



Club Update

Canadian Geranium &
Pelargonium Society

March 2011

Next Meeting: April 3, 2011

Hello everyone !

We had a great meeting in March.

The seeds from the UK had arrived and were distributed to the members who were present.

We had a slide show presentation showing the varieties that were available along with some specific information on each variety.

We also received instructions for growing from seeds. Along with the previous instructions compiled by Ian, we had a handout with instruction by Cliff Blackman.

So there is no excuse for not seeing seedlings at the upcoming meetings. There were some interesting varieties distributed and we're looking forward to seeing them.

Jean and Phil gave us some insight on growing pelargoniums as a commercial venture and shared some interesting stories and experiences with us. She gave us some interesting information on the challenges that professional growers have to face and the dedication it takes to share your love of these plants with others.

Ian had brought in some plants to show including a new variety he is growing—a gold leaf stellar with a purple flower. The plant he brought in was in bud, but it was easy to see that this will be a lovely colour. Can't wait to see the plant in bloom.

At the April meeting, Cathy will give us the lowdown on the patent process for plants and other related issues of naming plants and what entails infringement of patent rights—just so we know.

The plant of the month are ivies and angels—great basket plants.

Don't forget to bring in any plants you wish to share with the members. Some of the most interesting moments of a meeting are often those discussions which result from someone bring in a plant and looking for information.

We are coming into that time of year when our green thumbs are starting to itch—we want to be out there planting, getting our gardens ready, and anticipating a great summer of blooms.

In the meantime, we can share our plants with each other. See on April 3rd.

- Barbara Puchala



Ian's new stellar in bud.



Plants on the Show & Tell table.

Stellar "Shirley Gillam"



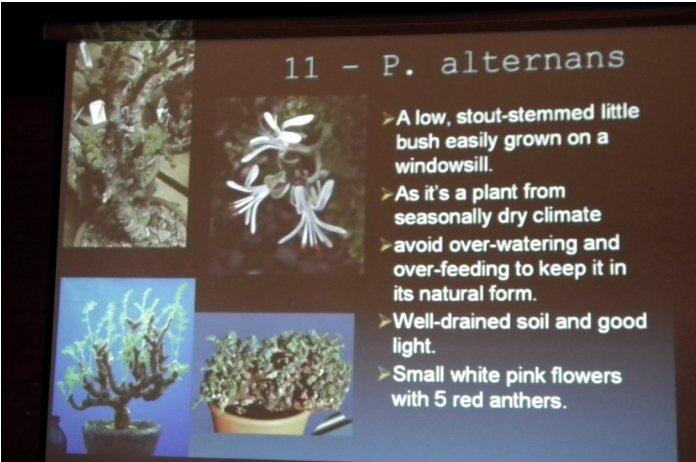
Next Meeting:
Sunday, April 3, 2011

Club Update



Selecting seeds we want.

Canadian Geranium & Pelargonium Society
Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, May 7, 2011
 10 am to 4 pm
 In the Floral Hall, VanDusen Garden,



Slide show of seed varieties available.



Jean and Phil examining "Shirley Gillam"

Attendance Draw:
 Don't forget we will collect tickets for the attendance draw. You get a ticket each time you attend a meeting – and an extra ticket for each guest you bring. So bring along some guests and increase your chances of winning. *(You must be in attendance to win!)*

Update by E-mail
 If you would like to receive your copy of The Update by email, please let me know—or send an email message to me at info@cdngeraniums.com. I will then add you to the list .
 You will also be sure of receiving your copy in plenty of time for the meeting .

- Items for April 3, 2011**
- Membership Fees
 - Show & Tell
 - Items for the Draw Table
 - Plants for parlour show

- Upcoming Meetings & Events**
- April 3, 2011:** Plant Patents and Project Plants
 - May 1, 2011:** New Garden Products
 - May 7, 2011:** **Annual Plant Sale**
 - June 5, 2011:** Hybridizing 101
 - July 3, 2011:** Summer Social