

AGS news

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society

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AGS Photographic Competition

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Part of the AGS exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show

AGS wins Gold at Chelsea

The Alpine Garden Society is delighted to report that its exhibit at last month's Chelsea Flower Show was awarded a Gold Medal.

The garden, designed by Christopher Grey-Wilson, had the theme 'Out of the Woods' and was sponsored and constructed by Freshscapes and Tailor Made Gardens.

The exhibit was designed to show the great range and versatility of alpine

plants. From woodland glades to bogs and rocky areas, visitors were taken from the wild onto a modern garden terrace featuring alpine plants in troughs and other containers.

The AGS is grateful to all those who contributed to the construction, planting and staffing of the exhibit during the show. A full report will appear in the September issue of *The Alpine Gardener*.

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AGS CENTRE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The AGS Centre will close at
5pm on Friday, August 26,
and will not reopen until
Wednesday, August 31. The
AGS garden is open every day.

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Send items for the September 2016
issue of AGS News to Jackie Cooper
at the address above or email
jackie@alpinegardensociety.net.
The deadline is July 31, 2016.

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AGS shows and plant sales



July 2: Pershore Show

October 1: Loughborough Autumn Show

October 8: Newcastle Show

October 15: Harlow Carr Show

October 22: Kent Autumn Show

Full 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 2015
issue of The Alpine Gardener.

Where to buy 19cm clay pots

Some AGS exhibitors have been
having difficulty sourcing 19cm clay
pots to conform with the smaller pan
classes. Yorkshire Flower Pots (www.yorkshireflowerpots.co.uk) supplies
them and lists stockists on its website.
They can often be found for sale in
Wyevale garden centres.

The theme of this year's AGS
annual conference is 'Gardening
with Alpines'. It will feature a line-up
of speakers who have a wealth of
expertise and experience of growing
alpines in the open garden.

The conference, which will follow the
Society's annual general meeting, will
be held on the weekend of November
12 and 13 at the four-star Holiday Inn,
Stratford-upon-Avon.

Don't miss this opportunity to tap
into a profusion of practical advice and
useful information. The speakers will
include:

- John Mitchell, Alpine Supervisor at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.
- Former nurseryman, accomplished plantsman and last year's Lyttel Trophy winner, Brian Burrow.
- John Richards, the AGS online gardening diarist from Northumberland.
- Mike Kintgen from Denver Botanic Gardens in Colorado.
- A rare opportunity to hear Steve Furness from Derbyshire, a nurseryman and superb alpine gardener.

Conference places, including lunch,
can be booked from as little as £50 for
one day.

A highlight of the weekend will be
the conference dinner on the Saturday
evening, which will be followed by an
auction of superb plants.

Gardens are the focus of conference



Conference speaker John Mitchell from
the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

The Holiday Inn at Stratford-upon-
Avon offers a high standard of
accommodation and dining and is
ideally placed in the centre of this
Shakespearean town. Why not combine
the conference with an extended stay in
the area to take in some of its historical
attractions?

BOOK NOW!

Use the booking form on the back page.

Book on the AGS website.

Or call the AGS Centre on 01386 554790.

AGS ANNUAL AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING AGS AWARDS

- ✂ **Lyttel Trophy** for meritorious work with alpiners.
- ✂ **The Sir William & Lady Lawrence Award** for an outstanding contribution to work with alpiners 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 2015.

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 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 83 (2015), for the following awards:

- ✂ **The Clarence Elliott Memorial Award** for the best article published in The Alpine Gardener in 2015 (Volume 83).
- ✂ **The Lionel & Joyce Bacon Award** for the best practical alpine gardening article published in The Alpine Gardener in 2015 (Volume 83).
- ✂ **The Christopher Grey-Wilson Award** to recognise photographic excellence in The Alpine Gardener in 2015 (Volume 83) 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, 2016.

Subscription rates frozen for 2017

The Alpine Garden Society Board of Trustees has decided not to increase subscription rates for 2017. The AGS carefully monitors expenditure and makes savings wherever possible. All UK members are urged to pay by Direct Debit, since this cuts out the cost of processing cheques and reduces time spent dealing with postal/telephone renewals.

NEW VENUE!

