

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Earlier on this month, I spent time deadheading not only my one and only rose but my mum's as well (she has a lot!). Whilst I understand they look better for the attention I am giving them and they then keep on blooming but I still find them messy and after spending so much time deadheading, imagine my annoyance when I sit down, look out the window and yes, you've guessed it! Another bloom gives up the ghost and more petals drop to the ground. Grrr...

22/6/22 – it is now later in the month and we have just experienced a very hot spell indeed. Water, water – that is all I seem to be doing. I have even succumbed to using the hose! You see, I prefer to use the watering can to water my fuchsias as I can get close to each plant to ensure none get missed.

This hot weather has caused problems for me. I decided to move a climbing jasmine which was in a pot located close to the kitchen window. I decided to move it half way down the front garden. Silly move! Moving it from a rather sheltered position into full sun was not a clever thing to do during this hot spell. It now has very scorched leaves!

I have finally got round to potting up my Verbena Bonariensis plants which I grew from seed last year. I have grouped them together in bigger planters and positioned them strategically in the front garden.

PROJECT 2 - FUCHSIA BONSAI



◀ I am pleased to see new growth on this bonsai and I have taken advice and scraped away at the base showing roots. However, I now need to top dress with horticultural grit or some kind of ornamental grit/stone.

Whilst this one is showing good growth, I am conscious that its main stem may exceed 4cm, hence it cannot be grown as a bush (unless I report and sink it into a bigger pot.) This would need to be done 3 months prior to the show, if I was going to enter it into the show. I may, however, train it as a bonsai, it probably sits better under this category. Therefore, it will need repotting into a ceramic bonsai pot. ▶



The above photos were taken early on in the season. They have now put on a lot of foliage and have been trimmed and shaped. As we speak, they are coming on a treat, however, there is still time for things to go wrong!



DOWN MEMORY LANE

1991 - 1998

1991 – Thelma Copestake joined the society; we later named a fuchsia after her ‘Thelma Copestake’

We welcomed 21 new members to the society this year.

Six members of our society volunteered to open their gardens. Geoff Smith was one of the six and opened his garden in Long Eaton.

1992 – Sadly P Bovey, a long-standing member passed away.

1993 – It was recorded that the society had 143 members.

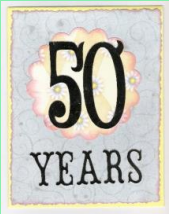
1994 - A Fuchsia display was put together at Rufford Country Park, between 25/8/94 and 6/9/94.

1997 – The Society celebrated their 25th Annual Show. To help celebrate the occasion an Artist Group put on a demonstration. It was also proposed that a SPECIAL 25th Anniversary Trophy be awarded.

Sadly, both Joe Bragg and Jack Atkinson passed away. Both were active members of our society.

1998 – Ken Brown proposed that the Presidency should run a 3 year term.





ON THE NOTICEBOARD...

JUNE – On the noticeboard this month is the list of Best in Triphylla Classes; Banksian medal Winners & President's Cup Winners: -



ROLE OF MERIT

BANKSIAN MEDAL

- This was first awarded in 2013 to Howard Kilbourn.
- Both Howard Kilbourn and Lyndon Clements are 3 time winners of this prestigious award.
- Christine Cole is the only female winner to date.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

- The President's cup was introduced in 2009 when June Lemon-Smith was President.
- Lyndon Clements was the first to be awarded this cup. The cup is awarded to the exhibit of the President's choice.
- In 2017, there was a tie, the President could not decide between two exhibits and hence it was agreed that the winners could share the cup and would each be custodian for 6 months.

BEST TRIPHYLLA IN SHOW

- The trophy was donated by Geoff Smith and was introduced in 2015.
- The first winner was Howard Kilbourn.
- Geoff Smith, himself, to date, has been awarded it twice; 2016 and 2021.

PAST ARTICLE

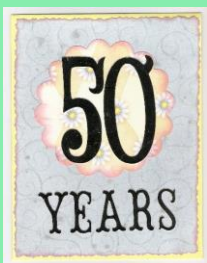
I spotted this article which was included in June 2008 newsletter: -

A FUCHSIA ENTHUSIAST'S CALENDAR....

