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# President's Message

ALAN LAWRENCE

I have recently become interested in the concept of "assisted plant migration." As global warming slowly changes the rainfall and temperature profiles of many mountain environments, the growing conditions for many alpine plants may become unsuitable and some of our rarer endemic *Primulas* with extremely localized distributions are likely to be at risk. They may need to move 250 miles north! So this is where assisted migration comes in. Mature plants are physically moved from the declining old environment to a new environment. For *Primulas*, as with other alpiners, this produces the added complexities of matching soil conditions, the existence of suitable pollinators, freedom from disease and predators, etc. But this may be the only way in which these rare endemics will survive in the wild.

Not too long ago, we spent three days on the Keweenaw Peninsula. That's the bit that sticks out into Lake Superior from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Anne was taking a stained glass course which left me with little to do all day except enjoy the magnificent fall colors in this area. I called in to see Dick and Mary Kordes, who were long time members of APS but whose age and health have now regretfully forced them into reducing their gardening activities. Mary is an ex-Board member of APS and was excited to hear of the Society's recent activities and talked with fondness of all her friends in APS and the good times they had had in years past. It was a delightful visit and I was graciously welcomed, my visit culminating with a garden tour to see the extensive *Primula* plantings of many choice varieties, the gift of a number of on the spot divisions, and the collection of a number of seeds. The majority of these were open pollinated

polyanthus some of which were said to perform brilliantly. I will be putting these in this year's Seed Exchange. As Mary said when doing the collection, "... it only takes one seed to get a great plant." I intend to accept the invitation to revisit in the spring to see the *Primula* gardens in bloom.

Finally, we are now in "Seed Exchange" time. The volunteers from New England are busy packaging, labeling etc, and with your help in collecting and cleaning, those special seeds from your plants will again give us a great list of desirable species. We are grateful for the time and effort they dedicate to this essential part of our Society.



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## Linda Bailey, Dorothy Dickson Award Winner for 2011

Linda Bailey, the 2011 award recipient of the Dorothy Dickson Award and long-time member of APS, has served on the board for many years. She was instrumental in chairing the amendment committee through the internet and on-line – probably a first for APS!

Linda first joined APS as a family member in the early 70s. She became a more active member in the 1990s and made the trip up to the National Show in Vancouver in 2002, where she was coerced into writing the show report – and did a fine job of it!

A true grass-roots supporter for many years, Linda remembers burning the midnight oil before every show: scrubbing pots, writing labels, grooming show plants; digging masses of plants and potting them for the sales tables; helping to set up the show -- carrying in all that paraphernalia, preparing the show tables and entry labels, clerking and a bit of judging; and of course helping with the knock down and cleanup. Through it all, Linda maintained a cheerful disposition and a great sense of humor. It is this dedication that helps keep the APS alive, and for which APS wishes to recognize Linda at this time for all her hard work!

Thanks, Linda! Well done!

*The American Primrose Society celebrates 70 years this year! To commemorate this milestone, the Quarterly will publish articles on some of the people who have helped the society flourish over these seven decades. In this third commemorative article we meet one of the most active and enduring primula growers on the West Coast who supported the Tacoma Chapter for many years.*



## Herb Dickson, a.k.a. Mr. Primrose

JOAN HOEFFEL

Those who knew Herb Dickson remember him with fondness, respect and a smile playing on their lips. He was a character! He lived and worked in chaos, and yet ... he grew magic!

Born in Missouri in 1909, Herb grew up on a farm, and as a young man, he earned a degree in journalism – a profession which, for him, held little interest after being bitten by the *Primula* bug. He liked to joke that this degree was the reason he wrote so badly. Herb spent time in the armed forces and then worked as a Correctional Officer in the U.S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington. At that time, he was already interested in plants and had taken over the flower beds around the quarters growing delphiniums, iris, daylilies and annuals. And then he chanced upon some 35 cent packages of polyanthus and auricula seeds, bought them because the pictures on the packets looked interesting, grew them until they flowered and was caught. Herb was off on a lifetime of growing every species of *Primula* he could get his hands on.

