

July 2022

JULY

Friday 1st of July
7.30pm

Plants in Witchcraft

Greg Kenicer

Dalgety Bay Community Centre

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd & 24th JULY
2.00pm - 5.00pm

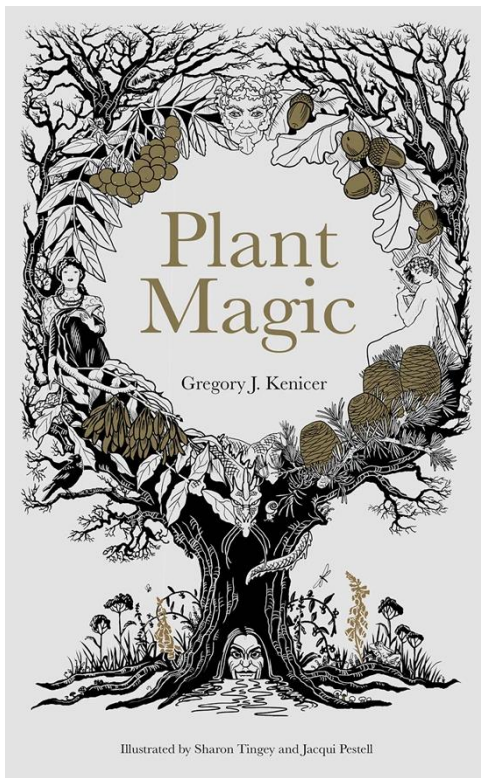
Allotments Open Day
&
17 Inchview Gardens

Raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer

Saturday 6th August

DBHS Annual Coach Trip
(By Car)

Japanese Garden at Cowden Castle,
near Dollar



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Our next meeting takes place in Dalgety Bay Community Centre at 7:30pm on Friday 1st July 2022 and will be a

presentation called "Plants in Witchcraft", by Greg Kenicer, who is at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh. I once saw Greg featured on Landward, a BBC Scotland farming and countryside programme where Dougie Vipond, the main presenter always end up in a "cook off" with Nick Nairn, the famous TV chef.

The June meeting was supposed to be a Willow Workshop with our friend Rob Eves, affectionately known as Rob the Willow, but it had to be cancelled. The Community Centre was closed on the 3rd June 2022 because of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

DBHS ANNUAL SHOW

The Annual Show Schedule has now been distributed to all DBHS Membership; all Sponsors and Advertisers; all "Other Show Contacts"; all 2019 show Trophy Winners; all 2019 show Exhibitors; and all Judges. If anyone should want another copy of the DBHS Annual Show Schedule, please contact me on 07790 182847 or email me at michaeljg@btinternet.com and I will ensure you get another copy.

DBHS Annual Show Stewards:

We will need stewards for the judges at the Annual Show. Any volunteers for this task should contact Pauline Gourlay on 07939 485196 or email her at paulineljg@btinternet.com

DBHS Annual Show Volunteers:

We will also need volunteers to help load the van and set up the show and then take it all down again afterwards. Volunteers for this task should contact me on 07792 182847 or email me at michaeljg@btinternet.com

DBHS Show Schedule Error:

Oops I did it again..... On the contents page is listed on page 31, the Veggie Word Search. This is nothing to do with vegetables. You are tasked to find 47 cities of Great Britain. Also, page 35 appears disguised as page 36 as well as the proper page 36. I already have entries for the Word Search so please keep them coming.

Allotments News:

There will be an Open Allotments weekend on Saturday 23rd July 2022 and Sunday 24th July 2022. Sybil's Garden at 17 Inchview Gardens Dalgety Bay will also be open at with entry fee of £5 for both location; payment to be collected at Sybil's.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH JULY **LARKSPUR**

The larkspur is the birth flower for July is.



Larkspurs present tall flower spikes and appear in many vibrant shades of blue and violet. Very often, larkspurs are confused with delphiniums, but they are two different plants, though they look pretty identical and both belong to the Ranunculus botanical family. The larkspur (*Consolida* spp.) is an annual plant, while the delphinium (*Delphiniums* spp.) are perennials.

Larkspurs are extremely unfussy, low-maintenance plants, and can grow into a delightful bloom right from seed and effortlessly replant themselves year after year, which explains why they are a popular choice for cottage gardens.

Meanings and symbolism

The flower-packed stems of the larkspur are associated with love, romantic mood, mirth, and optimism. Still, as Larkspurs come in a broad range of intense colors including indigo, purple, and rosy, the true meaning of the July birth flower will depend on its coloration.

- Blue flowers are the symbol of mercifulness and respectability.
- Pink larkspurs symbolize a dynamic nature and quick changes. In the language of flowers, the pink color holds the meaning of love, affection, and care and is used to express your deep feelings and appreciation.
- Purple larkspur flowers are a sign of first love. Purple also traditionally symbolizes royalty, power, strength, and aspiration. Happy birthday flower arrangements with purple larkspurs carry so much meaning.

GARDEN OF COSMIC SPECULATION

The Garden of Cosmic Speculation had it's annual opening for Scotland's Garden Scheme and Maggie's on the 28th and 29th May. I've copied the guide and attached it to the July grapevine email. These are some of my photographs from my visit there.



Figure 1 The Snail Mound



Figure 2 Snail Mound



Figure 3 Snail Mound



Figure 4 View of Snail Mound & Riverside from Rail Garden (the red flags record key events in Scotland's past)



Figure 5 Riverside view of red bridge (These little red bridges are very steep and difficult to cross)



Figure 6 Rail Garden of Scottish Worthies (Robert Adam & James Watt only 2 of many)



Figure 7 Red Garden



Figure 11 Universal Cascade



Figure 8 Birch Bone Garden (each of the swirls is imprinted with thought provoking quotes)



Figure 12 View from Top of the Universal Cascade



Figure 9 Exaptation Garden



Figure 10 Part of Serpent Mound

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