JULY

- Flowers should be everywhere, so admire and remember to jot down any that really take your fancy
- Keep a keen eye on your own plants; continue to deadhead and to remove any dead leaves
- Visit as many shows as you can
- Don't be afraid to ask the experts any questions
- If you are doubtful about the name of any in your collection, take along a twig of it containing flowers, buds and foliage, as someone may just recognize it
- Continue with regular feeding both inside and outside the greenhouse
- Get to know your plant... Make a note of any idiosyncrasies that you see amongst your plants – some may need more feeding or root space than others, less water or object to being severely pinched
- Plants out in the garden will now be in full bloom. If you have planted them too closely together this will now be easily noticeable
- Keep an eye open for any pests and diseases that may be lurking out there and deal with them before they become too severe
- Be ready to stop and chat to admirers when you are tending your beautiful plants in the front garden

Remember: Fuchsia Folk are Friendly Folk!



WHAT ELSE HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO?

- 5th – Mark Wahlberg born – actor, producer, businessman and former rapper
- 16th – Tupac Shakur born – Rapper, songwriter, actor
- 28th – Fabien Barthez born - racing driver, footballer
- 28th – Elon Musk born - business magnate and investor

POEM OF THE MONTH

When I first began to take an interest in gardening, I decided on creating a Perennial garden, my thinking was, once everything is planted, that's it – Job done! How naive I was back then! Anyway, once my love for fuchsias became an obsession, I now realise that gardening never ends, it evolves and now that I seem to have acquired more and more pots – it is definitely a never ending job! I found this poem which sums it up quite well!

GOING POTTY *by Liz Cowley from her selection of poems, Gardening in Slippers*

What a lot of pots I've got!
A blaze of colour when it's hot.
But tending them is often not
the fun it ought to be.

What a lot of pots out there
and all need such a lot of care.
Those snails I simply cannot bear.
Anathema to me!

What a lot of snails I've got,
and picking them off every pot
is not a job I like a lot.
For me, it's misery!

Too many potted plants I've got.
Perhaps I should throw out a lot.
So often all their leaves are shot.
Snails are at war with me!

FUCHSIAS IN MY GARDEN



◀ **SYLVIA BARKER (1973)**

Single, white waxy tube, long medium thickness. Sepals; waxy white with green tips. Corolla; scarlet with a slight smoky cast, small bloom. Foliage; dark green with outstanding veins, small to medium-sized, serrated leaves. Growth; lax, bushy, vigorous, free-flowering bush.

In the beginning of the month, I felt it was safe to remove all my plastic greenhouse covers (with the exception of my walk-in greenhouse). The fuchsias seemed to have put on a lot of growth and were thankful to be out in the fresh air. All I need to do now is to remember to turn; pinch out and feed!

Big pots will need to be displayed around the garden; all needing to be spaced out a little – somehow!

It seems a good time to take stock of what I still need to do: -

- Pot on rooted fuchsia cuttings
- Review fuchsias to identify possible show exhibits – checking the schedule closely at all times!
- Ensure shading is positioned over the greenhouses in case we experience another hot spell!
- Half baskets – take out the snapdragons which I had planted last year and replace with fuchsias.
- Choose a trailing fuchsia to put in the metal basket at the top of an obelisk.

SHOWING FUCHSIAS

If you are thinking of showing for the first time, here are a few tips to help you on your way:

- Read the Schedule carefully.
- Use a terracotta coloured pot, unless specified in the schedule.
- Clear any surface debris.
- Remove dead flowers & foliage.
- Check your plant complies with the schedule, i.e. correct size pot.
- Always ensure you have saucers under your pots – bring some extra, just in case (and pots!)

Prior to the show: -

- Turn your plants regularly to ensure even growth and flowers.
- Pinch out, but allowing enough time for buds to form and flower in time for the show.
- Feed and water regularly.
- Deadhead.

