

AGS news

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society

Book now for our autumn Conference

The AGS Conference on November 8 and 9 will offer a programme of first-rate speakers to build on the success of last year's event.

The Conference, entitled The Cutting Edge, will follow the Society's annual general meeting at the four-star Stratford Manor Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

Speakers will include plant explorer and nurseryman Tom Mitchell of Evolution Plants, and the curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden, Chris Bailes, who will give a talk on orchids and their cultivation.

They will be joined by the well-known alpine plantsman from the

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Plant explorer and nurseryman Tom Mitchell of Evolution Plants will speak at the AGS Conference

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 Overseas family US\$60 £36
 * £2 deduction for direct debit subscribers

For details of life membership apply to the AGS Centre.

**AGS CENTRE
 AUGUST BANK
 HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

The AGS Centre will close at 5pm on Friday, August 22, and will not reopen until 9am on Wednesday, August 27.

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Send items for the September 2014 issue of AGS News to Jackie Cooper at the address above or email jackie@alpinegardensociety.net. The deadline is July 31, 2014.

NOTICEBOARD

AGS shows and plant sales



July 12: Summer Show Mid West
 September 20: Autumn Show North
 September 27: Autumn Show South
 October 4: Loughborough Autumn Show
 October 11: Newcastle Show

Details for each show are in the AGS Shows Handbook, on the AGS website and in the shows calendar that was included with the December 2013 issue of AGS News.

If you haven't entered one of our autumn shows before, why not have a go this year? There are seasonal classes for plants in cone, seed or fruit and plants showing autumn colour. You can also bring along any surplus plants to sell at our members' plant stalls.



Conference bookings now open

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Netherlands, Harry Jans, who will lecture on the flora of Peru, and the Alpines Supervisor from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, John Mitchell, whose subject will be the plants of Tajikistan.

Brian Burrow will present a practical workshop, and a detailed programme naming additional speakers will be published shortly.

Members can book either residential or day places at the Conference and can choose to attend on both days or just one day. Prices for residential delegates include accommodation, hot buffet lunches on both days and the Conference Dinner on Saturday, as well as coffee and tea during breaks. Day places include lunch and coffee and tea. The Conference Dinner will be followed by a plant auction.

The conference will start at 4pm on the Saturday, after the AGM and the E B Anderson Memorial Lecture by Martin Sheader, entitled 'Along the Andes with the AGS - from Patagonia to Peru'. This lecture is free to all AGS members.

The Stratford Manor Hotel is set in

A booking form for the AGS Conference is on the back page of this issue of AGS News. Alternatively, you may book on our website or by calling the AGS Centre on 01386 554790. Numbers are limited so please reserve your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Chloraea lechleri in Patagonia, the subject of the E B Anderson Memorial Lecture by Martin Sheader

21 acres of landscaped grounds and is located just five minutes from the M40. There is a spa offering a range of treatments plus a leisure club with swimming pool and gymnasium.

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR GALANTHOPHILES

AGS Snowdrop Day – BOOK NOW

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Admission is by advance ticket only

At the NFU headquarters, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire. Ample parking.

Tickets for lectures, plant sales and lunch:

AGS members £30, non-members £40

Tickets for plant sales only plus coffee:

AGS members £5, non-members £10.

Tickets can be obtained from the AGS Centre.

AGS members will be given priority booking.

Non-members may reserve tickets after October 31, 2014.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 8.30 Registration & plant sales
- 10.00 Welcome by David Haselgrove, AGS President
- 10.05 Growing a National Collection of Snowdrops – David and Margaret MacLennan
- 10.50 Coffee
- 11.15 The Northumberland Yellow Snowdrops – John Richards
- 12.00 Plant sales and lunch
- 13.30 Snowdrops in the Right Place! – Val Bourne
- 14.25 Galanthus: Aspects of Cultivation – Don Peace
- 15.15 Coffee and close at 16.00

NURSERIES ATTENDING WILL INCLUDE:

Monksilver, Avon Bulbs, Glen Chantry, Matt Bishop, Woodchippings

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 8, 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Alpine Garden Society will take place on **Saturday, November 8, 2014**, at the Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwick Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0PY.

(The hotel is situated close to Junction 15 of the M40 on the A46 to Stratford. At the first roundabout take the A439 to Stratford Town Centre. The hotel is one mile on the left).

