

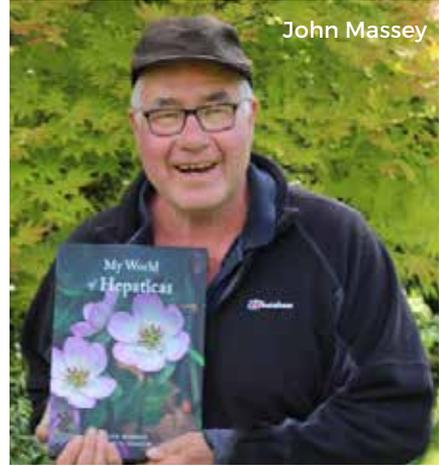


AGS NEWS

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society



Jiří Papoušek



John Massey

Book now for our autumn celebration of alpines

This year sees the return of the AGS Conference, and the event – a celebration of alpines – promises to be an enjoyable, thoroughly rewarding weekend. The AGS Annual Conference will feature a line-up of speakers (see p5) with a wealth of expertise and experience of growing alpines and exploring their habitats. The AGM and Conference will take place on the weekend of November 12 and 13 at the four-star Chesford Grange Hotel in Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

This year's EB Anderson Memorial Lecture, which forms part of the AGM – and is free to members – will be given by renowned Czech gardener Jiří Papoušek. Jiří lives near Prague,

AGS News to go digital in 2023

The December 2022 issue of AGS News will be the last printed edition – it will be available online in 2023

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Family by direct debit	£39
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Overseas single	£46
Overseas family	£50

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HOURS**

The AGS Centre is
open Monday to
Friday 9am to 5pm
The AGS Garden is
open every day

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issue of *AGS News* to the address
above or email
ags@alpinegardensociety.net.
The deadline is 31 October 2022.

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where he has created a superb alpine garden with crevice garden, troughs, woodland area and an alpine tunnel with tufa walls.

We are delighted that John Massey from Ashwood Nurseries will join us on the Saturday to sign copies of his new book *My World of Hepaticas*, and will also deliver a lecture on this topic to open the conference. Speakers at the conference also include Harry Jans, Martin Sheader, Julian Sutton, Kurt Vickery, Timothy Walker and AGS Apprentice Bertie Swainston.

It promises to be an entertaining and informative weekend. The booking form can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

DAY EVENTS

Our Snowdrop Day on 4 February 2023 is one of the highpoints of our calendar and details of this event can be found on p12. 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.

The Autumn Bulb Day will be held at Spetchley Park, Worcestershire on Sunday 25 September – see p8.

AGS TOURS

Our tours to South Africa and the Peloponnese have both sold out.

Future tours are planned to:
Crete (March/April 2023)
Western Alps (June 2023)
Southern Patagonia (November-December 2023).

AGS SHOWS UPDATE

We look forward to seeing many of you at the three Autumn Shows: Loughborough on 1 Oct, Hexham on 8 Oct and the season's finale at RHS Harlow Carr on 15 Oct.

ZOOM LECTURES FOR AUTUMN

Details of our autumn Zoom lecture series (free to members) are given on the AGS website under the 'Shows & Events' menu.

ONLINE FLOWER SHOW

An Autumn Online Flower Show will be held via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. To take part, please follow us on one of these social media platforms.

TATTON SUCCESS AGAIN

The 'Alpines in Troughs and Pots' display designed and created by the East Cheshire AGS Group (with the help from others from the North West Bubble) won a Gold Medal at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show. Thank you to all who helped at the show, and for sharing their enthusiasm for and knowledge of alpines. Those involved managed to sign up more than 20 new members,

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Jiří Papoušek, along with Zdenek Zvolánek and Harry Jans, are among the lecturers at the 4th Czech International Rock Garden Conference to be held 5-9 May 2023 in Prague. www.czrgs.cz

AWARD WINNERS

AGS Members Margaret and David MacLennan (below) received the Plant Heritage annual Brickell Award in July. The prestigious award was made for their outstanding National Plant Collection of *Galanthus*, which includes more than 2,000 taxa.

They were presented with their award by John Grimshaw, Director of The Yorkshire Arboretum at RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.