Herb founded the Chehalis Rare Plant Nursery where, with his wife, Dorothy, he grew rare shrubs and trees, perennials of all sorts, rock garden plants and thousands of *Primulas* – his greatest love. His garden auriculas were exquisite – translucent rootbeer browns, variations of blue (sky blue, slate blue, midnight blue, indigo), rosy pinks, ruby reds, green-edges, yellows and whites. Most of the early growers of *Primula* went to Herb for their plants. He was the major primrose nurseryman

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in the Northwest and soon became known as “Mr. Primrose.” In the beginning, he sold mostly to collectors, but as he became known for his garden auriculas and especially the picotee auriculas, the number of customers increased, some coming long distances to purchase his plants.

Herb regularly drove to Vancouver in Canada to attend meetings of the B.C. Primula and Alpine Plant Society, joined the Tacoma Primrose Society in 1954 and then became, not only active, but the backbone of the APS, serving as president in 1961, twice as vice-president and exhibiting and judging at shows. He was also a member of the North American Rock Garden Society and the Penstemon Society.

What sort of person was Herb Dickson? He was a man with so very much he wanted to do and not enough time. When his wife, Dorothy, whom he referred to as the love of his life, died in 1983, his enthusiasm for his nursery never waned but was overshadowed by a layer of sadness. His nursery was chaotic, since he would start a project and abruptly leave it for another; however there was beauty everywhere.



He grew all his plants from seed in 4 inch pots, 16 to a flat and in December and January he put the flats outside on 2 by 4s supported by sawhorses. He cut cotton cloth to exactly cover each of his 100s of pots and when necessary, he watered with a huge hose. As unorthodox as his methods might seem, he had a gift for sensing every plant's needs, and everything grew for him. In his greenhouses, his thousands of primroses bloomed in a breathtaking array of colors, leaving visitors totally in awe. How well he deserved the title, “Mr. Primrose.”

Herb talked a lot and liked to share his knowledge and information. Although he had no formal training, he taught horticultural classes at the Chehalis High School and Centralia College. He wrote articles for the APS Quarterly sharing his techniques for growing and hand pollinating *Primulas*.

In 1994, on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, Herb sold his property and nursery, left much of his nursery stock to April Boettger, who had worked with him from 1988, and moved back to Missouri to be close to his daughters. He took with him a quantity of auriculas to work on hybridizing for more shades of pink. Rather than retire, Herb built a new house, a huge greenhouse and shadehouse and within a few months, was off to New Zealand for a plant show.

At the Washington State Chapter Show in 1996, Judges Herb Dickson, Cy Happy and Rosetta Jones rated over 100 entries. The best photo in that show, a picotee auricula, was taken by April Boettger – a compliment to Herb Dickson, the creator of the picotee strain.

When Herb Dickson died in 1998 at the age of 88, not only did the APS lose a cherished member, but the plant world lost a greatly revered plantsman who had made an enormous contribution, not only to the plant world in general, but to the primrose world in particular.



*Author's Note: My sincere thanks to April Boettger for her time and her willingness to share her fond memories of her dear friend, mentor and employer, Herb Dickson.*

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Special thanks go to Alan Lawrence, President, for moving the printing and mailing of the quarterly to the US! This is saving the Society more than \$1500 per year on the costs for the quarterly.

**Well done, Alan!**

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# AURICULA ‘A’ LIST

LESLEY ROBERTS

*When Lesley and I last visited (Lesley Roberts of Pop’s Plant Nursery in England), I asked her if she would watch over the spring season for the 5 or 6 plants that particularly caught her eye. What were the ones she liked best, out of the hundreds and hundreds she grows? And perhaps, a word or two about why she likes these best? What we have here is her “A” list and it is more comprehensive than I had ever expected, but gives a great survey of some of the finest plants available in the UK. We can only admire most of these, for they are not available in North America, though Pop’s Nursery will ship to the US. But they are a feast for the eye, and it is interesting to have an informed observer tell us about the best of one of our favorite plants – the show auricula.*

Where on earth to begin? We at Pop’s Plants are getting on for thirty years of growing auriculas, and our backyard collection at Pop’s Cottage now stands at some thirteen hundred different cultivars. And yet there are still others that we crave! Not a year goes by without several new “must-have” auriculas putting in an appearance at our UK Society shows. Let this be a warning....

Working with auriculas pretty well all day, most days, one develops a real love-hate relationship with many of the plants. Any plant which refuses to flower, offset, or produces its offsets four inches below soil level will not find favor. If an old stager of fifty-plus years is behaving badly it’s understandable, but a miffy newcomer is just a waste of space, and probably shouldn’t have been named in the first place.

