

## **AGM & Centenary Cup Competition, Saturday 13 May 2023** **Ness Botanic Gardens, Neston Rd, Ness, Cheshire CH46 4AY**

The Rhododendron, Camellia & Magnolia Group is holding this year's AGM at Ness Botanic Gardens, in the Lecture Theatre at 1.45 pm on Saturday 13 May.

The North West England & North Wales Branch will be holding its Annual Show on Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 May which will include the Centenary Cup Competition. The best exhibit in that competition will be awarded the Centenary Cup. There will be eight classes, the best exhibit in each class being awarded a certificate. The Centenary Cup will be awarded to the best of the eight exhibits.

Both Main Group and Branch members are welcome to exhibit, and stewards will be available to help with staging. Nearer the time, it would be useful if exhibitors could let us know roughly how many exhibits they intend to bring – to help with staging.

**Staging for the Centenary Cup Competition** – Bulley Room (and the Conference Room, if required.)

**Friday 12 May:** 5pm to 8pm

**Saturday 13 May:** 8am to 10am

**Judging:** From 10am until 11.30am. All exhibitors will be asked to leave whilst judging takes place. Immediately after judging is completed the presentation of the prize certificates for each class will be made. Once judging has been completed the show will be open to the public. The winner of the Centenary Cup will be presented with the Cup after the AGM in the Lecture Theatre. The show will also be open to the public on Sunday 14 May from 10am until 3.30pm.

Guided tours of the garden will be available whilst the judging takes place and after the AGM.

**Sunday 14 May:** By kind invitation, we have the opportunity to visit the garden of Colin & Margaret Mugridge (Pen y Graig, Tremeirchion, Nr. St. Asaph, Denbighshire LL17 0UR) at 10.30am. This is a garden in a lovely setting where Colin has raised his notable hybrids and where many of his seedlings will be in flower, all growing successfully in a limestone quarry.

More details and directions will be given nearer the time. Please express your interest in this visit on the reply form.

If you wish to attend any or all of the events, please complete the Invitation Form and email it to [secretary@rhodogroup-rhs.org](mailto:secretary@rhodogroup-rhs.org)

There is no charge to enter the Centenary Cup competition or the AGM.

There will be a charge of **£15 per person** for the buffet and guided tours. If you or your guest(s) have special dietary requirements please give details on the reply form.

The schedule and entry form for the Competition will be circulated nearer the time.

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