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Help and Advice

If anyone would like help or advice on fuchsia growing, please don't hesitate to ask, the list below will guide you to advisors on specific subjects. All the committee members are willing to receive phone calls from members and will be only too happy to provide help and advice outside of our monthly meetings. If you have a question, don't be shy, we were all beginners once, and if we are unable to give you an answer we will endeavour to find out for you.

Who can help me?

Topic	Contact
General Culture.	Carol Richards, Rodney Hicks
Advice for beginners.	Horace James
Articles for Newsletter.	Michael Wingate
Baskets and hanging pots.	Alan Richards, Carol Richards
Hardies, fuchsias in the garden.	Yvonne Barlow
Shaping - bonsai, standards etc.	Alan Richards, Alec Bond, Carol Richards
Showing - planning, preparation etc.	Alan Richards, Alec Bond, Horace James
Species, Encliandras & the more unusual.	Yvonne Barlow,
Taking cuttings	Horace James, Carol Richards
Articles for Website	Ric Reilly

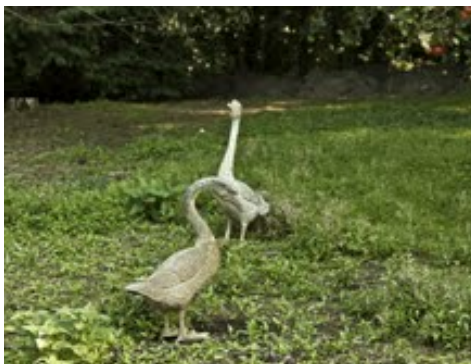
The President Writes

Hi Folks

What a great month, with Presentation evening then the Barbecue! Presentation evening I thought was excellent everyone happily 'grabbing' their well-deserved trophies you were all too excited to keep still for a moment so poor old photographer (me) got most of you wobbly! Got new faster camera now !!! Then we had Ron's talk on daffodils, I suppose I always knew there were many different species and cultivars but never for a moment expected so many and so different, what with doubles, coloured ones and a variety of shapes and sizes must be a daff to suit everyone and every nook and cranny in any garden! Loved his introduction when he said as a 9 and 10 year old he went in the woods and fields picking snowdrops, primroses etc and sold them for his pocket money would be picked up by Mr Plod now and given a 'right talking too'! maybe all for the good in this day and age though, as our fields and woods seem to be turning into bricks and mortar! Then on to the barbi, weren't we lucky with the weather, Great Chef Horace kept us in excellent food with Helen keeping us supplied with tea and coffee, Ric wandering about entertaining us and making us very welcome as always, I raided the garden for some flowers (with permission!), and pinched an apple! Ric's garden is a real treat and a lot of hard work has gone into it since I was there last. I think we all enjoyed ourselves very much Thanks Helen and Ric can't wait for the next one.

Yvonne

Just in case you didn't get round to seeing the 'wild life' in the garden a few pictures!



Editorial

This newsletter is shorter than usual as I have been very busy this month and at this time of the year there is not a great deal to write about. But I must just mention the beautiful Fuchsias in the hedgerows and gardens which seem to be much later flowering and are making a great splash of colour at the moment.

There are just one or two things that I should mention, first of all thank you to Geoff Perry and Maggie Gerry whose letters appear on page 6 and to Marie and David Hall for their encouraging article, they certainly turned disaster into triumph! Also on page 6 is a last minute notice from Yvonne about a Fungi Weekend at Godolphin House, which sounds very interesting.

Horace has sent me this picture of Sheila and Les Couch who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 28th. I am sure that our members will join me in saying congratulations and best wishes to them both.

Michael



Society Notices

At Our Next Meeting

Thursday 7th November

Slide Show with Bernard Ballard
Wheal Jane Past present and future.

Editor's replacement.

We still require a newsletter editor to take on the job from January 2014. Please contact Carol if you feel that you can help.

The programme of events for next year will appear in the November edition of the Newsletter.

Fungi Weekend at Godolphin House

See Page 6 for details

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THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A FUCHSIA GROWER.

A very encouraging letter from Marie and David Hall.

In 2011 after competing in the Camborne - Redruth Show, we returned home with our plants, after a very good day, leaving our plants outside in the back garden. Within a couple of weeks we began gardening and looked at all the plants we had brought back from the show and we looked at the large number of fuchsia plants we had growing in the garden as well. Most of the plants in the garden had been there for the past ten years and were looking lovely and well in colour. To my horror I found that the ends of all the plants, both in the garden and the show plants were disfigured. Yes it was the dreaded fuchsia Gall Mite!

