

FUCHSIA DESCRIPTIONS

Pride of the West

Single, H2, Lax Bush (Lye, UK, 1871)

Tube; Long and slender, Reddish Pink.

Sepals; Reddish Pink, long narrow and curl upwards.

Corolla; Plum Red, opens bell shaped. The flower is fairly long.

Foliage; Medium Green

Growth is rather lax upright so will need stopping at an early stage to develop a good bush plant.

Gladiator

Double, H2, Bush (Lemoine, France, 1889)

Tube; Rosy Carmine, short

Sepals; Rosy Carmine, short, broad, curling over tube.

Corolla; White, veined and splashed with Rosy Carmine.

Foliage; Dark Green.

The upright growth make this an excellent cultivar for bushes.

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 Derek Dexter who we had originally booked last year but was cancelled.

Apparently Derek grows fuchsias a little differently than perhaps some of us do, so it should be interesting.

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

TOWNGATE CAR PARK FUND RAISER

As mentioned at the last meeting we have been given a date for the club to run one of the car parks in Basildon on Saturday 30th May. This has in the past been very beneficial to the club as it allows us to generate additional income. For this to happen it requires club members to volunteer to spare a little time and help out. We must have at least three people at any one time at the car park between 8.00am and 4.00pm. If due to a lack of volunteers we have cancel, and there is no guarantee that we would get another date, we could stand to lose probably over £100 - £150, which could help in covering any shortfall that the club may make at the Show. If you can do a couple of hours please contact Pat Pope as soon as possible and let her know when you are available.

Please help and support your club.

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.

MESSAGE FROM RAY SAUNDERS

A big thank you to all our members who went on the Belgium trip, I was on my own but never felt like it, Val and Jim made sure that I was ok and at meal times and evening there was so much laughter my sides ached. I hope I am forgiven for locking out both Paul and John out of their bedroom and not hearing them trying to get in. Thanks to you all.

Ray

ENCLIANDRAS

Following Paul Leatherdale's talk about Encliandras I have been informed that Little Brook Fuchsias owned by Carol Gubler have quite a range of these plants. Unfortunately they do not have a mail order service and they only supply by a visit to the nursery at certain times, which is located near Aldershot in Hampshire. If you are interested they can be contacted on 01252 329731.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.30 pm at The United Reform Church Hall, Honeypot Lane, Basildon, Essex. All visitors are welcome.

Our Website; <http://seefuchsia.wordpress.com>