

NEWSLETTER

In this weird world of Covid_19, we hope that you are all keeping safe and having more time to “work” in your gardens and allotments. Sadly, for the first time in the Society’s history we are unable to hold our Annual Show this year. The members of the Committee have been actively looking at what we can do to keep the Society active, and give the members something to aim for. We have been holding Zoom virtual meetings to share ideas. In these Virtual times, a “Virtual Show” seemed to be the best way for members to show the results of their gardening to other members.

Our suggestion is that we invite members to send in photographs of items they would have entered for the Annual Show, and these would be uploaded to our Facebook pages, and then to a gallery on our website. I am told that you can upload photos to Facebook yourself, but if you need help, please email photos to Ruth Hamlet (hamre2010@hotmail.co.uk). There will be no entry fees, no prize money or trophies this year, as this is not practical – especially as the Society has no income this year, as the Plant Sale had to be cancelled also.

Categories for your photos will be:-

1. A selection of vegetables
2. A selection of salad ingredients
3. Dahlias
4. Chrysanthemums
5. Children’s class
6. Fresh vegetable or fruit cake and recipe (slice to be cut out)
7. Any floral arrangement
8. Other classes from the 2019 schedule not included above

Closing date for receiving photos will be Saturday, 12th September (the date of the cancelled Show). We look forward to seeing the results of your labours.



Photos from my garden August 2020

Another suggestion raised at our virtual meeting was to invite members to send in their gardening tips and problems – these could be shared on Facebook perhaps?

Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society

We hope the above will help to keep your interest until next year, when we all hope life and our Society will be back to some sort of normality.

Report by Mary Whitaker

About four years ago I started growing cannas. I grow them in large pots in ordinary compost. This year they have not grown as tall as usual but have flowered well. When you take the dead petals off the spike, more are coming underneath and they will keep blooming for weeks. I over winter them in the shed and bring them out when there is no more frost, strip off the withered vegetation, water and feed them.

So many varieties, the striped leaved ones look good even when they aren't flowering. I have planted some in the open garden but they haven't done as well as those in the pots.

Every other year I take them out of the pots, divide them and replant the offshoots. So far I haven't lost any, they seem easy to grow and such interesting and unusual plants. If anyone has advice or tips on growing cannas I would be pleased to hear from them.



Website – www.streetcdvs.org.uk

Our website contains information about the Society with links to Newsletters, Schedules and photo galleries. Check it out – and let us know if you find any errors or omissions, or have any suggestions. Feedback welcome.

We also now have a Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/streetcdvs>. There is a link to this from the website – look for the  in the header on each page.

As always, feedback and articles for the next issue will be welcome. The more e-mail addresses we have, the easier it is to send out newsletters – please send these (and any other comments/articles) to merrickj13@gmail.com or pbaker042000@yahoo.co.uk. Remember, you can also send feedback via the Contact Us page of the website.