**Plant Heritage**

**All Scotland Meeting**

**Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh**

**28th September 2014**

**"Finders - Keepers"**

**Scottish Plant Hunters, Past and Present and some of the more Unusual Ways of Conserving Plant Material**

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| 10.00 | Plant Heritage Members Business Meeting to discuss a future Plant Heritage presence at Gardening Scotland and the possible formation of a national PH committee to deal with national issues. |
| 10.45  | Registration and Coffee |
| 11.00 | Introduction : *Sue Hewer* |
| 11.10 - 12.10 | *The Finders - Past and Present*Julia Corden of The Explorer's Garden, Pitlochry and Alan Elliott of RBGE will share with us their knowledge of some plant hunters of the past and their personal experiences of recent expeditions to the same locations as their predecessors. |
| 12.10 | *The 'Keepers' of Plant Heritage* : Mike Buffin, Chairman Elect of Plant Heritage, formerly Chairman of the Plant Heritage Plant Conservation Committee, Gardens and Parks Adviser for the National Trust and author. Mike will talk about the contribution of Plant Heritage to the conservation of cultivated plants. |
| 12.40 | Questions and Comments |
| 13.00 | Buffet Lunch |
| 14.00 | Introduction to the *Keepers of RBGE* by Greg Kenicer, Head of Education at RBGE, and to the afternoon activities. |
| 14.15 | 1. A guided visit to the Herbarium at RBGE which houses some very special conservation items in its collection of nearly three million specimens representing half to two thirds of the world's flora.2. A behind the scenes look at the some of the activities undertaken at the RBGE research nursery as part of their conservation brief. |
| 16.00 | Round-up Session |
| 16.15 | Tea and Close |

**Charge including teas, coffees and lunch, £16.00**

For further details please contact Sue Hewer on 01575 560259, at suehewer1@btopenworld.com, or at Clintlaw Farmhouse, Lintrathen, Kirriemuir, Angus DD8 5JF.

To book, please send the attached form to Sue Hewer, address above, with a cheque for £16 made payable to NCCPG Grampian and Tayside Group. Your ticket(s) and full joining instructions will be sent out on receipt of your booking. If you have an email address, these will be sent by email with a request for you to print your own ticket(s).

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| If you and/or your guests are coming to the Plant Heritage business meeting at 10am, please make a note of the names of the people involved. |  |

Thank you for completing the form. Please return it with your cheque to Sue Hewer, Clintlaw Farmhouse, Lintrathen, Kirriemuir, Angus DD8 5JF by Monday 22nd September.

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