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**Cover Pictures: Front: Deciduous Azalea at the Rhododendron
Show**

Back: Admiring the Show

Photos by John Roy

Editorial

I ha bee a a e. Whie he e f he UK ha had ec d bea i g
e ai fa , he e i he e high a d f Sc a d, e ha e had i ch die
ha a. Ia e h d de d g e i he e f he c i be e ie ed
that their favourite plants have had suffcient water without having to resort to labour
i e i e a e i g.

I he bac g d, Ma ha bee e a i g he SRS eb ie, a d i g a e
e e. Thi i i a i g e. Mea hi e I ha e e a “Faceb ” age
bici e cie. E e if a e a “Faceb ” e ca gi
age. The e a ei [c i h h d @bi e e. c](#) a d he a di l Og a de.
The e a e he a e de ai a Ia a ged f age he Fic h ha i g eb-
ie. A a e a ibe h d “i e” he age ege e a e i .

I a i A a cha Pade hagai hi e. The ai fa a e e e,
making the trek very diffcult. Nevertheless our party completed a slightly shorter trek,
a d a e e ci g a . I i be di ga e e ai f he i a he c bi ed
SRS/RSCG c fe e ce a he RBGE i Oc be. A I i i ef ab i i a
a ic ef he SRS Yea b .

Once again we staged a successful National Rhododendron Show, and its associated
ga de . A a e i e e i g c ec i f ga de i ha dea Sc a d
e e i i ed i g . Me be e eadi gab he e ga de i i , b I
a i i g f he i g . I ca i ha I ecei e. I a ha ef he
ga de e ha hei ga de a e i c ded. Pea e bea i i d ha he a e
i c ded i a a be a ed i e ab e e f he ga de . Tha
h e ge a Re ie . I de a e ha i c de c ica ed a a e , b
e ha gi e i i a d fee i g f he ga de .

Y ca ead a ab he e ga de i i , a d ch e i hi Re ie .

I ha bee a b ea .

John Roy

President's Column

John M. Hammond

None of our British members will need reminding that we experienced another most difficult Autumn and Winter, with the weather producing just about every combination of difficulties. Added to this, the heavy rain and high winds have caused devastation in many gardens on the West Coast of Scotland and Northern England, prior to the start of the season. What I find amazing, despite all the many reports of damage to buildings and gardens, is that the majority of our members have managed to keep their gardens open to the public. This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our members. I am sure that the gardens will be open for many more years to come.

It was much more difficult this year to find trusses and sprays of a suitable standard. The weather has been a major factor in this. However, the gardens have managed to keep their gardens open to the public. This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our members. I am sure that the gardens will be open for many more years to come.

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the first time. Comments from other exhibitors suggested that the judging was harsh in character. The G i Ga de f A g , h e a d a a g i d e , a d a e a a f e a a a d c c i a i e d i i g g e h e a c e d i a i c a i g a a g e a g e f a i g a e i a i a a a c t i v e , w e l l t h o u g h t - o u t d e s i g n , w h i c h w a s h i g h l y r e g a r d e d b y t h e v i s i t i n g p u b l i c . N o n e o f t h i s s u f f i c i e n t l y i m p r e s s e d t h e j u d g e s , w h o s e e m t o h a v e b e e n s e e k i n g p e r f e c t i o n i n e e a e c f h e e e a i . P e f e c i i a i i , a d i i f a e h e h e a i a i g e f f f e e e i e g e e e d i h e d i e b d g e e e e c h i c a e c e e c e , a i d h a e b e e f a b e e f e c g i e h a h a d b e e a c h i e d a d h e e b e c a g e h e e e c e b a c a g a i e e a i h h a h a b e e c i e e f h e b e e e h i b i a e c e h . W e d i d a a g e b a i e e f f e e d b a c f h e d g e i e g a d a d , e h a e a h e e f b e c i e a i f e e a !

F i a , a I h a e e i e d e i , I a i e d i g e i i h i e e i h e e f C h a i f h e T & C f e e c e S b - c i e e . I e e d c e a e e a c e e a b e e d e a i h a e e a e d e a P e i d e , c i i g A . R . S . a c i i i e i a b e f a e a , h i i c a e e a c h a d g i e e a i i c e f h e a c i i i e h i c h h a e b e e i d e - i e d i e c e e a . F e e c i e , i i b a b i e e g e g a e h e e f T O g a - i e f h a f C f e e c e & M e e i g O g a i e , a h i d i d e a a c i c a a a c h h a c d b e e e a i h a d e d , b h i i e e d d i c e d b h e C - i e e a d h e f a a g e e d . U d e h e e e a a g e e h e S b - c i e e p l a n t h e f u t u r e p r o g r a m m e u p t o f v e y e a r s a h e a d , w h i c h m e a n s t h e r e i s a l r e a d y a l o n g - e a d f a e i i f a e d a c i i i e . T h i a a c h e a b e e a c i i b e d i c e d e a e i d f e a a d g a d a b g h - i e e a b e h e a c a d e a i b e e d - . S , h i e c h a i i d e a c i c a e d a d e a d e a f h a d i g e h e e e . T h e S c i e i e e i g a c e f e e h e i h e e a e a . P e a e g e i c h i h e f W i i e C a b e i f d i e e i f a i a b h a i i e d .

Secretary's Scribbles

Willie Campbell

Mid J , J h e d i i a g a i e i g e f h e e e a J h c a h e " S c i b b e " a d i i a i g a g a i a G a g c (a e a 2011). W h a e , e h e a i h i e a e e a e h e e e d g e e i c e h a a .

I b e e a b i e f h e S c i e , i h h e S h , A G M , h e g a d e i h e S i i g a e a . T h e e e e e b e g a d e a K i e , h e e S i P e e H c h i

e e ai ed a B ich, a di he afe a e i g ea b D a he e B i
M e c ed d he de f ga de a B i g a d , R b i g B i d g e a d
agai e e e ea ed a e afe ea. The f ga de a d e ie f
North East Scotland was slightly disappointing if you were looking for rhododendrons
in fower but the quality of the gardens were outstanding. Once again we must thank
he T C i ee a d G ia S a c f he de f a age e f he T . If
i ed he e b ea f e ea he ga de f Ha hi e, Wi hi e
a d Be hi e hich i e be a a he i c de E b , We bi a d he
Si Ha d Hi ie a b e a.

The Sh aagai he d a Ga g c Vi age Ha a d a e ce e h i a
with many classes overflowing with entries. (See Gloria Starck's show report later in
he e ie).

Y S cie agai had a i a a d i h he S ecia i S cie ie a ea a Ga -
de i g Sc a d. The a d a b a a i h e i f he ge e a b ic
di ea e ha affec h d de d a d f c e "ca e h d de d ", he
e e ia bec . Pe ha e h d a a ge a h i h i g a a ic. We
ha e ha Ma Hea a a d a he e be h a ed he a d f he h ee
day event. Congratulations to Matt for his set-up efforts and the Silver Medal certificate
a a ded he S cie . Ma i g i g f "g d" e ea ea e c e a g a d
he .

The a c fe e ce hi ea i a J i ee i g i h he RSCG be he d a he
RBGE Sa da 6/7^h Oc be i h a a d de ai Sa da a d g ided
S da a d he RBGE. (C ac J h Ha d G ia S a c f f
de ai).

A a he c i ee d a a e c e a gge i i e he a
S cie f c i , e a e acica h , , he h a d b-
ica i , *we want to hear from you.*

We e ecia d i e e c e he f i g e e be he S cie a d
h e he i e he fe hi f i e i ded h d h ic

R Ma ch i e, Ca be
J h Ha b i , Wig , C b ia
Anne Steele, NTS Garden Advisor, West of Scotland
We c e a

Willie Campbell

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Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

Held in The Village Hall, Gargunnock, Stirling
On Saturday, 28th April 2012

The Mee i g c e ced a 14.30 h a d he P e ide , J h Ha d a i he
Chai i h 33 e be f he S cie a e ded he ee i g.

Apologies for Absence: A g i e f a b e c e h a d b e e c e i e d f F e d & C a b e
T , M i e a d S e T h e , P e M c h, S e h e H a d i g, J h R a i g, G i i a
D i e, M i e e S h e , J a e B e a , D a i d S i e, A a A d e , R a h M i -
a d a d H e e K e e .

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting: The Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Gagecroft, Singapore on 31st April 2011 had already been circulated to the members ahead of the AGM. The minutes were discussed by David Sackin, Chairman of the Minutes Committee, and he was thanked for his contribution.