Full details of the event and a map will appear in the next issue of AGS News.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers are eligible for reappointment and are prepared to continue to serve the AGS (see Note 1 below): President (Mr David Haselgrove), Director of Seed Distribution (Mrs Diane Clement), Website Director (Mr Jim McGregor), Treasurer (Professor John Galloway).

NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBERS

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

Two Trustees 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 November 9, 2013.
2. To receive the report of the Board of Trustees.
3. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's report and accounts.
4. To elect a President, Treasurer and Officers to serve for the ensuing year and to ratify the appointment of Mr Martin Rogerson as Director of Shows.
5. To elect two Trustees to serve for four years and one 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 August 1, 2014.

Notes on the 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 fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Mr Martin Rogerson as Director of Shows, it is necessary to appoint one Trustee to serve for three years.

AGS ANNUAL AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING AGS AWARDS

- ✂ **Lyttel Trophy** for meritorious work with alpinists.
- ✂ **The Sir William & Lady Lawrence Award** for an outstanding contribution to work with alpinists 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 and/or new plant introduction within a single genus or group of alpine plants.
- ✂ **Local Group Awards** to 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 2013.

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 contributors to The Alpine Gardener, Volume 81 (2013), for the following awards:

- ✂ **The Clarence Elliott Memorial Award** for the best article published in The Alpine Gardener in 2013 (Vol. 81).
- ✂ **The Lionel & Joyce Bacon Award** for the best practical alpine gardening article published in The Alpine Gardener in 2013 (Vol. 81).
- ✂ **The Christopher Grey-Wilson Award** to recognise photographic excellence in The Alpine Gardener in 2013 (Vol. 81) 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 July 31, 2014.

AGS TRAVEL AWARDS AND GRANTS

Applications for 2015

The Alpine Garden Society considers applications for AGS Travel Awards annually. Applications for these awards must be received by January 31, 2015, 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.

HENDRY FUND GRANTS

In addition, grants for specific alpine-related projects are available financed by the E. F. Hendry Fund.

Application forms and further details for Travel Awards and Hendry Fund grants are available from: Jackie Cooper, c/o AGS Centre, or email: jackie@alpinegardensociety.net

Successful applicants in 2014 are:

- Kit Strange: John McWhirter Travel Award (£500) to help fund a botanical study trip organised with RBG Edinburgh to Tajikistan
- Darren Minney: £1,000 towards the cost of a botanical study trip to Sikkim (AGS Award).
- Hassan Rankou: £1,000 to help fund a botanical study trip to the High Atlas Mountains, Morocco (AGS Award).
- Alan Elliott: £750 towards the cost of a botanical study trip to Nepal (AGS Award).
- Caroline Stone (joint application with John David and Andrew Lanoe): £750 towards the cost of a study expedition to South Africa to examine *Nerine bowdenii* populations in the wild (Hendry Award).
- Dr Anna Trias-Blasi: £1,000 to assist with the completion of a project on the genetic analysis of *Narcissus triandrus* (Hendry Award).
- AGS Bristol Group: £300 to assist with the costs of speakers at a one-day conference (Hendry Award).
- AGS West Yorkshire Group: £300 to assist with the costs of speakers at a one-day conference (Hendry Award).

NOTICEBOARD

Take part in the AGS Online Show

The 2014 AGS Online Show is a great opportunity for members who can't normally get to shows – particularly those who live outside the UK and Ireland – to let us all see their plants and gardens. There are 99 classes to enter, ranging from alpine beds in a garden setting to orchids and cut flowers. To enter, visit the AGS website and follow the link for 'Shows & Plant Fairs' and then 'Online Show', where you can also view the online shows of the past eight years. Good luck!



Linum cariense photographed by Eberhard Proessdorf and placed first in 2013 in the class for 'A rock plant not covered by any of the specialised classes'



Calceolaria uniflora photographed by Kirsten Andersen and placed first in 2013 in the class for 'Any rock plant in flower in a garden setting'

AGS West Sussex Group

Alpines Across the Pacific

A one-day conference on September 6, 2014, at North Mundham Village Hall, School Lane, North Mundham, Chichester, West Sussex PO20 1LA, from 10am to 4.30pm.