AGS Autumn Bulb Day

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Admission is by advance ticket only

At the Holiday Inn, Bridgefoot, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR

Tickets for lectures, plant sales, tea and coffee:

AGS members £25, non-members £35

An optional lunch is available for £10, bookable in advance

Tickets can be obtained from the AGS Centre

SPEAKERS

Paul Cumbleton: Winter Growing Bulbs from South Africa

Christopher Grey-Wilson: Bulbous Encounters

Johnny Walkers of Walkers Bulbs, Spalding: Every show has a story

Simon Wallis: The Waterlily Tulip and its Cousins



DEMAND FOR THIS EVENT IS LIKELY TO BE HIGH AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, SO BOOK NOW TO BE SURE OF YOUR PLACE

News from the AGS Trustee Board

To improve links between the AGS and its many local groups the Board decided to appoint a number of 'local group co-ordinators' to liaise on a regional basis with groups and help to feed information and ideas between groups and the parent Society. The local group consultation process is still ongoing but unfortunately a large number of groups have failed to respond to requests for information. This has held up the process.

The Board considered potential future books to be published by the Society. The recent success of the book *Bulbs of the Eastern Mediterranean* by Oron Peri was noted. The Society hopes to publish more books of this nature.

The Board has established a small working group to concentrate on publicity and development of the website. An updated list of speakers is being produced and will be made available on the website in a public area.

Plans are being formalised to facilitate the updating and expansion of the AGS online Plant Encyclopaedia. This is seen as fulfilling an important part of our charitable objectives by making information widely available to both members and the public.

The programme of tours offered by the Society was discussed and future tours approved.

Discussions surrounding the Nagoya Protocol were reported on and the AGS is participating fully in joint consultations with other societies and the RHS. A statement appears in the Seed Donor Form that is circulated with this newsletter.

AGS Epping Forest Group

Kath Dryden VMH Memorial Conference

Saturday, September 3, 2016, 8.30am-4.30pm,
at Theydon Bois Village Hall, Essex CM16 7ER

£25 including lunch and tea/coffee

Julian Sutton: Growing southern hemisphere bulbs in the UK

Tony Hall: Juno irises - results of our latest research

Kaj Andersen: the biggest crevice garden in Northern Europe

John Fielding: Crete

To book contact Kit Strange: 07944 806876, k.strange@kew.org

AGS Snowdrop Day BOOK NOW

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Admission is by advance ticket only

At Ford Hall, Lilleshall National Conferencing Centre, Newport,
Shropshire TF10 9AT. Ample parking.

Tickets for lectures, plant sales, tea and coffee, two-course lunch:

AGS members £35, non-members £45

Tickets can be obtained from the AGS Centre.

Tickets restricted to AGS members until October 31, 2016.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 8.45 Registration, plant sales & coffee
- 10.30 Welcome by David Haselgrove, AGS President
- 10.35 John Grimshaw (title of lecture to be confirmed)
- 11.30 Autumn Snowdrops – Joe Sharman
- 12.30 Plant sales and lunch
- 14.00 Snowdrops in the Wild – Vojtěch Holubec
- 14.55 Snowdrop question & answer session with the panel of speakers
- 16.00 Close of session and coffee
- 16.30 Event closes

AGS Wirral and West Cheshire Group

Alpines for All

Sunday, June 19, 2016, 10am-3pm, at Thornton Hough Village
Hall, Thornton Hough, Wirral CH63 1JB

Free admission and ample parking.

A taster for all who would like to know more about mountain plants
and how to grow them.

Alpine nurseries, workshops, demonstrations, refreshments.

For further information please call 0151 336 3407

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 12, 2016

The Annual General Meeting of the Alpine Garden Society will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Holiday Inn, Bridgefoot, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR.

The hotel is situated in the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon. There is plenty of parking at the venue. Full details of the event 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 7, 2015.
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.
5. To elect two Trustees to serve for four 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, 2016.

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 re-election.

(2) In accordance with rule 7.1.4, two Trustees retire annually and are not eligible for re-election for one year.

£600 in cash prizes to be won in the AGS Photographic Competition

The AGS Photographic Competition has been expanded and improved for 2016, with three more classes, increased prize money and, for the first time, prize points towards AGS Medals for the winners.

