

Annual Flower & Produce Show

- Prize Draw tickets will be sold at our June and July meetings, rather than sent out to members separately, so please remember to buy your tickets at the meetings. We have plenty more available if you can sell them to friends and family, just ask Liz Ablett for some spare books. Tickets will also be sold at Solar on 4 July and 9/10 July – if you can help to sell tickets on these days please let Liz Ablett know.
- We will be circulating the “Helpers Rota” and “Cake & Produce” sheets at our next meeting – so if you are able to help out over the Show weekend 17, 18, 19, July please let Jeremy and Angela know.
- Please donate some “in date” goodies for the Hampers we make up for the Prize Draw. We also need baskets or containers that would be suitable to make up the hampers.
- Diana Harold is now collecting any gifts or items that would be good for the Tombola stall. Bring them all along to our next meeting.

Coach Trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show

A heartfelt “Thank you” to Carol Wallace and her able assistant Cynthia, from the 41 folk who thoroughly enjoyed the 3 day coach trip to the RHS Malvern Spring Show. From Start to Finish to whole trip went exceedingly well, with a visit to National Trust’s Hanbury Hall and gardens, Ashwood Nursery and the magnificent John’s Garden, as well as the Malvern Show. And on the way home we even managed to fit in two more gardens at Lode in Cambridgeshire, that were open under the National Garden Scheme. Combined with a very comfortable stay at the Chateau Impney hotel for bed, breakfast and dinner, our 3 days were perfection. This trip will be a hard act to follow.

More Coach Trips!!!

Our wonderful coach owner Mick Dabbs has more trips you may be interested in.

Hampton Court Flower Show on 4th July. £40 ticket and coach.

Sandringham Flower Show on 29th July. £25 ticket and coach.

Check out these trips and many more at www.felixstowetravel.com or call 01394 671241.

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Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society

Next Meeting – 9 June 2015



**Maggie Thorpe
of Plant Heritage
Demonstration of Propagation**

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Phone Queries: Please contact Carol Wallace 01394 272695

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Secretary's Message

For those of us who enjoyed the trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show we were able to drop in on Ray and Pauline Martin at the National Rose Society's stand and congratulate them on their RHS Gold Medal for the Rose Society's Educational stand. We could also admire the wonderful Rose show entries, where Ray and Pauline also won Best in Show! Our Chairman leading us by example!!

Back to Tuesday night's meeting where we welcomed both Cathy Watson who is a garden designer, and our speaker for the evening; and also Susie Davies owner of Katies Garden Centre who supplied the plants for Cathy's talk and had more for sale to the members.

Cathy took us through some low maintenance planting options for colour and structure in both sunny and shady borders. Her top tips are to:

- Prepare well. Weed using Glyphosate to eradicate perennial weeds, then enhance the soil by breaking it up, manure, get in lots of air and may be do a ph test soil. Consider weed suppressants such as membranes or bark.
- Design your border and limit the group of colours you use, then stick to your plan and don't get tempted by other plants.

Sunny border with a wall or fence behind

- Trachelospermum jasminoides, as a climber to cover fence at back of border
- Ceanothus – can be clipped as a wall shrub
- Phormium Jester – about 1m high provides focal point in border
- Euphorbia – Martini 90cms high with red stems or Humpty Dumpty at 60cm high
- Perennial Wallflower – Erysimum bowles mauve
- Foliage plants – Photinia Little Red Robin 60-90cms, or Pittisporum Tom Thumb, or Viburnum Davidii
- Carex Frosted Curl – evergreen grass at front of border
- Bergenia
- Miscanthus grass
- Spirea foliage plant
- Salvia Merlot Rose

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- Heucherella Redstone Falls – lovely in pot or a number through front of border
- Geum Totally Tangerine – remember to dead head
- Nepeta Sixhill Giant – (cat mint) space a number through the front border
- Sedum Autumn Joy – 60cm high

Shady Border

- Mahonia
- Osmanthus – 3m high, good hedging
- Aucuba – a slow growing spotted laurel
- Ferns like Dryopteris erythrosora
- Buxus – clipped Box ball to make statement at end of border
- Hebe Baby Marie – 30cm high
- Euonymus Silver Queen
- Perennials – Heuchera Plumb Pudding, Anemone Husband's Abundance (centre border), Dicentra (middle border), Tellima or Epimedium and Geranium

I look forward to welcoming Maggie Thorpe from Plant Heritage to our June meeting. Maggie will be talking to us and demonstrating plant propagation.

Caroll Wallace

NOTICES:

- **Please**, please, please support our stall at the **OFCA Fair** on Saturday 13th June by providing spare plants and produce to sell. Bring along plants to next meeting or on the morning of the sale.
- Little Bentley Hall has a fund raiser open day on May 30th, will include water gardens and an art show.
- If anyone would like an aluminium and glass panelled cold frame, dimensions 10' x 4' x 27", please contact Caroll Wallace 01394 272695. Buyer to collect and donation to Society funds.
- Helpers are required at Felixstowe Seafront gardens on Saturday 20th June between 10am-12 noon. Meet outside Town Hall before 10am. Or speak to Rachel Bischoff and Liz Ablett.

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