HS Affiliated Societies Autumn Newsletter 2023

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Autumn Update





Autumn is one of our favourite seasons. We're starting to see a few golden tints on the trees at Wisley and huge pumpkins growing in the World Food Garden. We hope you like our new seasonal newsletter which has some news from our team and the wider RHS which your Affiliated Society may find of interest - please do share with your members. This includes details of our new closed Facebook group where you can keep in touch with other Affiliated Societies around the UK.

> Best wishes The RHS Affiliated Societies Team



+ Invite

Spotlight On ... Facebook

We've launched a new closed Facebook group to share news, ideas and initiatives and even plant swaps between all our Affiliated Societies.

It's not obligatory to join but, in our recent summer survey, many of you highlighted how you would like more opportunities to interact with other groups. Feel free to ask questions or share what's worked well for your Society over recent months.

You can join via your Society's Facebook page or personally using the link below.



Community Grants

Congratulations to three Affiliated Societies - Arundel Gardening Association, Gosport Allotment Association and Sandridge Road Allotment Association - who have been awarded one of 29 new RHS Connected Communities Network Development Grant to develop their gardening and growing networks.

The projects include making Arundel 'greener and cleaner'; developing a local food-circle and promoting more sustainable practices in Gosport; and making St Albans a better place for people and wildlife by adopting more wildlife-friendly initiatives, working alongside other community groups in Sandridge.

Find Out More



Growing Together

Encourage your Affiliated Society to get involved in the RHS Big Food Share which is coming up (Mon 25 September - 1 October 2023). This new initiative is encouraging community groups and schools to share and celebrate their harvests. You could organise a community cooking event or donate a glut of produce to a local charity or food bank. Find out more via the link below.

Get Involved



Around the RHS

You may be interested to hear that the RHS has announced a new Urban Plant Show in Manchester next Spring (18-21 April 2024), celebrating everything from windowsill house plants to the city courtyard oasis. There will also be workshops, talks and opportunities to shop for house plants and more. Tickets go on sale via the RHS website in late September.

RHS Urban Show



News from you!

Please keep sending us news from your Affiliated Society. Have you had a successful flower or produce show, do you have an image of your Banksian medal winner, have you held an apple day? You can either share via our new Facebook group or email us directly!

Email us



Meet the Team

So you can picture the RHS Affiliated Societies team, here's (left to right) Prunella Murray, Helen Feary, Frances Wilson and Susie Corr - plus Janice Dench not featured.

We wish you all the best for a lovely, crisp, autumn season.

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