BS9 3TA. Tel: 0117 9686654 or e-mail: annofreedley@google.com.

JOINT ROCK GARDEN PLANT COMMITTEE

Gentian Day

Harlow Carr, Friday 12 October 2012

AGENDA

- 9.30** Introduction (Chairman for the day David Haselgrove)
- 9.35** The Gentian Family (Gentianaceae), an over view (Christopher Grey-Wilson, Chairman Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee)
- 10.15** From Yunnan and Sichuan to Tibet; Gentians in Western China (Harry Jans)
- 11.15** Coffee
- 11.45** Autumn Gentians, variety and cultivation (Jim Jermyn)
- 12.45** Lunch
- 14.00** Gentian Cultivation, a practical workshop (Tim Lever, Aberconwy Nursery)

Plus Tours around Harlow Carr Gardens led by RHS staff members

Plus Plant sales, particularly gentians (Aberconwy Nursery, Edrom Nursey etc)

NOTE: The Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee will meet the following day (Saturday, 13 October) to coincide with the Alpine Garden Society Newcastle Show, held at The Memorial Hall, Darras Road, Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE20 9NX. For further information visit the AGS website: www.alpinegardensociety.net

THE FRITILLARIA GROUP OF THE ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY

The Fritillaria Group is holding its Autumn Meeting and AGM on Sunday 30 September 2012 at RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey.

FORTHCOMING AGS SHOWS – 2012

AGS Summer Show – Mid-West, 14 July 2012 [New Venue] – Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8DF – M5 Junction 9 heading towards Tewkesbury. Through two sets of traffic lights. School is second entrance on left. Show Secretary Eric Jarrett – 01453 762812

AGS Autumn Show – South, 29 September 2012 – Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham, Gillingham, ME8 0BX. Tel: 01303 862913

AGS Loughborough Autumn Show, 6 October 2012 – Burleigh Community College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ. Tel: 01509 261626

AGS Newcastle Show, 13 October 2012 – The Memorial Hall, Darras Road, Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE20 9NX. Tel: 01661 871974

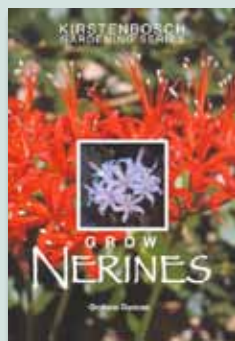
Full list of AGS Show Dates is published on AGS website: www.alpinegardensociety.net

SUMMER BOOK SALE

Ref.	Titles	Members Price
SUMMER SALE BOOKS		
028	Alpine Plants Ecology for Gardeners by John E G Good & David Millward	£10.00
268	Cyclamen by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£2.50
699	Hardy Heathers (Gardening with) by Martin Rickard	£10.00
031	Mountain Flower Walks – The Greek Mainland by John Richards	£10.00
011	Saxifrages by Winton Harding	£3.00
021	Silver Saxifrages by Beryl Bland	£3.00
380	Lavandula - The Genus - by Tim Upson & Susyn Andrews	£20.00
754	Uncommon Climbers for Every Garden by Allan M. Armitage	£8.50
266	Tulips (Species & Hybrids for the Gardeners) by Richard Wilford	£8.50
277	Dwarf Campanulas by Graham Nicholls	£10.00
653	Calochortus Mariposa Lilies & their relatives	£5.00
599	Autumn Bulbs by Rod Leeds	£5.00
457	Alpine Plants Of North America by Graham Nicholls	£18.00

NEW STOCK - KIRSTENBOSCH GARDENING SERIES

JUST IN



Grow Bulbs by Graham Duncan - New Edition

A guide to the cultivation and propagation of the bulbs of south africa and neighbouring countries. [No 317 on list].

Grow Agapanthus by Graham Duncan

A guide to the species, cultivation and propagation of the genus Agapanthus [No 241 on list].

Grow Nerines by Graham Duncan

A Guide to the species, cultivation and propagation of the genus Nerine. [No 240 on list].

