

Fuchsia News Winter 2022

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Dear All

I am sorry that this is a little later than I had hoped – where did January go?! I must admit I say the same every year! As usual a few points before we get to the main part of Fuchsia News:

- Please feel free to use anything that is within Fuchsia News for your own use – it is produced for that purpose!
- Like all editors, I am always on the lookout for articles – they do not have to be written specifically for us to use, but if you have had something in your group newsletter that you think is suitable then please forward it onto me. It is better to have too much rather than too little! My thanks to all those who send in their newsletters I always thoroughly enjoy reading them! The more the merrier so any other Societies that can pop me one in the post or by email – it would be great.
- Don't forget that now is a good time to renew your affiliation - it makes my life easier if it is not done in a rush later in the year. I do try and get renewals processed with in the week now that Christmas is past!
- My thanks to all those who have already renewed I am about to start updating the website with your information that I have had so far – so please have a look at your details towards the end of February to see if all is okay!
- Shows – please let me know the dates/ venues of your shows so that I can publish the normal list later in the year. I will also update your entry on the Society website. Please don't presume that I already know – please tell me again this year!
- Don't forget we are on Facebook – it is a good point of contact for fuchsia enthusiasts! Also, when you look on Facebook there are a lot of other fuchsia sites - why not join a few!
- Thank you to all the Societies that have opted to take part in the insurance scheme –I have already emailed your certificates etc. Any queries please come back to me!

Arthur's Articles

Fuchsias this Winter

Having just returned from four weeks in the USA over Christmas and the New Year I was quite surprised at the amount of growth my fuchsias had made. I guess that it had been pretty mild here while I was away. I noticed that the greenhouse temperature had maxed at 93 degrees Fahrenheit, which suggests it had been pretty sunny, but I have no idea for how long a period. I assume that the light levels must have been above seasonal norm because, although the fuchsias had made an extraordinary amount of growth, it was not the stretch growth you would expect with high temperatures and low light levels.

I was also very pleased at the small amount of botrytis found on the plants, I realise that with only the capillary matting the plant were only taking up water from the roots and the foliage was not getting over wet, I did expect to see more than I did, especially at the rate of leaf fall during late November early December. The greenhouse of course benefitted from the fact that ventilation has to be maintained for the gas heater to function, giving the added benefit of air movement for the fuchsias. Another thing that pleased me, the small number of leaves that had dropped both on the benches and within the plants.

Leaving the fuchsias for that amount of time gives me problems about when to take cuttings so I took a chance and took a batch just before we left, leaving them on the bench taking up water from the capillary matting with no bottom heat (I have not used bottom heat for my cuttings for twenty odd years.) and lost no more than I would have done if I had been at home, although I have not at the time of writing this got around to potting any of them up, they have all successfully rooted.

With the prolific amount of good fresh strong growth, I should have plenty of good cutting material if I can find time to take any, because the amount of growth made means the priority is cutting back the fuchsias to prevent them growing into one another, because I lack space on the benches. Even in this cold temperature I am having to carry a small number of fuchsias out during the day so that I have room to work. This of course as well as giving me working space also hardens off the fuchsias.

Overwintering in the USA:

When we arrived in the USA just before Christmas Nancy's Sister was very anxious about her fuchsias as she had seen forecasts of temperatures in the region of minus 8 to minus 10 centigrade. The hardy fuchsias and there are a lot, had been well mulched before we left in November, but to ease her worries, after putting up the Christmas lights, we added extra mulch of very, very well-rotted horse manure of which there is plenty and old straw.

The fuchsias in the greenhouse and it is a greenhouse of green fibreglass Nissan hut shaped. All of the stored fuchsias are grown in cedar wooden pots, so the roots have a natural insulation from the wood. They are stored within the greenhouse in a wooden trough the previous owners used to grow potatoes, this trough is constructed with one-inch-thick boards, it is about two feet from the ground and eighteen inches from the side of the greenhouse. In between the wooden pots we put scrunched up newspaper, covering them with two layers of horticultural fleece. Despite reassurances that they would survive ok still she worried, to the extent of going out to purchase a backup 3Kw electric heater in case the original one failed. (Electricity is the only source of heating anywhere).



