

# Quorn Garden Club



## Members News: May 2023

### Our Next Event:

### ‘Seed Saving & The Heritage Seed Library’

**This Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7.15pm**

A presentation by Sally Smith who will reveal the secrets of successful seed sowing plus the importance of biodiversity and the work of the Heritage Seed Library. Sally is an RHS listed gardening speaker and willow weaver based in the East Midlands. She hopes to inspire us to grow and garden using organic methods: this promises to be a fascinating talk!

**Note: This is a change from the published programme.** The talk originally planned for this May was *Medicinal Plants: A Medicine Chest in your Back Garden*. This has been re-programmed for **21<sup>st</sup> September** (replacing Badgers in the Garden). Apologies for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

If you have any **spare plants** to dispose of (all those extra seedlings!) – why not bring them to the meeting? They may go to a welcoming new home! A donation for each plant taken towards the Garden Club expenses is requested.

We very much hope you can all come and look forward to seeing you there.

### Coronation Carnival

Our stall on Stafford Orchard for the Coronation Carnival on 8<sup>th</sup> May raised a total of £262 – a splendid result and very useful contribution to our rather limited funds. Many thanks to all who helped out on the day and all who brought along plants for sale.



## Visit a Local Garden

20<sup>th</sup> May: Goadby Marwood Hall, Melton Mowbray LE14 4LN. 10 acres + lakes

21<sup>st</sup> May: Fox Cottage, Woodside, Ashwell, Oakham LE15 7LX. Woodland walks.

28<sup>th</sup> May: The Old Vicarage, Burley, & Westbrooke House. Country garden & meadow.

3<sup>rd</sup> June: The Old Rectory, Newbold Verdon, Leicester LE9 9NN. Trees, rose garden.

4<sup>th</sup> June: Dairy Cottage, 15 Sharnford Road, Sapcote, LE9 4JN. Walled garden, borders.

10/11<sup>th</sup> June & 16<sup>th</sup> July: The Secret Garden of the Wigston Framework Knitters Museum

24<sup>th</sup> June/22<sup>nd</sup> July: The Secret Garden, Glenfield Hospital, LE12 9QP. Walled /Victorian.

For full information and more gardens go to [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk).

## Leicester Botanic Garden

A special fundraising event will take place in the University of Leicester Botanic Garden on **3 June 2023**. The garden is opening at 6 p.m. to explore the wonderful summer herbaceous garden with a complementary welcome drink in hand! The greenhouses will be open and one of the Botanic gardeners will be there to answer questions about plants in the tropical and desert greenhouses. At 8 p.m. Lars Tharp, the ceramics expert from Antiques Road Show will be giving a talk entitled 'Gilding the Lily': tickets will cost £15 with profits going to the East Midlands' only Botanic Garden. For tickets go to: the Eventbrite site and search for Gilding the Lily, or by visiting the University website and looking for Friends' events.

## National Plant Collection Open Day

You can visit the national collection of Astrantias on **21 May** 2-5pm – at Norwell Nurseries, Norwell, Nottinghamshire NG23 6JX. Entry fee £4 in support of NGS.

## RHS Harlow Carr – 7<sup>th</sup> July

You are invited to join Barrow Garden Club on their visit to RHS Harlow Carr – a glorious garden in beautiful Yorkshire countryside. Lots of wonderful highlights including running and still water, woodland and wildflower meadows. Cost £26 – bookings now being taken: email [jeanettehollis53@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeanettehollis53@yahoo.co.uk) or phone Maggie on 01509 812213. Coach leaves Barrow (Bishop Beveridge) at 8am & North Street at 8.10am. Estimated time to visit the gardens is 5 hours, leaving at 4pm.

## Plant Hunters' Fairs - Reminder

Taking place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, at Donington Le Heath House, LE67 2FW, 10am-4pm, entrance £1. For full details of all the 2023 the Plants Hunters Fairs nationwide go to [www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk](http://www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk).

## Six Acres Nurseries

Following Dave Stockdale's talk to us in April, Quorn Garden Club members can benefit from a generous 10% discount on purchases at Six Acres Nurseries (Loughborough Road, Costock, LE12 6XB).

Ann Brown, Chairman

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