Matters Arising: None

[illegible]

Hon. Secretary's Report: Gift Aid a e a c ide ab e c ib i he S cie
a d hi ea i a e £1000 agai . We a e e be f he **RHS Affiliated Societies**
a e a he **Scottish Gardener's forum**. The S cie i a ce a e c eed b he
RHS Affiliated Society Insurance.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Tea e C i Whiehead e e ed he Yea E d (Se e be) 2010 2011 acc e fi c e a d e e di ef he cie .

General Account I c e £7995 e E e di e £8541 ea i ga *deficit* f £546.

Tours Income and Expenditure – I c e £2607 e E e di e £1677 i ha *surplus* f £930

Overall Account – I c e £10602 e E e di e £10218 i ha e a *surplus for the year of £384.*

Bank Balance (30/09/2010) £6141 ea e ac i g ba a ce f £6525.

C i a h gh he acc e be high i g ha he bica i a d age e e i he ai i e f e e di e a d he ge e a acc a cea bei g ed b he T Acc . C i he a ed f he A di Re a a . Ia D g a ed he a a f he 2010 2011 a di e a d a ec ded b Ric P e a d a ed b he e be hi .

Subscriptions: The Tea e i dic ed ha a f e e 10 ea f he SRS b c i i e ai i ga he a ea , he C i ee ed i cea e he b c i i £18.00 f di a e be hi a d £20.00 f fa i e be hi . Da id S a c ec ded b E ic A a ed ha he cha ge he b c i i be acce ed a d hi a age ed b he e be hi .

The ARS membership fees would again be determined in November using the dollar/ dc ec a i ge i ga a he SRS i i i g f e ced.

Membership Secretary Report: He e Ke e a a be a e d he ee i g b a e be hi e a di i b ed.

ARS i f e e be : 8

SRS i f e e be : 4

I di id a SRS e be : 73

I di id a ARS/SRS e be : 36

Fa i SRS e be : 35

Fa i ARS/SRS e be : 16

A cia e e be : 4

Mai O (Ga de Vi i e be) : 12

Gif (Da id K RBGE): 1

O e a : 192

A h gh e be hi ha d ed he e be hi e ai abe. H e e i f a e be ha a ec i e e be , ea ec ac He e he Sec e a .

Election of Officers and Directors: The following officers and directors were elected for the year ending December 31, 2023:

He e Ke e	-	Me be hi Sec e a
J h R	-	H .Edi
Ma Hea a	-	P b ica i Ma age
Phi i Ra i	-	Di ec a dAd e i e e Ma age
G ia S a c	-	T C - di a

As there were no nominations from the floor, Wang Liston proposed and seconded by Ka i a C ha he ab e be e-e ec ed f a he 3 ea e i d.

Tech ica Di ec Sc C had ag eed be i a ed a he Tech ica Di ec ,
Ia D g a ed a d ec ded b Da id S a c ha Sc C be e ec ed f a 3
ea e i d a Tech ica Di ec .

The e ide ha ed Mi eTh e f hi e he a h ee ea ,i e i g
up the a network of links with the various government organizations and also keeping
he e be hi a a e f c e ac ice i de cea e c .

Visits & Meetings Programme: J h Ha d a ea ed e ha he S i g
Tour of Northumberland and Borders gardens in 2011 was a great success and enjoyed
b 30 S cie Me be .

The da af e he h a dAGM e 20 e be d be i i i g 2 ca ga de ,
a i ga B ich, Ki e , i h Si Pe e H chi eadi ga f hi ga de . I he
af e e d i i Bi ga d H e, R b i g B idge, i h B i M he
ga de e eadi g d he ga de .

John also reported that 24 members were visiting the gardens of North of Scotland with a e face a e di g.

The afternoon will be a guided walk through the RBGE. The highlight will be the guided tour of the RBGE on the Sunday.

F e e e i e d a f :

Spring Tour 2013: The Ga de f Be hi e, Ha hi e a d Wi hi e.

Review, Yearbook and Website: The Review edited the eighth annual Yearbook, which, before the age of the Internet, was the only official publication of the organization. The

ended the harvest, the feed ad feed idea eea a
ended the harvest bica i .

Matt Heasman our publications manager confirmed that he had no problems in the printing and distribution and he was happy to continue stuffing envelopes for another year. Maria aigi i e e the ebiead heic i fa ic ega e .

Seed Exchange report: Willie Campbell has earned the good deal of the seed exchange with a profit of over £300 to the Society coffers with some 27 members charged. Willie has a high added credit added for his agai hi ea .

The Society contributed to Alan Clark's expedition to NE Vietnam where his team ended iha i e e igc eci feed .

Willie Campbell has a high credit earned e change a age .

Technical Directors Report: Michaela e i e gage e ad c d a e d he e e i g. Abiefa fMi e Re f he e i e .

Any other business:

Arduaine Ric P e i e he c e f he Ad ai e Ac i G . Ric a de igh ed a ha i i be e e i he ga de ad f c e he ga de i a ed f c e. *Phytophthora kernoviae* had been found in Ja a e e a chi he ea ad he e be a da 250 ee ha e be e ed b 2014. This will naturally have an impact on the garden, the gardeners and the NTS. Ric a ha c i e e Ad ai e a da ed ifa e a i e e ed i i i g he **action group** c ac hi .

The being f he b i e J h Ha d c ed he e e i g a c ed a 15.30 h .

John Hammond, P e ide

William J. Campbell, H Sec e a



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Technical Director's Report

Mike Thornley

1.0 *Phytophthora ramorum* and *Phytophthora kernoviae*:

1.1 Since my first report to the AGM 3 years ago the number of outbreak sites in the UK has increased from 24 to 36 (the average of 6 being a fairly good estimate of the SGRIPID figures). The SGRIPID figures also disguise the fact that within the 3 km zone of an outbreak site there can be further outbreak sub-sites. One outbreak site (Hebbelgh Road) has had 12 identified sub-sites in the last 3 years. It should be also noted that in the same period there have been no outbreaks identified in nurseries in Scotland.

1.2 Over the last 30 years the incidence of *Phytophthora ramorum*, 12 in *P. kernoviae* and 6 in *P. kernoviae* (48). A total of 100 gardens resulted in 7 new outbreaks being identified. In some areas the outbreaks have been identified in the area of the garden (Aberdeen) and in the area of the garden (Moffat) outbreaks are proving extremely difficult to contain due to the presence of *Rhododendron*.

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Tours and Conferences Programme for 2013 & 2014

John M. Hammond
Chairman, Tours & Meetings Sub-committee

2013 Spring Tour Programme: Tour of the Gardens of Berkshire, Hampshire & Wiltshire. Wednesday 8th May – Sunday 12th May, 2013

The be e a f e ea ag he S cie ga i e d a e e a b e a d e -
 ecei ed f ga de i Be hi e, Ha hi e a d We S e , a d a be f
 e be ha e e e ed e ga i e a e i i he a ea. Fi e ea ag e
 c eed S e , Ke & S e i a S h Ea ga de , e a e a i g
 i i ga de i Be hi e, Ha hi e a d Wi hi e, hich i ac ice i c e e
 c e age f ga de a g he e i e S h C a i ce 2002. Thi i a de f
 i i i e d fa i e a e a e e a ga de ha e be
 i ha e e i i ed, bab ec g i e hei a e ! A a , he
 T I i e a c ai a i e e i g i f i a e ga de , f hich a e
 a e he b ic.

A f ag i g i e d e ai f he ab e ha bee i e ed i hi i e f he
Review i ha i be e ed G ia S ac , T C - di a , f e e -
 i g f he de ai . The T I i e a i a ed e c a he f i g ga de :

*Saville Gardens, Englefield House, Bearwood College, Tudor Lodge, Exbury,
 Pylewell Park, Castle Top, Sir Harold Hillier Garden, Spinners Garden,
 Broadleas Garden, Home Covert Garden, Bowood, Westonbirt National Arboretum.*

**2013 Autumn Conference: Gargunnoch, Stirlingshire.
 Saturday 5th October – Sunday 6th October, 2013**

We ha e ece c e ced ga i g he A C fee ce, hich i a ed
 be a i e e i h he Rh d de d S ecie C e ai G . F he de ai
 i be a ai ab e i he S i g f e ea .

**2014 Spring Tour Programme: Tour of the Gardens of Germany.
 Sunday 11th May – Saturday 17th May, 2014**

I 2014 e ha e a ed e ai a d E ef S i g T . Rece i
 has been suggested by Hartwig Schepker, Scienti f c Director of the Rhododendron Park
 a d B a ic Ga de i Be e , ha he S cie a a ge a i i Ge a , a d he

Ge a Rh d de d S cie d he a a ge he i i e a f he i i . The e a e
a e i e e i g ga de , a b e a d e i e i h i a f E e a d i
he c i g h e i c e ce a i g he T i i a i i h Ha ig, h
ha bee a eg a i i Sc a d i e ce ea . Pea e e ha he ab e da e
are approximately correct for the Spring flowering in Germany, but they will remain
e a i e h i he de a i e d a a ge e a e i ace. We a a e b c ach
hi T .