The Greenhouse USA



The troughs in the greenhouse

Christmas Eve it snowed slightly, Christmas day it snowed a lot, depositing a layer of eighteen inches of snow which lasted for three weeks. During that time the temperatures did drop to minus eight degrees, but the hardies were well protected by the snow and so was the green house with a covering of eighteen inches of snow the temperature never dropped below freezing, and the back-up heater was never used.

A little tale:

At an Autumn Gathering a few years back one of the speakers was Trevor Strickland and, in his talk, he demonstrated how he cut back his species and encliandras for the winter. From his pruning's I rescued five pieces of off cuts, these being very short and only consisting of two nodes on each piece. The next day I potted these into a two inch square pot of my cutting mix with one node below soil level and the second one just above the compost. These were misted for a few days before we left to spend nearly five weeks in the Pacific Northwest United States. The only moisture during that period being what the pot took up from the capillary matting. I was very pleasantly surprised to find that four of the sticks had put out quite a substantial amount of top growth, these were ones around the outer rim, and during the next few days the centre stick started to produce growth. I then moved them on as one into a three inch pot and *could* take some cuttings of the excellent plant that is now evolving.

I did indeed take cuttings and still have the plant cutting of which are shaping quite well and with luck might make it onto the show bench in the catch all class this year. The plant was an inter specific *Shauna Lindsay* which has the looks of *F. denticulata*.

The Moral is never refuse free gifts of fuchsia, and fuchsias will propagate from hard wood cuttings quite easily!



Top Ten 2021

Due to the reduced number of shows last year and the number of Societies that decided to hold displays rather than shows – as regular exhibitors and not grown show type plants etc. I have based this year's results purely on the BFS shows so they will give just a thin guideline on what was being grown for shows in 2021!

So, for the classes that include the 13cm, 15cm and any size pot the results were as follows, 1. Colin Dorrington, 2. Lyndon, 3. Anne Reid, 4. Lynne Patricia and 5. Angela King. Colin Dorrington has been around for several years but seems to have thrived in the conditions of last Summer. It is a white and lilac single bred by Keith Lawrence who has produced many fine plants in recent years. It is nice to see that for 2021 we have moved away from the pale pinks and whites that dominated the show benches for quite a few years!

Moving onto the results for the 9 and 10 cm pots – generally for these classes the plants have small flowers and are short jointed! 1. Anne Reid, 2. Shatzy B, 3. Colin Dorrington, 4. Lyndon and 5. Angela King. Similar plants as again it was a year that was good for them. However, I was delighted to see Shatzy B doing so well as it was bred by the late Ray Birt, who was a great grower and breeder of these small flowered and grown fuchsias!

Finally, the results from the hanging pot, full and half basket classes – sadly the entries were down on these classes in the shows last year – a combination of the weather and that they take up a lot of room in a car going to a show! However, the results were much as I would have expected with Waveney Gem, Putt's Folly and Caradella being the top three. They are three fine fuchsias for this type of growth and have done consistently well on the show benches for many years.

Hopefully the results for 2022 will be much fuller than this year! I will put into the next Fuchsia News the requirements for compiling the next top tens!

New UK Fuchsia Introductions for 2022 John Nicholass

It will be a bumper year for new fuchsia introductions in 2022. This is mainly because of many introductions from Roualeyn Nursery including ten from the north Wales hybridiser, Keith Lawrence.

Argoed Hill

Upright bush and self-branching growth with plentiful flowers. The single flower has a white tube & sepals with a pale pink blush and a deep cerise corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Hazel Elizabeth x Bryn Seren (NB Seren = "Star" in Welsh)

Available from ROU.

Celtic Flame

Upright growth, mid-green foliage and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a white tube & sepals and a magenta corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Hazel Elizabeth x Lyndon

Available from ROU.