There are cash prizes in each class of £40 for first place, £20 for second and £10 for third. The overall winner will receive a bonus prize of £40.

In addition, the winner of each class will be awarded five points towards AGS Medals. Two first places (ten points) will qualify for a Bronze Medal, five first places (25 points) for a Silver Medal and ten first places (50 points) for a Gold Medal.

The deadline for entries is December 1, 2016. Only digital images can be entered (we regret we can no longer accept transparencies or prints). The eight classes are as follows:

- 1 An alpine plant in its natural habitat with both plant(s) and landscape featured.
- 2 A portrait of an alpine plant in its natural habitat, featuring the entire plant as the main subject.
- 3 A close-up or detail of an alpine plant in its natural habitat, perhaps concentrating on a flower, foliage or seed head.
- 4 An alpine plant in cultivation in a garden setting. It can be in your garden or a garden you have visited.
- 5 An alpine garden or part of a garden showing features used to grow alpine plants such as troughs, raised beds,



crevice gardens, pots, screens, alpine houses and so on.

- 6 Alpine fauna in the wild, either in the landscape or in association with plants. Insects have been popular subjects in the past, as have birds and mammals.
- 7 An alpine landscape not necessarily showing specific plants but concentrating on the scenic beauty and/or geology of the setting.
- 8 A quirky, amusing or unusual image featuring alpine plants. Digital manipulation is allowed in this class. In fact anything goes!

All entries must be previously unpublished photographs. The complete rules and details of how to enter can be seen on the AGS website by clicking on the 'Images' button and then 'Photographic Competition'.

All members, whether in the UK or elsewhere, are encouraged to enter at least one image in this year's competition.

NOTICEBOARD

**AGS TRAVEL AWARDS AND GRANTS
Applications for 2017**

The Alpine Garden Society considers applications for AGS Travel Awards annually. Applications for these awards must be received by January 31, 2017, 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 2016 are:

- Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh: £5,000 towards the cost of a replacement alpine house as well as an extension and refurbishment of the surrounding trough area (Hendry award).
- Solene Dequiret: £800 to study Calochortus in California (Hendry award).
- Charlotte Reynolds: £1,000 towards the cost of a study trip to Wyoming and attendance at North American Rock Garden Society Conference (Hendry award).
- Kevin Ball (Inverewe Garden, Wester Ross): £2,000 towards the cost of a trip to study the flora of Western Australia (AGS John McWhirter Award).
- Pin Dix: £889 to study the native flora of Canada (AGS award).
- Michael Mauser: 1,000 euros towards the cost of a trip to Iran to study Dionysia (AGS award).

AGS Bristol Group Annual Conference

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 10am-4.15pm, at Newman Hall,
Grange Court Road, Westbury-onTrym, Bristol BS9 4DR

£18 per person. Hot lunch available for £12.

Penstemon species in the wild and cultivation – Graham Nicholls

Japan: plants and people – Trevor Wiltshire

Alpines in a changing world – John Good

Booking essential

Contact Sheila Ashby – 01275 851254, ian_sheila@hotmail.co.uk

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by Christopher Whitehouse**

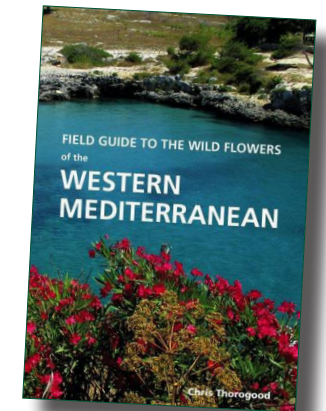
An RHS horticultural monograph of all 70 species and more than 160 cultivars of red-hot poker. Includes botanical descriptions, identification advice and spectacular photographs in their wild habitats. Tables of physical characteristics allow identification of species. There's information on size and flowering period and plants are grouped by flower colour.

Cover price £40 **AGS price £30** [Order code 916]

**Field Guide to the Wild Flowers of the
Western Mediterranean by Chris Thorogood**

A comprehensive and up-to-date plant identification guide to the western Mediterranean, remarkable for its outstanding biodiversity and boasting over 10,000 plant species. Both southern Europe and North Africa are covered, with over 2,500 plants listed, focusing on the most common and conspicuous species with descriptions, colour photographs and illustrations. A section on where to see wild flowers in the region is included.

