

# THE HEATHER SOCIETY BULLETIN



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*It does not seem more than a few weeks since I was writing an introduction to my first Bulletin and now it is time for another one. It is a sign of old age they say when the time passes so fast but it seems to me that it is because the older we all get the busier we all are.*

*In this Bulletin we have a 'Letter From America', which I hope you will find interesting. I hope to find member growers, both amateur and professional, in other parts of the world who are as helpful as Alice Knight and will share their experiences with us.*

*I thought you might be interested in the following snippet of information. On a visit to Sizergh Castle, (a National Trust property in Cumbria) last year, we were pleasantly surprised to find that all the plates laid out on the large dining table in the hall were painted with pictures of*

*South African Heathers, each plate depicting a different heather. The service was made by Worcester Porcelain but the lady in charge did not know much about its history, so when we arrived home I contacted the Worcester Porcelain Museum to see what I could find out.*

*The Assistant Curator was able to tell me that services like this were made in the 1860's and 1870's and that this particular one was made for the firm of Thomas Goode, who still has a shop in South Audley Street in London. She suspected that it was then bought by someone as a wedding present. Worcester Porcelain exported many such services to South Africa, America and Australia where they are much sought after today.*

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## 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE, HAMPSHIRE 7 - 10th September 1990**

The 1990 Conference will be held at Sparsholt College Hampshire, from 7th - 10th September. The College is in a delightful rolling Downland setting, just a few miles west of Winchester. It can be reached by train to Winchester and then a bus, or is easily found by car. The College runs Agriculture and Horticulture courses and is expanding into a Conference Centre role.

The outline programme is as follows:-

### FRIDAY

4pm - 6pm Reception & registration.

Evening Welcome by the Chairman. 'My Early Career in Horticulture', a short, light hearted talk by Brian Kidd, a member of the Radio Solent 'Topsoil' team.

### SATURDAY

#### Morning

A talk on the Horticultural Department of the College by Bob Dennis,

the Head of that Department. A tour of the horticultural facilities of the College. (There will be alternative 'entertainment' for those not requiring the tour).

### Afternoon

A Field trip to the New Forest to observe *Erica cinerea*, *Erica tetralix*, *Calluna vulgaris* and possibly *Erica ciliaris*. An alternative visit to a recently created private garden has been planned for those not wishing to take part in the Field Trip. At the end of the afternoon, both parties will meet for refreshment in the garden of Phyllis Kennedy in Sway on the edge of the New Forest. Evening A talk on the Hillier Arboretum by the Curator, Barry Phillips.

## SUNDAY

### Morning

A.G.M. A talk on 'Wisley and the Heather Garden - the next 10 Years' by John Battye of Wisley.

### Afternoon

A visit to the Hillier Arboretum.

### Evening

Open Forum and members' slides

## MONDAY

### Morning Depart

The programme may include a short talk by the scholar undertaking the current Bell's Scholarship Research and there will be plenty of time for informal discussion of our favourite topic.

The various prices per head for the weekend are detailed below:-

## RESIDENTS

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| Friday evening to Monday morning, incl. 2 coach trips | £97.00 |
| Friday evening to Sunday lunch, incl. 1 coach trip.   | £71.00 |
| Friday evening to Sunday lunch, incl. 2 coach trips.  | £75.50 |

## NON-RESIDENTS

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| All weekend incl 2 coach trips           | £52.50 |
| Friday evening, incl. dinner             | £8.00  |
| All Saturday, incl 1 coach trip & dinner | £23.00 |
| All Sunday, incl 1 coach trip & dinner   | £21.50 |
| Sunday morning, incl lunch               | £8.00  |

The residential prices assume a single bedroom with en-suite shower and toilet. However, the more usual single study bedroom with shared facilities can be made available for 3.50 less per head per night. I regret that no double room accommodation is available. The prices include gratuities and entrance fees; drinks at the bar are at extra cost.

