

DECEMBER

Friday 9th December at 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting

Dalgety Bay Community Centre



Mel Porter with her Big Max Pumpkin and for all who asked it fed 25 people.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Last Friday at the DBHS monthly meeting we welcomed Kirsty Wilson, horticulturalist, plant hunter, Gardeners Question Time host and Beechgrove Garden presenter. As well as the Plant Hunting in China, she talked about the many projects she is involved in at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2023

January

Gladioli - Keith Brand

February

Mesembryanthemums

Robin Arnott

March

Newhailes House & Garden

Colin Wren

April

Sweet Peas

Tom Nelson

(RBGE), where she is the Herbaceous Border Supervisor.

The garden area leading up to what is known as "The Cottage" at RBGE is her responsibility and it was planted with more than a couple of thousand tulips bulbs. These made for a fantastic display in the spring. After they had gone over, wild flower seed was planted, which month by month, took on a different mantle as different species of flower became dominant. It was stunning.

The Queen Mother's Memorial Garden is her responsibility and when she took it over, everything was taken out so that she could start with a blank canvas. The Chinese Hillside is yet another of Kirsty's responsibilities. Well worth a visit to RBGE to see it and, of course, everything else that's there.

Kirsty said that she reckons she has the best job in the world. Apart from retiral, I reckon she must be right on that. It was a good meeting. She is a lovely talker and so informative.

The next meeting in the DBHS Syllabus is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is in the Syllabus as Friday 2nd December 2022 but, due to holidays, mine, it will not take place until 9th December 2022 at Dalgety Bay Community Centre at 7:30pm, doors open at 7:00pm. All papers will be sent out by email and paper with the next Grapevine, or just after the next Grapevine.

Daffodil Planting

DBHS work with Donibristle PS (P3) to enter the Cale Spring Show for Schools. We have planted 30 pots of five tete-a-tetes and hidden them under leaves to over winter them. In the spring they will be moved to a sunny bit in the school grounds where they can develop the flowers. The show is in early April next year and we will enter it.

The grassy area to the west end of Dalmeny View was planted with daffodils. The 48th Fife Cubs helped us do this by supplying the manpower.

Water storage

At the recent allotment holders meeting it was suggested we find a source of bins or barrels, containers for the storage of wate. We took delivery of 24 Fife Council wheely bins recently, courtesy of Fife Council. These will be distributed amongst the plot holders on a first come first served basis.

If anyone has a watt butt or a black bin surplus to requirement, please contact Michael Gourlay.

DBHS Annual Show

Once an Annual Show is finished, planning for the next annual show starts. We have already started sorting out sponsorship and advertising for next year's show schedule. Judges for next year have confirmed with just one space to fill. The Annual Show in 2023 has been move back to the first weekend in September and will be on Friday 1st September 2023 for setup with the actual show on Saturday 2nd September 2023.

At a request and after discussion with the Art Club, Section 26, Handicrafts (Traditional), has been amended to include three classes particularly for Art.

DBHS AGM

Note that the DBHS Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Friday 9th December 2022**. Due to holidays, it is one week later than shown in the Syllabus Card. It will still be held in Dalgety Bay

Community Centre at 7:30pm. DBHS members will be sent AGM papers with their Grapevine and paper copies will be supplies to those members who receive paper copy Grapevines. Committee nominations are as follows:

- Chairman, (Michael Gourlay willing to stand)
- Grapevine Editor, (Sharon Greig willing to stand)
- Committee Website, (Bryan McDowall willing to stand)
- Committee Allotments (Kevin Melville willing to stand)
- Committee Member, (Matthew Simpson willing to stand)

Please email your nomination to Anja Graham, DBHS Secretary at am.graham22@yahoo.co.uk or phone her at 01383 821506.

Kings Seed Order

We have enough of an order to send to Kings to achieve 50% discount. As notified, 40% discount will be passed on to members who have ordered. This discount applies to seed orders only. Kings contacted me last week to say our order had been passed for processing so hopefully that means the order should arrive this week.

DBHS Wreath

A wreath was laid by DBHS on Remembrance Sunday on the War Memorial at Dalgety Parish Church. Wreaths were laid by quite a few community groups. There were 19 in total.

Michael Gourlay
Chairman
DBHS

SCOTLAND'S GARDEN SCHEME

Scotland's Garden Scheme are continuing their series of garden talks. The latest 'The Restoration of the Walled Garden at Gordon Castle' with Head Gardener, Ed Bollom is now available to view by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/MQRCY9bDlrl>. This is well worth a watch as the transformation of the garden and the effort required is amazing.

Ed has been a professional gardener for over 20 years, working in gardens such as Osbourne House, Chatsworth, Allington Castle and The Garden House. Prior to moving to Scotland, he worked at Highgrove House as Senior gardener to the Prince of Wales, responsible for the walled garden, orchards and nursery.

Ed is the head gardener at Gordon Castle Walled Garden where he has been working for 8 years. Ed's talk will take us through the history and restoration of the Walled Garden, explore the gardens as they are today and give an insight into plans for the future.

There are more talks planned for the new year so I'll email you the details when they arrive. The famous "yellow book" is now available for pre-order at [2023 Guidebook \(square.site\)](#) for despatch in January. Hopetoun Garden Centre normally hold a stock of books at the checkout.

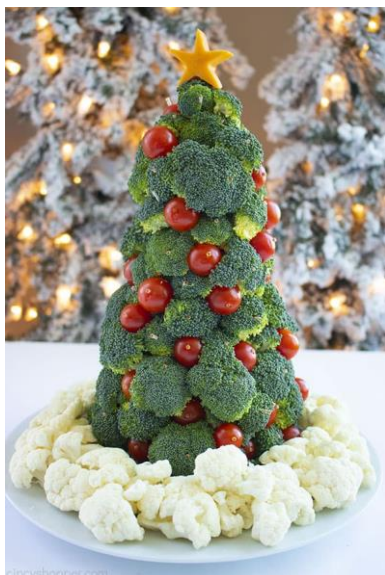
FLOWER OF THE MONTH



Christmas wouldn't be complete without the Poinsettia. Although if red doesn't go with your colour scheme many other colours are now available. I'm terrible at making up my mind there are so many pretty ones.

O CHRISTMAS TREE

I was looking for some veggie recipes to include in the Grapevine and found the very centre piece for a gardener's Christmas table. One is made from vegetables and the other fruit. Both look too good to eat.



And finally ...



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