Special Event

Rhododendron Species Conservation Conference Royal Botanic Garden : Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April, 2013 *The Red List of Rhododendrons : Where Do We Go From Here?* *Establishing Priorities and an Action Plan*

The R a B a ic Ga de , Edi b gh, he Rh d de d S ecie C e a i G
a d B a ic Ga de C e a i I e a i a a e a i g i h a -da
C f e e ce i h e - e ea e f a d he d Sa da 20^h & S da
21 A i , 2013, i he Lec e Thea e f he R.B.G.E., di c he c e a d
i ac f *The Rhododendron Red List*, b i hed a ea , a d i a d
a e i g he e i : Whe e d eg f he e i e f c e a i i i e
a d a c i ?

Thi i ad a ce ice f da e f he dia ie f S.R.S. e be a d a de a i e d C f e -
e ce P ga e a d Regi a i F i be a a i a b e i he A . M e de a i e d
i f a i i a ea i a f e i e f he *Review*.

John M. Hammond

Scottish National Rhododendron Show 2012

Gargunnock Village Hall

Gloria Starck

The ea g b ic a d he SRS A a Sh a agai . I a
 afe he a a i g ea he e had d i g Dece be a d Ja a I a ied ab
 he be fe ie e d ge f he Sh . I e had a e a
 f da age ee a d h d de d i he Ja a ga ei ga de . We a e i
 c ea i g he deb i . Ma f he h d de d ee i ed f hei ea e e
 side and many fower buds were damaged. However, the show must go on.

Whe I a i ed a Ga g c Vi age Ha he Sa da i g I a di -
 appointed. The Hall was ablaze with colour and all the stories of woe had come to
 hi g. I hi he ie e f he e hibi e e bef e he Sh ab ha i g
 a hi g i , i a ac ic he e i a fa e e e f ec i ! B a be
 I bei g a bi c ica .

The e a he a ga i ed cha , ih a e a d e hibi g i g i a di ec i ,
 a a i i g f he a e a , a d d ha d he i g he e e e hibi ge
 hei e hibi i he c ec ca e . B e i ac e e e hi g a ed a d id b
 10.00 a ead f he dgi g a . O dge hi ea e e Da id Cha be ai
 a d A a Ca . The e e b h e i e ed ih he be a d a da d f he
 e ie .

The hee ca e e Ge d ic , b he e ee i e e e di ib ed.
 The e e e a e hibi ha e cei ed he High C e ded a i g, hich, a h gh
 not in the frst three, is still quite an achievement. Among those Highly Commended
 e e: Ca 16, Chi Li a f *R. changii*, Ca 27, Ma Hea a f *R. cephalanthum*
. platyphyllum, Ca 32, Ga g c Ga de f *R. Ph i K* , hich ha e
 be e f fa ie h d de d . A Ca 41, J h Ha d f *R. S a -*
 be C ea .

Tha i a he Sh Re d e. Ih e a e ge i g b ed ih
 i e i g e e ea , b b d e e ee a ca hi a .

Ih e ee a f a e ea h , he e e a d da ef hich i
 be a ced a e hi ea .



Judging in progress

**Photos by Barbara
Anderson**



Award Winners:

**Above: Peter Cox receiving
one of Glendoick's 4
Trophies**



**Above: Marlene Storah
receiving the Stephen
Fox Picture**



**Left: Anne Chambers
receiving the Mervyn
Kessel Cup**

Photos by John Roy

The a a d i e a e i ed be :

The Kilarden Trophy	F he i e f C a 1	G e d ic
The George Sherriff Cup	F he i	Glendoick
i Sec i 1		
The Sir John Stirling Maxwell Trophy		Glendoick
F he be ecie i he h g i he e		Lindleyi
The Harry Fairburn Cup		Oliver Miller
F he i i e ic ed C a e 38 41		
The David Stuart Cup	F he be ecie	Oliver Miller
h b id e hibi ed i C a e 38 41		
The John Hammond Cup	F he i	Glendoick
in the species and hybrid Azalea Classes (25, 34, 35)		
The Argyll & Bute Trophy	F he i	John Roy
i a C a e g i a A g & B e ga de		
The Scottish Rhododendron Society Cup		John Roy
F he be h b id i he Sh		R. 'Loderi King George'
		Chip Lima
The Keyline Cup	F he i i	
a C a e g i a ga de f a ac e		
The Marlene Storah Cup	F he i	John Roy
i a c a e f ga de e he b ic		
e ha ce a ea .		
The Mervyn Kessell Cup	F he i	Anne Chambers
i C a e 42 a d 43		
The Stephen Fox Picture	F he be ecie	Marlene Storah
f i d c ec ed igi g f he ARS/SRS		
eed e cha ge. (A ca a g e/c ec be		
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Post National Rhododendron Show Tours:

Broich

David Coombes

O a b i g h i g S d a i g a f e a h a d f h e i g h b e f e, h e g g a h e e d
a B i c h, h e h e f S i P e e a d L a d V i g i a H c h i a K i e i S i i g h i e.
T h i i e d b e a e c i i g i i h e g a d e f a a a c e c a d c -
a h f h e e c e e c e e b, S e e d f A d e e b h e T P e e C a d
H u t c h i s o n. Q u o t e f r o m R o y L a n c a s t e r: 'N o t s i n c e t h e f o r m i d a b l e p a r t n e r s h i p o f F r a n k
L d a d G e g e S h e i f f h a e a e g e h e a c h i e e d c h c c e .

T h e i g i a 18^h c e h e a b i f h e L e c i e E i g f a i, e a h G a g
e c h a, a d a b g h b S i P e e a d L a d V i g i a f J h M c E a e i g h
e a b e f e h e e d i. T h e h a e e d B i c h f i e e e a. T h e
e i e h a d c e e d h e h e i a a e a d h e g a d e h a d b e e e i -
o u s l y n e g l e c t e d. T h e b u i l d e r s f r s t d e m o l i s h e d a w i n g a n d t h e n r e i n s t a t e d t h e h o u s e t o
i f e g a a d d i g a a g e h e i e f h e d i g. D i g h i i e
P e e a e d h i e c e e h e g a d e h e e h e a e a g e a i f a i 50 i c h e
(127 c).

W e w e r e f r s t s h o w n a v e r y a n c i e n t y e w t r e e (*Taxus baccata*) h i c h a e i a e d b e
e 800 e a d. T h e e a a a i g e g a d i g h e a g e f h e e e. A c e a i
D O e, a a e d i i e, a d i e d P e e h a h e c d d a e h e e e e a c b i g h i
d i e e. H e h e c e e d e d a a d h e a d, i h e e e, d e c a e d a
e e i c e a i g a g e, 200, 210, 220, e c. e c. i e a c h i g h e e h e d i e e d
i h i h a d a d h e a c e d i b e e a c 940 e a d! D O e c a i e d h e e
e e b i a a g h e e d g e f h e c a f h e e e h g h h a e b e e h e g a e f
. T h i d i e i i h h e a d i i h a h e e e a a e d b h e f
I c h a h e P i h e i a d h e L a e f M e e i h, S c a d a e, e
e i e a a. A g d, a P e e, b e b e a e i h a i c h f a !

F h e e e a e d d h e h i h e b h e e e e e a b e a d i e e e a
Rhododendron arboreum h b i d h i c h h a d b e e a e d i h e 1890. A g f
e i a e d h e g i h f h e f e f h e e b e a i a e 12 f e e i c i c f e -
e c e a g d e e.

P e t e r t h e n l e d u s a l o n g t h e b u r n a n d p o i n t e d o u t a m a g n i f c e n t l a r c h (*Larix decidua*)
h i c h i h g h b e h e a e i c i a i i S c a d. F h e e e a e d h e
a e d g a d e, a f h i c h a e d e e a i. A a i c a i f i e e a
a n a p e r t u r e i n t h e w a l l w h i c h g a v e t h e i l l u s i o n o f b e i n g a t a b i z a r r e a n g l e b u t w h i c h, w e

were assured by Peter and Stephen his gardener, was horizontal. The reason for this
ica i i a d e he a i g d hi .

Be d he a ed ga de e e he ge e h e he e e e e i i ed a e eed-
i g f he ae *P. mairei* he eed f hich had bee c eced b he Pee
hei a e i Sich a . A he a chad ied a a i a, hich ed be
ca ed *P. nutans* b g e b he i e i a b e a e *P. flaccida*. I i c -
i c i a i . I he i d hi a f di Y a W i g Sha .