Advance bookings can now be sent with a booking charge of £2 per mailing to Phil Joyner, 84 Kinross Road, Totton, Southampton, SO44BN, indicating which type of accommodation is preferred. The booking charge is to cover administrative costs incurred by the Organisor and is not a deposit on the Conference fee. The final payment should be made by 21st July 1990. All cheques should be made payable to the 'Heather Society Conference' and would members requiring special diets please indicate their requirements when making the final payment. For those people wishing to holiday in the area around the Conference weekend, the college will be pleased to take individual bookings. Details will be enclosed with the advanced booking acknowledgement.

For members staying in the area or likely to return home via the Salisbury / Devizes direction, there is an invitation to visit the garden of members Des and Sybil Perry at Market Lavington on Monday morning. More details will be available at the Conference.

## R.H.S. SHOW - NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH 1989

Competition for Ornamental Trees & Shrubs from the Open

Class 12. A heath or heather judged for foliage effect, 1 vase/bowl. 5 Entries.

1st. Major General & Mrs P G Turpin.  
*Calluna vulgaris* 'Silver Knight'.

2nd. Major General & Mrs P G Turpin.  
*Erica erigena* 'Golden Lady'.

3rd. Major General & Mrs P G Turpin.  
*Calluna vulgaris* 'Grey Carpet'.

Our Chairman once again puts in a plea for more members to participate in these competitions.

## THE NATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL GATESHEAD - 1990

This year will be a very busy one for the North East when the National Garden Festival opens at Gateshead on May 18th until October 21st 1990. Exhibitors are coming from all over the country and for the first time ever, the Royal Horticultural Society will be staging one of its spectacular shows away from its London headquarters.

The North East Group of the Heather Society, together with the Bee Society, will be staging a joint show called 'The Heather & Honey Show' from Friday September 21st to Sunday September 23rd inclusive. This will incorporate the local Annual Show but will be open to all national members of the heather Society.

Anyone interested in exhibiting can obtain a schedule from Mrs DM Warner, 'Little Croft', Ponteland, Newcastle on Tyne, NE20 9BQ and the closing date for entries is September 1st, 1990.

## GROUP NEWS

### NORTH EAST

We had a beautiful day for our Annual Show on September 14th, held, as usual, in David & Marjory Goodchild's garden and it was pleasing to note that the number of entries was up on the previous year, over 100 being submitted in the 14 classes. In spite of many heathers having finished flowering earlier than usual on account of the hot, dry summer, the standard was high. The trophies for the 'Best Exhibit in Show' and 'Maximum Number of Points' went to worthy winners, David & Mary Roberts and the trophy for 'Best in Classes 11 - 14' went to Dorothy Warner. Altogether it was a very pleasant day and our thanks are extended to our hosts, David & Marjory and also to Marjory for the tea and biscuits which we and the visitors enjoyed.

October 30th was our A.G.M. and we were pleased to welcome Beryl and David Mayne from Kirbymoorside. Following the business part of the meeting we were given an excellent talk with slides, by Dr. John Richards of Newcastle University, on 'Alpine Plants and Peat Gardening' This was very informative, most enjoyable and he was warmly thanked by the members.

Our annual outing this year will be on Saturday, May 19th, when we will go by coach to Harlow Car Gardens and Harrogate. Fuller details of this will be sent to members at a later date. In the meantime, please make a note in your diary of this item and also of Sunday, May 13th, when I am sure we will be asked to have a stand at the Open Day at Durham College of Agriculture and Horticulture at Houghall. Any help will

once again be very much appreciated.

Because we are taking part, with the Bee Society, at the Gateshead Festival this year, our Annual show will take place there. The dates are Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd inclusive and we are looking for as many members as possible to help man the stand during these 3 days. It is imperative that we have help and as much or as little time as you can give will be more than welcome. Do get in touch with me, Dorothy Warner, on 0661 23299. Chairs will be provided so there is no need to stand for hours.

An extra outing has been planned for an evening visit to the Newcastle University Botanic Gardens. This will probably be in May or June to see the rhododendrons and azaleas. Details of this will be circulated.

