

It gives me particular pleasure to be able to thank publicly our Chairman for once again achieving success for the Heather Society at the RHS Hampton Court flower show earlier this year. As we all know, his display of heathers in the Floral Marquee was awarded a Silver Flora medal and helped bring heathers to the attention of the British gardening public in the best possible way. Unfortunately I could not see the stand in person, but the available photographs depict a striking naturalistic display of daboecias, tree heaths, grasses and other heathers, which could not fail to impress anyone viewing it. The effort and time required to set up such a display, from conception and design to construction, cannot be overestimated, and of course the provision of plants of such high quality in time for the show is also something to admire. The display and its subsequent award helped raise the profile of heathers and will have brought considerable benefits to the Society, directly and indirectly. Consequently we all express our appreciation and gratitude to David and his helpers, and we wish him the best of luck for next year's show.