Ref.	Titles	Members Price
NEW BOOKS		
317	Kirstenbosch Gardening Series - Grow Bulbs by Graham Duncan	£15.50
241	Kirstenbosch Gardening Series - Grow Agapanthus by Graham Duncan	£4.50
240	Kirstenbosch Gardening Series - Grow Nerines by Graham Duncan	£4.99
292	Alpines: An Essential Guide by Michael Mitchell	£14.99
303	Colour in the Garden by Val Bourne	£15.00
272	Complete Guide to Saving Seed by Robert Gough	£13.50
565	Designing and Planting Borders by Roger Harvey (Foreword by Roy Lancaster)	£10.00
103	Designing Small Gardens by Ian Cooke	£7.99
621	Dirr's Encyclopedia Of Trees & Shrubs By Michael A Dirr	£40.00
808	Flowers Of Western China By Christopher Grey-Wilson	£56.00
673	Galanthophiles by Clemens Heidger et al.	£28.80
622	Great Gardens of Britain by Helena Attlee	£13.50
302	Great Gardens of Spain by Anneli Boj Stad & Eduardo Mencos	£24.00
804	Growing Hardy Orchids By Philip Seaton Et Al	£10.00
810	Genziane d'Europa By Engidio Anchisi	£35.00
101	In the Footsteps of Augustine Henry by Seamus O'Brien	£32.00
340	Joseph Hooker: Botanical Trailblazer by Pat Grigg & Jim Endersby	£8.00
569	Mountain Flowers: The Dolomites by Cliff Booker & David Charlton	£7.95
559	Native Plants of Britain & Ireland by Rosemary Fitzgerald	£11.99
104	Organic Gardener's Handbook by Michael Littlewood	£13.50
510	Planting the Dry Shade Garden By Graham Rice	£11.99
102	RHS Complete Gardeners Manual (Dorling Kindersley)	£16.00
536	RHS The Plantfinder 2012 (due out April 2012)	£12.75
316	Shrubs: A Gardener's Handbook by Ian Cooke	£7.99
246	Snowdrops Booklet by Jackie Murray (Second edition, 2011)	£3.50
250	Timber Press Encyclopedia of Flowering Shrubs by Jim Gardner	£28.00
264	Timber Press Guide to Succulent Plants of the World by Fred Dortort	£28.00
515	Waterwise Plants For Sustainable Gardens by Lauren Springer Ogden & Scott Ogden	£13.50
222	Wildflower Wonders of the World by Bob Gibbons	£14.99
TITLES PUBLISHED BY THE SOCIETY		
032	Alpine Gardening for Beginners by John Good	£6.50
024	Alpines in Pots (New Edition) by Kath Dryden	£4.00
019	Androsace - The Genus by G.F.Smith & D.B. Lowe	£8.00

