



AGS NEWS

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society



Book now for the AGS Conference and events

There are three exciting live events for you to put in your diaries, and booking is now open for these special events.

We are now taking bookings for the Autumn Bulb Day in September, the AGS Annual Conference in November, and the Snowdrop Day in February 2023.

This year the AGM and Weekend Conference will take place on Saturday and Sunday 12-13 November 2022 and will be at a new venue: Chesford

Grange Hotel in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. As part of the weekend, this year's EB Anderson Memorial Lecture will be given by renowned Czech gardener Jiří Papoušek. The EB Anderson Lecture and the preceding AGM are free to attend for all members.

Jiří lives near Prague, where he has constructed a superb alpine garden (pictured above) with a crevice garden, troughs, a woodland area and an alpine tunnel with tufa walls. Jiří has exhibited at the Prague rock

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The AGS Garden is
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issue of *AGS News* to the address
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The deadline is 31 July 2022.

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garden shows and he is one of the organisers of the renowned Czech International Rock Garden Conferences. Speakers at the conference will include Martin Sheader, Julian Sutton, Kurt Vickery, Timothy Walker, AGS Apprentice Bertie Swainston and others to be confirmed in the September issue of *AGS News*.

A booking form for the AGS conference can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

DAY EVENTS

The next Autumn Bulb Day will be held at Spetchley Park, Worcestershire on Sunday 25 September. Booking is now open for this popular event and full details can be found on p5.

Our Snowdrop Day is one of the highpoints of our calendar and details of this event can be found on p8. This is always a popular event and sells out quickly, so phone or email the AGS Centre without delay to be sure of securing your place.

AGS TOURS

Our programme of tours in 2022/3 has resumed and details of forthcoming trips are shown in this newsletter. Please note that dates, prices and itineraries are subject to change, so check the 'Upcoming Tours' pages on the website for the latest information.

AGS SHOWS UPDATE

Our Spring Show season has now concluded. It has been great to see not only many fine plants on the show benches, but also numerous members in attendance and buying plants from nurseries attending the shows. We've missed them, and they have missed us during the last two years.

Our three Autumn shows will be at Loughborough (1 Oct), Hexham (8 Oct) and the season finale is at RHS Harlow Carr on 15 Oct. Come along, admire the plants and find those special plants you're desperate to own.

AGS GARDEN

The month of May saw the successful opening of the AGS Garden at Pershore (below) to the public under the National Garden Scheme (NGS). More than 140 visitors came to see the progress made by our great team of helpers in renovating and developing the garden.

They were keen to find out more about the plants we have growing in a range of settings, including the newly planted Mediterranean dry bed, which drew much interest. We offered trough-planting demonstrations,



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plants for sale from members and alpine nurseries, hot drinks with scrumptious homemade cakes plus books and other merchandise.

ZOOM LECTURES AND EVENTS

We wish to thank all those of you who attended our Zoom Lectures in the 2021/2022 season.

The lectures have been very successful: members and friends of the society purchased more than 1,000 tickets to attend our live meetings or watch recordings of our lectures. We are going to take a break over the summer, but in the meantime you can still watch the recordings of past lectures.

Our upcoming season will focus on alpiners from around the world. Meetings will start in September, on the third Tuesday of the month, and are free to members and £7 for non-members.

The schedule of lectures will be published on our website in due course.

VIRTUAL ALPINE SHOW

In May, we ran a Virtual Alpine Flower Show on our Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). We invited our followers to enter any of the three classes: group of alpiners in the garden, close-up of alpine flowers and portrait of an alpine plant.

Three winners were chosen for



each platform and John Dower won the Best in Show with his amazing *Saxifraga longifolia* (which was also exhibited at the recent Harlow Carr show), shown below. John won a copy of the book *The Crevice Garden* (which can be purchased from our shop) while other winners received a free ticket to our upcoming zoom lectures.

Our next Virtual Alpine Flower Show will take place in October. To take part please make sure to follow us on one of these social media platforms.

AGS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2022

Entry is now open for the annual AGS photographic competition, with the chance to win cash prizes. For more, see p10.

BOOK NOW!

AGS Bulb Day

(this year incorporating *Cyclamen*!)