*Dorothy Warner*

## MIDLANDS

At the November 1989 meeting of the Midlands Group, we had a demonstration of paper weights given by Sarah Rogers. Her skill & artistry in preserving fresh flowers and arranging them in resin was really remarkable. Among many others she brought several examples made with sprays of callunas. Our annual Heather Competitions will be held at Winterbourne (the home of the School of Continuing Studies, University of Birmingham for any new members who don't know it) on Friday March 9th at 7.45pm. Details of the various classes have been sent to members in my usual January Newsletter. If anyone who is not on the mailing list would like details of the competitions please telephone me on 0885 482206, all Heather Society members welcome. Our Midlands Group Silver Cup will be awarded to the overall winner. There will also be slides of the

1989 Conference at Durham.

An outing is planned for Saturday 19th May. For those who would like to make a day of it, we will meet at 11am at Bridgemere Garden Centre near Nantwich and spend the morning looking round their Garden Centre and their display garden Bridgemere Garden World, which is said to be well worth a visit. Lunch can be booked at the restaurant if required. The Dorothy Clive Garden at Willoughbridge is our afternoon venue (there are only 3 miles between the two places). The garden opens at 2pm and if sufficient members are prepared to commit themselves to the visit, a guided tour can be arranged. Afternoon tea can be booked to complete what promises to be a very pleasant day. I have a supply of leaflets which have a map of the Garden on the back if anyone would like one. Details of meetings later in the year will be finalised when we meet in March and will be published in the Summer Bulletin.

*Daphne Everett*

## SOUTHERN

Sadly I have to record a lack of success in arranging the usual spring get-together. A number of possible venues have failed to mature for a variety of reasons. I have however, in store for a future pleasure, a kind promise from Allen Hall (one of our most supportive members) to project slides showing heather flowers in close-up and some micrographs, which he has prepared over the years.

What I find so difficult in arranging meetings is the lack of offers from members to visit their gardens; with certain exceptions. It is such outings that are the most popular and it is not necessary for a garden to be big to be

beautiful and interesting. Often visits are repeated because (a) of the joint pleasure shared between the host and/or hostess and the visitors and (b) the absence of an offer to visit an alternative garden. So I make a plea for your help. Any invitations or suggestions will be welcome.

Happily I have a new scene for us to visit on 29th July. On this Sunday, Mr & Mrs Turrell of 'Willowtree' Headland Avenue, Seaford, have kindly invited members to visit them at about 2.30pm. As Sheffield Park will be en route for most members it is proposed to assemble there at 11.00am. and after visiting the gardens, to partake of a picnic lunch before going on to Seaford. Further details will be given in the Summer Bulletin, but in the meantime, please make a note of the date in your diaries.

*Jock Vickery*

## SOUTH WEST

As I write this 'group news' we are once again in one of our mild winters, although there were three weeks in November/December when there were some fairly sharp frosts. I've just completed some replanting of several groups of heathers lost in the summer drought and it may be of interest to members to know that I lost plants that were several years old, rather than the younger ones.

Now to the events for 1990. The first meeting of the year will be at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall, at 2.00pm on Saturday 24th March. A talk on Heathlands will be given by Andrew Byfield of the Nature Conservancy Council. This meeting was fully described in the Autumn Bulletin.

On Saturday May 19th at 12.30pm, we will meet at the garden of Beryl Farrah

at 7, Rossley Close, Highcliff, near Christchurch, Dorset. Please bring your picnic lunches and your folding chairs as I am anticipating some good weather. Although Beryl has a beautiful heather garden there will not be many heathers in flower at that time but there will be plenty to see because Beryl has a fine display of rhododendrons and azaleas. During the afternoon we will move on to the garden of Phyllis Kennedy at 2, Anderwood Drive, Sway, (on the edge of the New Forest). Phyllis has a small garden packed with interesting plants, with something different in each nook and cranny. Phyllis and her helpers will provide refreshments so don't forget those folding chairs.

The Southampton Balloon and Flower Festival takes place on Friday July 6th to Sunday July 8th, on Southampton Common. Once again the Horticultural Marquees have an abundance of interest, with the local group flying the flag of the Heather Society. Are there any volunteers to man the stand?