Lectures by
David Haselgrove, Tim Lever, Martin Sheader and Joseph Atkin

The cost is £20 (optional lunch £5).

For further information and bookings contact **Diann Berry** on **01243 786254** or email **diannberry@btopenworld.com**

AGS Bristol Group

Inspiring Alpines

A one-day conference on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at The Red Maids' School, Westbury Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3AW from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Lectures by **David Haselgrove, Professor John Good, Martin Sheader and Kevin Hughes**

The cost is £17 including teas and coffees. An optional hot lunch will be available for £10.

For further information and bookings contact **Sheila Ashby** on **01275 851254** or e-mail: **ian_sheila@hotmail.co.uk**

(Previous delegates will be sent an application form)

AGS West Yorkshire Group Conference

Cool and Beautiful

October 18, 2014, at Askham Bryan Agricultural College, York YO23 3FR. 9am start.

Speakers: **Harry Jans, Ger van den Beuken, Christopher Grey-Wilson and Robert Unwin**

Nurseries: **Pottertons, Aberconwy, Ger van den Beuken**

Tickets £25 (including tea and coffee). Hot meal bookable in advance.

Contact **Liz Barber**: **elizabethbarber2@gmail.com**

Subscription rates for 2015

The Alpine Garden Society, like every other organisation, is not immune from rising costs. Despite cutting expenditure, including reducing staff at the AGS Centre, the Society has continued to run at a deficit. Postal costs have risen considerably, affecting the mailing of our journal.

The Society does hold healthy reserves, but these are to ensure the fulfilment of our charitable objectives and to enhance the benefits of membership in the longer term. The reserves should not be used to subsidise current membership subscriptions.

In the light of these factors, the Society's Trustee Board has decided to increase subscription rates by £1 on all bands with effect from 2015.

The new rates are as follows:

		Reduced rate for payment by Direct Debit
Home Single	£32	£30
Home Double	£36	£34
Overseas Single	£34	£32*
Overseas Double	£37	£35*
Student/Junior	£14	

**These rates are applicable only to overseas members who hold a sterling bank account and pay by direct debit.*

We would urge all UK members to pay by Direct Debit, since this cuts out the cost of processing cheques and reduces the time spent on dealing with postal/telephone renewals every year.

The Society will continue to scrutinise carefully all items of expenditure, and is always looking for ways to improve the benefits and services offered to members to make our organisation even more attractive.

SPECIAL OFFER

ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY BULLETINS

10 AGS Bulletins (pre 2010 issues) for £16 (post free).
One Special Offer per member.

Order from: AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, Worcestershire WR10 3JP.

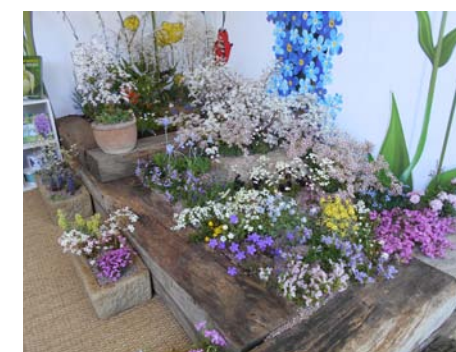
Cheques should be made payable to 'Alpine Garden Society', or give a credit/debit card number with expiry date MM/YY and three-digit security code. If using a debit card please add the issue number (if on card) and start date.



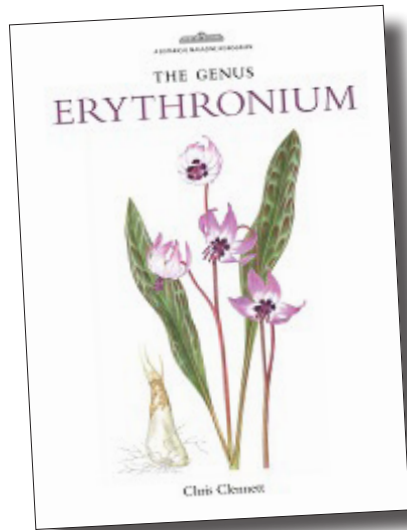
The Alpine Garden Society staged a successful promotional stand at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. As well as recruiting new members and spreading interest in alpines, we sold books, seed and merchandise including a range of designs by botanical artist Heather Raeburn.