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 Conference 2022 PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER

AGM - OPEN TO ALL AGS MEMBERS

- 10.00 am** Registration, coffee and plant sales
10.30 am Annual General Meeting and presentation of Society Awards
12.00 noon Presentation of Show Awards
12.45 pm Lunch
2.00 pm EB Anderson Memorial Lecture: Jiří Papoušek:
"Diverse Methods of Growing Alpines in the Czech Garden"
3.00 pm Close of AGM

CONFERENCE - OPEN ONLY TO DELEGATES

- 3.00 pm** Conference registration
3.30 pm John Massey - My World of Hepaticas
4.30 pm Tea break, during which John will sign copies of his new book (if you have already purchased the book, you can bring it to be signed.)
5.00 pm Bertie Swainston (AGS trainee) - Short Presentation
5.20 pm Harry Jans - Mega Alpines
6.20 pm End of session
7.45 pm Conference Dinner followed by auction

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

- 09.15 am** Registration
09.45 am Martin Sheader - Exploring Southern Patagonia
10.45 am Jiří Papoušek - Cultivation of Daphne
11.15 am Coffee
11.45 am Kurt Vickery - Highlights of a Decade of Leading Botanical Tours
12.45 pm Lunch
1.45 pm Julian Sutton - Beneath the Trees
2.45 pm Timothy Walker - Sex, Lies and Putrefaction
3.45 pm Tea and End of Conference

**BOOK NOW: fill in the Conference booking form on the back page
OR book on the AGS website OR phone the AGS Centre on 01386 554790**

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

Mr Bob Worsley (Proposer: David Morris; Seconder: Razvan Chisu)

Serving for four years

Bob (with his wife Brenda) has been growing a wide range of plants in their garden in Woodford near Stockport for 35 years. An interest in woodland plants, in particular, cyclamen, hepaticas, and snowdrops, led to their joining the AGS at the Loughborough Show in 2010. His love of AGS shows led to Bob starting to exhibit his own plants and he is now a keen exhibitor at a number of shows up and down the country. He is also Show Secretary at the recently reinstated East Cheshire Show. Bob and Brenda have become actively involved in the AGS Seed Exchange as seed receivers. Since joining the Society, they have been members of the East Cheshire Local Group, of which Bob is Treasurer, getting involved in several initiatives including Alpine Garden Society displays at the RHS Tatton Park Flower Show. Bob passionately believes that Local Groups are vital to the Society's activities and to its development in the future.

AGS AWARDS – 2022

The Sir William and Lady Lawrence Award: no award this year

Local Group Award: joint winners:

Brian and Jo Walker have been members of the AGS and the Warwickshire Group for many years, supporting and working on behalf of the Society at both local and national levels. They have been mainstays of their Local Group – Brian having been Chairman and Jo Secretary – for many years. In spite of stepping down because of ill health, Brian continues to organise the group's programme of talks. The couple are enthusiastic and longstanding joint exhibitors at AGS Shows, the quality of their plants reflected in them winning 12 Gold Bars to their Gold Merit Medal, and a Farrer Medal in 2013. Additionally, Brian has been a show judge, Jo a show photographer – and both have been show stewards and give joint lectures. Jo has served as an AGS trustee and board chairman and has become renowned for growing alpines in troughs.

Richard and Sue Horswood were founder members of the Taunton Group and remain totally committed to the running of the group. The couple provide accommodation and hospitality to visiting speakers, and recently stepped in to offer use of their own garden when the hosts of the Taunton Group annual garden party had to withdraw due to illness. Richard regularly gives talks to their group, but also gives free talks to other groups so that they benefit from free talks in return. He has also helped at the South West AGS Show for many years, is an exhibitor and has served on the AGS committee.

Ferrier Charlton Award: Celia Sawyer for her work in organising volunteers to help renovate, redesign and replant the AGS Garden at Pershore over a period of 18 months. Without her organisational skills and abilities to encourage others to get involved, the AGS Garden would not have reached the standards of horticulture that it enabled it to be re-opened to the public.