Let’s begin with the show edges. ‘Gavin Ward’ – raised by Peter Ward in the 1970s -- shares pride of place here with his ‘Warwick’. A truly black body colour makes all the difference, but neither plant is overly generous with offsets...C.G.Haysom’s ‘Walhampton’ (1940s) was a parent to both, and although well past its best for showing purposes, it keeps going without any fuss, is useful for breeding, and still sets offsets.

Bob Taylor’s ‘Pikey’ is a real steely grey and vigorous, as is David Hadfield’s fine ‘Grey Hawk’ which is fairly easy to acquire. But Mr. Hadfield’s ‘Galatea’ is a real show-stopper, and the lovely white ‘Ptarmigan’ raised by the late Tim Coop is out of this world, and of course both are as rare as hens’ teeth. Don’t ask – if you deserve one, perhaps one day you will be given one.

Lovely as she may be, the old-timer ‘Chloe’ is not a favorite here among the green-edged auriculas. The pips come too large and in too few numbers. But ‘Prosperine’, raised by the late Ken Whorton, is a cracker, and Brian Coop’s ‘Benny Green’ a



real gem, both producing a fine clutch of pips with a minimum of fuss – a sign of true class.

There are some good newcomers, too. One is Steve Popple's 'Freya' which flowers well and has excellent vigor. For real beginners, we still generally suggest Mr. Hadfield's 'Prague'. It's a strong plant and flowers readily.

If it has to come down to one auricula for company on a desert island, or rather an alpine island, it would have to be a show self. And a blue one. As we know, true blue auriculas are thin on the ground. Derek Telford's 'Oakes Blue' is still winning prizes, but is seemingly sterile and mean with offsets. Steve Popple's smashing 'Jac' is now getting around a bit and does produce children.

Brian Coop has some lovely 'sky' blues. There's 'Watchet', an amazing pale colour but with a thin white paste, and the superior 'Derwent Water' and 'Windermere'. These last are really scarce, but it would be one of them that I'd take to the island.

When it comes to producing a good truss with lovely flat pips and a rich, yellow body color, Les Kaye's 'Golden Fleece' (1980s), still takes some beating. Once again, it is a flower that just "does it" with ease – quality gear. Ken Bowser's 'Sharon Louise' is a winner too, although offsets can be slow. She's worth waiting for.

Brian Coop's 'Royal Mail' is still my preferred red. It doesn't offset quite as readily as his father Tim's 'Scorcher', but it seems to be consistently good here. In the dark show section 'Barbarella' from Peter Ward still produces an excellent truss for most people, with lovely small black pips, but not for me. I have more luck with Derek Telford's 'Super Para'. Top of the list for other colored selfs has to be Brian Coop's 'Eaton Dawn', lavender pink, and a child of 'Chanel'.

There's a lot happening in the Fancy Section these days. Wonderful color combinations in the edged varieties, and what are now called 'Clouded Selfs', which have no edge. Allan Guest's 'Green Pastures' and 'Green Cafe' make a refreshing change -- green edged with brown body color. Tim Coop's 'Crimple' is a good'un with pinkish body color, I prefer his 'Crinoline', not so good for showing but with a real lilac body color.

Cliff Timpson's 'Moon Fairy' is one of the 'clouded' types – good paste and eye and the color shading from cream to a purple tan. But my choice in this section – and really difficult to find just yet – is Terry Atkinson's 'Denim', pale blue shading to even paler lacing at the edge. Yum.

When it comes to the Alpines I go for gold-centred show-stoppers such as Ken Bowser's 'Vera' and 'Kevin', and the reddish 'Blyth Spirit' from Dave Skinner. They seem to maintain their form however badly they are treated. Light-centred

favourites are Mr. Timpson's 'Ian Greville', rosy pink with a properly white centre, and George Mander's 'Spartan'.

The Doubles are enjoying a hey-day here, and it would be difficult to choose just one. If I had to, it would probably be Martin and Anna Sheader's 'Cressida'. Not yet widely available, it is a greenish-yellow with brilliant form. But then there is the majestic tan 'Chiquita' from Ken Whorton, Derek Tilt's dark lavender-purple 'Metis', Richard Austin's 'Forest Shade', Randall Dee's brown 'William Gunn' and Hazel Wood's creamy white 'Sleeping Beauty'. Derek and Pat Salt have been exhibiting some exciting new striped doubles, but it could be some time before these become available.