The c i ed i he a e hich he d e f he be e a e f Pee
years of plant collecting in the wild. Among the many fne plants which caught my eye
a *Rhododendron campanulatum* ssp. *campanulatum* with very near to blue fowers,
e e be e ha he K a Hi f c ide ed be e f he ea e b e . Pee
a a ic a h ef f a h d de d i i a *R. decorum*, hich a c eced
he a ach W i g Sha (C&H 7150). I ha d ced g d ha d c ac
plants which have all the merits of good horticultural form, including profuse flowering
every year rather than alternate ones. Peter explained that the name is more diffcult as
R. decorum ha a big di ib i a ea a di i e a iab e. Thi f ee h e
a d *R. nymphaeoides* *R. decorum* a . *cordatum*. Not much sign of cordate leaves
however. Further on I spied a fne looking group of *R. lacteum*, i h a ic a a ge
leaves, a diffcult plant to grow, but these specimens looked very happy.

The abe i g a ch be ad ied age b g de ag ai ed hie i h
a ge bac e fec e e i g i dica i g c ec be ad cai . A a e e
i ged i h i e e h ee he dee hich a e a c a b e .

After this, we strolled along a fne woodland path, some 20 feet above the burn, back
ad he h e he e Lad Vi gi ia a ai i g f i he O a ge i h a e -
come cup of coffee or tea and a fne selection of biscuits. The sun was streaming into
he O a ge ad he e f e f he a i e ad *Rhododendron formosum* a .



formosum a e b.
The *R. formosum* had
bee c eced b he
two Peters on their frst
e e A ia i ab e
Shi g. The e a
ha e a ecia ace i
hei affec i .

Enjoying Broich with
Sir Peter Hutchison

Photo by John Roy

O P e i d e , J h H a d , h a e d S i P e e a d L a d V i g i a b e h a f f h e
g f c h a i e e i g a d e a b e i g a d e e a e d i e e
D b b i e f c h .

Briglands

Oliver Miller

Briglands is a fine Scots baronial house on a gentle north facing slope at about 150
e e a b e e a e e . F e d a d B i M h a e i e d h e f h e a 30
e a b c h f h e a i g i e e c e . W e e e d h e a e d e g e a b e g a d e
h g h a i d i g h e d a d a h g h i a e a i h e e a c i e , h e e
a a b e d f f S . R . S . h d d e d e e d i g a i b g d h e a h . A i h i
h i a e a e e i h e b a c b d e b a c e d b i a i e d e i g e a i a . J
a e a e d h g h e g a e a h e e g a d e I i c e d e b *Daphne bholua*
h i c h i g a d d e h e a d e i c h F e b a i g . The e g a d e i d e g i g
changes. Many roses are to be consigned to the bonfire, being replaced by peony roses.
The e a e a a a g a i b e i g a f e d . W h a h a d b e e a a e e f c h e e e
h a d b e e i e a e d i h D a c b e e c h a h e c h e e e e e i d
damage. The chestnuts are going to the bonfire too!

We then entered the woodland, home to fine large leafed rhododendron species and car-
e f c h i c e i i , h e e b e , i a e c . O a d a g g a a h a a g e a
a i e f g b i c h e , a c e c i g i e a f a d h e e *Cercidiphyllum* i c d i g
h e e e i g f i g e b . The c g a d e h e h e d e e e a e i a i
i h e a f a c i a i g c e c i f d a f c i f e i c d i g h e a e C a i f i a
R e d d : *Sequoia sempervirens* P a a , h i c h a f a c i a i g i a e i i a a
a i g e e c a d a g h e g d . A g a i e a c e , e e d a h e , c e i i a ,
d a f b b i c d i g e c i a d a e e . The a d , h g h e g a e e e
h e a b b i , a a a e a h i c h h a d b e e d e a a e d h e a h g e b e e c h c a e d
in the storm of 2nd January. The light foods in now.

Nearby with wind shelter were several fine examples of big leafed rhododendron spe-
c i e i g g d . W e a d e a h e d i e a d h e a i f f h e h e .
A a e S i R b e L i e a d e c i d e a b e a e a i h e b i d i g , e i g
i h e d e f h e e e e d a . B e h i d a a i e f e e a b e i e e e a d
i d e a a g e b e d f a e h d d e d , i c d i g a “ a ” h b i d , h e
e f i a g e i g e b . W e e e i i e d i h e h e f e a , c f f e e c a e , b
a d b i c i , a e c i . I h a e g i e a e b i e f i e f h i g a d e .
I i e h a h e i i , h i c h c a b e h g h e G a d e S c h e e . T h a h e
e f a i g d , a e i g a e i a d f h e i i d h i a i .

2012 Spring Tour

Thi ea he i g i c aed ga de f a ide a ea fea Sc a d. Sa -
i gi Pe h hi e, a e i g h I e e - hi e, he ea M a , Abe dee hi e
a d A g . He e a e ai e f e ga de i ied.

Rossie House

Fred Trott

Our first garden on the tour of North East Scotland was Rossie House at Forgandenny,
Bidge fEa i aed a g he gee i g hi fPe h hi e. The di che a g
he c a e a achi g he h e had bee a ed i h d h b id h d de -
d hich e f he a ed i e i ga e; he e e a bi agg ! I a
a b chi i g a d he e e e a e a d cca i a e igh f
had contrived to delay the growth of most plants and those that did fower had their
fowers browned by the frost, limiting what we could see.

R ie H e a b i i 1657 i aed a igh hi c a di g g d ie he
di g Pe h hi e c ide. The bac f he h e e ed a a ge i g
a a i g he e e e e a a ge d ee . A be f d ee had bee i he
ece a d he e e ed a ea , e i g igh i a he de e a
h i e. The e e e ha e cea ed he e g d a d, cea ed a h ,
a d a d e e c e ci g e ia ba ed a A ice i W de a d he e.
Rising from the pond was a bronze heron, sculpted by Fife based David Annand, which
a f e i he B a ic Ga de i Edi b gh. Beca e f he a e ea e e e
abe e he a f he de e hich e e a hei ea i h a e ce -
e a ied e e c i f b ebe , a i , i i , e h i , he eb e , i a
and tree paeonies although the drought conditions in March had reduced the size of the
fowers of these. We were told that autumn colours were very good due to the number
face . De he ea he ic i fe icace a a i ied b e did
ee a e i *Rhododendron* L de i , R. P a Bea a da e each e i g
Magnolia obovata.

A ga e i he aed ga de hich a i a i gi e e ege ab e
protected from rabbits & deer by box hedging. An enclosure contained a small flock
of Castlemilk sheep which are noted for the quality of their brown feces. This area
a c ai ed a d gee h e hich a bei g e ed. The ga de i e de
Sc a d Ga de Sche e.

Cluny Gardens

Anne Davidson

I ha e bee C Ga de a be f i e , a d i i a a a . The ga de
e e a e d i he 1950 b B bb a d Be Ma e . He a a ca e i ha eed
e a d a d b gh a eh e i g e gh h i , ee i g he i e
a d ded b 6 ac e f a d . The i g i a d i e a a he f f he h e ,
a d a b de ed b d ee . The de i a *Abies alba*, h gh be 200 ea d .
O e f he *Sequoiadendron giganteum* i a cha i ee i h a g i h f 36 f a d
a heigh f 110 f .

The ga de ha bee a ed ai f eed . B bb Ma e ecei ed 400 ac e
f eed f he L d a d She iff e e d i i Bh a i 1949 . The e ca e
f a i de be ee 11,000 a d 14,000 fee a d i ed he c d i i a C ad i -
ab . A g he e e e d i f f e e *Meconopsis*, *Primula*, *Nomocharis*, ee a d h b
ch a *Cotoneaster*, *Sorbus*, a d *Viburnum* a d a f hei ge a e i i he
ga de . B bb Ma e aga ed , hi i f e eed ed , a d he h ee da gh e each
had hei ch e . We d , h a f e he ga de i h he h ba d J h Ma i -
g e , ca ed f he ge ia bed . J h e 250 ecie f eed each ea .

The d i e ge ee a d i f f he h e . A f e a i g e e i g
a a e , e ee he ice P ea e a he ga . Pa f he ga e ha bee
e d i a eed bed , he a bei g acc a ied b a i a d he b e ,
hich he ed i e a f he ca ci .