Award of Honour: Mike Morgan for his dedication and efforts in creating great exhibits at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show that educate, entertain and enthuse show visitors. He has led the AGS Northern Group (East Cheshire and three Lancashire Local Groups) at that event, which resulted in two Gold Medals and the RHS Farrer Trophy in 2021.

Award of Honour: Jon Evans for his tireless work in photographing exhibits at AGS Shows, making him one of the busiest people at the events as he records most of the plants displayed at each show. He is a significant contributor to the work of the Society, managing the AGS Image Library and AGS Photographic Competition, and contributing to the AGS Encyclopedia.

Award of Honour: Bob Worsley for his tireless energy, support and hard work in developing the East Cheshire Group and forging links with other Local Groups during the Covid pandemic. Treasurer of the East Cheshire Group and Show Secretary, he is a champion of Local Groups, getting involved in talks and exhibits, including that at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show.

The Kath Dryden Award: no award this year.

LITERARY AWARDS – THE ALPINE GARDENER

The Clarence Elliott Memorial Award for best article published in 2021: **Panayoti Kelaidis**, *Those other hardy ice plants* (September 2021)

The Lionel & Joyce Bacon Award: for the best practical alpine gardening article published in 2021: **Paul Cumbleton**, *Spring joy from autumn bulbs* (September 2021)

The Christopher Grey-Wilson Award for photographic excellence: **Liz Knowles**, *Midsummer magic in Japan* (June 2021)

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

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 will include entry to Spetchley Park Gardens.
You can book on the AGS website
OR phone the AGS Centre on 01386 554790

PROGRAMME

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

Specialist Nurseries attending: Aberconwy, Buried Treasure (Rannveig Wallis) and Pottertons. There will also be an AGS stand with a selection of books and merchandise for sale

YOUR SEED EXCHANGE NEEDS YOU!

The Seed Exchange relies on donations from members, so please sort and clean your seed and send it in by 11 October 2022, to the seed receiver on the donor form corresponding to your surname. The donor form was included as a centre page pull-out in the June AGS News newsletter, and at the end of the June issue of *The Alpine Gardener*, and you can also download it from the AGS website. If you have late-ripening seed that you cannot get to us by 11 October, please contact Diane Clement by email for alternative arrangements. Please do not post to the seed receiver after 11 October without contacting Diane first.

Seed List

The seed list will be available to view or download from the website from late November 2022. We will not be posting seed lists to members this year unless you request this by contacting Diane Clement or the AGS Centre at Pershore before 1 November 2022.

Seed Distribution

Seed Distribution will go live on the website during the last week of November. Please watch the website for the exact date and any further information. We prefer you to order online because it makes the work of the volunteers so much easier and saves us a lot of time and expense. If you cannot use the online system and would like to order by post, your order will still be given the same priority as we allow time for post to reach us before we start making up orders. Please do not order seed by email.

Please can you help in any way?

The Seed Exchange relies on the goodwill and generosity of about 200 volunteers who help in various ways and in various places. We are grateful to everyone who helps, and in an operation of this size we always need new helpers. In late October we need helpers to file and number seeds in the mid Lancashire area. In November we need helpers to pack seed in their own homes. In late November, December and January we need helpers to rack up seed and make up orders at Pershore. If you live near these areas and can help out for a few hours or a full day, please get in touch. If you live further away, could you organise a car-load of people from your Local Group to come to Pershore for a day to help make up orders? If you think you are able to help this year, please contact: Diane Clement, Email: diane.clement@agsgroups.org; phone: 01902 426024

Diane would like to announce that this will be her last season of involvement in the Seed Exchange. In order for the seed exchange to continue, we need new managers for each phase: Seed Reception, Seed Packaging and Seed Distribution. Please get in touch with Diane (contact details above) if you would like more information about what is involved.

SEED EXCHANGE FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS 2022

Seed Donations from outside the UK

UK Plant Health regulations now require that all plants and seed entering the UK must 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. Please contact diane.clement@agsgroups.org if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Seed Ordering

For overseas members excluding Japan, Australia and the EU, there is no change from previous years. You will be able to order seed this year in the same way as you have done in the past. We can send seed to Northern Ireland, Norway and Switzerland.

