

The Scottish Rock Garden Club at Dundee Flower & Food Festival 2018





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Garden Club**





Recycled again!

We planted two new troughs for this year's Dundee Flower and Food show. These are salmon boxes which are well used to going to flower shows having been used first at the Royal Horticultural Society's shows Scotland's National Flower Show at Strathclyde park in 1998 and 1999, twenty years ago. That shows you how long these fishbox troughs will last! All they needed was a coat of paint to match the style of the newer boxes which were made and planted for Gardening Scotland 2017 and 2018. Ian C. brought some autumn gentians and we top dressed the troughs with orchid bark.



The Spiky trough has three varieties of Astelia, Ophiopogon planscapus 'Nigrescens' and Carex variegata. We used Heucheras of 12 different varieties to edge the raised border. The mulch was supplied by Dundee Council whose park staff are very helpful. They obviously enjoy preparing for and being at the show.





Past President Ian Christie and Nicola Macnee were two of the gardening experts on Saturday's Question Panel at the flower show.



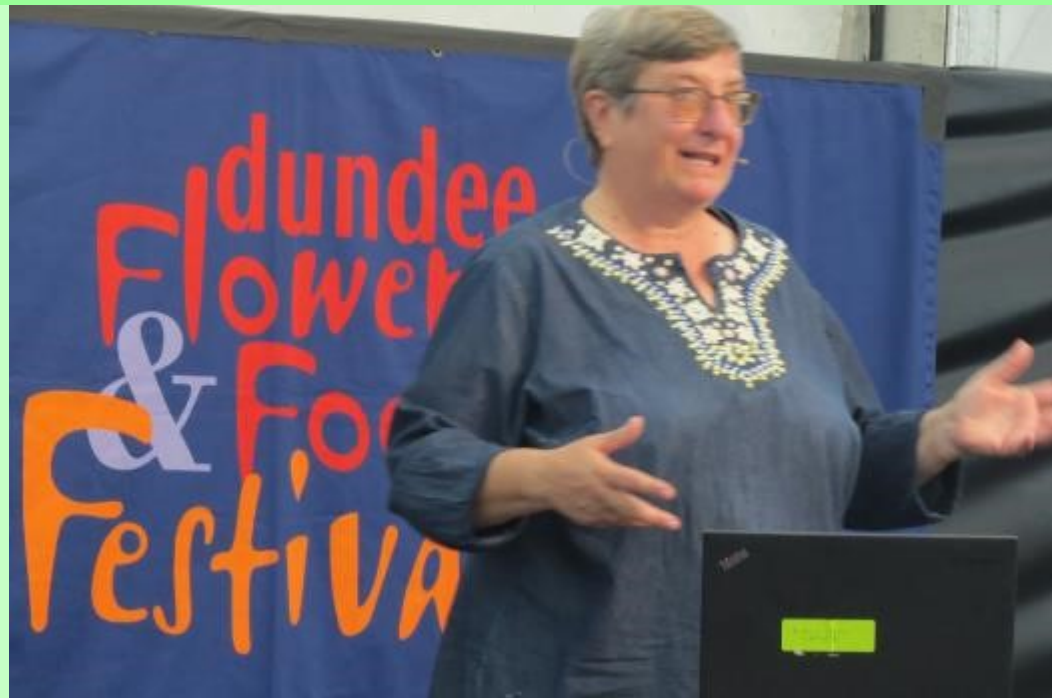
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Christine Walkden who is well known for her helicopter flights to see British gardens gave an good illustrated talk on Gardening from the air. I was privileged to share Sunday's Question time with her and with Brian Cunningham from Scone Palace and Beechgrove Garden fame. I enjoyed the easy way in which they dealt with questions on all sorts of topics. In these pictures Christine seems to be teaching dance moves!





Karen Payne who is a member of the SRGC had a different take on troughs in which to grow plants. Karen's troughs were wooden. Some were made from small drawers. The USP was that the troughs were decorated with various floral patterns, some of which were quite intricate. Karen told me that the wood and patterns were varnished to preserve the designs. They had a 'Victorian feel' to them and were much admired. Each trough was planted with a different plant. Together they made a nice exhibition.



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Dundee & Angus College had a superb exhibit. It was based on the design of the new about to be opened Victoria & Albert Museum at Dundee Waterfront. I admired the design and planting at this year's Gardening Scotland and I admired it again here. Naturally the plants were different



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Andrew Morrison of Dundee based **Garden Gate Plants** specialises in succulent plants for containers. He had a straight forward display, part of which comprise slightly tender succulents in assorted holders for indoors and the other the wide range of Sedums which he grows, I guess he would be the first port of call for the gardener who wants to grow sedums. He also has a range of animal shaped containers to encourage younger gardeners to take up our hobby. I chatted to Andrew for a while and have increased my collection of Sedums. I first admired his approach to displaying plants at Gardening Scotland.





**A selection of Sedums and other succulents from
Garden Gate Plants**

Glamis Castle's gardeners recreated the three witches from Shakespeare's Scottish play. Admittedly there was only one witch but you could look at her from three sides, none of which is her good side!





Dundee Council staged a wonderful white and silver garden. Much thought must have been given in the planning stage to be able to use so many good white flowered plants.
Look and Learn!







Our neighbours in the Floral Marquee