027	Bulbous Plants of Turkey and Iran by Peter Sheasby	£25.00
034	Bulbs of Greece (A Field Guide to the) by C Grey-Wilson	£23.00
026	Crevise Gardening by Zdenek Zvolanek	£5.50
008	Dionysia – The Genus by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£8.00
809	Mountain Flower Walks - The Eastern Alps Including The Dolomites by Jim Jermyn	£17.60
033	Portraits of Alpine Plants by Robert Rolfe **NEW LOW PRICE**	£20.00
BULBOUS PLANTS		
234	Arisaema - The Genus - by Guy & Liliane Gusman	£40.00
243	Bulbs in Containers by Rod Leeds	£16.00
280	Buried Treasures by Janis Ruksans	£24.00
274	Orchids of Britain & Ireland (A Field & Site Guide) by Anne & Simon Harrap	£24.00
597	Orchids of the British Isles by Michael Foley & Sidney Clarke	£36.00
608	Pocket Guide to Bulbs by John E Bryan	£12.00
232	Snowdrops - A Monograph of Cultivated Galanthus by Mat Bishop et al.	£48.00
SPECIFIC GENERA		
758	Bamboos (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Ted Jordan Meredith	£12.00
694	Bleeding Hearts, Corydalis & their Relatives by Mark C Tebbitt et al.	£20.00
643	Clematis (Pocket Guide to) by Mary Toomey	£12.00
652	Conifers for Gardens (An illustrated Encyclopedia) by Richard L Bitner	£32.00
775	Conifers (Timber Press Pocket Guide to) by Richard L. Bitner	£12.00
727	Cotoneasters by Jeanette Fryer & Bertil Hylmo	£24.00
798	Crocuses - A Complete Guide to the Genus by Janis Ruksans	£24.00
263	Daphnes (A Practical Guide for Gardeners) by Robin White	£20.00
669	Daylily (A Guide for Gardeners) by John P Peat & Ted L Petit	£18.00
807	Designing With Conifers By Richard L Bitner	£16.00
797	Designing with Grasses by Neil Lucas	£16.00
374	Epimedium - The Genus by William T Stearn	£34.00
670	Ferns (Gardening with) by Martin Rickard	£11.00
795	Galanthomania by Hanneke van Dijk	£23.00
745	Geum by Sue Martin	£6.00
265	Growing Hardy Orchids by John Tullock	£16.00
740	Gymnocalcium in habitat & Culture by Graham Charles	£48.00
257	Hardy Bamboos (Taming the Dragon) by) Paul Whittaker	£20.00
248	Heucheras & Heucherellas (Coral Bells & Foamy Bells) by Dan Heims & Grahame Ware	£16.00
288	Hostas (Timber Press Pocket Guide to) by Diana Grenfell & Michael Shadrack	£12.00
705	The Iris Family by Peter Goldblatt & John C Manning	£32.00
604	Iris (A Gardener's Encyclopaedia) by Claire Austin	£28.00
660	Japanese Maples (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Peter Gregory & J C Vertrem	£12.00

753	New Encyclopedia of Hostas by Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack	£28.00
698	Ophrys – The bee orchids of Europe by Henrik Aerenlund Pedersen & Niels Faurholdt	£27.00
761	Palms (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Robert Lee Riffle	£12.00
799	Phlox - A Natural History and Gardener's Guide by James H. Locklear	£28.00
777	Practical Bamboos by Paul Whittaker	£12.00
282	The Genus Roscoea by Jill Cowley	£30.00
700	Saxifrages (A Definitive Guide to the 2000 species) by Malcolm McGregor	£28.00
267	The Genus Sorbus (Mountain Ash & other Rowans) by Hugh McAllister	£30.00
778	The Book of Little Hostas by Kathy Guest Shadrack & Michael Shadrack	£14.50
766	Thyme Handbook by Margaret Easter and Susie White	£8.00
806	Waterlillies And Lotuses By Percy D. Slocum	£20.00
FLORAS & GUIDES TO CONTINENTS & COUNTRIES		
278	Alpine & Sub-Alpine Flora of Mount Jaya (A Guide to the) by R J Johns et al.	£75.00
244	Alpine Plants of Europe by Jim Jermyn	£20.00
794	Britain's Orchids – Wild Guide by David Lang	£12.00
793	Crossbill Guide to France (Cevennes and Grand Causses)	£16.00
685	Crossbill Guide to Spain (Andalusian Sierras from Malaga to Gibraltar)	£16.00
285	Crete 'A Unique Paradise of Flowers' by Johannes Flohe	£18.00
425	Easy Ways to the Plants of the Bernese Oberland by Philip & Jean Tallboys	£6.00
680	Endemic Plants of the Altai Mountain Country by A L Pyak & S C Shaw	£25.00
733	Flowers of Greece (set of 2 with DVD) by T Lafranchis & G Sfikas	£95.00
702	Flowers of the Transcaucasus & Adjacent Areas by E. Gabrielian & O. Fragman Sapir	£60.00
454	Frank Kingdon Ward's Riddle of the Tsangpo Gorges	£28.00
737	Picos de Europa (car tours & walks) by Teresa Farino	£11.00
696	Plantsman's Paradise – Travels in China by Roy Lancaster	£32.00
697	Seeds of Adventure – In Search of plants by Peter Cox & Peter Hutchinson	£28.00
730	Swiss Plant Life by Ewald Weber	£20.00
478	The Caucasus and its Flowers by Vojtech Holubec & Pavel Krivka	£45.00
453	The Himalayan Garden-Growing Plants from the Roof of the World by J Jermyn	£20.00
262	Wild Orchids of North America by Philip E Keenan (paperback)	£16.00
GENERAL TITLES		
772	Alpines, from Mountain to Garden by Richard Wilford	£23.20
774	Bees, Wasps and Ants (The Indispensable Role of Hymenoptera in Gardens)	£15.00
736	Best Hardy Shrubs (The Gossler Guide to the) by Roger, Eric & Marjory Gossler	£20.00
747	Big Gardens in Small Spaces by Martyn Cox	£16.00
773	Container Plants (The Encyclopaedia of) by Ray Rogers & Rob Cardillo	£20.00
609	Creative Propagation (Sec Ed.) by Peter Thompson	£15.00