USA

Members from the USA who wish to order seed must send in an Import Permit by post, or email it to Diane Clement using the email address below. You must send your import permit and one green/yellow label for every 50 packets or fewer that you order. Please include your email address on your order in case we need to get in touch with you.

If you already have a permit, please check it is still valid until at least March 2023 to allow time for postage of your seed order and administrative work by the USDA. Permits are free and will be valid for 3 years. Details about the permit can be found at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/permits> then select Plants for Planting, then Small Lots of seed

You do not have to use the Inspection Station which is nearest to your home and at the current time we suggest that you do not use Los Angeles, Miami or New York as these are the busiest ports and can lead to delay in receiving your seed. Alternative designated ports of entry can be found on the site.

More information about the process can be found on the AGS website under Seed Exchange.

New Zealand

Please check the lists of allowed seed before you order. New Zealand MPI database: <https://www1.maf.govt.nz/cgi-bin/bioindex/bioindex.pl>

For enquiries about any aspect of the seed exchange, please contact diane.clement@agsgroups.org

Glassine seed envelopes back in stock

New stocks of glassine seed envelopes are now available from the AGS Centre at Pershore

Small size (self-adhesive) 73 x 41mm £3.00 per 100
Large size (ungummed) 98 x 64mm £2.50 per 50

Glassines can be bought at all the Autumn AGS shows. All orders posted from Pershore will have p&p added. Larger quantities available at a discount. For enquiries about this, please contact Diane Clement directly by email: diane.clement@agsgroups.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

AGS Snowdrop Day

Saturday 4 February 2023

9.30am to 4.00pm

Admission by advance ticket only

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

Tickets for lectures, plant sales, tea and coffee,
two-course lunch: AGS members £38, non-members £48

Tickets can be obtained from the AGS Centre

PROGRAMME

9.30am Registration, plant sales and coffee

11.00am-3.45pm Lectures and plant sales

4.00pm Close of event

The day will include lectures by Joe Sharman, Jim Almond,
Bob and Rannveig Wallis, with titles to be confirmed in the
December issue of *AGS News*

Nurseries attending will include: Andy Byfield, Avon Bulbs, Edulis,
Ivycroft, Jim Almond and Monksilver

There will also be an AGS stand with a selection of books and
merchandise for sale

*This event is always popular, so book now
to be sure of your place*

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 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2022

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

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

AGS BOOKSHOP

Order code	Title and author (DENOTES AGS PUBLICATION)	Members' price
GENERAL ALPINE TITLES		
026	<i>The Crevice Garden and its Plants</i> by Zdenek Zvolanek	£6.50
032	<i>Alpine Gardening for Beginners</i> by John Good	£6.50
292	<i>Alpines: An Essential Guide</i> by Michael Mitchell	£15.50
SPECIFIC GENERA		
890	<i>The Plant Lover's Guide to Asters</i> by Paul and Helen Picton	£14.50
891	<i>The Plant Lover's Guide to Epimediums</i> by Sally Gregson	£14.50
933	<i>Meconopsis for Gardeners</i> Ed. Christopher Grey-Wilson Special postage rates: UK £8; EU £15; rest of world POA	£42.00
942	<i>Peony</i> by David C Michener and Carol A Adelman	£17.50
913	<i>The Plant Lover's Guide to Clematis</i> by Linda Beutler	£14.50
960	<i>Thirty Years of Growing Kabschia Saxifrages</i> by David Walkey	£4.00
881	<i>Meconopsis</i> (monograph) by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£54.50
882	<i>The Plant Lover's Guide to Snowdrops</i> by Naomi Slade	£14.50
860	<i>Growing Garden Bulbs</i> by Richard Wilford	£5.50
962	<i>The Galanthophiles</i> by Jane Kilpatrick and Jennifer Harmer	£36.00
963	<i>The Gardener's Guide to Snowdrops</i> (2nd edition) by Freda Cox	£37.50
ORCHIDS		
931	<i>A Pocket Guide to the Orchids of Britain and Ireland</i> by Simon Harrap	£12.00
698	<i>Ophrys: The Bee Orchids of Europe</i> by H Aerenlund Pedersen & N Faurholdt	£27.00