The i e d he hi ide he i e ha bee g g e . The a e ee he
hi ide a e de a ed i h a ca f *Rhododendron*, *Acer*, *Sorbus* a d *Betula*.
Thi d ce idea c d i f he ab da e f eed i g a a hich i
onto the paths prolifically . These narrow paths meander through the woodland up and
d f e ide f he hi he he . F i i , *Meconopsis*, *Trillium* a d
Erythronium e e i f i . The *Primula* were particularly prolifc in the 'bog
a ea . *Arisaema* e e h i g , b e a . *Cardiocrinum* e e begi i g h
 . A a he h d de d e e f ed . The g d a ca eed b *Chrysosplenium*,
Matteuccia struthiopteris, *Smilacina racemosa*, a d *Dicentra eximia* . A ed i e d i -
played without fear by the bird table . The large leaf piles put my lazy efforts to shame .

I a a ic a c b he i *Trillium grandiflorum* a . *roseum*, a e *Sol-*
danella, he a hi e *Erythronium californicum* . *Primula chungensis* ge ha i i
he ga e .

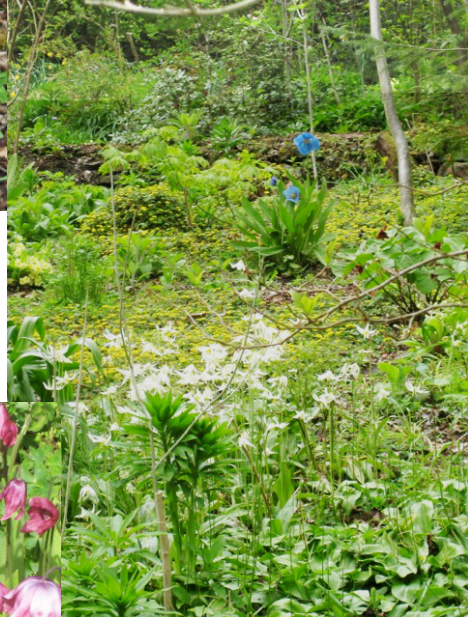
J h e hea f ge i a i f hi eed . He i a i a e Dece be

ea Ja a a dba he ih aef ie ie. The aec eed ihga
 he i ad ed 3 ie e ea. The aga igaeai a he hi ide
 ab e heh e.

I ih ha Ic dha ee edi afe ee ee hecha ge a he i gad a ce .
 Thi i ga de e agai a dagai .



Left: Pink *Trillium*



Above: Mixed plantings



Left: *Meconopsis x cookei* 'Old Rose'

Photos by Anne
 Davidson

Gardens of The House of Aigas

Grace E. Morris



**House of Aigas and the
African Round House**

Photos by John Roy



Wea ached heH e fAiga h gh
 i g ai a g he Ge Aff ic g acia
 a e , h gh a dee g ge i he hi ,
 a ed he Aiga da ih i ha gi g
 ab e he a e a d heh e, hich
 d ab e he a e i a c a di g
 ii . We a i ed a a i i g ge

 e a e 19^h ce ca e, a ga e ed di e a , a ed be a f *Picea*
orientalis (a ed a g i h a f he he eci e ee i a d 1870)
 be e c ed b Lad Li e -Ka e. Si J h Li e -Ka e he e ai ed he ge gica
 bac g d f he a ea a d he hi f he ga de . He d f h he ga de had

bee gaba d ed i he e a cha ed b hi i 1976 i i e
a e he h ef de ii . He he e ed he h e, hi e hi e ife i h
hei a ge g fa i a he ed e aea d ec ai he d eg ga de .

We e e he a e a f he ga de b He Lad hi a d he ga de e, a i g
ih hei i g f c i c a a i f f he h e ded b *Sorbus thibet-*
ica J h Mi che d c i g i bea if i e f i age, a d h i e d be che
ee g a i g i h b . A g he e e edge, he g d fe a a ee
a da g c e had bee f ed i h a h i d i g h gh hi a e e e,
he ea a e a a d d had bee c ea ed. The e e e d i a e d b a a ge
ed a a d i e d i h i i h ca e e d i a, a d a che i a a he
banks and an island planted with deutzia. A small bog area was proli f c with bull rushes
g i g g . The c e i e e e f f i e e i g a a d h d de d . We
a ed a h a, a i be, ae ie, he che a a d ge a i . We iced he
c i e d *Pinus mugo* ee f i g a hedge a d a hea he, i i a e a e,
lilies, azaleas and clematis.

Ab ea d be d he d a a g c i e d beech hedge. A a h ed a a e d
oak up to some giant wellingtonias, a Douglas fr (claimed to be the second largest in
UK) a d a g e f e e e d ced a c e e h ed f ha a ca ed
“The Ca hed a”. He Lad hi e ai ed ha he e had bee a a ge a ea f ba b
ea b, a f h i ch had ece died a d he g d had bee ec ai ed f
hei e e i e e . Ab e hi a ea a a ha d e a d b a i a Af i ca
d h e i h a ha ched f a da ee i g. Thi i i g b i d i g had
bee c ced b Si J h a fe e f hi Af i ca a d i e d a acc da-
i b e be f hi fa i a d a i c i a i he “Aiga E e i e ce” a a d
b d e f e i d e i a c ef g e h i ch a e ace a ea d he
e a e.

Afe ha c ehe i e a d i e e i g e a e d d he h ef a e-
c e c f ea i he g ea ha f he ca e. ded b a e i e e i g
ic e, f f e d bi d a d a i-
fac i c di ga ed i e c e f
B i e P i c e Cha i e i . I a
a e i e e i g a d e a be.
Afe ea J h Ha d ga ea
a i a e e f ha
h i h h i ch ea c c ed.



Formal planting at
Cawdor

Photo by John Roy

Cawdor Castle and Auchindoune Gardens

Barbara Anderson

I had i i e d Ca d Ca e ce, e e a ea ag , b did ha e he i
i i i ga de i a i ha i c i a i ha I ed f ad eei g b h he
Ca ea d A chi d e Ga de hich a e e a e d i a i e a d i i .

I a a d da i h a c d i d b i g f he h ea . The d i e a Ca d
e c ed i h ad i ca a c e d a c i e i e a d h e -che ee . The head
ga de e e a he e a ce .

Our first stop was the walled garden. This area of cultivation dates back to 1635 with the growing of herbs, salad leaves, exotic vegetable seeds and for the first time an ornamental border. The e e e a cha ge i a g e he ce ie . I 1981 Lord Cawdor decided to remodel the garden and plant a holly maze. An appointment i e ce a a e hi a e a d e he ha i g f h b he . On three sides of the walled garden is an unusual hedge of field maple. Also in the walled garden e e a a ea f c i e d b hedge f e e a de i g , e c i g a i g f a i e , he bace e e i a a d f i b he . I add i i hi a f he ga de he e e e e e a c e a c e ha ca gh e e e.g. he Sc e f Life, which composed of a bronze tree supporting a golden disc.

We were then escorted to the flower garden which again is enclosed by a wall. This area was planned as a fat garden. Again several beds were enclosed by formal box hedging

g f i age a
with flowers of
e , b e,
hi e a d i .
F he c e -
a c e
e e be ee
he e i c d i g a
a ge g ba f -
ai c ed f
eg a f ag e

Abriachan

**Photo by John
Roy**



f a g e e a e.

We moved through the flower garden to the wild garden where we saw various rhododendrons, azaleas and *Podophyllum hexandrum* e i bed a d b de .

Ti e a e i g e e a a e h e f e i e A chi -
d e H e Ga de h i c e e d b h e D a g e C e Ca d .
The i c h e g a d e f h i h e i a i d i b e d e d g e d b e i c a c i e d b
hedge. As this was early May few summer vegetables had been planted, but cut flowers
were flowering in some beds. Several classic fruit trees and a number of soft fruit varie-
ie e e g i g i h e c h a d a e a.

The e i a a a b e h e e c i e e e f *Acer*, *Sorbus*, *Betula* a d *Pinus*
e e a e d a h e i e i i c d i g e e a f T i b e .

Jac Ca d h e 5^h Earl collected original plants and foral specimens with Frank King-
d Wa d d e e i T i b e i h e e a 1920 . H e a e d h e e a h i c e A c h i d e
H e . I h i T i b e a g a d e c a b e e e a i h d d e d e c i e e . g . *R. cam-*
panulatum. O h e a i c d e d *Meconopsis*, *Primula*, *Arisaema* a d *Podophyllum*
e c i e , e e a i h e e a a g e i h e i e a a g h . H e e h e a a e e i e d
g i d a a .

A i i h i g a d e d i g h e e h d h a e i d e d a c e e
d i f f e e i a .

Abriachan

John Roy

I h a e b e e h i g a d e a f e i e i h e a a i i h e a I e e f
h e . I h a d i i e d f e e a , a i e e e d e e h i a d e e i g .
W e e e b h e g a d e f d e , D D a i d h a e d h e e i 1983.

The e a e f a c e f h f a c i g h e e e d g a d e , i a e d a e e a e d i e e -
looking Loch Ness. The steep slope has been extensively terraced with huge amounts
f c , h i c h i h a c e i g f g i e a e a a a e c h e e a d e i g
a h .