*****Geoff Smith will be talking specifically on showing fuchsias in July's meeting – NOT TO BE MISSED! *****

I have been studying the schedule and highlighted the classes I hope to enter. At this time of year, everything looks promising because the fuchsias are behaving, it's as we get closer to show day when they start to rebel and become unruly and I start crossing them off one by one!

I have set aside the regular plants that I usually take or have relied upon previously. This year I have concentrated on planters (**Class 24** - *Patio Container, must contain at least one fuchsia*). This is a class I usually like to enter but failed to do so last year, so I am determined to put this right this year.

I was curious to know what cultivars would be acceptable in **Class 15** – *1 plant (bush/shrub), any cultivar except Triphylla raised BEFORE 1914 (must be named) and should have a natural appearance*. So they must be old cultivars. I have gone through past records to see what cultivars have appeared on the show bench and come either 1st; 2nd or 3rd: -

Herald (1887)	Display (1881)	F. speciosa (1843)	Lye's Unique	Snowcap
Beacon (1871)	Golden Treasure (1860)	Tom Thumb (1850)	Madame Cornelissen	Coachman
Tom Thumb	Corallina	General Monk	Cloth of Gold	Tom West
F. denticulate . (1802)	Lottie Hobby			

*****Please note – these are just a few of acceptable cultivars*****

LADIES CLASS – This is hotly contested amongst the ladies within the Society, mainly due to the fabulous Glass Vase/Trophy donated by June Lemon-Smith. It has indeed become very popular over the past few years.

REMEMBER: -

Celia Smedley Class - To celebrate our 50th Annual Show, there is a special '**Celia Smedley**' class. Every member was given a Celia Smedley cultivar as one of their FREE cuttings in February to be grown on and entered in this particular class.

Class	1 Pot Celia Smedley cultivar (free cutting)	Max 165mm (6.5")
52	<i>Special class to celebrate our 50th Annual Show. The cultivar was bred by a founder member (George Roe) of the Society.</i>	

*****A wonderful vase has been donated by Christine and Lawrence Cole*****

NEW 2 ½" Pot Class - I'm looking forward to seeing the exhibits for this one. I'm even trying to grow one myself - so watch this space!

Class	1 Fuchsia (any cultivar)	Only 63.5mm (2.5")
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If you don't grow that many fuchsias, not to worry, have you considered entering exhibits into the classes under Miscellaneous. Honestly, there will be a class for everyone!

However, as it is out **50th Annual Show**, it would be great if **EVERY MEMBER** could enter at least one exhibit. If it's your first show, again don't worry there will be plenty of stewards available on the day to help you and support you.

SOCIETY NEWS

FEEDBACK: GARDEN VISIT TO 5 BURTON LANE, WHATTON IN THE VALE, NG13 9EG

I hope those of you who visited the garden had a really good time. I am sorry I wasn't able to attend. Thanks Christine for this update: -

'Jayne, just to let you know the garden visit went very well. The owners were very friendly and the tea and blueberry cake was lovely. They had put out some water for us and some chairs in the shade under an arbour covered in a grapevine. The garden wasn't very big but they had lots and lots of shrubs and plants all for wildlife. Thank you for organising, we really enjoyed our visit. Cx'

CHANGE TO SCHEDULED SPEAKER - 28 JUNE 2022

Unfortunately Heather Taylor should be talking to us on Houseplants, but sadly she is unable to attend. Instead, Mark Smith will be talking to us on: -

‘CONFESSIONS OF A PLANTS MANAGER’

SHOW PREPARATIONS

Once again, as our Annual Show draws closer and closer, may I remind you that help will be needed setting up the room Friday Afternoon and clearing away again on the Sunday.

Tombola prizes will be most welcome and plants for the plant stall will never be turned away!

Homemade cakes will also be gratefully received.

TROPHIES - Can those who were awarded Trophies last year, please bring them along to July's monthly meeting at the latest. Thanks.

REMEMBER: The show this year is the **13th and 14th August 2022**. It is back at Attenborough Village Hall, Attenborough Lane, Attenborough.

If anyone needs a schedule, please see Derek Shaw.

Our Next Meeting will be on:

26 JULY 2022

SHOW TALK

By

Geoff Smith