Sunday 25 September 2022
10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission is by advance ticket only

At Spetchley Park Gardens (Card Sheds),
Worcester, WR5 1RS
(easily accessible from the M5 Junction 6 or 7)

Tickets for lectures, plant sales, tea and coffee,
buffet lunch:
AGS members £36, non-members £46

Tickets can be obtained from the AGS Centre and will
include entry to Spetchley Park Gardens

PROGRAMME

10.00	Registration, plant sales and coffee
10.30	Welcome
10.40	Bob and Rannveig Wallis: <i>Moorish Bulbs</i>
11.50	Tony Goode: <i>Bulbs for all Seasons</i>
1.00	Lunch
2.15	Martyn Denney: <i>Cyclamen in the Wild and in Cultivation</i>
3.30	Close of session
4.00	Event closes

There will be the opportunity to buy plants from specialist nurseries and there will also be an AGS stand with a selection of books and merchandise for sale

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022

The Annual General Meeting of the Alpine Garden Society will take place on Saturday 12 November 2022 at Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers are eligible for reappointment and are prepared to continue to serve the AGS (see Note 1 below): Director of Seed (Vacant), Director of Shows (Mr Martin Rogerson), Treasurer (Prof John Galloway) and President (Mr David Morris):

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; One Trustee to serve for two years; One Trustee to serve for three years (see Note 2 below).

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 13 November 2021
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 trustees to serve for for the relevant period (see above)
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 31 July 2022.

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. The deadline for Trustee nominations is 31 July 2022 and these should be sent to the AGS Director Tony Bryan at the AGS Centre (address on page 2).

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 a person who works in professional horticulture and who has made a significant contribution in their work with alpinists (cultivation, research etc).
- **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 must come from the Local Group concerned and must be approved by the committee of that Local Group.

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 informed critics - you, the readership. Members are invited to nominate contributors to *The Alpine Gardener*, Volume 89 (2021), for the following awards.

- **The Clarence Elliott Memorial Award** for the best article published in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2021 (Volume 89).
- **The Lionel & Joyce Bacon Award** for the best practical alpine gardening article published in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2021 (Volume 89).
- **The Christopher Grey-Wilson Award** to recognise photographic excellence in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2021 (Volume 89) for the best 'feature' article that must contain a minimum of ten photographs.

All nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form (available from the AGS Centre) and sent to Tony Bryan, Director, AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, WR10 3JP by 31 July 2022

AGS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2022

**ENTER THE AGS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR THE CHANCE
TO WIN CASH PRIZES AND POINTS TOWARDS AGS ARTISTIC MEDALS.**

Last year's competition received lots of entries, possibly because of the later deadline, so the entry deadline for this year will be **24 December 2022**. You can enter three images in each class, but only digital images can be accepted. Images may have been taken this year, but they do not have to be, providing they have not been published and have not been entered previously in this competition.

As a photographic competition, entries will be judged purely on photographic merit. For example, an excellent image of a common plant will rank more highly than a flawed image of a rare plant (even if the rare plant is a superb specimen). Judging is performed by a panel of both current and non-AGS members with appropriate artistic and/or photographic expertise.



Matthiola valesiaca by
Ursula Junker, photographed
at Simplon Pass, Valais,
Switzerland, won Highly
Commended in
Class Two of the 2021
Photographic Competition

There are nine classes:

- **CLASS ONE** An alpine plant in its natural habitat with both plant(s) and landscape featured.
- **CLASS TWO** A portrait of an alpine plant in its natural habitat, featuring the entire plant as the main subject.
- **CLASS THREE** A close-up or detail of an alpine plant in its natural habitat or in cultivation. This doesn't have to be a flower; you could focus on foliage or a seedhead.
- **CLASS FOUR** An alpine plant in cultivation in a garden setting. It can be in your garden or a garden you have visited.
- **CLASS FIVE** An alpine plant in cultivation in a pot. This subject allows potentially a great deal more photographic control than plants in the wild: you can control where you take the photo (indoors or outdoors) when you take the photo (when the plant is in perfect condition), and time of day, which gives control over lighting and weather. You can use artificial light sources and backgrounds if you wish.
- **CLASS SIX** 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.
- **CLASS SEVEN** An alpine landscape not necessarily showing specific plants but concentrating on the scenic beauty and/or geology of the setting. You could be inspired by unusual natural beauty, from the small and intimate to the grand panorama..
- **CLASS EIGHT** An imaginative or unusual image featuring alpine plants. Digital manipulation is allowed in this class. In fact, anything goes!
- **CLASS NINE** The Wonder of Wildflowers. This class is intended to celebrate the visual spectacle that alpine plants can create. We want to see spectacular panoramas of flowers, whether a carpet of a single species or a tapestry of different plants, colours and shapes.