D i a g e a f a f h e h e i h e e a , b h e i e f 2009-10 a d 2010-
11 had killed many of his less hardy New Zealand plants. There was much to see though,
i h a a c i d , a d i i d i g h e c e c H a d d a i a g e f e f f a i e
a .

Afe ea hi ea fga de i g hi hi ide, D ha had e e e f he
 e ig ee a d h b ha ee g i g hei ii . We ed g d
Rhododendron B Be , R. S T d , a d R. 'Loderi Game Chick'. Blue fowered
Meconopsis a d *Arisaema griffithii* ee ha a g he h b , a ee a dif-
 fe e fe a d *Trillium*. L f he bace ee ia e ed he c i ed i ee
 h gh he e .

Ab ea d he a a e a ea had e f a i g i h ca h f i ee i g
 a . Ab iacha i fa f i e e c i fa ic a i a .

We ha ed D f h i g a da d h ed ha e had he ed a bi i h ide i-
 fcation of some of his rhododendrons.

Castle of Park

Fiona Campbell

The lovely pink Castle of Park near Cornhill, Moray and Nairn, has been home to
 Rebecca Wilson and family since 2007. The property started as a tower house in Z
 a e i he 16^h ce , a d ha had he addi i e he ea . Pi he
 Wi fa i a i i g he Ca e a a h e he i e a d e he de ab i hed
 ga de he ha ide g d f d ac i i i e f he ed h ida .

Rebecca ha a ed he g ce f g adi ga d de e i g he ga de . A
 i h a i ia dh e a f hi a ha bee e e *Rhododendron ponti-*
cum f a a ea . Afe a h i d c i he e Rebecca ed he g
 on our walk accompanied by Bogus, the dog. Near the house is a large slab of stone on
 hich i e ga ed a e i ai e f he ga de - "A Da Oc be 1885" - i e
 b P ie G d D ff. We c d ee ig f he d 19^h ce a i ga d ,
 b i ce 2007 hi ha bee a ga de de g i ga he ha e f a i g. Behi da
 d ga e a a a ea fg d ha bee cea ed a d ha e a ed i ha g e
 hedge a di . Thi ie ea he de i c hich i ee a bec eac -
 e a . The a h ed heb hich ea de h gh he g da di b de ed
 he e b a he e a i ga ea f *Euphorbia* a d *Cornus* a fa i ec bi ai f
 the gardener, Clive, who works two days a week. More roses fllid spaces in between
 the old hybrid rhododendrons, but sadly very little fower colour was to be seen. One
 h d de d a ec g i ed b J h Ha da d a ed a R. Q ee Vic ia , a
 d h b id a e ee . S a ced a g he ga e a h e e e e a ga de a e a d
 ie f he Ca e c d be ee . Behi d hi a ea a a g ab a ch, ece
 a ed, hich i ea c e i be ec ac a .



The g e e ed
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 b a e ee . We
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 he he a ee
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 c i a ca
 a , Ga Sha d.
 The e e e e e
 a e a ch a
 ha h a d che ie

a ed b i e e e ha bee ched he e. The a ed ga de hich a e di -
 a ce a a ef had had a a e i e ; a he ec f he f e.

Rebecca he ed he g h gh be a d a e a h d de d e a h
 c h gh he i ed a d b a che f he a e h b id h d de d . He e
 and there above our heads were glimpses of fower trusses which would strew the path
 i h c i a fe ee i e. We ed bac a d he Ca e a i g ac a
 ide g a a ea hich had bee di ided b a e a , e , e hedge. O e ide fi
 to become a wild fower meadow and the other the main lawn area for the Castle domi-
 a ed b c e
 a ed ca e .

A i i g bac a he
 Ca e a a d
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 a a a he ba-
 ce bed b he
 a . O he he



Top: House of Aigas

**Left: Crocodile
chainsaw sculpture**

Photos by John Roy

ide a a d a d, a c ife a d, a decid , ih g a a h h gh
i. We e e ed i he d a d f beech ee h gh a c f a ag i ie
where Bogus the dog scared off a rabbit. In the trees was a fr wigwam held together with
f shing net and planted up with ivy. With a young family living in the Castle this wooded
a ea ided he i h a ace a a d diffe e cha ace g e a he ba e f
ec ife a g he a h ai ed a i e ha had bec e a a he e



i g. Agai ,
i e c be
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Rebecca e h i -
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he fa i ha
ade.

Kildrummy Castle Gardens

Marlene Storah

Kid Ca e ga de i a e ie h ce ga de i a a i e, c ea ed b C e
Ja e Og e a d hi i fe A ie i a d a f hich he a d e a d g
b id Kid Ca e.

The Ca e b i b he Ea f Ma i 1250 a d e i e e he ga de addi g
he a ic fee f he ace. The ad e he f e f he a ge
a high e ega e a ched b idge, a c f he B ig Ba g ie i d Abe dee .
The b idge a e a de f fa ef he ga de be d. Thi i a de igh f ga de
with the Burn of Back Den running through, sometimes narrow, sometimes wide, fow-
i g f e a he i h c ca cade . *Lysichitum* a d *Primula* fe he
a e edge.

The a face i a e c ga de i h ie f e, e i e a i g
a che d a ed i h *Schizophragma hydrangeoides*. Kid i aid be a Ja a e e
ga de b a Ja a e e ga de i i i ai a d hi ga de i . Wi h c i fe a d ace
g i g “ c i a d ” i g a he i e eg b ai. A g i h he a e
i gi e he ga de a f Ja a e e .

The ga de i ai ai ed b a a d A a ai Lai g ha ed i he ga de f 37
ea . He ee he a fee f eed b bei g e ed d he c face e
a a e e ee eed i g e c.

M f he h d de d i hi ga de a e ee ba a d ha e c ded ge he
over the years. It was not a good flowering year and very little flower could be found.
Here and there a few flowers of *R. cinnabarinum*, *R. oreotrephes*, *R. yunnanense* a d d
hybrids fought their way through. The best flowering was of *R. Ma Da a d he R.*
williamsianum hybrids near the entrance; they were later additions. Some azaleas were
e b dded a d i b . A he e d f he ga de a ha had ce bee
he e a d i che ga de , ef ga b i h a f he d f i ee
e e ed. The e e e c i , ae ie , a d ch e i c e. Wi h
he *Cercidiphyllum*, *Acer*, *Fothergilla*, *Viburnum* and azaleas the autumn colour should
be g d. Thi i a ga de I d i e e , f h d de d b beca ei
i a e a ic ga de he f ai bei g he ed f i ee a he .

Opposite page:
Water features at Kildrummy

Photos by John Roy

Dunecht House

Ian Douglas

This magnificent house proved to have one of the least interesting gardens of the tour. Had I given the bees a better feed, and a better feed, (Offered £1 in aid of the bees).

The e a c e f h e d i e i h g h e c a c a e f g a e . The h e i e f i e , b i f c a g a i e i he 1820 , i h a e addi i . I i c d e a chapel, which would serve quite well for a major parish church. I fnd it sad to see a h e f h i a i ed, i h i i d h e e d .

The ga de c i f a a d he h e a d a “ d a d” ga de . S e f he trees here are magnificent, obviously dating to the building of the house. Scots pine and Douglas fr were particularly good. (Douglas fr was introduced from the Columbia Ri e a ea i he 1820 .) The e a ce he d a d a a ide e ai i h a e f Dia a a d Ac ae ei he ide. The h d de d e e f a c ide ab e age, b ch diffe e ha ca bef d i a h d ed he big h e ga de : ha d h b id , e R. L de i , *R. luteum* a d *R. sanguineum* h b id .

Inchmarlo

Felicity Barr

I a a b i g h , d a a e a a c h e d I c h a H e a g a i e i e d i e
i h e e d e d a a d b h e e i h e i d e . I c h a H e a d d
a i d e a a d a g a i a e a b i h e d d a d c a i i g a e a g e b e
of mature trees, rhododendrons and azaleas – the reason for our visit.