779	Dear Christo - Memories of Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter	£17.00
631	Digital Photography (A-Z Creative) by Lee Frost	£12.00
279	Digital Photography - An Introduction by Tom Ang - New expanded edition	£18.00
672	Gardening with Ornamental Grasses by Roger Grounds	£11.00
276	Green Roof Plants by Edmond C & Lucie L Snodgrass	£16.00
629	Ground Cover (Pocket Guide to) by David S Mackenzie	£12.00
695	High & Dry by Robert Nold	£20.00
757	Kingdom Fungi by Steven L. Stephenson	£16.00
704	Macro Photography for Gardeners and Nature Lovers by Alan L Detrick	£15.00
732	New Trees (Recent Introductions to Cultivation) by John Grimshaw & Ross Bayton - postage for this book is £8 UK or £14 Overseas	£88.00
662	On the Wild side by Keith Wiley	£16.00
588	Ornamental Grasses - Timber Press Pocket Guide to - by Rick Darke	£12.00
665	Pots in the Garden by Ray Rogers	£16.00
703	Plant Form (An Illustrated Guide to Flower Plant Morphology) by Adrian D Bell	£28.00
751	Planting and Maintaining a Tree Collection by Simon Toomer	£16.00
735	Pruning of Trees, Shrubs and Conifers (The) by George Brown revised by Tony Kirkham	£12.00
729	The Rock Garden Plant Primer by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£16.00
589	Shade Perennials - Timber Press Pocket Guide to - by W George Schmid	£12.00
749	Succulent Container Gardens by Debra Lee Baldwin	£16.00
725	Tall Perennials by Roger Turner	£20.00
712	Trees for All Seasons by Sean Hogan	£20.00
247	The Jade Garden by Peter Wharton, Brent Hine & Douglas Justice	£20.00
713	Water Garden Plants (Pocket Guide) by Greg & Sue Speichert	£12.00
661	Winter-Flowering Shrubs by Michael W Buffin	£20.00

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ROW Air - add £8 to surface price

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AUTUMN IN CRETE

Late October/Early November 2012

LEADERS: DAVID AND MARGARET THORNE

Cost = £1,750 per person (inc flights)/£1,530 (land only)

After the first October rain has freshened the dusty foliage of summer, the temperature drops and a flush of growth brings new interest to the landscape – the autumn flowering bulbs. This Tour starts in the west of Crete where Cyclamen put on a fine display as does the spectacular *Colchicum macrophyllum*; *Narcissus tazetta* flowers on a few rocky knolls, *N. serotinus* is more frequent and we visit our favourite site for the elusive *Biarum davisii*. We paddle to Elafonisi Island for the last of the *Pancratium maritimum* flowers and some very special coastal plants. During our subsequent travels across the island to its north easterly tip, we expect to find 4 species of *Crocus* (*C. laevigatus*, *C. oreocreticus*, *C. boryi* and *C. tournefortii*) and possibly *C. cartwrightianus*, though we may be too early for this, as it tends to flower much later here than on the mainland. *Colchicum pusillum* and less common *C. cupanii* occur at low altitudes whereas we visit Omalos to see *C. cretense* in the stunning setting of the Lefka Ori (White Mountains) with the option of seeing many other mountain plants in the vicinity of the Kallergi Refuge. We will find *Sternbergias* throughout the island – populations recorded as *S. sicula*, *S. lutea* and *S. greuteriana*; come and enjoy them for their beauty or to study them for their much debated taxonomy.