We telephoned Alan and Carol and they popped up to see us and confirmed it was Gall Mite. The following day David and I began digging up ALL the fuchsia plants in the garden, we cut them up and burnt them in the garden bin. Having burnt every fuchsia in the garden we turned our attention to the show plants, again with a heavy heart we cut them up and burnt every one. We managed to save a couple of cuttings from the plants and with propagator ready I planted the cuttings in mid September 2011.

So all I had left were a number of cuttings and all the fuchsia plants were gone and so we had to start all over again. But who dares will, hopefully, win! All the cuttings were sprayed over and over with BAYER MULTI ROSE 3 IN 1 CONCENTRATE. By October they were rooting and we were checking them regularly for any signs of problems, but none appeared. I was afraid to buy any plants from anyone other than trusted growers so I would then take cuttings from these plants and spray the cuttings and then burn the mother plant. So by 2011 the greenhouse was filling up nicely with little cuttings and plants, the doors of the greenhouse were netted all year round as I didn't trust anything coming into the greenhouse. By Spring they were all growing away and I was regularly checking and spraying. By 2012 David and I travelled to the Far South West Fuchsia Show in Exeter in which I had entered my ten month old plants!! What a day I had, it was a great day and I won 4 First, 1 Second and 1 Third along with a Blue Ribbon. What a great day and how proud we were of our ten month old plants. We both had a slight tear after all we had gone through to get us to this point. The joke now with all of our friends is that anyone wishing to enter the greenhouse to look at our plants must take off their clothes, as I don't know what they might be carrying!

In July 2013 the two of us went to Fowey with new and first and second year plants. We had another great day, I received Best in Show, Runner up Best in Show, Blue Ribbon and altogether both David and I collected over 18 Trophies. A week later David and I went to the Camborne - Redruth Fuchsia Show and with our plants I won Runner up Best in show, Best hanging Pot and Best standard along with a number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd's. The two of us went to the South West Fuchsia Show in Bristol where David took part in the competition for the first time and came first in the Beginners and Novice Classes.

The message to everyone is clearly don't give up if you ever suffer the dreaded Gall Mite. Just spray and keep the greenhouse clean and check your plants regularly and try not to have too many visitors in the greenhouse .

Your e-mails

Hi Mike,

Do any of our members have experience of making their own sea weed liquid feed? I have spent around sixty pounds on propriety plant feeds so I am hoping for positive results on the home made variety. That is, filling a dustbin with freshly gathered sea weed from the shore line, covering with clean water, leaving to stew for 6 to 8 weeks, then storing the strained juice/liquid feed in 5 litre containers, using as a plant feed of 10 parts water to 1 part seaweed juice. Seaweed is also a good mulch for the garden.

When taking cuttings, has any one tried using runny honey as a rooting medium? I have tried it just recently, putting some cuttings in compost and Perlite mix, and some in sand as a trial.

Happy growing

Geoff Perry

I was watching an episode of a detective programme, on the television, called Motive. there had been a murder and the autopsy was under way and they said that samples taken from the victims nostrils had contained pollen from a fuchsia. They then went on to look it up in a book and I copied it down. It was called fuchsia Magellenica Aurea. It blossoms profusely over a long period of time with many small hanging and tubular flowers in brilliant shades of red and purple. It is a species of the flowering plant in the family Evening Primrose native to South America.

They later showed the inside of the greenhouse where the murder had taken place and there were several hanging baskets of this plant, they were beautiful.

Hope this fills a gap!

Maggie

Hi Michael and Mary,

If you have time perhaps you can put the following in the Newsletter. As you are involved with Godolphin and we enjoyed our visit, in June, so much, I thought members might be interested to know that, on Sat. 12th and Sun. 13th of October, the National Trust have organised a Fungus Weekend at Godolphin from 10am - 4pm. Held by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust Fungus Group, led by Pauline Penna. The weekend is being held across the country, instigated by The Association of British Fungus Groups. As a member of both groups, I will be there both days. It isn't about 'mushrooms' as such but about the very unusual fungi, some common but overlooked, here in our area, you will be able to see spores through a microscope, lovely large photographs and a slide show going throughout both days. It will be held in the Kings Room at Godolphin house.

Yvonne Barlow.



Editor’s Puzzle Page

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Unable to play with the big boys and girls? Never mind, this sudoku is especially for you as it is rated very easy.