For full details of the rules and how to enter, please see the AGS website (choose the 'About Us' menu and then 'Photographic Competition'), or contact the Competition Secretary at photographiccompetition@agsgroups.org

SEED EXCHANGE 2022-2023

Seed donations

New Plant Health regulations now state that all plants and seed entering the UK need to be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate. The charges for this vary greatly between countries, so overseas donors may wish to group together to share any cost involved. We are trying to find a better solution to this ongoing problem.

Please watch the website for any changes

Seed lists

We will no longer be posting the seed list to all members. The seed list will be available for online orders in late November 2022, and it will also be possible to download and print a copy from the website from that date if you wish to order by post, although we strongly recommend online ordering if you can do this. If you cannot access the list electronically, we would be very happy to post you a copy. Please contact Diane Clement or the AGS before 1 November 2022 if you would like a seed list by post.

Seed ordering: overseas members excluding Japan, Australia and the EU
Members in countries excluding Japan, Australia and the EU will be able to receive seed this year in the same way as you have done in the past but because of increasing postal costs, there will now be a charge for seed for all members. Members in the USA requiring seed will need to send us an Import Permit by mail or email (obtainable from the USDA website). More information will be provided about this in the September Newsletter and on the AGS website. We are able to send seed to Northern Ireland, Norway and Switzerland..

Seed ordering: members from Japan, Australia and the EU

Seed entering Japan, Australia and the EU must now be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate which is prohibitively expensive for us to obtain, and therefore currently not appropriate for our seed exchange. We are engaged in trying to plan a route through this new legislation which will be acceptable and manageable for Plant Societies. Realistically this will not happen this year and we will be working towards a change in the future. We are therefore sorry that we will not be able to send seed this year to Japan, Australia or the EU but hope for a change in future years.

Diane Clement
diane.clement@agsgroups.org

THE ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY Members' Seed Distribution 2022/23 Instructions for seed donors

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Please pull out these centre pages in full (do not tear at the centre). Complete the form in block capitals and include this form with your seed. A copy of the form is also available on the AGS website.

Make sure the seed is clean and free from chaff, grit, etc. Do not use very large or very small packets as they are difficult to manage and increase the work load of the seed handling team. Seal the packets well and ensure they are leak-proof. Mark each packet clearly with the full name of the seed, your name and the packet number as listed on your donor form. If you do not know the full name of a plant, **please** include information about height, colour, etc. Donations of small bulbils, corms, etc. are very acceptable.

New regulations now state that all seed donations from outside the UK must be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate. Overseas donors may wish to group together to share any cost involved. We are trying to find a better solution to this ongoing problem.

To qualify for Donor status, you must send in a minimum donation of 7 different varieties of seed, preferably suitable for a rock garden. Family members requiring two orders with Donor status must send in a minimum of 14 different varieties. Please send in your seed to arrive before **10 October 2022**, together with your Seed Donor's form, to the address below which corresponds to your surname.

Late donations: If you think your seed may arrive after the closing date of 10 October, you **must** contact Diane Clement by email for alternative posting arrangements. Please **do not** post to the seed receiver listed below after 10 October. We will not be posting out seed lists this year, except by request. **Please contact Diane Clement or the AGS before 1 November 2022 if you would like a seed list posted to you.**

Seed donors whose surnames begin with:	A - F	please send your seed to:	Elizabeth Maddock, 7 Kingsley Avenue, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4EN
	G - M		Bob & Brenda Worsley, Langfield, Wilmslow Road, Woodford, Cheshire, SK7 1RH
	N - Z		Carol Kellett, 18 Eaves Green Road, Chorley, PR7 3PQ

All correspondence relating to the Seed Exchange should be addressed to: Diane Clement: 194 Compton Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 9JX
e-mail: diane.clement@agsgroups.org

SEED DONOR'S FORM - GARDEN COLLECTED ONLY ON THIS SIDE

Please complete this form as requested and enclose with your seed donation. Use this side for Garden collected seed only. Use the reverse of this form for wild-collected seed. Please fill in your personal details on this side of the form. If you do not know the full name of a plant, please include information about height, colour, etc

Name

Address

Country

Membership number

E-mail address (only for use by the Seed Exchange)

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Leave a lasting gift

A gift to the AGS in your will enables us to continue our charitable purposes: to support alpine gardening, alpine plants and their conservation.



