



Meconopsis Group Meeting to be held on Saturday 17th October 2015

Venue: Conference Room, Royal Botanic Garden, 20 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR.

Telephone: 0131 248 2909 **Directions:** These are available at www.rbge.org.uk

Meeting Charge: There will be a nominal charge of £1 to attend the meeting and this will include a lucky numbered ticket.

50:50 Plant Sale: Please bring plants for a 50:50 plant sale (two labels per pot, one for your name and price, the other for the plant name). This is an important part of the day as the sales of plants will help to distribute the plants more widely amongst members and will boost the group's funds. Both *Meconopsis* and other plants are welcome.

Picnic Lunch: Please bring your own picnic lunch to the meeting. Tea and coffee will be provided at 10am and again at lunchtime.

Guests: Guests will be made welcome at the meeting.

New Members: Please contact Sharon if you have any difficulties making arrangements bigbluepoppies@btinternet.com or 07910 274906.

Agenda for meeting (additional copy attached):-

10:00-10:30 Arrival teas and coffees

10:30-11:15 David Rankin: *M. integrifolia* and its relatives.

11:15-11:45 Margaret Thorne: Digital herbarium.

11:45-12:20 Ian Scott: Are you getting wonderful results from seed?

12:20-12:30 Ian Scott: Questions.

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 Alan Elliott: Propagating *Meconopsis*

14:00-15:00 Jenny Wainwright-Klein: Growing *Meconopsis* at the Schachen.

15:00-15:15 Questions/General Discussion.

Date of next meeting, AGM 2016 is 27th February, 2016.

Reports from March 2015

The reports from the meeting of March 2015 are now ready and will be available on the members' area of the web site soon

www.meconopsis.org

- Minutes and financial reports from the AGM
- Ron McBeath: Travels and plants at RBGE
- Alan Elliott: Trip to Nepal
- Sharon Bradley: Gardening Scotland
- James Cobb: Between Three Gardens
- Margaret Thorne: The direction of the group

Call for Photographs

The Meconopsis Group is in the process of producing a book with the AGS on Meconopsis and its cultivars, the final title has yet to be decided. This will complement Chris Grey-Wilson's book on the monograph of Meconopsis. We need images of Meconopsis species or cultivars grown in cultivation only and the main source of this is probably from the gardens of the Meconopsis Group's members. Please send images to j.mitchell@rbge.org.uk with a location and year. All images used will be credited to the photographer. The deadline for images is 1st December 2015. Printed copy is also acceptable and will be returned. Please send this to John Mitchell at Royal Botanic Garden, 20 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR or hand to John at the meeting on 17th October. Please ensure all hard copy is clearly marked with return details.

Subscriptions

There are still a few members who may have overlooked their subscriptions for 2015, this was due in January. Access to the seed exchange and to the web site members' area depends on payment of subscriptions. If you do not wish to be excluded from these benefits, please check that you are up to date or contact our Subscription Manager, Sharon Bradley 07910 274906 or email bigbluepoppies@btinternet.com or by post to Address: 5 Colliehill Road, Biggar, South Lanarkshire, ML12 6PN.

Gardening Scotland

Once again, the Meconopsis Group was represented at Gardening Scotland and was awarded a Gold medal. Congratulations to Sharon on the excellent display and thanks to her and the team for all their hard work.

Seed Exchange Request

A request for donations of seed for the 2015 Main Seed Exchange is attached. Please try to ensure that it is received by Ian Scott (Seed Exchange Manager) by 1st November, or give him prior warning of a late delivery of seed.

In late November, the seed list will be emailed to those members for whom we have an email address. If you would like a printed copy of the seed list for 2015/2016, please send a stamped addressed envelope to: Ian Scott, 6 Hays Road, The Gauldry, Fife, DD6 8SJ.

Twitter

Alan Elliott has set up a Twitter account for the Meconopsis Group. Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/meconopsisgroup> You do not have to join twitter to follow the action.

Send any photos or news for twitter to Allan Elliott at alanelliott82@btinternet.com and he will manage Twitter.

Attachments

- Attendance slip for 17th October
- Covering letter for seed exchange

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*The next newsletter will be issued after the coming meeting. If you have a contribution, please contact the Newsletter Secretary by email on [bluepoppynews@btinternet.com](mailto:bluepoppynews@btinternet.com)*