

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

I really can't believe it's the end of September and Christmas is just around the corner. Where has this year gone? We'll soon have to be thinking about overwintering our fuchsias. Luckily tonight's speaker Stephen Phillips is going to share with us how he overwinters his fuchsias and give us some valuable hints and tips.

BFS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

The **British Fuchsia Society** was formed in 1938 and thus celebrating their 85th Anniversary this year. This was achieved by putting on a spectacular display (or displays!) at the RHS Malvern Autumn Show. Some of us went along to see what it was all about: -



◀ This was the main stand with a lovely display of fuchsias.

Included was '*Nottingham Jubilee*' ▶

Societies were invited to put on a display to help showcase the BFS and its special occasion



Reading Fuchsia Society put on a display which included fuchsias which would have been available in 1938 when the BFS was first formed.

Fuchsia Friends (i.e., Arthur and Nancy Phillips), not only put on a display of fuchsias on a tiered platform, they also displayed fuchsia blooms in champagne glasses, all labelled, which is how it is done in The States. I find this a fantastic way of showcasing fuchsias.





Also, there were talks and demonstrations on a range of topics taking place over the three days.

Carol Gubler also put on two displays mixing part of her Fuchsia Lore collection with a variety of fuchsias – stunning!

George Cameron & Andrew Cathcart – BFS Scotland – Special Interest Group – put together a wonderful display, including a good mix/variety of fuchsias: - encliandra; ornamental; bonsai fuchsias and fuchsia lore. ➤



◀To commemorate the BFS 85th Anniversary, there was a huge pyramid of ‘Thalia’ which looked splendid and very impressive.

Also, Congratulations to Colin Stapleton, who won Best in Show with this wonderful ‘**Anne Reid**’ ➤

Congratulations to Nigel Hughes who also exhibited and won a few cards. Well done Nigel!



POEM OF THE MONTH

As Autumn fast approaches, here’s a short poem, which I feel befits this time of year: -

THE MORNS ARE MEEKER THAN THEY WERE *by Emily Dickinson*

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry’s cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I’ll put a trinket on.

GROWING FUCHSIAS

Taken from September's Newsletter 2010: -

Overwintering Fuchsias

It'll soon be time you need to be thinking about overwintering your fuchsias. Next Month Ray Bradbury will be talking about fuchsias and I am sure he will have some advice to share with us, but here are a few tips I found whilst reading 'How to grow Fuchsias by Ken Pilkington: -

- They need to be kept Frost Free
- The compost **MUST NEVER, EVER** be allowed to become completely dry
- Young Plants: Plants that have started life as cuttings in midsummer and autumn, and any other plants in which growth is still soft will have to be grown on in normal light and gentle warmth
- Mature Plants: All plants on which the growth has ripened can be overwintered by using any of the following methods:
 - Keep in any frost free area
 - Partially Burying
 - Completely burying
 - Keep in a moderately heated greenhouse

PREPARATION:

- Prune Plants back by about a third
- Cut off (don't pull!) the leaves, this will help remove any unwanted pests and diseases
- Plants can then be placed closed together
- You will not have leaves yellowing and falling off the plants to cause possible disease problems
- Water any plant, using *TEPID* water, when the compost shows signs of becoming dry

SOCIETY NEWS



USED STAMPS – WANTED!

If anyone has any used stamps – I'd be glad to take them off your hands. Bob collects these and sends them off to the RSPB.

Many Thanks

RHS GARDEN ENTRY DISCOUNT CARD



RHS have introduced a discount card to be used by our members. It offers two adults a 50% discount off entry to any RHS Garden (i.e. **Bridgewater; Harlow Carr; Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley**) with unlimited use until it expires 31 January 2024, with the exception of Flower Shows and Glow illumination events.

If you are interested in taking up this offer at any time, please let me know.

BRING AND BUY STALL

We will be holding a **Bring and Buy stall** every month to help raise funds for the Society and to support the cost of running our Annual Shows.

Please can you bring along any unwanted items to our monthly meetings to help our Society.

Many Thanks x

WAYS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

As a society our membership is sadly reducing and therefore the Committee would be very grateful if anyone has any suggestions on how we can promote our society and ultimately increase membership. **Please let anyone on the Committee know.**

Many Thanks x

OLD £1 COINS

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER: When cashing up our last two monthly takings, Bob has identified a couple of old £1 coins which are no longer in circulation. Please check your **£1 coins** carefully as old £1 coins should no longer be accepted.

Many Thanks x

PLANNER FOR 2023

26 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Stephen Phillips Subject: <i>Overwintering Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
24 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: <i>The Royal Gardens of Windsor</i>
28 NOVEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: None Subject: <i>AGM & Christmas Buffet</i>
DECEMBER	NO MEETING