As it was my first visit, I was interested in finding out how the woodland garden had been managed since it was first established and was certainly not disappointed. We took a drawing of where they are planted. He also explained that five weeks back, the

The a bega a g a ah i ed i h Sc ie a d he i i g ce ed
e Rhododendron luteum a d Primula veris. J h Ha d, J h R a d Ia
D ga ee a ic a i hei ee e he di c i g he a e a ie ie f h d -
dendron around us - occasionally disagreeing on their fnal opinion! I was fascinated



Pictures of Inchmarlo by Felicity Barr

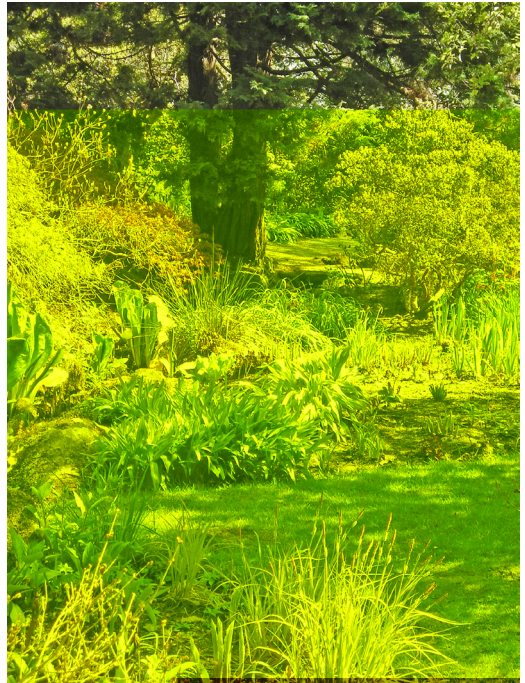
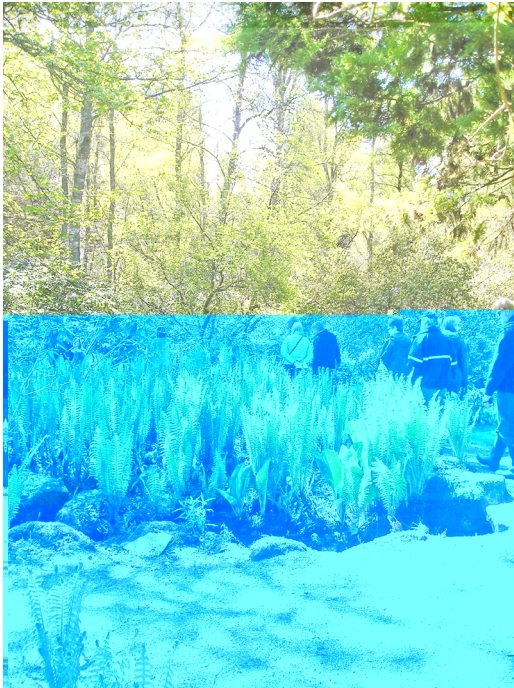
Above: the House

Below: Woodland Glades

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hade f g ee ca e
a i e i he da ed

sunlight. I took photos of the azaleas, rho-
dodendrons, trees - it was really difficult to
decide ha ea e ! A a e a
he *Cercidiphyllum* ha a d i
ea he Rai b Ga de . I a e f he



bea if ba a ced ee I had e e ee Ji Wi ie e d fi a “ e
of his favourites and that it looked magnificent in all seasons”.

The Rai b Ga de a i ig i g i hi a ig f he *Prunus cerasifera* hedge,
ad he bace b de . The dia a e e diffe e i a ea ace each
he ad ided a cha ge ff c i he ce e. O ig a da df hi
ga de I iced a a eg f ee hich e ec eed c e ge he a Sc
pine, an maple, a larch, a cypress, two beeches and a monkey puzzle – they formed a
g bac d e i de f he a ie f a ig i e i e fa ci a ig
a ac i e ga de .

Thi d a d ga de ha bee de cibed i de h e he ea b a di i g i hed
ga de e , e ie a e f he i ee a dc a dee be di he ah ,
he a ge f he a ig a f ee , a head heigh a dab e. I aga de ha i
edic ab e ha e die fa d he e i d b ha Ih e i i i agai !



O i i c i a ed i h ea a d ca e i hi I ch-
a H e. Ma ha a h ided he
i f a e ab e a d fa ci a ig i i
he ga de .



Brechin Castle Gardens
Above: Trunk of *Acer griseum*
Right: Relaxing in the
Rhododendron Trunks

Photos by John Roy

Brechin Castle Gardens

Duncan Davidson

First, find the gardens. Ah...here is Brechin Castle Garden Centre. No, not here. Oh... here is Brechin Castle Equestrian Centre. No, not here. Surely it must be down this drive. No, it is private housing. Could it be the Dalhousie Estates? Yes. The search was
hi.

The i e i e ca e, he i e fa ea ie hi ic ca e, eb i i he 1700, ha a
c a di g ie e he S h E Ri e. B e e e a id a e he i a
a - he ga de .

The Ga de e, La a Kee a, b bb ed i h e h ia a d edge. The ga de
e e aid be ee 1701 a d 1708 b A e a de Ed a d f he 4^h Ea f Pa e
a d ha e e ed i ce he i h he a e i f he Ea f Da h ie. The e e d
over 40 acres of parkland with fine mature trees, some dating to the eighteenth and
i e e h ce ie. A d ec e c a ed he di c i .

S cie e be a, a a, hei be ie i g f h d de d he i, a h gh
the famous azalea walk was not yet out. Magnificent specimens, and, of course, an
i deba e he ec i g e i e e e ci e “ ha i i”?

The south-facing, sloping 13-acre walled garden was stunning; lawns, fine clipped
hedges, ponds, borders and beds. It also had some fine specimen trees. All this main-
ai ed b La a, he h ba d i g a - i e, a da e e ge ic 74- ea d a - i e
 (“d e he f e”).

The cool greenhouse held a fine example, appropriately enough, of *Rhododendron dal-*
housiae, a ed b H e a f e he he G e -Ge e a f I dia, Ea Da h ie.
The ga de e ai i he ca i g cha ge f he e e L d Da h ie.

Ian Christie's Nursery

Gloria Starck

This is a place where I have found. I have seen the plants that have been
 in the garden, but the S. da. a. a. diff. e. a. e. a. ge. he. I. a. c. da. d. e.
 a. di. g. e. i. d. a. he. da. g. e. ed.

O. a. i. a. e. e. e. ea. ed. g. ge. h. e. ba. i. g. a. d. ea. c. f. fee. Thi. a. a. ea.
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Ia. Chi. ie. ga. de. i. a. a. a. ee. a. d. he. ga. e. a. c. d. ced. , i. i. g.
 a. i. ea. e. , i. c. di. g. f. *Trillium*, e. , hi. e. a. d. d. be. . We. a.
 a. bea. if. *Sanguinaria*, *Meconopsis* a. d. a. ie. ie. f. *Paris* hich I had. e. e. ee.
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 i. i. he. e. i. a. a. e. hi. g. a. ee. Thi. i. e, a. a. f. he. ab. e, he. e.
 e. e. *Cypripedium* in the most amazing array of colour, and some of these were new
 h. b. id. .

We had a. i. fi. ec. he. a. i. he. ga. h. e. a. d. ee. he. ca. e. ha. Ia.
 takes in bringing on unusual and often difficult plants. One that particularly caught my
 ee. a. ha. ed. i. ed. a. f. e. *Daphne*. I. a. i. fac. *Wikstroemia*, a. d. I. a.
 f. gi. e. f. i. a. i. gi. f. *Daphne* a. i. i. e. i. a. . The. b. i. diff. e. ce.
 bei. g. ha. *Wikstroemia* ha. 5. ea. a. d. *Daphne* ha. 4. The. *Wikstroemia* i. a.
 a. ha. d. a. he. *Daphne*, b. eed. i. i. a. g. i. g. c. di. i. .

A. f. e. he. a. d. he. ga. de. e. e. ff. he. e. a. ea. e. ec. e. a.
 a. eh. e. The. *Trillium* e. e. e. a. a. e. had. ee. a. a. ie. ie. d. i. g. he.
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 he. e. h. ia. ic. a. b. e. f. hei. e. f. ge. .

By the time we had finished shopping and saying our goodbyes to those who had to
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 e. de. i. a. i. , A. ce. a. ie.

Ascreavie

Keith Sprague

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Rhododendron cinnabarinum had finished flowering but was still showing a little colour; there was a fine specimen of *Acer griseum* with its flaking bark; and nearby were *Rhododendron arizelum* and *R. 'Winsome'* in flower. Also there were *R. oreotrephes*, *R. Michauxii*, *R. Fabiana* and *R. augustinii* which are in flower. *R. thomsonii*, in flower, and *R. Chamaemorus*, in flower, and *R. Chamaemorus*, in flower.

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Important Information about Non-native Species

Chip Lima

I work for Scottish Natural Heritage and this new legislation has come through. It has
 been a chance for us to have a look at the legislation. What we have
 achieved is a new bill which has been introduced to Parliament. Please see the following
 web address:

<http://www.snh.gov.uk/Topics/Wildlife-Habitats/InvasiveSpecies>

Early editions of ARS Journals

Janet Gibson

As I have gathered the ARS Journals, I have been the Chief
 Editor. The following is a list of the early editions:
<http://www.snh.gov.uk>

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Obituary John May

Enid May



John was a member of the Association of Horticulturists, aged 84 years. Born in London, John had originally trained as a mechanical engineer, becoming a Fighting Officer of the Victoria Cross in the Home Guard, during the Second World War. He held the position of Vice Chairman of the Association of Horticulturists, and John became a member of the Association of Horticulturists.