The stand featured a raised bed planted by Kit Grey-Wilson and Ray Drew. An artistic backdrop of plant drawings by Allister George included red poppies to tie in with the centenary of the start of the First World War, a theme picked up by other exhibits at Chelsea. The AGS was given a three-star trade stand award by the RHS.

Award for AGS promotional stand at Chelsea



NEW BOOKS



SAVE 23%

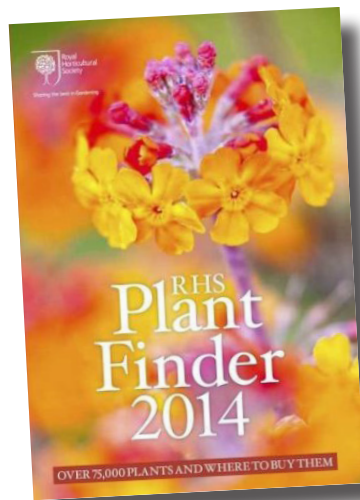
The Genus Erythronium
by Chris Clennett

Erythroniums, a genus of 29 species of bulbous perennials, are among the most striking spring-flowering woodland plants with their slender pendent flowers and mottled arum-like leaves. This, the first dedicated monograph on Erythronium, is an authoritative book for gardeners, growers and breeders and gathers together the latest research.

Cover price **£52**

AGS price **£40**

[Order code 880]



SAVE 22%

RHS Plant Finder 2014

This new 960-page edition of the RHS Plant Finder is the essential reference book for sourcing the plants you want for your garden. It includes information from 578 nurseries and more than 70,000 plant entries, of which 3,500 are new. It is easy to use with nursery contact details, maps, websites and mail order information. It also serves as an authoritative guide to plant names.

Cover price **£15.99**

AGS price **£12.50**

[Order code 872]

TO ORDER USE THE FORM ON PAGE 18 OR VISIT THE AGS BOOK SHOP AT WWW.ALPINEGARDENSOCIETY.NET

Order code	Title and author	Members' price
GENERAL ALPINE TITLES		
032	Alpine Gardening for Beginners by John Good	£6.50
772	Alpines from Mountain to Garden by Richard Wilford	£23.20
028	Alpine Plants: Ecology for Gardeners by John Good & David Millward	£12.00
292	Alpines: An Essential Guide by Michael Mitchell	£15.00
024	Alpines in Pots (New Edition) by Kath Dryden	£4.00
026	Crevice Gardening by Zdenek Zvolanek	£5.50
857	Growing Alpines in Containers by John Good	£5.00
033	Portraits of Alpine Plants by Robert Rolfe **LOW PRICE**	£15.00
453	The Himalayan Garden by Jim Jermyn	£20.00
729	The Rock Garden Plant Primer by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£16.00
SPECIFIC GENERA		
019	Androsace: The Genus by G.F.Smith & D.B. Lowe **LAST FEW COPIES**	£8.00
694	Bleeding Hearts, Corydalis & Their Relatives by Mark C Tebbitt et al	£20.00
277	Dwarf Campanulas by Graham Nicholls	£12.00
643	Clematis (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Mary Toomey	£12.00
374	Epimedium: The Genus by William T Stearn	£36.50
271	Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide by C. Colston Burrell and J. Knott Tyler	£20.00
248	Heucheras & Heucherellas by Dan Heims & Grahame Ware	£16.00
288	Hostas (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Diana Grenfell & Michael Shadrack	£12.00
778	The Book of Little Hostas by Kathy Guest Shadrack & Michael Shadrack	£14.50
283	Peony Rockii and Gansu Mudan by Will McLewin and Dezhong Chen	£25.00
799	Phlox: A Natural History and Gardener's Guide by James H Locklear	£28.00
669	The Daylily: A Guide for Gardeners by John Peat and Ted Petit	£18.00
282	The Genus Roscoea by Jill Cowley	£33.50
700	Saxifrages: A Definitive Guide by Malcolm McGregor	£28.00
021	Silver Saxifrages by Beryl Bland **LOW PRICE**	£3.00
766	Thyme Handbook by Margaret Easter and Susie White	£8.00
BULBOUS PLANTS		
860	A Gardener's Guide to Bulbs by Christine Skelmersdale	£20.00
866	A Gardener's Guide to Snowdrops by Freda Cox	£28.00
599	Autumn Bulbs by Rod Leeds	£8.00