SUCCULENTS AND CACTI		
941	<i>Designing with Succulents</i> by Debra Lee Baldwin	£13.50
749	<i>Succulent Container Gardens</i> by Debra Lee Baldwin	£16.00
TRAVEL		
904	<i>Bulbs of the Eastern Mediterranean</i> by Oron Peri	£28.00
680	<i>Endemic Plants of the Altai Mountain Country</i> by A I Pyak et al.	£37.00
034	<i>Bulbs of Greece</i> by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£8.00
922	<i>Mountain Flowers</i> by Michael Scott	£28.00
809	<i>Mountain Flower Walks: Eastern Alps & Dolomites</i> by Jim Jermyn	£5.00
031	<i>Mountain Flower Walks: Greek Mainland</i> by John Richards	£5.00
961	<i>A Plant-Hunter in Afghanistan</i> by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£23.00
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

SPECIAL WEBSITE OFFERS ON BOOKS

The shop on the AGS website has a number of additional special offers on books and gifts - visit the shop at alpinegardensociety.net

AGS BOOKSHOP

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895	<i>Madeira</i>	£10.00
896	<i>Northern Portugal</i>	£10.00
897	<i>Pyrenees</i>	£10.00
898	<i>Sicily</i>	£10.00
899	<i>Southern Peloponnese</i>	£10.00
900	<i>Turkish Coast: Antalya to Demre</i>	£12.00
996	<i>Picos de Europa</i>	£12.00
OTHER TITLES		
838	<i>Rock Landscapes: The Pulham Legacy</i> by Claude HitchingE	£28.00
934	<i>Beth Chatto's Shade Garden</i> by Beth Chatto	£24.00
888	<i>Flora of the Silk Road</i> by Chris & Basak Gardner Special postage rates: UK £8; EU £15; rest of the world POA	£28.00
974	<i>Temperate Garden Plant Families</i> by Peter Goldblatt et al	£26.00
849	<i>Marianne North: A Very Intrepid Painter</i> by Michelle Payne	£9.50
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975	<i>Shrubs</i> by Andy McIndoe	£17.50
935	<i>Sowing Beauty</i> by James Hitchmough	£17.00
894	<i>Steppes</i> by Michael Bone et al.	£28.00

923	<i>The Bold Dry Garden</i> by Johanna Silver	£20.00
920	<i>The Garden at Brandy Mount House</i> by Michael Baron	£18.00
NEW BOOKS		
979	<i>Field Guide to the Wild Flowers of the Eastern Mediterranean</i> by Chris Thorogood	£32.00
980	<i>Field Guide to Plants of the Falkland Islands</i> by Thomas Heller, Rebecca Upson and Richard Lewis	£64.00
981	<i>Planting the Natural Garden</i> by Piet Oudolf and Henk Gerritsen	£20.00
982	<i>Field Guide to the Orchids of Europe and the Med</i> by Rolf Kuhn et al	£24.00
987	<i>Pasque-Flowers: The Genus Pulsatilla</i> by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£36.00
989	<i>Colchicum: The Complete Guide</i> by C Grey-Wilson, R Leeds and R Rolfe	£32.00
986	<i>The New Gardeners Handbook</i> by Daryl Beyers	£15.50
985	<i>Flora of the Mediterranean</i> by Christopher and Basak Gardner Special postage rates: UK £8; EU £15; rest of the world POA	£32.00
992	<i>Bulbous plant of Turkey and Iran</i> by Peter Sheasby and Christopher Grey-Wilson	£35.00
994	<i>A Field Guide to the Plants of Armenia</i> by Tamar Galstyan	£28.00
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.



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 Sparta. Then we drive south to Cytheion, to visit the Dimitrios wreck and nearby colonies of autumn-flowering *Cyclamen graecum*, *Anemone pavonina* and *Narcissus tazetta*.

Scenes of the Peloponnese are the greatest 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*



SOLD OUT

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–9 April 2023
(Provisional dates)

Leader: Harry Jans

Cost: TBC. Check website for updates; please register interest

Do you want to explore the highlands from Bolivia? 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 a high pass at Cerro Tunari which is not very often explored by botanists. The tour includes three days at the impressive and famous salt lake Salar de Uyuni, which is a most beautiful landscape full of gigantic cacti, and the very colourful Lago Colorado with many pink flamingos. The second part of the tour is focused in botanizing for seven days around La Paz, the capital city. 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.

