



WEST OF SCOTLAND ROCK GARDEN CLUB

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Dear Friends

I usually start this newsletter with a bit of a rant about the weather and then go on to tell you about the wonderful talks and lectures we have planned for the autumn and winter.....if only! In these strange times we are experiencing, all aspects of what we thought of as "normal" have been affected.

You will probably have anticipated that we cannot hold any meetings this autumn and will need to see what restrictions are in force in 2021 before we can make any decisions about holding talks again in the Fraser Centre. Those of you who are members of the SRGC will know that the Discussion Weekend has been cancelled, the Seed Exchange will not take place in January 2021 and the International Rock Garden Conference, which was due to take place in Perth in May 2021 has also been cancelled.

We will miss the lectures and the pleasure of each other's company and can only hope that an effective vaccine becomes available so that we can resume the group activities we enjoy. In the meantime, we have a suggestion to make. Some of you will have discovered during lockdown that it is possible to see people and talk to them using Zoom (or similar apps). We are working on a short programme of talks which you could watch on your computer, laptop or tablet. You will even be able to ask the speaker questions – but you need to provide your own cup of tea! If you would like to see these talks we need to have your e mail address. **Please a mail Jackie on jackiet16@hotmail.com with your up to date e mail address, no later than 30 September.** We will then send you a list of dates and speakers by e mail. There will be no charge for the talks until Christmas when we will review the situation. We have already arranged for Richard Green and Mike Thornley to give us talks and we are contacting other speakers.

As the nights draw in, you may be looking for good reading material. Those of you who are not already members of the main Scottish Rock Garden Club may not know that we publish an excellent glossy magazine every 6 months. There are some spare copies of the January 2020 Journal available free on request, and if you would like a copy please email Richard on rkpgreen@aol.com to give him your postal address. I am sure that your gardens are looking splendid and have enjoyed lots of extra care this year! Perhaps the exceptional Spring weather has resulted in a bumper crop of seeds. If so, there is a plan to organise a low key, informal exchange of seeds. These

will be available at any shows which can be held next year. If you have some seeds that you could donate, choose no more than five types, check they were available on the 2019 – 2020 seed list and e mail the five plant names to seed@srgc.org.uk along with your postal address. You will then receive envelopes, labels and instructions. You are asked to make up ten packets for each of your five items.

I hope that many of you will be able to join in the Zoom meetings. They may feel like a poor substitute for our Fraser Centre meetings “in the flesh” but at least you won’t need to leave your house on a cold, wet autumn evening!

Best wishes

Alison Ward (Group Convenor)

Addendum:

Dear Member(s)

The club needs to have the ability to communicate with members in the most cost effective and efficient ways possible. To this end we would like your permission to collect and store your email address(es). If you have not already done so, please consider letting us have permission to begin using it to get in touch with you from time to time over club business aside from renewals, seed exchange and suchlike. This will not mean a deluge of emails, just the occasional one, and rest assured the information will be as secure as your membership details are. And you can, of course, change your mind about receiving such emails at any time. Just send an email to me at: emails@srgc.net with your name and membership number.

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