

Fuchsia News April 2015

Meeting: Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm

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The South East Essex Fuchsia Fellowship is affiliated to the British Fuchsia Society and winners of the first R.H.S Flora Medal awarded to a Fuchsia Society

Meeting Subject/s

Dr Rod Cole
Essex Wildlife Trust

RAFFLE

The March raffle raised £31.00. Thank you to all who donated prizes and congratulations to the winners.
Thank You

CALENDAR FOR 2015

- April 2nd; Dr Rod Cole, Essex Wildlife Trust and free plug plants issued to Members.
 - April 5th; Rayleigh Horticultural Society Spring Show (SEEFF in attendance) The Mill Centre Rayleigh
 - May 7th; Derek Dexter, Growing Fuchsias
 - May 10th; Rayleigh Horticultural Society Spring Plant Sale (SEEFF in attendance) The RHS Store Site.
 - May 31st Laindon Horticultural Society Plant Sale. (SEEFF in attendance)
 - June 4th; John and Kath Ardener Open Garden
 - June 28th; Rayleigh Horticultural Society Summer Show (SEEFF in attendance) The Mill Centre Rayleigh
 - July 2nd; Bill Wye, Hybridising Fuchsias
 - July 18th, SEEFF Annual Show (2 days)
 - July 25th; Rochford Fuchsia Society Show, Hawkwell Village Hall
 - July 25th/26th Clacton and District Fuchsia Society Annual Show.
 - August; No Meeting
 - September 3rd; Show Trophy Presentation.
 - October; Harry Brickwood, Lillies
 - November TBC
 - December TBC
- Future dates and contents to be published when decided.

FUCHSIA DESCRIPTIONS

Lancashire Lass

Single, H2, Bush (Sinton, UK, 1986)

Tube; Short, fat, Light Pink with Red stripes.

Sepals; White with splash of Red near the tube, reflex right back to the stem.

Corolla; Hyacinth Blue and much paler at the base of each petal.

Foliage; Medium Green

The growth is tall and upright.

Knockout

Double, H2, Trailer (Stubbs, USA, 1981)

Tube & Sepals; Flesh Pink.

Corolla; Deep Purple with Orange markings on outer petals.

Foliage; Medium Green, Red vein.

The natural growth habit is to spread and this can be helped by regular 'stopping' of the leading growths.

A natural trailer which will make a good basket.

H1 Rather tender and frost shy. For perfection requires the winter protection of a heated greenhouse and temperatures in excess of 7^o throughout the year.

H2 Described as half-hardy and may require some protection during winter.

H3 Described as hardy and can be planted permanently in the garden and will withstand normal winter conditions

SPEAKER THIS MONTH

The speaker this month is Dr Rod Cole from the Essex Wildlife Trust who is based at the Laindon Hills Nature Reserve and will give us a talk on the flora of the reserve.

STOPPING DATES

Below are the approximate stopping dates that can be used when pinching out plants for the show. These dates are an indication only and can vary taking growing conditions into consideration.

Type	Show Date	Penultimate Pinch	Penultimate Pinch	Last Pinch	Final Pinch
Species and		Days	Date	Days	Date
Triphyllias	18 July 2015	111	29 March 2015	90	19 April 2015
Double	18 July 2015	101	08 April 2015	80	29 April 2015
Semi Double	18 July 2015	91	18 April 2015	70	09 May 2015
Single	18 July 2015	81	28 April 2015	60	19 May 2015

BIT OF LIGHT RELIEF FOR THE BFS

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?

Why isn't eleven called onety one?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

THE E & J.P. SHIELD

This is a monthly competition for novices only (members who have not won a first prize in any fuchsia show). The competition runs from February to July and the trophy will be awarded at our annual show to the competitor gaining the most points.

Competitors are required to present their entry at our monthly meeting by staging them on the tables provided.

The monthly entry requirements are:-

February; One plant breaking into growth.

March; Three rooted cuttings ready for potting. Rooting system to be seen, along with a sample of the potting compost.

April; Two young plants stopped for bush or shrub growth.

May; Two plants grown for 3.5" pot class.

June; One plant in 5" pot shown for growth and cleanliness.

July; One plant in bloom any size pot up to 7".

Points awarded each month are 1st-4 pts., 2nd-3 pts., 3rd- 2 pts., All other entries 1 point

Judges Committee. To maintain enthusiasm up to the end of competition the monthly results will not be disclosed by the judge until the competition ends.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th May 2015 at 7.30 pm at The United Reform Church Hall, Honeypot Lane, Basildon, Essex. All visitors are welcome.

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