

# NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Over-wintering is well and truly on the way. I have completed over-wintering my mum's fuchsias. They are all tucked away, snugly in her greenhouse and her pelargoniums and a few begonias are in her shed. I can now concentrate on mine, and I have decided against potting any up at this time of year, but have marked the ones I plan to do so by using pea sticks, so I know which ones to pot up next year.

In fact I have used the following system this year: -

**Pea sticks** – in pots which I intend to pot up next year

**Green Plastic ties** – Potential Fuchsia Bonsai candidates (I seem to have a lot of these!)

**Yellow Plant labels** – Fuchsias which I have regularly put on the show bench and those which I feel are possible show exhibits for next year.

I have also segregated my greenhouses with the intention of putting all show exhibits together; Standards together; Fuchsia Bonsai together, and so forth. I have tried to do this for several years now, but to no avail, so hopefully I will be more successful this year – time permitting!

However, I can't stop myself from taking extra cuttings, even though I have tried to restrict it to my favourite ones; I have taken over 120 cuttings – I just hope some survive – with not having a heated greenhouse, taking cuttings at this time is always a gamble for me! Fingers crossed.

## PROJECT 2 - FUCHSIA BONSAI

As I mentioned above, I have set aside quite a few plants to work on next year, so my greenhouses at the bottom of the garden (where my rabbit hutches used to be!) is now a designated Bonsai area.

Having no heated greenhouses, I actually overwinter my bonsai the same way as I do all my other plants: -

- I give them a trim
- Defoliate
- Keep them slightly moist

In fact, I have lost more Bonsai plants through the hot summer months than over winter. I have previously located my bonsai plants in the greenhouses situated on the patio, which gets full sun and have lost them as they have frazzled in the heat. For me, they survive better over winter, even in the shallow bonsai pots.



## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 2011 - 2014

**2011** – sadly both Peter Quigley and Alan Darkins passed away this year.

We introduced Beginners classes

Members were asked to plant up hanging baskets and to donate to the society to sell at the show

**2012** – we celebrated the society's 40<sup>th</sup> Ruby Anniversary by: -

- Ken Brown introduced a new class – 7 x 3 ½” pots and donated £100 to the winner.

- Keith Cocking put together a fuchsia Display to commemorate the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> (all fuchsia names were related to 'Ruby')
- Approached local Brownie groups, showing them how to grow in an attempt to encourage young people to the society
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ruby Wedding cake – provided by John Thorp.
- Special Rosettes awarded to all exhibitors
- BFS Award of Merit presented to Geoff Smith for his contribution to the society and to the BFS.

**2013** – RHS Banksian Medal was first awarded. The first exhibitor to be awarded this was Howard Kilbourn.

### ROLL OF MERIT/TRIVIA

As I have been reading through literature regarding the Society, I have put together a list of people that have held some of the key positions in our Society over the years.

PRESIDENT	SHOW MANAGER
TREASURER	SHOW SECRETARY
SECRETARY	ASST SHOW MANAGER

Please refer to the noticeboard at this month's meeting...

## PAST ARTICLE

Taken from our October 2007's Newsletter: -

### OVERWINTERING FUCHSIAS

We must all be thinking of overwintering our fuchsias now, so here are some tips I found...

- There is no point in trying to force them to continue flowering, rather encourage them to rest (what a shame!)
- Reduce the amount of watering you give to your fuchsias which are still outside.
- Consider bringing all plants under cover.
- Make sure that your storage area is clean and free from pests.
- The plants themselves must be free from pests and diseases.
- Remove all leaves.
- Prune back some of the straggly stems.
- When all leaves and debris are removed, spray with an insecticide and fungicide.
- Don't pack the plants too tightly together.
- Provide some sort of covering, some insulating material to protect from frosts.

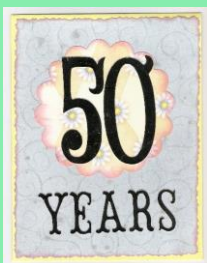
**According to Garden Lore: -**

'The weather of October is usually distinguished by its variability, heavy rains, high winds and sharp frosts..