Speaking of Stripes, these too are now being exhibited in big numbers, and Derek Parsons has improved their form at an astounding pace. 'Night and Day' is a reliable show plant, but some of his later creations such as 'Shining Hour', with red striping on cream, are breathtaking. If I had to pick just one however, it would be 'Catherine Wheel'. Not so rounded as the recent introductions, but a glorious brown with yellow stripes.

Last but not least, the Borders. As far as I am concerned these really have to perform well in the ground and have neat, rather than blowsy pointed flowers. Bob Bach's fine 'Eden' range fits the bill very well from 'Eden Blue Star' to 'Eden Lilactime'. Best of all, because I love its orange-caramel flowers, is Mr. Whorton's 'Border Bandit'.

NOTE: Lesley Roberts and Gil Dawson run Pop's Plants Auriculas, and hold four National Collections of Primula Auricula. They have been awarded four RHS Gold Medals for auricula displays, including the Chelsea Flower Show.



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# SIR WILLIAM WRIGHT SMITH of “Smith and Fletcher”

JOAN FRASER

*If you look up a species *Primula* name in Richard's book, many times there will be a reference to “Smith and Fletcher”. In fact, in his introduction to *Primula* (Timber Press, 1993) Richards acknowledges Smith and Fletcher's “great monograph of the genus” which brought together an account of the known species of the time. Richards, in his book, brings this information up to date in a revision of the whole genus. But much of the groundwork was laid by these two men: who were Smith and Fletcher?*

*Here is an account of one of them, that gives an insight into the man, his time, and his importance to the world of the *Primula*.*

A remarkable collaboration between Victorian plantsmen, some who were explorers and collectors and others who documented their work, produced much of the scholarly work on the *Primula*.

All these men were adventurous and resourceful, but William Wright Smith (1875-1956) was an all-round man who explored, collected, wrote and also helped to develop a botanical garden. After graduating from the University of Edinburgh he became a school master. In the course of his career one interest led to another. While teaching “...his interest in the natural sciences led to his appointment, in 1902, as assistant to Professor Sir Isaac Bayley Balfour and Lecturer in the Department of Botany at the University of Edinburgh.”<sup>1</sup>

In 1907 he went to India as Curator of the Herbarium in the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta. He stayed in India for four years, and for part of the time was Director of the Botanical Survey of India. This allowed him to go on explorations into some of the remoter valleys of the Sikkim Himalaya. “Firstly, in 1909, he travelled to the upper reaches of the Llonakh and Zemu rivers, nothing of the Kinchenjunga glaciers, an area in the north-west of Sikkim adjoining Nepal and Tibet, which Hooker had failed to reach because of an impenetrable growth of rhododendron forest. This inclement and inhospitable region, difficult of access, with no roads, no bridges and no houses, only the yak-hair tents of nomad Tibetan herdsmen, and no inhabitants for nine months of the year, he explored most thoroughly..... the following year saw him in south-east Sikkim and in the Chumbi Valley, Tibet.... these expeditions afforded a wealth of botanical material for systematic study upon which he based the detailed accounts of the botany of this region, published in two

<sup>1</sup> *Biographical memoirs of the Fellows of the Royal Society*, 1957 3, 192-202 at 194.

In 1911 he returned to Edinburgh to become Deputy Keeper of the Royal Botanical Garden. Except for a break during the First World War, when Smith worked for the Timber Supply Department of Scotland, he worked at the Garden until the time of his death in 1956.

At the beginning of his career there, his familiarity with the plants of India proved to be immensely valuable. “As a botanist, Smith was essentially a systematist of the older school. His chief interest lay in the naming and classification of plants and he was well served by the unprecedented wealth of new material which was arriving from Western China....it was a happy chance that brought into close cooperation the two distinguished botanists, Balfour and Smith, with the enthusiastic collectors, [George] Forrest, [Reginald] Farrer, and [F. K.] Ward, who rivaled each other in their search for new plants.”<sup>3</sup> The collectors found the specimens and sent them to Edinburgh, and Smith oversaw their painstaking classification and documentation. In the event, Smith produced a wealth of material for *Notes from the Royal Botanical Garden* and many other publications. He also lectured and taught. Smith became Regius Keeper of the Garden in 1922, and as such he helped to enhance its layout and plan the Woodland Garden.