Saturday 28th July at 2.00pm will be the occasion of our annual nursery visit and this will take place at David Edge's nursery at Woodlands, near Verwood, Dorset. This is a nursery which is well worth seeing and being a wholesale business it supplies many of the local sales outlets with their heathers. Take the B3081 from Verwood to Cranborne and 1 1/2 miles from Verwood turn left for Woodlands. About 1/4 of a mile further on and on the left, is a gravel track. The nursery is along this track.

Friday 7th September to Monday 10th September is the weekend of the Heather Society Conference (details elsewhere in this Bulletin). Those members not wishing to take part as residential or day visitors are welcome to join us at the Hillier



Arboretum on Sunday afternoon.

Finally, would members please remember that if they require further details of the 1990 visits, would they send me two SAEs. I look forward to a successful programme of visits for 1990.

*Phil Joyner*

## SCOTTISH ??

### CALLING ALL SCOTS

Several years have now passed since the Society had an active group north of the Border, so with our goodly number of well over 100 members up here I have been persuaded to put forward a plea for revival. For that, I do not doubt that some stimulus must be sought.

First thoughts might gravitate towards the familiar landscapes of purple heathery hues we have for so long come to take for granted. However, we now have something really unique and geographically speaking, near enough to the centre of Scotland.

In the 'Fair City' of Perth, Bell's National Heather Collection has been established at their Cherrybank Gardens and even now it is a unique asset for the casual visitor and tourist, as well as the fastidious purist. The eventual target is to have no less than 1000 different varieties growing in this wonderland of heaths and heathers. Hundreds have already been collected from many parts of the world. A vast programme of collection and propagation is under way and planting progresses unabated.

The collection to date, owes much to Bell's foresight and interest and to their Head Gardener Mr Norrie Robertson and his hard working, ever helpful staff. During the build-up years it has been customary for the gardens to be open to

the public only at certain times, from around early May to early October. However, with progress keeping apace with planning - for the future - who knows?

Now back to basics. Who would definitely join and actively support a new Scottish Group, or perhaps even two groups in order to meet geographical spread? We could consider one for the East of Scotland and one for the West, or if the division would appear more appropriate, it could be North and South. Many aspects obviously require expressions of opinion. For example, meetings and visits could not be envisaged on anything approaching the scale of those of a local society. Venues for meetings could be problematical but the trade and those members with comprehensive collections could be a real asset in programming. Members willing to accept office would require to express definite willingness in the early stages of group-building. These are but a few of the many points to be considered, but the greater the number of members prepared to submit suggestions, the greater the likelihood of our staging a real revival.

The principal, primary goal, is to identify who among our members is willing to pick up the challenge and start the ball rolling? Then, who are the willing potential office bearers and where will they meet initially? If you care to pass your comments and offers to me I shall attempt to identify the nucleus of members who are steadfastly willing to build upon our great good fortune now that we have the National Collection as a focal point of reference.

Please send your comments and constructive suggestions to me, John Williamson, at 36 Smithfield Crescent, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, PH10 6UD and

if you wish to receive a reply (e.g. if you wish to take the reins, offer your services, or just know the result of this proposal) please do ensure that you enclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Bells have made the promise that theirs will be (and I quote) "A collection that will eventually become the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world". So, please do not just read this and forget it. Don't let us be just printed names in the Membership List. Let us show our initiative and our dedication and be able to provide at all times a real welcome to all our fellow enthusiasts and others from further afield.

John A Williamson

## SCRAP BOWL

### Titbits of News from Members

Part of a letter sent to Mr & Mrs D Small, Denbeigh Heather Nurseries:

"It must be about 10 years since I was first introduced to your cuttings, with the valuable information & advice included with them.

Transforming solid Essex clay into workable soil that appeals to heathers hasn't been easy, although most *E. carnea*s seem good tempered. There have been unexpected successes as well as failures with other varieties.

We live in a normally very dry area and situated near the sea the air is inclined to be salty and boisterous at times. These conditions do not appeal to *Calluna vulgaris* varieties, although the heathers planted on the rockery have survived well over the last summer.

Most varieties didn't seem to mind being waterlogged during the heavy rains of a year or two ago, although yellow clay water flooded the garden from time

to time, running off the field next to us; the drainage systems in our garden just could not cope. Also, the water table in this area is very high with numerous underground springs.

