



Iris douglasiana



Leucojum aestivum



Papaver orientale 'Picotee'



Uvularia grandiflora



Eryngium variifolium



Paeonia x lemoinei 'Souvenir de Maxime Cornu'

The Hardy Plant Society encourages interest in hardy herbaceous perennials and in gardens

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This international Society, formed in 1957 by a group of eminent gardeners and nurserymen, has a large UK and overseas membership. It provides members with information about familiar and less well known perennials, and their cultivation. The Society also works towards ensuring that all garden-worthy perennial plants remain in cultivation and have the widest possible distribution.

From its earliest days, the Hardy Plant Society has had a reputation for friendliness, and the activities offered locally and nationally give members plenty of opportunities to meet, and to share ideas and information. There is also a Horticultural Advisory Panel for those seeking gardening information. The Society informs and encourages novice gardeners, stimulates and enlightens more experienced plant-lovers, and enthuses everyone who enjoys gardens and hardy herbaceous perennial plants in particular.

Membership

National membership of the Society gives members the opportunity to take part in a wide range of national and local activities. This leaflet contains an overview of the main benefits of membership. More comprehensive details of Society activities and membership benefits are included in your welcome pack and are also available on our web site.

Local Groups

With over 40 local groups across the UK, national members can choose to join the group or groups most convenient to them. Share your gardening interest with like-minded people in a convivial atmosphere and enjoy a range of social and educational garden-related activities. Learn from informative talks given by knowledgeable speakers, visit beautiful gardens and attend modestly priced plant sales.

Specialist Groups

For the person with a particular interest in, or who wishes to learn more about a specific hardy plant genus, there are several specialist groups that members can join.

Correspondents' Group

Members who are unable to attend meetings can remain in touch with one another and exchange gardening ideas and information through this group.

Shows

Our exhibits at major shows throughout the country stimulate interest in hardy plants. Visitors can see them in bloom and leaf in their natural season and discover more at first hand about hardy plants and the work of the Society.



Seed Distribution

Members can take part in our annual Seed Distribution Scheme by donating and/or requesting hardy perennial seed. A Seed List is made available each year of over 1500 tempting varieties of rare and unusual, as well as familiar seeds collected. Seeds can be purchased for modest cost.

Cornucopia

A compilation of articles specially selected from the various newsletters produced by local and specialist groups of the Society, Cornucopia is published twice a year and is available on payment of a small subscription.

Photo Library

Slides and digital images donated by keen photographers in the Society, covering a wide range of hardy plants, are available on loan to members.

Conservation

Countless fine garden plants have disappeared from cultivation and remain but a memory. The Society plays an important role in helping to ensure that older, rarer and lesser-known garden-worthy perennial plants are conserved and made available to gardeners generally.

Web Site

Our web site provides a useful focal point for information about the Society. Here you will find the latest news about events and activities organised nationally and by local and specialist groups across the UK.

The web site also has full information about our booklet publications, our conservation and seed distribution schemes, our photo library and much more.

Join the Hardy Plant Society and help conserve the wealth of hardy herbaceous perennials that grow in our gardens.