The Alpine Garden Society is dedicated to the sharing of knowledge of alpine plants, their cultivation and conservation. As well as supporting the development of knowledge of alpine plants and the skills in growing them, the AGS funds important conservation projects in the UK and overseas – as the Society has an international reach.

As a registered charity, the Alpine Garden Society does not receive any government funding; so relies on subscriptions and donations from members and alpine enthusiasts. The AGS Centre and AGS Garden both resulted from generous bequests. Your legacy can help conserve alpine plants and inspire their cultivation for generations to come.

To find out more about leaving a legacy to the AGS in your will, contact the AGS Centre on 01386 554790 or email ags@alpinegardensociety.net

AGS BOOKSHOP

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944	<i>Joseph Hooker: Botanical Trailblazer</i> by Pat Griggs	£8.00
902	<i>Wild Flowers of New England</i> by Ted Elliman	£12.00
874	<i>Wild Flowers of the Algarve</i> by C Thorogood and S Hiscock	£28.00
938	<i>Wild Plants of Southern Spain</i> by Tony Hall	£24.00

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995	<i>The Crevice Garden</i> by Kenton Seth and Paul Spriggs	£20.00

ORDERING BOOKS FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

Please note that, due to changes in customs procedures, all customers ordering books from overseas must include an email address and phone number with their order. Any customs charges applied to any orders are the responsibility of the customer, and not that of the AGS. Postage and packing rates given here do not include any additional customs fees that may be incurred.

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ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY TOUR



S. AFRICA

1-15 September 2022
(to/from the UK)

Leader: Callan Cohen

Cost: from £4,900 pp including flights to/from London

This tour provides a unique opportunity to see the best of the South African Cape spring bulbs, from breathtaking daubenyas to sparkling romuleas.

In this Cape spring tour with a difference, we focus on the dolerites of both the world-famous Roggeveld and Nieuwoudtville areas. There will be the chance to see some beautiful floral displays that the West Coast is famous for, including some rare irids of the wine-growing regions, not usually seen on tours.

We start by heading to the dramatic mountain escarpment area of the Roggeveld, where our main focus will be both the golden and red forms of the incomparable *Daubinya aurea* (pictured), and well as a host of striking endemic romuleas including the striking pink-flowered *Romulea komsbergensis* and the orangey-red-bloomed *Romulea unifolia*.



Heading westwards to the Bokkeveld escarpment at Nieuwoudtville, we plan to see further interesting species, including the graceful flowers of babianas (and hesperanthas, as well as geissorhizas, *Sparaxis* (harlequin flower), *Moraea*, (cape tulip) and *Gladiolus*.

We then go on to explore the Cape west coast and the rich soils of the winelands near Tulbagh which are home to a further dazzling array of floral gems.

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PELOPONNESE

29 October–
7 November 2022

Leaders: Christopher Grey-Wilson
and Razvan Chisu

Cost: from £1,500 pp including
flights to/from London

This tour will concentrate on the bulb wealth in the Peloponnese, but will also take time to examine other species in flower during the autumn, as well as visiting important ancient sites.

This region has some of the most famous archaeological sites in Greece, like Mycenae and the tower houses of Vathia.

Scenically diverse, the area offers the greatest selection of autumn-flowering 'bulbs' than anywhere else in the Mediterranean: crocuses, colchicums, cyclamen, narcissi, scillas and even a snowdrop and an onion. Participants will be staying in delightful villages and towns like Cythio and Monemvasia.

The tour starts by exploring the region of Mt Hymettos on the outskirts of Athens; expect first sightings of *Cyclamen graecum*, *Sternbergia lutea*. Next day we visit Langada Gorge for *Galanthus*



reginae-olgae.

The tour continues with a day in the Taygetos Mountains and environs. Then we drive south to Gytheion, to visit the Dimitrios wreck and nearby colonies of autumn-flowering *Cyclamen graecum*, *Anemone pavonina* and *Narcissus tazetta*.