Various local people have shown an interest, so we have felt encouraged to open our garden for four afternoons over the last two Easters, voluntary donations going to 'Save the Children Fund'.

Any encouragement or advice from my own experience on a rather unfriendly soil will be gladly given if you should know of anyone in my area having difficulty in creating a heather garden. Anyone needing advice or wishing to see our display may phone us on Frinton 676115".

Audrey Hill

## LETTER FROM AMERICA

Our nursery, Heather Acres Inc. and its mail order division Heaths & Heathers, is located in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States. We are about 40 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean and our climate is similar to that of Southern England. Winter temperatures of -18C or lower are quite uncommon. Summers are usually a comfortable 30C. Our particular area averages about 180cm of rainfall each year, mostly during the period between November and April. Summers are often quite dry but water supplies are usually ample for 'Keeping Washington Green' (which is our State motto).

We started our nursery as a part time venture about 1960. After other careers, we decided to grow something. We asked at nearby retail nurseries what was hard to find, heather was often mentioned, so

we went to the library where we discovered Fred Chapple's book 'The Heather Garden'. We wrote to Mr Chapple and he very graciously sent us catalogs from several heather growers in the UK and told us about the newly founded Heather Society, which we immediately joined. We've been learning about heaths and heathers ever since.

All our plants are container grown and we use four different pot sizes. First year plants are grown in what we call a Rose Pot (2 1/4" x 2 1/4" x 3 1/4") or in a square 3 11/16" x 3 1/2" pot. These are marketed in flats of 49 or 24 pots. Second year plants are grown in a No.1 (6" x 7" round 'trade gallon'). We market a few third year plants in a No.2 (8 1/2" x 8 1/2" round '2 gallon') pot. Retail nursery prices range from around \$1.50 to \$2.00 for first year plants to \$10.00 for 3rd year plants. Second year plants sell for about \$4.00. Plant prices are generally lower in Western United States than in other parts of the country.

We have developed our own procedures over the years and some vary considerably from practices of other growers. Our original employees were local housewives. When school started in September, they came in to take cuttings and then helped us winterize the nursery. About March the same women would return to work until June when school was out. We still follow this general pattern even though our nursery has expanded considerably over the years.

We started with seven cultivars and our inventory has now grown to about 400, making us the largest specialty nursery in the Western Hemisphere.

There are of course other heather growers, some of whom even grow more volume; but most offer fewer than a dozen cultivars.

Our sales were mostly to retail nurseries and landscapers until 1982 when we expanded into retail mail order sales. This portion of the business has grown remarkably fast and we now ship first year plants in the small rose pots to customers in all 50 United States plus several Canadian provinces. We advertise primarily in horticultural publications and usually ship plants via 'United Parcel Service Second Day Air'. In addition to home gardeners, our mail order business now provides plants for other nurseries, landscapers and several large botanical parks and public gardens - some more than 3,000 miles away.

Cuttings, averaging about 2 1/2" long, are taken in September and are rooted in flats of sharp sand which are placed in a cool greenhouse. Each flat holds approximately 500 cuttings and the greenhouse temperature is kept above freezing.

Early spring work in the nursery includes potting up the previous year's crop into 6" x 7" round plastic pots, which are lined out ten wide, in rows of about 3,000. We then begin potting the rooted cuttings into small square pots, which are lined out into wooden frames approximately 4' x 12'. Each bed holds 468 individual 3 11/16" pots or almost 1200 smaller rose pots which are set in 17" square mesh flats.

Ours is a comparatively small wholesale nursery. My husband and I do most of the delivering to wholesale



customers, mostly within 150 miles of the nursery. Our daughter assists with telephone answering and waiting on customers. We have one full time employee, one almost full time, two who work full time during the spring potting and fall cutting seasons and two or three other part time workers when needed.

Our property totals about 22 acres; however, the nursery occupies only about 3 acres for outside growing and four plastic covered 22x96' greenhouses, which are used mostly for winter protection. Several smaller structures are used for propagation or winter storage. We do not grow any plants inside structures or tunnels.