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027	Bulbous Plants of Turkey and Iran by Peter Sheasby	£25.00
034	Bulbs of Greece (A Field Guide to the) by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£20.00
280	Buried Treasures by Janis Ruksans	£24.00
653	Calochortus: Mariposa Lilies & their Relatives **LOW PRICE**	£5.00
798	Crocuses: A Complete Guide to the Genus by Janis Ruksans	£24.00
268	Cyclamen by Christopher Grey-Wilson (booklet) **LOW PRICE**	£2.50
864	Daffodil by Noel Kingsbury	£14.50
852	Genus Cyclamen edited by Brian Mathew	£72.00
	Special postage rates: UK £13.50; EU £16; rest of the world £19 (airmail £31)	
795	Galanthomania by Hanneke van Dijk	£23.00
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	£5.00
880	The Genus Erythronium by Chris Clennett **NEW TITLE**	£40.00
861	The Genus Lachenalia by Graham Duncan	£96.00
860	Growing Garden Bulbs by Richard Wilford	£5.50
608	Pocket Guide to Bulbs by John E Bryan	£12.00
848	Snowdrops by Gunter Waldorf	£12.00
246	Snowdrops Booklet by Jackie Murray (second edition, 2011)	£3.50
859	The Genus Tulipa by Diana Everett **NEW TITLE**	£54.50
266	Tulips (Species & Hybrids for the Gardener) by Richard Wilford	£10.00
868	Wild Flowers of Turkey: Bulbous Plants by Yasemin Konuralp	£25.00
	ORCHIDS	
265	Growing Hardy Orchids by John Tullock	£16.00
804	Growing Hardy Orchids by Philip Seaton et al	£10.00
846	Hardy Cypripedium by Werner Frosch and Phillip Cribb	£36.00
698	Ophrys: The Bee Orchids of Europe by H Aerenlund Pedersen & N Faurholdt	£27.00
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
349	The Genus Cypripedium by Phillip Cribb	£58.50
	SUCCULENTS AND CACTI	
741	Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates by Leo J Chance	£20.00

Order code	Title and author	Members' price
749	Succulent Container Gardens by Debra Lee Baldwin	£16.00
264	Timber Press Guide to Succulent Plants of the World by Fred Dortort	£28.00
	PERENNIALS	
588	Ornamental Grasses (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Rick Darke	£12.00
589	Shade Perennials (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by W George Schmid	£12.00
725	Tall Perennials by Roger Turner'	£20.00
261	The Explorer's Garden: Rare and Unusual Perennials by Daniel Hinkley	£12.00
	TREES & SHRUBS	
840	A Natural History of Conifers by Aljos Farjon	£24.00
736	Best Hardy Shrubs (The Gossler Guide to the) by R, E & M Gossler	£20.00
775	Conifers (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Richard L. Bitner	£12.00
652	Conifers for Gardens by Richard L Bitner	£32.00
621	Dirr's Encyclopedia Of Trees & Shrubs by Michael A Dirr	£40.00
746	Hardy Heathers from the Northern Hemisphere by E Charles Nelson	£48.00
755	Japanese Maples by JD Vertrees & Peter Gregory	£28.00
660	Japanese Maples (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by P Gregory & J C Vertrem	£12.00
732	New Trees (Recent Introductions to Cultivation) by J Grimshaw & R Bayton	£88.00
	Special postage rates: UK £13.50; EU £16; rest of the world £19 (airmail £31)	
761	Palms (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Robert Lee Riffle	£12.00
751	Planting and Maintaining a Tree Collection by Simon Toomer	£16.00
316	Shrubs: A Gardener's Handbook by Ian Cooke	£8.00
267	The Genus Sorbus (Mountain Ash & other Rowans) by Hugh McAllister	£30.00
735	The Pruning of Trees, Shrubs and Conifers by George Brown	£12.00
250	Timber Press Encyclopedia of Flowering Shrubs by Jim Gardiner	£28.00
286	Viburnums by Michael A Dirr	£20.00
	FLORAS AND FIELD GUIDES	
278	Alpine & Sub-Alpine Flora of Mount Jaya (A Guide to the) by R J Johns et al	£75.00
680	Endemic Plants of the Altai Mountain Country by A I Pyak et al	£25.00
245	Flowers of Crete by John Fielding and Nicholas Turland	£56.00
733	Flowers of Greece (set of 2 with DVD) by T Lafranchis & G Sfikas	£95.00
867	Flowers of the Patagonian Mountains by Martin Sheader **NEW TITLE**	£32.00
808	Flowers of Western China by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£56.00