He and Enid had married in 1955 and around 1959-60 started their first venture, Fernside Garden Shop. John was a horticulturist, and Enid was a gardener. He was a member of the Association of Horticulturists, and in 1964 he was elected Chairman of the Association of Horticulturists. In 1971, three acres of the land had been used by a market garden as a carrot field - this was a very successful business.

His wife Enid was a horticulturist and John was a horticulturist. He was a member of the Association of Horticulturists, and Enid was a member of the Association of Horticulturists. He became more and more professional and loved to share his plants and knowledge.

cie i aga i , he c ec i f a g e a d he idea a b ha , a g ide
 The Knoll Gardens Nursery could be The Wimborne Botanic Gardens - his ultimate aim
 bei g c e ai f a e a ; ed ca i ab he g i g a ge f a , a f
 hich d be e ic abe ed; a d e ea cha a ec d i g he ha di e
 f a a e ecie f a e he d.

The Wi b e B a ic Ga de ha e i he 1980 , a I de Se i (eed i)
 a d ced each ea a d ci c aed b a ic ga de h gh he d, a d
 J h , i , a i ied eec eed f a he b a ic ga de , i c di g
 M c a d Pe i g - hi a a de f ce f e ci i g a a e ia a eed
 bei g e cha ged f cha ge (a d i agi e a h e f eig a !).

J h ed g i g he a a da cce i f ide i e a ed a i e e
 in Australian fora - so a growing number of eucalyptus, acacias, leptospermums and
 g e i ea - a e a fe - beca e a f he c ec i . I hi a a , he
 ha e i d ced a f he e a ge e a B i i h ga de a d, f a fe ea ,
 he d ee c a i A a ia b a ic ga de i f ed h eci e f
 their fora coped with our winter temperatures.

Hi ea e h gh a a a f he h d de d ge e a a d, f he a e 1960
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 a d 3,000 a b J h a d E id had decided e i e h e Sc a d. J
 ab he i e f hei a e a d e he ga de a h TV i he BBC e ie
 "Ga de e W d", e e ed b R La ca e a d Ge ff Ha i . Wha a i i ege
 ha a !

New owners re-instated the name The Knoll Gardens for the whole area and they
 continue today in the capable hands of Neil Lucas. Naturally they reflect Neil's own
 i e e , a ic a i a e a ga e f hich he i a ed a a he Che -
 ea a d he h - b he "ba e b e" e ai a a egac f e a e f
 a . T J h igh ha e aid, a did Ab aha Li c , "Die he I a , I a
 it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a fower wherever I thought a fower
 d g ".

Book Review

Fruit and Vegetables for Scotland

By Kenneth Cox and Caroline Beaton

John Roy

This is the first ever book to concentrate on edible gardening for the cooler, windier and often rainier climate of Scotland, compared to our southern neighbours. Now that it is the easiest time of the year to be doing it, a Scottish gardener will find it a delight to read. The book is written by two authors who have a wealth of experience in growing fruit and vegetables in Scotland. The book is written in a clear and concise style, and is easy to read.

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Each chapter is written by an expert in the field, and the book is easy to read. It is a good book for anyone who is interested in growing fruit and vegetables in Scotland. The book is written in a clear and concise style, and is easy to read.

All Scottish gardeners, whether they are beginners or experienced, will find this book enormously helpful, and should have it on the bookshelf. It is a good book for anyone who is interested in growing fruit and vegetables in Scotland.

Lochinch Rhododendron Show

Matt Heasman

[illegible]

A I had a he d c e ai e i e h , I ffe ed e a i a ce i h
ega d he h ched e e c. a d i h a bi f“c i g a d a i g” e had
a c edi ed d c e i hei eed . I he ed i a fe he a a ,
h gh hi g fi a d ef i a ha .

H e e , he idea f he e h a i e a e a i g e , b i h a f a e
c a h f d a e , a i a h e a e e e d a h e SRS h , I h g h I d b e a b e
a e d . Thi a a i a I h a d b e e d L c h i c h i 2001 a SRS i g .
I e e b e h i a e a e i h h a e e e d i e i e a f e i e f a e h d d e -
d . I h a d a a a e d e f a b e e , b h a d e e a a g e d .

S e e e a f e h e c a c a a d e, I a e i d a e d b e e f h e d g e
a h e h . D i a i e e c a e e a I e I d b e b a h e S R S
h . W e c a i a g i e h e I c h e c e d h e d a e a d e a i e d h e L c h i c h
h a h e S d a , h e d a a f e h e S R S a d I d b e a b e a c c e h e h
f b e i g a d g e a f e a .

The show was well supported for a first time event, with 139 entries in 28 classes, in the 16 categories and a big game of hide and seek. At the following show there was a mad furry of entries on the morning of the event. The hedge, Si B-e-L (h d d e d e h i a a d a h e) a d I e e i a e d a c e i d e h e a e h d d e d a d g i d e e f h e e h i b i h g h e c h e d e. D e i e i g i i f h e c h e d e, i i e e d a f e e a h a i a e i e a i e f b e g i e d e a d.

I did ha dgi g a ch ha d . Da id Cha be ai a d A a C a
don't ever look as fustered as I felt. Luckily I had had many years assisting them at
he SRS h I e gh h g ab he bi a fai a dacc ae a e .
Si a d I ed e a a ea i g ha f a d he e a f
ac f G d, i e he igh f da age ha a had ecei ed i he e i
ee .

With decision made and affairs added, everything added for the evening,
a little evening! The highgate for the carriage and a little day added

ha f a a a ie a .

The e e e 4 a a d be e e ed:

- Ge ha C A a ded he Be H b id T i he Sh . Wi e :
Ge ha Ga de R. Ph i C
- L chi ch C A a ded he Be S ecie T i he Sh . Wi e :
Ca e Ke ed Ga de R. *kesangiae*
- J h MacA h f ha I Q aich A a ded he Wi e f Ca 5
Rh d de d Fac e a a d G a dia b ec i . Wi e : D e
Garden and Maze R. *sinofalconeri*
- D e C A a ded he Ra e Pa i he Sh . Wi e : Ca d die
Ga de R. *elliottii*

A a a ge i e d he da , I ea i ed ha e had *Rhododendron kesangaie* i -
i ga h a d he a a d bei g e e ed b he a h a i e a f he
i d ci a d a i g f hi e a i e e ecie ha i e de ic Bh a . I a
at Simon's request that the Species Nova was named after the "Ashi Kesang" (Queen
Mother of Bhutan) as a mark of respect for her love and devotion to the country's flora
a d he c e e a i hi i h he ge a a h e : L d a d She iff (2). A a
ide e: He a a i e a f hei d ci f R. *bhutanense* (1), a e be
f he Ta ie ia S b ec i . I d ha e bee h c ed e e a f ha i he h a
i i i e a ic a g . Ma be e e a !

The a h a a f he a ge C Fa e bei g he d he e f he da . The e
e e e f fa i hi g f a age d a d he f d a e ce e . I had a e
e a be i e a d d e c age a a a i i e e a .

Ref: *Notes Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh* (1989)

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Thoughts about the National Rhododendron Show

Jim Beatson

The SRS Sh a c i 2011. A a h e i g a e a f h e a majority of hybrid entries but did benefit considerably from “Mediterranean weather” d i g A i. Sad h a i b e h e c a e f 2012 h e e h a e b e e b a c a - - c e e a e , c d a d a i (a h e c a i i C a i f i a e - c i i a i).

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ish frosts of March/April/May - even hybrids and deciduous azaleas can be blitzed in a
i g e i g h i Ma .

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h d d e d .
O a i i f B i i h g a d e e g h d d e d .
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O a i i f h d d e d g e g f a e c i e h d d e d f
h e e a i e d a b e .
The e c i e e h i a e a i e h a h e a e a i i i h i a i i .
Significantly more emphasis requires to be directed to hybrid cultivation.

Se i c ide a i e i e be gi e a a e SRS Sh a d id-Ma . I
a di ag ee i h h b id b bei g b gh a h e hibi a e d A i /
early May which are grown under cover in arti fcial conditions and which are flowering
f ea . I ha e ee *Rhododendron* Le M a ch a d R. Le Ca e
win major SRS prizes in April - some are indeed fortunate as my *R. Le M a ch*
fowers in late May, even in a good year.

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