Dame Vera Lynn

Another release from the late Sid Garcia. This fuchsia has upright growth and single to semi-double flowers with a white tube, pale pink sepals and a white corolla.

Available from LTB.

Dancing Dawn

This was a chance encliandra seedling found growing in the greenhouse by the door of Carol Gubler's Little Brook Fuchsia Nursery and was known as "Door" for some time! A strong upright grower with small flowers of the encliandra type with a longish pale pink tube, pale pink sepals, and a rose corolla.

Available from LTB.

Ffordd Offa

Bushy growth mid-green foliage and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a white tube & sepals and a flared deep lavender corolla, the petals having a white splash at the base and scalloped edges. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Bryn Seren x (Wurzburg x Blacky)

Available from ROU.

Gordon Reynolds

A new release from Gordon Reynolds. Trailing growth with mid-green foliage and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a white tube & sepals and a purple corolla.

Available from ROU.

George Evans

This was a seedling passed onto Eric Coupland, a fuchsia enthusiast in Cumbria, by the late George Evans some years ago for him to grow and name. It has single to semi-double flowers with a cream tube and Sepals and a lilac-blue corolla

Available from LTB.

Grandad's Alice

Bushy growth, mid-green foliage, and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a pale-pink tube and sepals and a white corolla. Named after the hybridiser Keith Lawrence's eldest granddaughter.

Parentage: Bryn Seren x Anne Reid

Available from ROU.

Iceflow

A new introduction from Barry Fleming. A rather lax growing fuchsia with brilliant white single flowers.

Available from FF.

James

Bushy growth, mid-green foliage and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a pale-pink tube & sepals and a violet corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Bryn Seren x My Little Cracker

Available from ROU.

Janice Keane

Another introduction from Malcolm Beerman from the Midlands. This upright bushy plant has mid-green foliage and medium sized single flowers. The flower has a pink tube and sepals and a white corolla. It has been found to be hardy in the Midlands.

Available from LTB.

Joan Lawrence

Another introduction from Keith Lawrence and name after late wife. Upright self-branching growth, mid to dark green foliage and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a vivid scarlet-red tube & sepals and a flared white corolla with red veining on the petals.

Parentage: Bryn Seren x Bryn-Y-Baal

Available from ROU.

Keira Thomas

Upright growth with mid-green foliage and a single flower with a white tube, white sepals blushed pink at the base and a white corolla. Raised by the late John Fleming.

Available from FF.

Mercia

Upright self-branching growth, mid to dark green foliage and plentiful flowers. The single flower has a pale-pink tube & sepals and a white corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Bryn Seren x My Little Cracker

Available from ROU.

Moel Famau

Upright self-branching growth, mid-green foliage and floriferous. The single flower has a white tube & sepals tipped green,

and a cerise corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Hazel Elizabeth x Bryn Seren

Available from ROU.

Mynydd Isa

Upright self-branching growth, dark-green foliage and very floriferous. The single flower has a white tube & sepals and a vivid violet-magenta corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence.

Parentage: Hazel Elizabeth x Bryn Seren

Available from ROU.

Mrs D Parrott

A new release from Mal Wilkinson. This new cultivar resulted from a cross between 'Anne Reid' and 'Bryn-y-Baal'. This one looks like another winner. Upright with mid green foliage and medium sized single flowers with a pale cerise tube and sepals and a pale mauve corolla.

Available from C4U.

Pat Bastiman

A new introduction from Mike Wilkins, with upright but arching growth with quite long internodal joints. The very plentiful small single flowers have a pale pink tube and sepals and a vivid cerise corolla. It has already won at national shows.

Available from ROU.

Remember Terry

Upright self-branching growth, mid-green foliage with a slight serrated edge to the leaves. The single flower has a white tube and pale pink sepals and a pale purple corolla with whiter areas of the petals. Another introduction from Chris Bright and named after the late owner of Bromac Nursery, Terry Brookfield.

Available from ROU.

