Edinburgh & Lothian's Rock Garden Group - Affiliated to the Scottish Rock Garden Club

EVENING MEETING PROGRAMME 2022 – 2023

Meetings will be held in the Conference Room,

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (Entrance from Inverleith Row) Entry charge for meeting is £2 Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm **unless otherwise mentioned below** Guests and visitors welcome

13th September 7.30pm 2022 - Launching a Horticultural Career - Aaron Marshall

My parents bought their house in 2008 and an extensive renovation was required, including the garden. It is constantly evolving and with a notable Snowdrop collection opens reguarly under Scotland's Garden Scheme. This experience led to me studying the Horticulture with Plantsmanship BSc here at RBGE before gaining further experience at NTS Branklyn Gardens. Coming from RHS Harlow Carr's alpine department, I am the newest member of the Alpine department at RBGE.

11th October 7.30pm 2022 - European Alpines in nature – a new look Jim Jermyn

Jim needs no introduction. A well-kent plantsman, author, nurseryman, lecturer and now Property Manager at Branklyn, Jim will speak on one of his many passions.

8th November 3.00 pm 2022 (Botanics Cottage) - 21 years in Horticulture. - Graham Gunn

Having worked in horticulture for over 20 years Graham will be talking about what led him into horticulture, what a good career choice it is and he will talk about his experience as manager at Kevock garden.

13th December 3.00pm 2022 (Botanics Cottage) - Members Day - Talks to be confirmed- Volunteers welcomed!

10th January 3.00pm 2023 (Botanics Cottage) - Annual General Meeting

Photographic Competition Two classes: Plants in the wild or garden and Landscapes Entries can be submitted in digital, slide film or print formats to David Millward at dmillward6@aol.com. (Wine and nibbles)

14th February 7.30pm 2023 - Travels in Armenia Harry Jans.

Is a passionate plant explorer and rock gardener for more than 40 years. In 2014, he received the prestigious Alpine Garden Society (AGS) Lyttel Trophy; Harry is regular lecturer at conferences and study weekends in many countries throughout the world and has written many articles on various plant subjects.

14th March 7.30pm 2023 - A Lifetime in Alpines Elspeth MacIntosh

Elspeth Mackintosh worked at the RBGE for over 30 years. She at first worked in the Rock and Woodland section but developed a passion for alpines and moved to, and remained in the Alpine Department for her entire career. Elspeth was responsible for the whole Alpine section, including the public display areas, the collections in the back-up area and propagation of Alpines.

11th April 7.30pm 2023 - Before and After Lockdown - John Mitchell

John Mitchell is supervisor of the Alpine Department and has travelled extensively around the world. His talk will start with a tour of NZ just before lockdown then a visit to Germany and Czech Republic just after restrictions were lifted looking at private and Botanic Gardens