

# The Meconopsis Group

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## Newsletter January 2012

### Notice of 9th AGM

Dear Member

**Programme for the meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 in the Conference Room**

**Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh 10.00 – 15.30**

**Meeting Chairman: John Mitchell**

#### **Meeting Program**

10.00 - 10.30	Arrival - Complimentary Teas and Coffees	
10.30 - 11.00	AGM	
11.00 - 12.00	' <i>Meconopsis</i> in Hexham and China'	Prof. John Richards
12.00 - 12.30	'Plants for Naming'	Jim Jermyn
12.30 - 13.30	Bring your own picnic Lunch - Complimentary Teas and Coffees	
13.30 - 14.00	'In search of the Queen of <i>Meconopsis</i> '	Jim Jermyn
14.00 - 15.00	'Phylogenetic Relationships and Molecular Dating of the Genus <i>Meconopsis</i> '	Al Elliott
15.00 - 15.30	Members Discussion	

#### **Agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> AGM to be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Seed Exchange Manager's Report
8. Web-site Manager's Report
9. Appointment of Office-bearers and Management Committee
10. Appointment of Trials and Assessment Subcommittee
11. Appointment of Auditor
12. Membership Subscription Rates 2013
13. Any Other Business

#### **Arrangements for the Meeting**

**Venue** Conference Room, Royal Botanic Garden, 20 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR Tel.0131 552 7171

Get directions on website [www.rbge.org.uk](http://www.rbge.org.uk)

**Minutes** Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> AGM are enclosed/ attached.

**Meeting Charge** There will be a nominal charge of £1 to attend this meeting, but this will include a lucky numbered ticket.

**50:50 Plant Sale** Please bring plants for a 50:50 plant sale (2 labels per pot, one for your name and the price, the other for the plant name). This is an important part of our day as the sale of plants will help to distribute the plants more widely among members and will boost our funds. Both *Meconopsis* and other plants are welcome. Please be aware that some hardwood species are banned from the RBGE. This includes rhododendrons. Please check if unsure. Someone will be available to help with the offloading of plants outside the entrance door at Inverleith Row.

**Picnic lunch** Please bring your own lunch to the meeting. Tea and coffee will be provided at 10.00am and at lunchtime.

**Guests** will be made very welcome at the lectures.

**Note for New Members** If you are unsure of the arrangements please contact me.

### **Attendance/ Apologies Slip for the meeting**

It would be helpful if you could complete and return the enclosed/attached attendance/apologies slip to me.

### **Gardening Scotland 2012 - Co-ordinator required**

Geoff Hill is retiring from organising our stand at Gardening Scotland after 5 years. We wish to thank him for establishing such a successful event and running it so smoothly on our behalf.

If you are interested in taking on the role of Co-ordinator of a stand at Gardening Scotland for The Meconopsis Group please email Geoff at [geoff.hill312@btinternet.com](mailto:geoff.hill312@btinternet.com) for further information.

### **Membership 2012 Renewal**

Thanks for your subscriptions that I have received this past couple of weeks.

UK members should have received their receipt and Membership Card and current Username and Password for the Website. Non UK members have been sent an e- membership card.

Just a reminder....Membership subscriptions for 2012 should be paid by February 28<sup>th</sup>. (or at the meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>). The subscription year runs from January 1st to December.31<sup>st</sup>

### **PayPal**

We are pleased to inform you that the PayPal account has been well patronized for subscriptions this year.

This is available to all members, but may be of particular interest to our non UK members.

If you do not have a PayPal account you can also pay by credit/debit card without the need to set up an account with them. The direct web page is <http://www.meconopsis.org/pages/paysub.html>

This payment page can also be accessed from the main membership/contact page and the Members Area page.

Please use the first two buttons in the drop down menu only.... Renew UK £8.00, or Renew non-UK £13.00

Please do not send money to any other email address as we cannot access money this way - they are not linked to our PayPal account

A PDF Renewal Form is also available on the membership page to download.

Subscriptions can also be paid by cheque or money order (made out in GBP only). Cash is only accepted at meetings.

### **Autumn Meeting Saturday November 3rd 2012**

The date has been confirmed for November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. Further details of the program will be available in September. We intend to have a symposium.

### **Reports**

I enclose / attach various reports with this newsletter.....a bumper pack!

- Minutes of AGM held March 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- Attendance/apologies slip for the meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012
- 'Plants for Naming' introduced by Jim Jermyn 03.03.11
- 'Cameron and The Meconopsis Group' 19.11.11
- 'Growing Meconopsis in Bavaria' by J. Wainwright-Klein 19.11.11
- 'Species from Seed #2: Cultivation Notes on three species' by James Cobb 19.11.11
- 'Explorers: The Scottish Planthunters' Garden' by Julia Corden 19.11.11
- 'Call of the Wild 3' by M. & D. Thorne 19.11.11
- 'In search of the pink Poppywort' by Tim Lever 19.11.11
- 'Mec. type specimens at RBGE' by Al Elliott 20.11.10
- *Meconopsis betonicifolia* in cultivation in Alaska' by Bill Terry ( Canadian member)

Best wishes for 2012

Norma McDowall (Secretary)