Rosie Jane

Upright self-branching growth, mid to dark-green foliage and very floriferous. The single flower has a white tube & white sepals splashed pink and darker underneath and a dark purple corolla. Raised by Keith Lawrence, named after one of his granddaughters.

Parentage: My Little Gem x Bryn Seren

Available from ROU.

Raymar

An introduction from the late Ray Weston, Upright and bushy growth with self-rich-red-aubergine flowers.

Available from LTB.

Thank You

A new introduction from Barry Fleming with upright bushy growth and a single red & white flower, characterised by a very long stigma.

Available from LTB, ROU, FF.

C4U Chillies For You. Web plants nursery run by Mal Wilkinson's daughter <https://www.chillies4u.co.uk/>

LTB Little Brook Fuchsias; Tel 01252 329731; Location Ash Green nr Aldershot.

<http://www.littlebrookfuchsias.co.uk/>: No Mail Order.

FF Fantasy Fuchsias: Tel: 07949116646, <https://fantasyfuchsias.co.uk/> Mail Order Only

ROU Roualeyn Fuchsias; Tel 01492 640548; Location Trefriw, Conwy <http://www.roualeynfuchsias.co.uk/index.php>: Mail Order.

Good Growing and Best Wishes

Carol , Arthur and John

Festival of Fuchsias

2023 will be the 85th year of the BFS and we will be celebrating it in style!!

Where - as part of the Malvern Autumn Show in the Harvest Pavilion. The already large pavilion will be expanded in 2023 so that it can accommodate not only the usual (including our own) shows, but also our "Festival of Fuchsias"

When – 22nd to 24th September

What – We are only at the early stages of planning at the moment, however there will be a combination of displays both educational and full of flowers, mini talks and demonstrations. On the Friday and Saturday evenings we are planning on having special guest speakers as well as a meal. We will be able to give more information as time progresses!

Can I get involved?! – A resounding yes!!

Displays – we are hoping that both groups and individuals will put on stands – **if you are interested in knowing more** – please contact me. (carol.gubler@outlook.com) Each stand will get 6 tickets to the show each day

Talks, demonstrations and being part of the team – we will be needing help on all of these – again please get in touch – we might not have a job for our immediately, but we will need you!

Visiting the event – as it is part of the show (which is vast!). We will be subsidising entry for BFS members to the show (a one day ticket) – again more details nearer the time.

Now – we need your help now – it is 10 years since we had a **new badge** design, which will be used not only as a badge, but also the logo for the event. Please send your thoughts and designs either by email or post to me by 1st May 2022.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

We are really hoping that you would like to get involved and we are taking this opportunity to get you up to date with the plans so far and to see if you would like to get involved in this one-off celebration at a fantastic event!

In this Fuchsia News you will find the following

- Application form (don't panic – if things change then that will be fine)
- What is available – tables, electricity etc.

There will be lots more updates as we progress!

Please can you get the application form back to me (carol.gubler@outlook.com) as soon as you can, although we do appreciate that so much can change in the next year or so! However, please try and have a chat with the rest of your committee and then let me know if you would like to come! Even if you are unable to put on stand then perhaps you or some of your members could get involved as a helper that weekend!

Anyway, I do hope that you will make the most of this opportunity and come and join us at the Malvern Autumn Show

We look forward to hearing from you!!

Festival of Fuchsias at Malvern Autumn Show 2023

Yes, we are interested in having a stand at the Festival of Fuchsias

Name of Society/ Individual.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Phone

Email.....

Size of Stand – 6' x 6' or

Tiering for tables? – see below

Electricity Yes/No

Possible Theme – please delete the one that is not applicable

- 1. Floral** – predominantly flowering plants – all clearly labelled. A great splash of colour.
- 2. Education** – a stand that concentrates perhaps on one aspect of growing fuchsias, could be one type such as species, or a style of fuchsias such as how to grow a standard, or perhaps taking cuttings etc. I leave it to your imagination.
- 3. Something else!**

Possible staging designs

