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EDITION OF MAY 2024.

MEMBERS WILL PLEASE PAY IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE “COMING UP AT THE MBS” ITEM.

SHOW UPDATE.

Here are a few notes about the progress for the arrangements for the Show.

The BANNER displayed at the entrance to the Gardens has been updated and will be delivered to the Gardens for display.

Fliers for distribution are in stock. Posters have been printed by Bromsgrove Printing and collected. A “posh” poster, created by the Gardens, will be sent to you shortly in the hope that you will print off a copy or two to display locally. We are hoping that Radio WM will offer a slot on their station in the next month. There is a poster posted on our website.

You have all received the competition rules – all you now need to do is to bring your trees. The Show Judge, Jon Moulton, may supply judging notes to trees (forms printed) as he sees fit.

There are still TROPHIES missing we think. Please bring them along to your next meeting if you have one.

The gates will be open at 8.00 a.m. but you cannot access through the hothouses. You will have to use the gate below the canopied entrance or the back gate.

The display itself. This is under the control of DAVID ATTWOOD – his word is final. The good news is that the missing BAMBOO DIVIDERS have been located – we won't for the moment disclose exactly where! The other good news is that their discovery did not take place until after I had made 20 new ones! All cloths are ready. We have all the signs/tree numbers etc ready for action. We have even ordered new STEWARD badges for you. MARK SKAN will be quietly demonstrating on a tree or two in a quiet corner during the day.

Car parking. As I currently understand it you MUST put your reg. no. in the tablet at the desk.

Judith DAVISON and David Cheshire are giving short talks to the public:-

1. Judith – the Short history of Bonsai.

2. David – Basic bonsai and why you should join a society.

The Redditch Bonsai display is under the control of member DAVID HOW.

ALEX WATT will be taking photographs during the day.

Refreshments during the day will be provided by Angela.

COMING UP AT THE MBS.

David Cheshire was due to speak to us on 2nd May but unfortunately he is not now able to be with us, so his talk will be given at the JUNE meeting. On 2/5 we will hold a workshop and despite best efforts we cannot obtain any material to allow a “group” type session, so an ordinary workshop will be the order of the evening. At least that’s a chance to mull over other members trees and give advice where appropriate. Have a good evening. A and I are away. See you in June!

COMING UP AT REDDITCH BONSAI.

The May meeting of the society will be a GUIDED WORKSHOP with DAVID CHESHIRE and takes place on May 16th. You are reminded that the June meeting will be our “in house” show.

GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH.

I have eventually ventured back on to the allotment. It’s been too cold over the last few weeks and with precious little going on there it has not been worth it. I have however now planted out the remaining GLADIOLI which I had started in pots in the greenhouse.

The main action is at home where all the flower seedlings are well on their way but even they cannot be allowed out in the heavy rain showers we are subject to. It’s probably time to sow some foxgloves and sweet Williams for next year about now.

BONSAI TIP OF THE MONTH.

All my trees are now out in the “air” and are looking pretty happy. You can start applying some feed to the trees that you re-potted some weeks ago. Be wary of pots drying out in the windy weather and make sure that you turn your pots around from time to time.

REPORT OF F.N.B.C. OPEN DAY AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

The FNBC event at the Gardens was a bit of a wash out yesterday. The persistent rain during the morning reduced foot flow to a minimum and during the day we only recorded speaking to 45 people about our trees and the collection. The bonus, I suppose, was that due to the weather we were able to set up our table in the reception area rather than down in the Collection itself – so it was warmer!

Judith Davison, David Attwood, Peter Clarke, Julian Listwon and myself were “on parade” and passed an enjoyable and restful day. We are keeping our fingers crossed that one or two people might have been interested enough to venture out to the club meeting on Thursday.

The renovations planned for the Gardens can’t come soon enough for the Collection. The trees look miserable and forlorn behind their iron bars! The intention to bring the trees out in to the open in a different setting once the re-development is carried out sounds a much better prospect.