Cover price £40 **AGS price £30** [Order code 917]



**RHS Plant Finder 2016:
special price £11.50**

The new edition of the plant buyer's bible, now in its 31st year. Use it to source a huge range of plants for the garden. Contains approximately 70,000 entries and 491 nurseries, nursery contact details, maps, websites, mail order information and a new section for AGM vegetables. The Plant Finder is an invaluable guide for every gardener.

Cover price £14.99

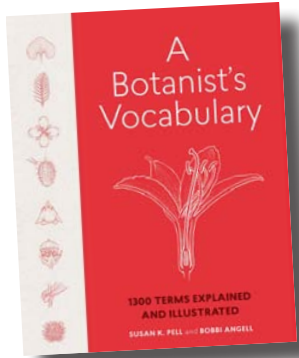
AGS price £11.50 [Order code 853]

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Order code	Title and author	Members' price
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599	Autumn Bulbs by Rod Leeds	£8.00
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864	Daffodil by Noel Kingsbury **LOW PRICE**	£9.00
852	Genus Cyclamen edited by Brian Mathew	£72.00
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317	Kirstenbosch Gardening Series – Grow Bulbs by Graham Duncan	£15.50
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880	The Genus Erythronium by Chris Clennett	£40.00
861	The Genus Lachenalia by Graham Duncan	£96.00
882	The Plant Lover's Guide to Snowdrops by Naomi Slade	£14.50
860	Growing Garden Bulbs by Richard Wilford	£5.50
859	The Genus Tulipa by Diana Everett	£54.50
266	Tulips (Species & Hybrids for the Gardener) by Richard Wilford **LOW PRICE**	£6.00
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868	Wild Flowers of Turkey: Bulbous Plants by Yasemin Konuralp	£25.00
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621	Dirr's Encyclopedia Of Trees & Shrubs by Michael A Dirr	£40.00
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908	RHS Encyclopedia of Conifers (2 vols.) by Aris G. Auders & Derek P. Spicer	£85.00
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809	 Mountain Flower Walks: Eastern Alps & Dolomites by Jim Jermyn	£5.00

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COMING SOON

A Botanist's Vocabulary by Susan K. Pell and Bobbi Angell

The technical terms used to describe plants can be daunting, but they are essential for accurate identification and communication. This comprehensive glossary, to be published in July, gives concise definitions of 1,300 terms enhanced by clear and accurate illustrations.

Cover price **£17.99** AGS price **£14.50**

Order code 918

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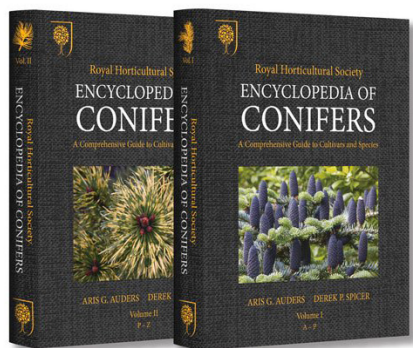
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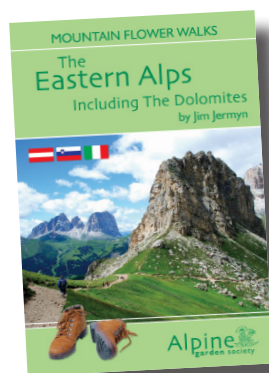
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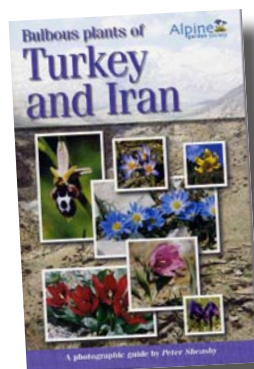
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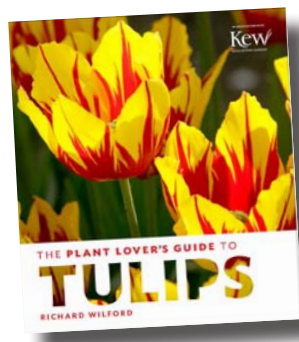