The CROFS

Mr. M

“I had a letter in the post, the other day, marked Do Not Bend. I thought *How am I supposed to pick it up?*”

Last month’s solutions



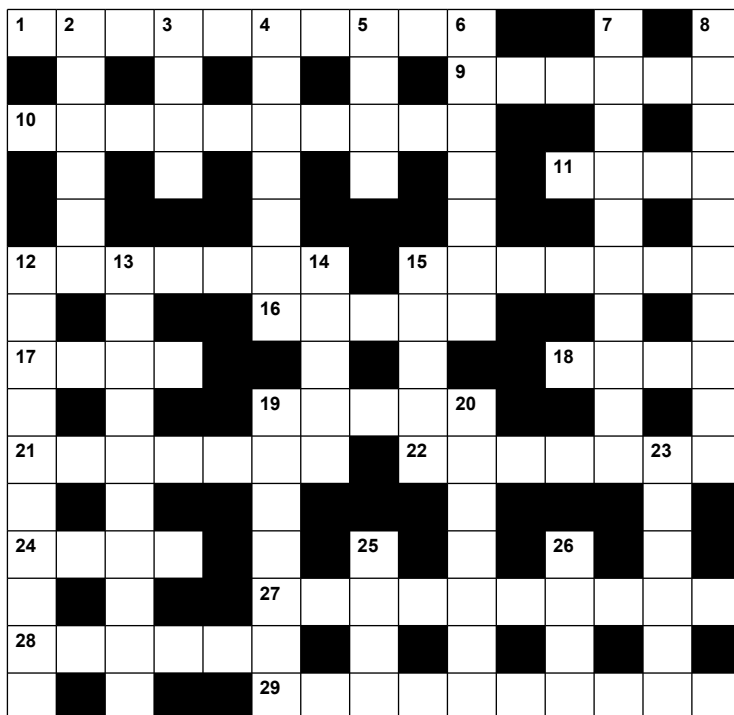
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Yes if they use the following sequence.

1. ABC-abc
2. AB-Cabc
3. ABaC-bc
4. ABaCb-c
5. ABa-bCc
6. A-aBbCc
7. -AaBbCc
8. aA-BbCc

9. aAbB-Cc
10. aAbBcC-
11. aAbBc-C
12. aAb-cBC
13. a-bAcBC
14. ab-AcBC
15. abcA-BC
16. abc-ABC

Fuchsia Crossword 107 from Mary



Across

Down

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| <p>1. Radiation shine. (6,4)
 9. Play it again! (6)
 10. 'Pick a Renault' hides offshore lands.(5,5)
 11. It's a stronghold. (4)
 12. Italian for My Dear. (4,3)
 15. Talk in Paris or Calais. (7)
 16. Tale that is preceded by Another. (5)
 17. Initially a New York avenue. (4)
 18. How to wrap a present. (4)
 19. Firstly "My Aunt Gladys drove away." (5)
 21. Fuchsia hidden in a local chasm. (7)
 22. She is an anagram of 'real one.' (7)
 24. Turn your eyes East, or North. (4)
 27. Anagram of 'Rue real men.' (10)
 28. Royal flower prized by many. (6)
 29. Where you might hear an aria. (5,5)</p> | <p>2. Anagram of 'a hit Al.' (6)
 3. Before y groes initially May and Eve sing.(4)
 4. Oriental in France. (7)
 5. Her 2nd is Victoria her 1st is a flower. (4)
 6. Opposite to East plus a beam of light. (7)
 7. UK had the last in 1953. (10)
 8. Twinkler belonging to river mouth. (6,4)
 12. He may be in charge of the Exchequer. (10)
 13. The Queen's handshake for instance. (5,5)
 14. Look at maps in these mountains. (5)
 15. Said to come before a fall. (5)
 19. Fuchsia hidden by 'Grandma ran down.' (7)
 20. Canadian State. (7)
 23. <u>Not</u> a fuchsia but may be doctor's or marching. (6)
 25. Hidden by 'Ram keeper' (4)
 26. Mexican snack in a rolled tortilla. (4)</p> |
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Answers to Crossword 106

Across. 1. Fireball 5. Cancom 9. Mayfield 10. Hilary 12. Elaine Taylor 15. Alata 16. Notre
 18. Son 19. Dot 20. Tara 21. Maori 22. Nicola Claire 26. Elaine 27. O Solo Mio 28. Soames
 29. My Marion **Down.** 1. Fame 2. Rays 3. Brilliant 4. Lillian Grace 6. Anita 7. Charleston
 8. May Prentis 11. Bertha Gadsby 13. Garden News 14. Santa Clara 17. Esmeralda
 23. Lynne 24. Ambi 25 Gown.