The following day is exploring Ariopolis and Stoupa, before we head to Monemvasia, with stops on the Malea peninsula on day 7. A day trip around Monemvasia takes in sites where *Crocus goulimyi*, *Colchicum cupanii* and *Crocus boryi* abound. The penultimate day visits Nafplio and Mycenae, returning to Athens on the final day.

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PATAGONIA

28 Nov-18 December 2022
(to/from the UK)

Leader: Martin Sheader

Cost: from £8,200 pp inc flights
to/from London

Patagonia is a remote region that includes the southernmost provinces of Argentina and Chile. It has a diverse range of spectacular landscapes, including vast areas of semi-desert steppe to the east and temperate rainforest to the west, separated by the dramatic peaks of the Andes.

This varied landscape supports many plants that are striking in colour, form and habit. Some are in cultivation, but many, especially the alpine and steppe flora, are not. In addition to the flowers, we should see lots of wildlife, notably guanacos, foxes, austral parrots, condors, skunks and armadillos.

We start at San Carlos de Bariloche and visit two mountains, Cerro Cathedral and Mirador de Nirihuau, to see *Oxalis*, violas, *Ourisia fragrans* and *Combera paradoxa*.

We then head south to Lago Vintner with the attraction of steppe and woodland plants, stopping off at La Hoya ski resort



and Esquel for botanising.

The tour also includes botanising on Monte Zeballos, Argentina, which is rich in flowers including rosulate violas, *Benthamiella*, *Hamadryas* and many other alpine species.

Next we cross into Chile to Patagonia National Park, a recently protected wilderness that we can explore, and look for *Chloraea*, *Leucheria* and *Gavilea* species. The park encompasses habitats from steppe to lenga forest and wetlands.

The tour finishes with a drive to Comodoro Rivadavia, with stops to botanise en route.

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BOLIVIA

24 March–11 April 2023
(Provisional dates)

Leader: Harry Jans

Cost: TBC. Check website for updates

This is the first AGS tour to explore the High Andes in Bolivia. The tour starts in Cochabamba, the third largest city in the country, a perfect place to acclimatise before the expedition to the highlands. We spend the first four days in Cochabamba exploring the areas near Misicuni Lake and National Park Torotoro, considered the most beautiful Bolivian National Park, never explored by botanists. The tour includes three days at the impressive and famous salt lake Salar de Uyuni which is an extremely beautiful landscape full of gigantic cacti and the very colorful Lago Colorado with many pink flamingos. The second part of the tour is focused in botanising for seven days around La Paz, the capital city of this country.



We explore Paso La Cumbre, the surroundings of Nevado Huayna Potosi, the old ski-area Chacaltaya, Canon de las Animas-Illimani and Khara Khota lake. We will also visit the ruins of Tiahuanaco and the Valle de la Luna with its strange rock formations. .

AGS TOURS

The Society intends to run the advertised tours, but these are subject to conditions and any travel restrictions.

No deposits are being taken at present but deposit and final payment will be due 14 days after confirmation of price.

GEORGIA

30 June–11 July 2022

Leaders: Kurt Vickery, Tolkha Shetekauri, Ana Kvlividze & Jamie Compton

Cost: London-London £2,660

Tbilisi –Tbilisi £2,300

Antalya –Dalaman £1,650

Georgia has a breathtaking diversity of campanulas – we'll see many species from tall *Campanula lactiflora* to delicate and lovely rock-dwelling species such as *Campanula ardonensis*, *Campanula sosnowskyi*, *Campanula bellidifolia*, and white *Campanula ochroleuca*. We will also see lilies, delphiniums, monkshoods,



gentians, rare *Primula bayernii*, and lots of saxifrages.

BULBS OF GALILEE

For 2023: 12–21 March 2023

Leaders: Oron Peri & Kurt Vickery

Cost: London-London approx. £2,700

Tel Aviv-Tel Aviv £2,350

Israel has more than two hundred bulbous species. On magical Mount Hermon are *Fritillaria hermonis*, richly-hued *Hyacinthus orientalis*, gorgeous white-topped *Iris hermona* and the beautiful *Iris lortetii*. On Mount Gilboa is purple-pink *Iris haynei* and near Nazareth, the wonderful *Iris bismarckiana*. In the Negev's deserts are clear purple *Iris mariae* and two near



black species, the well-named *Iris atrofusca*, and the recently described *Iris hieruchamensis*.

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