Order code	Title and author	Members' price
873	Harrap's Wild Flowers by Simon Harrap **NEW TITLE**	£13.50
101	In the Footsteps of Augustine Henry by Seamus O'Brien	£32.00
569	Mountain Flowers: The Dolomites by Cliff Booker & David Charlton	£7.00
809	Mountain Flower Walks: Eastern Alps Incl. The Dolomites by Jim Jermyn	£10.00
031	Mountain Flower Walks: Greek Mainland by John Richards **LOW PRICE**	£10.00
869	Mountain Flower Walks: Pyrenees and Picos de Europa by M and H Taylor	£17.50
454	Frank Kingdon Ward's Riddle of the Tsangpo Gorges	£28.00
871	Patagonian Mountain Flower Holidays by Hilary Little **NEW TITLE**	£24.00
737	Picos de Europa (car tours and 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
874	Wild Flowers of the Algarve by C. Thorogood and S. Hiscock **NEW TITLE**	£28.00
GARDEN DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION		
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303	Colour in the Garden by Val Bourne	£15.00
565	Designing and Planting Borders by Roger Harvey	£10.00
103	Designing Small Gardens by Ian Cooke	£8.00
807	Designing With Conifers by Richard L. Bitner	£16.00
838	Rock Landscapes: The Pulham Legacy by Claude Hitching	£28.00
854	Planting: A New Perspective by Piet Oudolf & Noel Kingsbury	£24.00
PHOTOGRAPHY		
631	Digital Photography (A-Z of Creative) by Lee Frost	£12.00
704	Macro Photography for Gardeners and Nature Lovers by Alan L Detrick	£15.00
OTHER TITLES		
774	Bees, Wasps and Ants (The Indispensable Role of Hymenoptera in Gardens)	£15.00
272	Complete Guide to Saving Seed by Robert Gough	£13.50
773	Container Plants (The Encyclopaedia of) by Ray Rogers & Rob Cardillo	£20.00
336	Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns by Sue Olsen	£32.00
855	Encyclopedia of Exotic Plants by Will Giles	£28.00
610	Gardening with Woodland Plants by Karan Junker	£24.00

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629	Ground Covers (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by David S Mackenzie	£12.00
257	Hardy Bamboos (Taming the Dragon) by Paul Whittaker	£20.00
340	Joseph Hooker: Botanical Trailblazer by Pat Grigg & Jim Endersby	£8.00
849	Marianne North: A Very Intrepid Painter by Michelle Payne	£9.50
559	Native Plants of Britain & Ireland by Rosemary Fitzgerald	£12.00
	Ornamental Bamboos by David Crompton	£20.00
703	Plant Form (Illustrated Guide to Flowering Plant Morphology) by Adrian Bell	£28.00
510	Planting the Dry Shade Garden by Graham Rice	£12.00
777	Practical Bamboos by Paul Whittaker	£12.00
872	RHS Plantfinder 2014 **NEW TITLE**	£12.50
863	Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker by Ray Desmond	£23.50
850	The American Woodland Garden by Rick Darke	£28.00
247	The Jade Garden by Peter Wharton, Brent Hine & Douglas Justice	£20.00
841	The A to Z of Plant Names by Allen J Coombes	£10.50
844	The Kew Plant Glossary: An illustrated dictionary of plant identification terms	£15.00
856	The Wild Garden by William Robinson and Rick Darke	£16.00
517	Timber Press Dictionary of Plant Names	£20.00
754	Uncommon Climbers for Every Garden by Allan M. Armitage	£10.00
806	Waterlilies and Lotus by Percy D. Slocum	£20.00
515	Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens by L Springer Ogden & S Ogden	£13.50
222	Wildflower Wonders of the World by Bob Gibbons	£15.00