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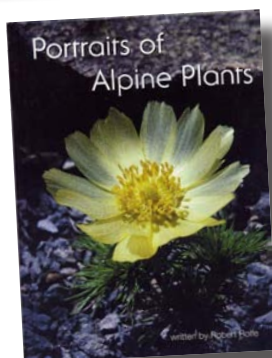


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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

September 4-23, 2016

Leader: Mark Hanger

Cost: **£3,800 including flights; single supplement £460**

Australia is a vast, ancient and ecologically diverse continent. Isolated for eons by desert and ocean, the state of Western Australia is home to one of the most diverse floras in the world with over 12,500 plant species.

Spring in Western Australia is the perfect time to study and enjoy this incredibly rich and spectacular flora and the unique wildlife. The national park at Kalbarri includes dramatic canyons, gorges and wildlife. Desert predominates inland, and luxuriant jarrah/karri (*Eucalyptus marginata* and *E. diversicolor*) forest, not to mention excellent vineyards, dot the deep south. To round it all off, the Western Australian coast is magical.

The leader of the programme is ecologist and botanist Mark Hanger from Nature Quest. Travel is by a comfortable, air-conditioned small coach equipped with an excellent nature library of reference books. Accommodation is in comfortable hotels and motor lodges, usually with private facilities.

The south-west of Western Australia is a vast botanical garden. The arid interior stands in stark contrast to a magnificent and dramatic coast. Both offer a huge variety of endemic spectacular flowering plants. Tall forests, woodland, shrubland



and heath are home to over 4,000 species, 80% of which grow nowhere else – a truly remarkable flora.

Mid-spring is the time when the flowers are at their best: Banksias, Grevilleas, Hakeas, Wild Peas, Myrtles, Kangaroo Paws and many more all combine to create a colourful botanical extravaganza. Many are alongside the roads, so for the most part, walking is easy on this trip. There are a small number of walks in rougher hill country. The climate is 'Mediterranean', with temperatures from 16-30°C expected.

For further information on this tour please contact the AGS Centre.
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AUTUMN BULBS OF THE PELOPONNESE

October 25-November 4, 2016

Leader: Christopher Grey-Wilson

Cost: £1,595 including flights; single supplement £200

The Greek Peloponnese offers a plethora of autumn bulbs such as crocuses, colchicums, cyclamen, sternbergias, a scilla and a snowdrop, besides a rich assortment of other autumnal flowers. Nowhere else in the Mediterranean region offers such a rich assortment of autumn bulbs and this tour is designed to see as many as possible.

From the ancient Greek site at Delphi, to world famous Olympia and the Byzantine churches of Mistras on the slopes of the Taygetos Mountains close to Sparta, the tour encompasses some of the finest archaeological sites in southern Greece. There will be the chance to enjoy the harbours at Nafpaktos and Gythio and to explore the ancient alleyways of Monemvasia, and the stern beauty of the Mani Peninsula.

The tour will start in Athens and travel by coach to Amfissa near Delphi before heading south into the Peloponnese via Nafpaktos. Accommodation will be in hotels with meals in local tavernas.

There will be walks, none too strenuous, and ample time to see, observe and photograph the flowers and sites. The leader has an intimate knowledge of the flora of the region and in the evenings there will be time to reflect on the day's finds and to enjoy the splendid Greek autumn.



ITINERARY

- Day 1** – Fly to Athens. Travel on to Amfissa.
- Day 2** – Delphi and Mount Parnassus. Stay in Amfissa.
- Day 3** – Travel by old road to Nafpaktos.
- Day 4** – Travel to Olympia and then on to Sparta.
- Day 5** – Mistras and Profitis Elias; stay in Sparta.
- Day 6** – Travel to Gythio.
- Day 7** – Mani Peninsula; Areopolis, Pyrgos Dirou and Vathia.
- Day 8** – Travel to Monemvasia, Sykia and Lambokambos.
- Day 9** – Monemvasia.
- Day 10** – Nafplion.
- Day 11** – Athens and home.