ADVANCE NOTICE: AGS EXPEDITIONS WILL ALSO BE RUNNING TOURS IN 2013 TO:

- **Greece in the Spring**
- **Picos de Europa in late May/early June**
(a repeat of a previously over subscribed tour led by Dr Christopher Grey-Wilson)
- **Bhutan in the Summer**

Further details of all these tours will be published in the September issue of Alpine News and on our website.

SOUTH AFRICA – THE EASTERN CAPE

4-19 February 2013

LEADER: CAMERON MCMASTER

Cost = TBC but in the region of £2,100 per person

REPEAT OF
THIS VERY
POPULAR
TOUR

This will be a repeat of the Tour that ran in January of this year. South Africa is justifiably famous for the spring flowers of the Cape and Namaqualand. But it has many other botanically interesting areas waiting to be explored and this tour gives the opportunity to see the flora of the summer rainfall regions in the East of the country. Cameron and Rhoda McMaster have led a number of botanical tours



to the Eastern Cape. Cameron also wrote the article on this region that appeared in the September 2006 South African Special Edition of the Alpine Gardener. This tour will coincide with the peak flowering time in mid-January. The exact dates have yet to be fixed, but the tour is likely to commence in Port Elizabeth on or about 10th January.

The maximum size of the group will be 10 people. This will allow the party to visit many special destinations well off the usual tourist routes, staying mostly on farms and in small villages so as to be right in the countryside. Each day hikes or 4X4 excursions to areas that would not normally be accessible to ordinary tourists form part of the itinerary. Visits to San Rock Shelters and rock art sites as well as game viewing in private reserves form important additions to the botanical experience. There are a number of major vegetation types in the East Cape from Valley Thicket and Karroo/Namib vegetation to Alpine grassland and Sub-Tropical coastal flora.

The tours comprise a round trip of 14 days, starting and ending in Port Elizabeth. During this time all the vegetation types are sampled and clients are shown all the specialities in the Eastern Cape, including many rare endemics. Succulents, Geophytes including the Clivias and Cycads are some of the more interesting flora to be seen. Guided hikes through Alpine flora, Afromontane forest and Subtropical coastal bush are highlights. The East Cape not only has spectacular flowers but a wide variety of habitats and magnificent scenery.

**For further information on this tour please contact AGS Centre.
Tel: 01386 554790 or email: ags@alpinegardensociety.net**

Morocco

April 2013

Cost = £TBA

The High Atlas harbours a number of fine alpine and these days there is some really nice accommodation to be had too, this tour features the excellent Kasbah Toubhkal set in a valley below the regions highest peaks. Several very local Narcissi will be a feature including lovely *Narcissus waiteri* whilst lower down we'll encounter a fine orchid assemblage.



Ararat - Nakhchivan and the Kars Highlands

May 2013

Cost = Approx £2450

The little-known Azerbaijani enclave of Nakhchivan is just eighty kilometres square and surrounded on three sides by Armenia, one by Iran.

Tiny it may be, but it is big on Irises, especially *oncocylus* species, with no less than five species including *grossheimiana* and local forms of *iberica*, and we'll hope to find *Iris atropatana* too. We'll move just two hundred kilometres around Ararat to the Eastern corner of Turkey where our *oncocylus* quest will continue with another five species!

Abundant bulbs throughout – and a truly spectacular geography!



www.greentours.co.uk for further info on these holidays,
to receive your detailed tour itinerary, or to book a place.

Taiwan

May 2013

Cost = £TBA

Taiwan's biomes range from subtropical to tundra and the diversity of flora is exceptional. Almost half of the island is covered in mountains wilderness that is crossed by only three roads. Large tracts are covered in pristine habitat now protected by national parks. There is an abundance of ferns and orchids, especially in the stunning moss-laden elfin forests of Mingchin whilst high on Mount Hehuan we'll encounter a rich variety of alpines, Cypripediums and rhododendrons.



If you are interested in joining any of the joint tours and would like further information and a detailed itinerary please contact Greentours – T: **01298 83563** or E: enquiries@greentours.co.uk

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