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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Plant Heritage events - Jan-Mar 2024**    **Happy New Year.**Here are details of some zoom events open to all members, the 2024 Plant Exchange lists, booking for our 2024 Members Weekend, the Threatened Plant Competition 2024, and an RHS Horticulture Careers Discovery Week  **Winter Zoom talks and workshops 2024**   These zoom talks are available to book now - free to members of Plant Heritage - just register now to join. Non-members can join for a ticket of £5.   **Thur 25 Jan 6.30pm** 'You spent how much?…living with a galanthophile' by Helen Rushton, National Collection Holder in Aberdeenshire. [Book here.](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/you-spent-how-much-living-with-a-galanthophile-by-helen-rushton/) **30 Jan 10am-3pm** Persephone workshop at Hampton Court Palace, Surrey – limited places available in person. [Book here.](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/persephone-workshop-1/) **Sat 10 Feb 2.30pm** 'The Social History of Houseplants' by Advolly Richmond, North East Group event. [Book here.](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/north-east/the-social-history-of-houseplants-by-advolly-richmond/) **Wed 21 Feb 9.30am-11.30am ‘**Growing peat free – hear the latest from the RHS research, including looking after one of the Collections at RHS Wisley, with practical tips too’. Workshop on zoom – free to Collection Holders and members.[Book here](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/growing-peat-free-hear-the-latest-research-from-the-rhs/)**.** **Wed 28 Feb 6.30pm** 'Historic Tulips - a fascinating National Plant Collection' by Polly Nicholson, National Collection Holder in Wiltshire. [Book here](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/historical-tulips-a-national-plant-collection-with-polly-nicholson/)**.** **Tue 12 March 10.30am-1pm**Visit to Melcourt in Tetbury, Gloc., to see their production of peat free growing media. Free to Collection Holders and limited spaces for members (free). [Book here.](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/visit-to-melcourt-peat-free-growing-media/) **Thur 25 April 6pm** National AGM on Zoom. [Book here.](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/plant-heritage-national-agm/)   To view the full diary of group events and visit [www.plantheritage.org.uk/events](http://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events?fbclid=IwAR3lASeelOIkgfMq-ATblvGz7wXrUK5-zVPuJNQWiJrU2yxBkROiATwt7PM).  **Collection Holder open days:** 28 Jan Hamamelis at [Green Island Gardens](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/open-day/11391/hamamelis-cvs)in Essex - in support of Plant Heritage and NGS **Fri 2 & 9 Feb** *Cyclamen* with [Jo Hynes](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/open-day/11392/cyclamen-excl-persicum-cvs) in Devon - NGS **Sat 10 Feb** *Oncidium*, *Pleione*, *Stanhopea* & *Acineta* spp. & hybrids, Mathers Foundation in Sussex -  [morning workshop](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/sussex/propagation-workshop/) and [open afternoon](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/open-day/11371/oncidium-pleione-stanhopea-acineta-spp-hybrids) - pre booking essential   **Plant Exchange lists 2024**   **The 2024**[Plant Exchange lists](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/conservation/annual-plant-exchange/)**have been published**. Have a look at the ‘offers’ where you can bid for a plant/s, and the ‘wants’ to see if you might have a plant someone else is looking for. Please note you can still bid for plants even if you did not offer a plant. Members can send in their bids to their local coordinators now, or send to [collections@plantheritage.org.uk](mailto:collections@plantheritage.org.uk) if you don’t have a local coordinator. What new plant would you like to grow next year?     **Members weekend & Plant Exchange 2024 – 10-12 May 2024** The Dumfries and Galloway group will be hosting our annual members’ day and have arranged a superb weekend of garden visits and talks for members from**Friday, May 10 to Sunday, May 12.** Dumfries & Galloway has both superb landscapes and a wealth of public and private gardens which can be visited enroute to and from the members' weekend - a list of recommendations for garden visits will be available soon. The full residential weekend is £265.00 per person (2 sharing) ie £530 for two, a full residential weekend is £310.00 (single occupancy), and a non-residential day visit for the Saturday is £125.00 including dinner (without dinner is £80). [To book](https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/members-weekend-2024/)please ring us on 01483 447540 or book online at: <https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/events/national/members-weekend-2024/>. Please book by January 31, 2024**: The programme:** **Friday 10 May**  Members can visit gardens across the region. **3pm:** booking in open at the North West Castle Hotel in Stranraer, DG9 8EH. Several local nurseries have also been invited to come along with a selection of their plants to sell.  Workshops are planned too. **7.30pm:** two-course dinner followed by a talk from Richard Baines, the curator of Logan Botanic Garden – one of the regional gardens of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh – on his recent trips to Vietnam.  **Saturday 11 May** **9am:** welcome and introductions, with a talk by Martin Gardner, research associate at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and the former coordinator (1991-2021) on the International Conifer Conservation Programme  **10am:** talk by Gavin McNaughton, nurseryman and former National Collection Holder, on *Meconopsis* and autumn gentians  **10.45am:** refreshments  **11.15:** talk TBC  **12.30pm:** travel by minibus to Logan Botanic Garden **1pm:** buffet lunch in a marquee on the lawn  **2pm:** tour of Logan Gardens with Richard Baines  **4pm:** walk to the gardens of Logan House Garden (next door), a woodland walk, bright and colourful in spring, then return to hotel in minibuses  **7 for 7.30pm:** conference dinner, followed by a talk by Colin Crosbie, horticultural consultant, former curator of RHS Garden Wisley, and head gardener to the Queen Mother at Royal Lodge  **Sunday 12 May** Members will be able to visit more of the best gardens and nurseries in Dumfries and Galloway on their way home. We very much look forward to seeing members at our first members’ weekend for a while. | | |
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