There is generally a sharp frost about the 12<sup>th</sup>, and anything likely to be injured... Should be under shelter by the end of the first week.'

THE GARDEN ORACLE, 1896

(They hadn't heard of Global Warming in those days!)



## WHAT ELSE HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO?

**In October....**

1 <sup>st</sup> – Walt Disney World opens in Orlando, Florida	20 <sup>th</sup> – Snoop Dogg born
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tiffany born	20 <sup>th</sup> – Danii Minogue born
12 <sup>th</sup> – Gene Vincent died	29 <sup>th</sup> – Matthew Hayden born
13 <sup>th</sup> – Sacha Baron Cohen born	29 <sup>th</sup> – Winona Ryder born
14 <sup>th</sup> – Greenpeace founded in Vancouver	

# POEM OF THE MONTH

<b>IN AUTUMN YEARS</b> taken from 'Gardening in Slippers' by Liz Cowley	
In autumn years one's memory is not quite what it used to be, and names escape one frequently.	and then I can't consult a book. no book will get me off the hook because I won't know where to look.
and not just people's names, that's true (though that is bad enough to do) but plant names too, and quite a few.	Without its name, the glossary will now be of no help to me. Frustrating – fading memory.
Whatever can that flower be? Whatever is it called, that tree? Some names just won't come back to me.	I'll have to plough through every page and that, of course, will take an age. I guess most gardeners reach this stage!

# FUCHSIAS IN MY GARDEN



**CLOVERDALE PEARL** hybridised by Cliff Gadsby

There is a special class in the Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Society's schedule; -

**Class 13** – One pot, Cliff Gadsby Cultivar – Any Size Pot

# GROWING FUCHSIAS



◀ Cutting back my fuchsias is a lengthy job and needs all my favourite tools at hand: - labels; scissors; secateurs; scoop.

Here's a fuchsia (I think it is 'Lynn Cunningham') which is half way through its transformation. Such a shame to cut back all those lovely flowers! ➤



# SOCIETY NEWS

## BRING & BUY STALL

The committee felt that it would be a good idea to introduce a 'Bring and Buy' Stall. It doesn't necessarily have to be a plant it can be any unwanted gift item or 'bric a brac'.

*'ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE'*

This will commence at our AGM meeting – 25 November 2022

**Our Next Meeting will be the  
AGM  
(ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)**

**on:**

**25 NOVEMBER 2022**

*Followed by*

***BUFFET  
&  
FUCHSIA LORE DISPLAY  
&  
BRING & BUY STALL***

**\*\*\*Please note – we are still looking for a new Treasurer. \*\*\***



At our Last AGM, November 2021, Derek Shaw announced that unfortunately, he would be resigning as Treasurer at the end of 2022. We therefore are searching for

a new Treasurer. Derek has kindly put together the following Job description. If anyone is interested, please let one of the Committee Members know. Of course, this will be on the Agenda at this year's AGM in November.

### Duties of the Honorary Treasurer, Nottingham and Notts Fuchsia Society

To maintain the bank accounts of the Society (held at NatWest, Long Eaton & NS&I investment)

To maintain an annual account to support the income & expenditure account. (currently an excel double entry workbook & supporting documents)

To prepare an annual statement of account for the AGM in November \*. (The financial year for the Society is November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.)

\* Ensure accounts are audited by the competent person approved at the previous AGM prior to presentation at the AGM.

The duties of the treasurer require the post holder to have some storage space (for the financial archive) and access to excel & word computer files, the internet and e-mail would be advantageous.

	Action	Responsibility
1	Pay Bills	Treasurer
2	Monies to Bank	Treasurer
3	Pay Room Fees	Treasurer
4	Pay Speakers	Treasurer
5	Maintain the accounts	Treasurer
6	Financial Statements for Committee Meetings	Treasurer
7	New Member subs	Treasurer
8	Register members	Treasurer
9	Create floats for plant Sales and Show	Treasurer

Actions 1-6 all year.

Action 9, as required, for standalone plant sales and the annual show.

Actions 6 & 7 merge with Membership Secretary duties as does the annual renewal of subs, issuing of cards etc. Membership Secretary post currently held by treasurer.