SEED ENVELOPES FOR SALE

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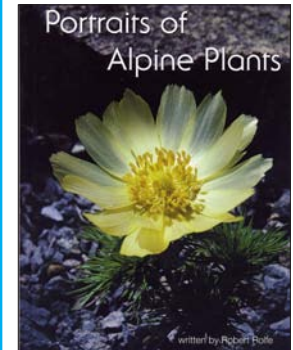
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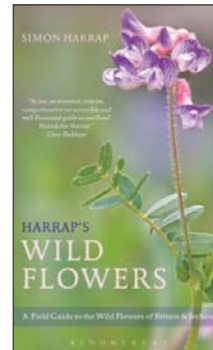
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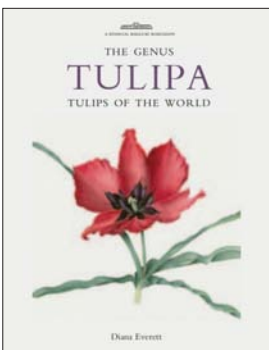


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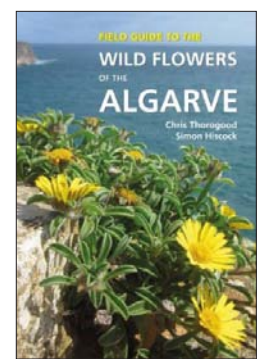
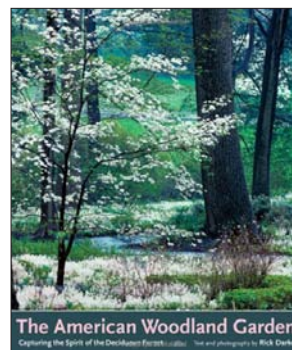


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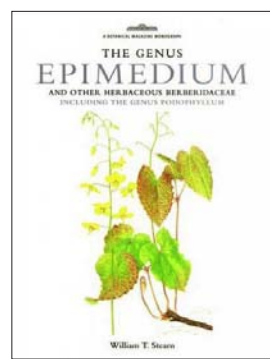
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A unique chance to go off the beaten track in New Zealand

Departs December 29, 2014 (19 days in New Zealand)

Leader: Mark Hanger

Cost: in the region of £4,700 (single room supplement applies). Optional four-day extension to Stewart Island and Dunedin.

This tour offers the chance to visit some of New Zealand's most spectacular habitats with expert naturalist guides.

It represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for travellers because the guides will take you to areas where public access is normally restricted.

The tour is on the South Island, where the mountains themselves are magnificent, but you will also enjoy exploring beach forests, coastline and beautiful lakes. There's even the

opportunity to take to the ocean to see sperm whales and albatrosses.

The native flora of New Zealand is rich and unique, having evolved in isolation for millions of years. No fewer than 80 per cent of New Zealand's native plants and trees are endemic. Although few have showy flowers, the variety of foliage colour, texture and shape is remarkable.

Areas visited on the tour will include Mount Arthur, the beautiful lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa, Blackbirch, the Clarence Valley with its abundance of gentians, Mount St Patrick, Mount Hutt, Peel Forest Park, Mount Cook National Park and its spectacular Hooker Valley, the Hollyford Valley and the Gertrude Cirque, which has arguably one of the finest accessible communities of alpine plants in the Southern Hemisphere.

You will be delighted by species

of *Ranunculus*, *Celmisia*, *Aciphylla*, *Raoulia*, *Donatia*, *Ourisia*, *Swainsona* and many more.

The tour price includes the services of a tour naturalist, all tour travel departing Nelson and terminating in Invercargill, accommodation in comfortable hotels and motels with private facilities at all locations, three meals daily, with the exception of evening meal in Hanmer Springs and lunch and evening meal in Wanaka on the second night, inter-island ferry, permit fees where applicable, an information portfolio including species lists for each area visited, and goods and services tax.

There are several optional extras on this tour, such as a sightseeing flight over the mountains and a three-hour marine trip in the hope of seeing sperm whales.

There is also the option of a four-day extension based at Oban on Stewart Island, a wildlife paradise off the southern tip of the South Island. This will include walks in forests that abound with mosses and ferns, an excursion to seek out the Stewart Island brown kiwi and, on your return to the mainland at Invercargill, a cruise around Taiaroa Head, the only mainland breeding site of the northern royal albatross, an unforgettable sight with its 3m wingspan.

