



September Newsletter

Greetings to all members. Now that a late cold snap is past Spring is well under way. Our new venue for talks is working well, with our library available and other aspects functioning as they should.

The Plant List was again, well supported with 39 individual orders, of which one third were sent to out of town members.

Enclosed with this newsletter is notice of our **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 21 September**. We have a number of vacancies to fill, president, vice president and secretary in particular, to replace long serving officers. I urge you to give a little of your time to take on one of these roles to keep the group vital.

Following the **Annual General Meeting there will be a talk on "Freaks of the Plant World - the Bold, the Beautiful and the Down-right Bizarre" by Barbara Wheeler, Collections Supervisor, Dunedin Botanic Gardens**. There will also be a **Bring and Buy Table** at the meeting, so seek out some of your good doers for this.

Our Spring garden visits are the **Country Members Weekend on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October** and full particulars of these are given on the back of this page. Please note the addition of the talk by **Margaret Barker on "Italian Gardens"** and the need to give notice of attendance at the meal and talk by telephoning Vicki on 03 4676186 by 30 September.

The **Tannock Glen Spring Working Bee is on Saturday 24 September from 9 to noon**. We have plants to put in plus a little light editing. Morning tea is at 10.30.

The Group participates in the **Otago Alpine Group Show on Saturday 1 (12 to 5) and Sunday 2 (10 to 4) October** with a display of Rhododendron blooms. As well as the competitive sections, which are amazing, there are lots of plants for sale with vendors from all over the South Island. Entrance \$5. Venue - St Peters Church Hall, Baker Street. Well worth checking out.

Mark Joel



R. 'Little Glendoe' at Tannock Glen in July



Japanese impressions
Glaucidium palmatum



At the flower show



Country Members Weekend - Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October

Saturday 15

10 am John and Margaret Williams
43 Pitcairn Street, Belleknowes (off Kenmure Road)

11 am Sue and Alister Yule
32 Honeystone Street, Helensburgh (off Wakari Road)

12 to 2 pm Lunch break - Cafes in Roslyn and Maori Hill of your choice

2 pm Tash and Peter Hurst
29 Leithton Close, Glenleith (off Tanner Road)

2.30 pm Yvonne Joel
411 Malvern Street, Glenleith (off Fulton Road)

3 pm Gillian and Chris Pope (Art Gallery open)
260 Cowan Road, Pine Hill
(Travel down Malvern Street, 1st turn left into Patmos Avenue then into Maxwellton Street then left into Pine Hill road then right into Cowan Road)

**7 pm Group Dinner and talk by Margaret Barker on "Italian Gardens"
Ironic Cafe, Anzac Avenue
(South end - north of Dunedin Railway Station)
Cost \$45 - confirmation of numbers by 30 September please**

Sunday 16

10.15 am Wendy and Rick Ellis
7 Monowai Road, Ravensbourne
(Take SH 88, towards Port Chalmers. At Ravensbourne turn left into Adderley Terrace then right into Junction road, then left into Monowai Road)

11 am Chris and Kate Read
186 Reservoir Road, Sawyers Bay
(Return to SH88, drive north, towards Port Chalmers. At Sawyers Bay turn left into Station Road then right into Stevenson Avenue the left into Reservoir Road)

12.15pm Chuck Landis
284 Coast Road, Seacliff
(Drive towards Port Chalmers, turn left up the hill via Blueskin Road which will take you all the way to Waitati in about 15 minutes. Join SH1 turn north [right] then right again at the Warrington - Seacliff sign then left into Coast Road)

1.30pm Blueskin Nursery for lunch (south on SH1)