

# The GARDEN HOUSE



## Newsletter

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## Plant Sales in June

### Highlights this month include:

- ***Cornus controversa* 'Variegata'** Glorious tiered branches highlighted by finely white, variegated leaves. For the patient gardener but worth the wait!
- ***Matteucia struthiopteris* AGM** Aptly named, the Shuttlecock Fern for its structure, this is a remarkably tolerant plant, even of dry shade when established!
- ***Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'County Park Dwarf'** Sought after dwarf form with purple foliage—like a very much improved 'Tom Thumb'!

# ~ The Garden in June ~

### By Head Gardener Matt Bishop

**A warm welcome to The Garden House!** June is the month that sees one of the gardens most beloved flowers really starting to perform — poppies! These are centred on the Long Walk especially in the South African and Cottage Gardens where we go to great lengths to ensure the display lasts for as long as possible. Seedlings which germinated *in situ* provide the first flowers and the largest plants, and these are followed by successive sowings made in pots, and outside. Look out for the glorious scarlet Lady Bird Poppy, *Papaver commutatum*, with black blotches in the centre of the flower. In the same family we have also added Mexican, *Hunnemannia fumariifolia* with finely divided blue foliage and pale yellow poppy flowers.

Just along from The Cottage Garden and to the left, the section of the quarry garden replanted just last year is now a

## Volunteers

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blaze of colour from helianthemum, phlox and thymes. I am especially grateful to Stella Tracey and Rob Hubble, Friends of The Garden House, for their donation of a huge number of Dianthus species from their NCCPG National Plant Collection. We can now enjoy the fabulous array of flowers from these plants — and their fragrance!

For visitors who have been watching progress in The Ovals Garden over the past weeks, the building works are now complete and planting is in progress. The three ovals tilt in alternating and opposite directions and the new slopes suggest the path of flowing water — indeed, the original scheme featured a 'river' of blue *Corydalis flexuosa*. The replanting is paired down to comprise just four different plants. Black leaved *Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Nigrescens' with contrasting green-leaved *O. bodinieri* in the central beds with Pink *Wisteria brachybotrys*, 'Shiro-beni' underplanted with *Rhododendron impeditum* 'Indigo' on the sides. Please do bear with us whilst these new plantings establish!

### Friends of The Garden House

This year, those joining or renewing their Friends of The Garden House membership will receive free admission to the garden throughout the season, a complimentary colour guide book, regular newsletters, special events for Friends and the opportunity to have a say. In addition there will be a £4 voucher to spend in the tearooms or at plant sales. Full details are in the The Garden House leaflet—please ask at the entrance.

### Photographic Competition

Photographs must be taken during published opening hours in 2009 at The Garden House. Various categories.

Full details at Reception

### Coming up next month

Don't miss the South African Garden, Cottage Garden and new plantings on The Long Walk against a backdrop of hydrangeas\* and euchryphias\* with a host of colourful summer perennials and annuals.

## Diary Dates...

### Garden Tours

Thursdays, 4, 11, 18 & 25 June  
and throughout the season  
Meet on the lawn at 2.00pm

**'The Garden in the House'**  
Botanical Photographic Exhibition  
By

**Maureen Douglas-Green**  
22 May to 26 July

**A Lost Garden of the Tamar**  
Thursday, 4 June, 2.30pm  
(booking essential)

**Basket Making Workshop**  
Sat, 13 June, 10am-5pm  
(booking essential)

**Watercolour Painting Workshop**  
Tue, 23 June, 10.30-4.00pm  
Beginners and Lapsed  
(booking essential)

**For full details see our  
Events Programme**

Plants marked \* are available at Plant Sales