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

Destinations for AGS tours in 2015 will include Greece, the Picos de Europa, Patagonia and possibly Bhutan or Nepal. Further details will be published in the September issue of AGS News.

AUTUMN IN THE PONTICS

September 11-22, 2014
(approximate dates)

Leaders: Bob & Rannveig Wallis

Cost: In the region of £2,350 per person including London flights. Single supplement £300.

This ten-day tour to see the autumn flora of north-east Turkey starts and ends in Trabzon. The north side of the Pontic mountains are clothed in wonderful mixed forest, which is supported by the high rainfall in this area. The ridge is an area of grazed moorland with short grass and lots of alpine and bulbs, whereas the south side is much drier. The flora has characters of both the Caucasus and of the Anatolian plateau.

We will team up once more with our excellent guide, Alper Ertubey of Hike 'n' Sail, to take in all the best areas of these wonderful mountains. The tour is timed to see three very local *Crocus* in flower. It will start with the Zigana Pass which should be studded with *Crocus vallicola* and *Colchicum speciosum* at this time. There are rivulets of yellow *Crocus scharojanii* on the Soğanlı Pass where it hybridises with the very abundant *C. vallicola* to produce all intergrades from the yellow, through Cornish cream to white. As we progress eastwards, the huge Ovitdagi Pass provides sheets of all three crocuses (the third is *C. kotschyanus* subsp. *suworowianus*) and their hybrids in the meadows. They grow here with nice



Crocus kotschyanus
subsp. *suworowianus*

stands of *Gentiana gelida*. Our tour will take in the beautiful Kavron Yayla above Ayder where we can walk around the valley below the 4,000m Kaçkar Dag and/or back down to Ayder through carpets of white *Crocus* and take in the fabulous autumn colour of the trees. At the World Biosphere reserve of Çamili we hope to see *Crocus* and *Colchicum* as well as the late woodland flora of *Gentiana asclepiadea* and *Campanula lactiflora*. The mountain above the hill town of Artvin is the home of colonies of *Colchicum umbrosum* and *Gentiana septemfida*. We will cross the high Çam Pass to see the meadow flora and, once again, fabulous colonies of *Crocus kotschyanus* subsp. *suworowianus*.

The tour is limited to 18 participants and we will travel by small coach with minibuses for the rougher roads. Accommodation will be three-star or in the best available pensions.

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NORTH-WEST INDIA

June 26-July 9 (13), 2014

Leaders: Chris Gardner & Başak Gardner

Cost: £3,795 (£695 for the extension)

The Indian State of Himachal Pradesh, which rubs shoulders with the fabled flower-rich valleys of Kashmir and mysterious arid lands of Ladakh, contains a diverse selection of flora within a leech-free slice of the high Himalaya. It is replete with its own spectacular peaks topping 6,000m, including the 6,220m Indrasan, which rears up close to the bustling hill station of Manali.

Here there are slopes that host the elegant emerald spathes of *Arisaema jacquemontii*, the lovely *Roscoea alpina*, and higher passes thronging with alpine now the snows have finally receded.

This tour will follow a circuit north via the Rohtang Pass, where we'll find the ravishing purple *Primula macrophylla* var. *moorcroftiana*, *Iris kemaonensis*, and tall *Fritillaria roylei*, while above Marhi are ledges festooned with sweet-scented *Primula reidii*, dwarf *Primula reptans*, choice and delicate *Paraquilegia anemonoides*, shimmering blue *Meconopsis aculeata* and the amazing woolly 'balls' of *Saussurea gossypiphora*, surely one of the finest high alpine.

Close to Ladakh the 5,100m Bara-lacha La has stands of *Aquilegia fragrans* and rocky stream-sides with *Geranium regelii* and the lovely, woolly-leaved *Waldheimia tomentosa*. Nearby superb high passes have *Lilium oxypetalum*, gorgeous blue-flowered *Geranium wallichianum*,



Meconopsis aculeata and, below, *Saussurea gossypiphora* and *Androsace delavayi*



Cortusa brotheri and tall, golden-yellow *Pedicularis bicornuta*.

A tour extension will take a short trek onto the Nalgan Pass in search of the beautiful *Corydalis meifolia* var. *violacea*, *Saussurea simpsoniana*, *Primula stuartii* and many other choice high alpine.

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