We also grow very small quantities of a few companion plants such as evergreen azaleas, lithodora, lingonberry and a couple of varieties of cassiope. our other specialty is succulents, which are grown in small quantities. Heaths and heathers get most of our time and attention.

We usually stick between 150,000 and 200,000 cuttings each year. Many plants are sold as first year plants and others are grown on in larger containers for sale as either second or third year plants. In many areas there is a growing market for even larger container-grown heaths and heathers.

Heaths and heathers are growing in popularity in all parts of the United States. They have long been popular garden plants near the northern coasts of both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans but gardeners are now discovering that certain cultivars can be grown in areas where they have not previously been

used as landscape plants.

Our North American Heather Society, which we helped to found in 1977, continues to grow as more gardeners become acquainted with heaths and heathers.

*Alice Knight, Heather Acres Inc. Elma, Washington, USA*

## PROBLEM CORNER

**Q.** Sphagnum peat, sedge peat, moss peat - What is the difference between them and which should I use in propagating mixtures?

*R D C Kingsford Zone 9*

In the Autumn 1989 issue of the Bulletin, Mr Kingsford asked whether prostrate heathers were the result of genetic factors or a response to the environment? As a result of this query I have received a very interesting letter from Mrs Anne Parris, now in her 83rd year and living in Australia.

Mrs Parris (who was in the forefront of work on heather hybridisation before she left Wales for Australia about 10 years ago) states that many years ago, when she knew very little about heathers, she collected seed from *E. carnea* 'Springwood Pink' and grew it on. The resulting plants were prostrate in growth like their parent and one, that she threw away in her ignorance, had yellow foliage. Two cultivars were sufficiently interesting to be named; 'Wentwood Red' was one and the other (which was registered) was 'Spring Cottage Crimson'. Does anyone grow these two varieties now? I know that 'Spring Cottage Crimson' is still grown by a friend of Mrs Parris's in this

country and that she claims that it was the only heather in her garden to withstand the summer drought.

Mrs Parris's conclusion from her experience is that the prostrate characteristics in heathers are genetic. However, I looked up a letter that I had received several years ago from the Alpine & Heather grower Jack Drake, in which he told me about the discovery of *Calluna vulgaris* 'White Mite', which he introduced to the trade. He says: " 'White Mite' was found at over 3000 feet on Sgoran Dubh in the Cairngorms, where from a distance it looked like a pocket handkerchief laid out on the ground. On the mountain it was no more than 2 inches high but sadly, in garden conditions, it reaches 6 inches". It seems fairly certain that the prostrate characteristics in this instance were due to environmental influence.

Does anyone have anything to add to this correspondence? Ed.

## NEW MEMBERS

**11.1.89 - 15.12.89**

**Zone 1** Miss A Breese Westpark, (Beeswing Nursery) Beeswing, Dumfries, DG2 8PE

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

**March 9th** Midlands Group. Heather Competitions, Winterbourne.

**March 24th** South West Group. Talk 'Heathlands', Lycett Matravers.

**May 13th** North East Group. Open Day, Houghall College of Ag. & Hort.

**May 15th** CLOSING DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR SUMMER BULLETIN.

**May 19th** North East Group. Outing to Harlow Car Gardens & Harrogate.

**May 19th** Midland Group. Visits to Bridgemere & Dorothy Clive Garden

**May 19th** South East Group. Two garden visits in New Forest area.

**May/June** North East Group. Visit to Newcastle Botanic Gardens. Date to be decided.

**July 6-8th** South West Group. Southampton Balloon & Flower Festival.

**July 28th** South West Group. Visit to David Edge's Nursery at Verwood.

**July 29th** Southern Group. Visit to garden at Seaford & Sheffield Park.

**Aug. 14th** Council meeting. RHS Vincent Square.

**Aug. 14/15th** RHS Show & Heather competitions. Vincent Square, London.

**SEPTEMBER 7TH/10TH,** 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SPARSHOLT COLLEGE.

**September 21st/23rd,** North East Group. Gateshead Garden Festival.