FUTURE AGS TOURS

The AGS is planning to run tours to:
Crete (March/April 2023)
Western Alps (June 2023)

Southern Patagonia (November–December 2023),
Anatolia, Eastern Turkey (2023)



BULBS OF GALILEE

28 Feb–9 Mar 2023

Leaders: Oron Peri & Kurt Vickery
Cost: London-London £3,300
Tel Aviv-Tel Aviv £2,985

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*.

TULIPS IN THE TIEN SHAN

8–21 April 2023

Leaders: Kurt Vickery &
Vladimir Kolbintsev
Cost: London–London £4,785 ,
Almaty–Almaty £3,995

A truly remarkable display of colourful tulips carpets the mountains and valleys of Southern Kazakhstan in spring. The magnificent goblets of Greig's Tulip are joined by swathes of multicoloured *Tulipa ostrowskiana* and *T. kolpakowskiana*, waterlily flowers of *T. kaufmanniana*, stunning *Tulipa albertii* and



among 20 species of tulip rarities such as *Tulipa buhseana*, *T. lemmersii*, *T. tetraphylla* and bicoloured *T. zenaidae*.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

14–29 May 2023

Leaders: Paul Cardy & Owen Mountford
Cost: TBC

From the cathedral-like atmosphere of Coastal Redwood groves to Sagebrush-covered hillsides, and from the snowy Cascades Range to the unspoilt Klamath Coast, the Western Seaboard of America is home to a tremendously rich flora. Paintbrushes, penstemons,



phloxes and meadows of blue camassias provide an arena for a multitude of irises and calochortuses. These are the signature plants of this tour.

LYCIAN TAURUS

3–11 June 2023

Leaders: Chris Gardner & Ian Green
Cost: London–London £2,250
Antalya–Antalya £2,000

The diversity of the flora found in the highest ridges of the Lycian Taurus beggar belief. One mountain alone has as many species of plant as the whole of the UK! The wonderful bright blue hedgehogs of *Asyneuma junceum* dot dry ridgetops among *Pedicularis cadmea*, *Muscari bourgaei* and mats of *Androsace villosa*. By snow patches we'll find the stars of



Merendera attica, *Eranthis hyemalis*, *Scilla bifolia* and colchicums and gageas.

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SUMMER IN GEORGIA

30 June–11 July 2023

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

Cost: London–London £2,995
Tbilisi–Tbilisi £2,645

The Greater Caucasus forms a truly impressive divide between Asia and Europe. Georgia has a breathtaking floral diversity. Elegant, tall *Lilium kesselringianum* produces a tremendous show alongside delphiniums, foxgloves and monkshoods in meadows still cut by hand. *Dianthus raddeanus*



glows pink from rocky outcrops and red *Sedum sempervivoides* blooms with clusters of deeply coloured *Campanula alpigena*.

AUTUMN BULBS OF SW TURKEY

18–25 October 2023

Leaders: Yasemin Konuralp & Seda Soylu

Cost: London–London £1,995
Antalya–Dalaman £1,795

A magical display of flowers garlands the autumn landscape in the unspoilt Taurus Mountains of Southwestern Turkey. There's the purple-centred ivory flowers of rare *Crocus mathewii*, gorgeous *Crocus wattiorum*, *C. speciosus*, rare *Colchicum sanguicolle*, weird



Biarum pyrami, chequered *Colchicum variegatum*, and the golden goblets of *Sternbergia clusiana* among many others.

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AUTUMN CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

AT CHESFORD GRANGE HOTEL, KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE, CV8 2LD,
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Two-day residential delegates:

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£50 for Saturday including lunch, £80 for Sunday including lunch

The four-star Chesford Grange Hotel is a few miles from Warwick and Royal Leamington Spa. Kenilworth Station is 1.8 miles and Warwick Station is 3 miles from the hotel. The hotel has a heated pool, spa, gym and health club.

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