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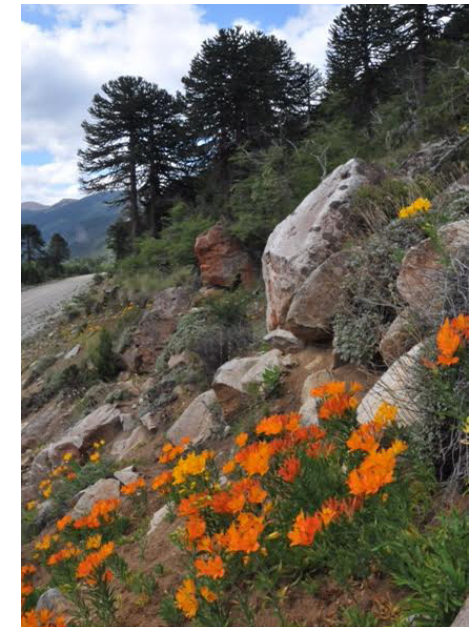
December 28, 2016- January 17, 2017

Leader: Martin Shearer

Cost: £5,550 including flights; single supplement £1,150

This will be an extensive 20-day tour in one of the world's rarely visited plant-rich areas.

Participants will fly into Santiago and then transfer to Farellones for a two-night stay. Following on from there will be several short stays in a number of different locations, chosen because of their wealth of plant life. These will include La Parva, Cajon del Maipo, Conguillo National Park and Lake Colbun. The tour will end at Talca, where you will explore around Laguna del Maule before returning to Santiago for flights home.



AGS TOURS FOR 2017

June - Bhutan

June-July - Romania, led by Razvan Chisu

August - Western Cape, South Africa, led by Callan Cohen

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CRETE

Around April 7-20, 2017

Leader: Christopher Bailes

Cost: TBA

This will be a three-centre tour: Chania; Zaros on the south side of Mt. Idi; and Agios Nikolaos.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrive Chania.

Day 2 – Explore the Akrotiri Peninsula; lowland Cretan flora.

Day 3 – Omalos Plain and surrounding mountains; tulips (*Tulipa bakeri*) and crocuses plus more besides.

Day 4 – The Imbros Gorge; excellent cliff plants, including a number of endemic species (e.g. *Origanum dictamnus*).

Day 5 – Chania to Zaros, plus walk up the Zaros Gorge (Mt. Idi).

Day 6 – Orchids and other flowers around Agia Triada, south of Zaros.

Day 7 – The flora around Prina, west of Zaros, noted for its wealth of terrestrial orchids.

Day 8 – Travel down to the south coast; coastal flora.

Day 9 – Zaros to Agios Nikolaos or preferably nearby.

Day 10 – Gournia and surroundings; particularly good for *Ranunculus asiaticus* forms, *Gladioli* and others.

Day 11 – Lasithi Plateau, north side; much to explore.

Day 12 – Lasithi Plateau, south side.

Day 13 – Homeward bound.

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Allium flavum and, right, *Leontopodium alpinum* or edelweiss



SLOVAKIA

June 24-July 2, 2016

Leaders: Martin Hrouzek & Oron Peri

Cost: From London, £1,995

Bratislava to Krakow, £1,820

The High Tatras reach 2,500m yet chairlifts and roads provide easy access to the highest regions where we'll find ciliate rock-jasmine, blue saxifrage, edelweiss, and Styrian, spotted and snow gentians. There's also *Campanula tatrae*, and the rare orchid *Chamorchis alpina*.

Primula minima, *Anemone scherfelii*, *Ranunculus glacialis*, *Saxifraga carpatica*, *Erysimum hungaricum*, *Callianthemum coriandrifolium* and half a dozen species of pretty milk vetch are

just some of the high alpine gems.

Here meadows and forests host round-headed orchid, moor king, Jacob's ladder, and both Hungarian and Carpathian snowbells. Clumps of endemic pink *Dianthus nitidus* mix with musky saxifrage, *Campanula serrata*, *Tozzia carpatica*, *Gentianella fatrae* and *Androsace lactea* in the White Carpathians, the western edge of the great Carpathian mountain chain. Abundant Martagon lilies, dense-flowered orchid, marsh gladiolus and *Melampyrum cristatum* bloom in some the richest meadows in Europe.

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