



Newsletter

MAY 2019 Number 508



This month's meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March 2019 at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH.

Doors open at 7:30

Our Speaker this Month is Rob Potterton, who with his wife Jackie has run a specialist Alpine Nursery in Lincolnshire for the last 30 years

His subject is 'Alpines and Bulbs from Mountain to Market'



The Farrer Medal at the Kent Show was awarded to Ray Drew for an iris of his own raising. It is a cross between *Iris pumila* ssp *attica* x *Iris acutiloba* ssp *longitepala*.

The seed was sown on 19-6-2009, that's a wait of 10 years but what a beautiful plant. Congratulations from all at the Group.



Two other members of our Group also did well at the Kent Show,

Mike Sullivan four 1st's and one 2nd.

Maurice Bacon two 1st's and one 2nd.

April Competition winners judged by Ray Drew

I was pleasantly surprised on how well the Show went. This is my sixth year as show secretary and I am proud to be involved in what is probably the best AGS Group show and would like to thank all that helped to achieve this. Sue, Rod, and Ray in particular and all the Committee combined, It all runs smoothly because of that assistance.

Mike Sullivan

David Haselgrove gave us an excellent and informative talk accompanied by some great photo's on the 'Flowers of Peru and Ecuador' at our April meeting.

Epping Group
The last meeting before the Summer break is on June 11th with Kit Strange talking about Azerbaijan, the Jewel in the Caspian. Meetings resume on 10th September with Kurt Vickery talking about the Tulip Hunters Favourite Weeds, Highlights of 10 years tour leading.



Some of the winners from the show.

Top,
lovely displays from Ray Drew and Phillip Walker



Bottom,
Best Plant Novice,
Best Plant Intermediate,
Best Plant Open and
Best in Show.

Entries were only slightly down on last year, but what is encouraging is that the novice and intermediate entries were up even though some regular exhibitors were with the Hardy plant stand at Hyde Hall. There were some really excellent exhibits in the novice and intermediate sections and it won't be long before they are going to make strong challenges in the open classes.

It is important to remember that it is a 'flower show', every plant on the bench stimulates debate and exchange of knowledge.

Most points Novice.	Paul Nice.
Most points Intermediate.	Brian Baker.
Most points open.	Mike Sullivan
Mike Shrimpton Award.	Jean Frost
Gerry Downey Trophy.	Robin Alabaster.
Kath Dryden Award.	Mike Sullivan.
Dick Biggadyke Trophy.	Mike Sullivan.

Philip Walker was awarded a certificate of merit for an outstanding photographic display.

Ray Drew once again put up a wonderful woodland plant display using plants I can only dream about.

Mike.

Plant of the month competition 2019 (Schedule stays the same each month)

Open

maximum size pot/pan 36cm (one pot/pan per entry).

Class 1 - Any Alpine in flower (excl. bulbous).

Class 2 - Any Bulbous Alpine in flower.

Class 3 - Any Dwarf Shrub or Alpine for foliage (incl. Sempervivum/Fern).

Intermediate

maximum size pot/pan 26cm (one pot/pan per entry).

Class 4 - Any Alpine in flower (excl. bulbous).

Class 5 - Any Bulbous Alpine in flower.

Class 6 - Any Dwarf Shrub or Alpine for foliage (incl. Sempervivum/Fern).

Novice

maximum size pot/pan 19cm (one pot/pan per entry)

Class 7 - Any Alpine in flower.

Class 8 - Any alpine, separate genus from 7 (if you have entered that class).

Exhibitors are eligible to show in the novice section and above until they have been awarded an AGS Bronze Medal or have not won the novice section three times. Exhibitors are eligible to show in the intermediate section and above until they have been awarded an AGS Gold Medal or have not won the intermediate section three times.

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