It may have been an interest in rhododendron that first brought Smith and Dr. H.R. Fletcher together. Fletcher was Botanist at the Garden for 17 years<sup>4</sup> and eventually succeeded Smith as Regius Keeper. Smith is said to be “largely responsible for the publication of *The Species of Rhododendron* in 1930. Thereafter, however, Smith’s main interest lay in the genus *Primula*”<sup>5</sup>, while Fletcher later became well known for his work with rhodos. Smith and Fletcher collaborated on a number of publications, notably on an immense scholarly compilation of information on the genus *Primula*. This was originally published in 10 scientific papers in 3 journals, but was reprinted in a single volume in 1977.

One section of this work, *The genus primula: sections cuneifolia, floribundae, parryi, and auricula*, was published in *Transactions* of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (Vol LXI – Part III – No. 22 1948). This part is 55 pages long and contains detailed descriptions of the plants, references to a range of related literature, and comments on the literature. Smith was particularly interested in classification, and there is a note on the classification of *auricula* and *Primula* on page 650. It says that both Mattiols in 1558 and Clusius (1581 – 1680) separated *auricula* and *primula*, but “Linnaeus himself” in 1737, included *auricula* with *primula*. Earliest historical references are cited. For example, the *P. auricula x rubra* (*hirsuta*) is “the

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2 Op cit 194-5.

3 OP cit 195.

4 *Journal American Rhododendron Society*, V. 15, No.1, January 1961. Fletcher became well known for his work with rhododendrons.

5 Op cit 197

oldest of all hybrid *Primulas*, being seen by Clusius in the garden of his friend, Dr. Aicholtz of Vienna, about 1560. The history of *P. minima* was “figured in 1583 by Clusius” (p. 672).

Smith the classifier sounds somewhat testy on page 677 when he comments on the description of the species *P. rubra*. “For over a century and a half this species has been known generally as *P. hirsuta* but at times was recorded as *P. villosa* – names which are now correctly applicable to two distinct species of the same section. ... During the last fifty years the title *P. hirsuta* has been accepted as valid until the discovery by Schwarz (l.c.) in 1935 of a series of volumes by Gmelin (l.c.) which were published in 1775 and contain valid Latin diagnoses of a number of species, among which the plant now under review. According to the rules of nomenclature *P. hirsuta* All., described in 1785, must yield in priority to *P. rubra* I.F. Gmel. (It is perhaps unfortunate that those long-forgotten volumes of Gmelin were ever disinterred, but meanwhile authors have no warrant to transgress the rules.)”

Toward the end of his life Smith received many honors; he was Queen’s Botanist in Scotland and President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, an Honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and in 1952 he was awarded The George Robert White Medal of Honour by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The obituary in *Bibliographical Memoirs of the Fellows of the Royal Society* includes a selected bibliography of his writing, a photograph of him holding a pipe, and a fond recollection of an unusual man. “He was a man of great tact, generous by nature, loved and esteemed by a large number of friends and acquaintances, a number undiminished though he outlived many of his contemporaries, for he had the rare faculty of enlisting new friendships while still maintaining the old.”<sup>67</sup>



Smith's portrait and signature from the Biographical memoirs of the Fellows of the Royal Society

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# Plants from the Seed Exchange

Where can you find seed for lots of *Primula*, familiar or distinctly different?

It will be time to order from the APS Seed Exchange list in a few weeks! Keep checking the APS website to see what will be listed on the 2011-12 list. The list is usually posted in late December and the rarer selections go to those who order earliest. This is a list with more *Primula* seed in one place than you will likely find anywhere else in the USA.

On the next page you will see some of the gorgeous plants members have raised from seed obtained from the Seed Exchange in earlier years. There are always many species listed, and you will be able to add lots of plants from one small packet. Marianne Kuchel raised this handsome, dark-stemmed candelabra from APS seed.

*P. sieboldii* seed can be tricky, but we learned this year that the seed germinates as the temperature rises. So be sure to get it in early and wait for the tiny seedlings to appear. The variety of *P. sieboldii* flower forms is endless, each one more fascinating than the last. Who knows exactly what will be in your seed packet?

And tiny specialty items, such as the “rosie” *primula* raised by Judith Sellers from seed sent in by Jay Lunn are a special treat. You have to read the list carefully – there are always one or two items that are of special interest.

For great color display, you want to have primroses and polyanthus in great numbers. No better or thriftier way to get a lot of these plants than from seed exchange seed!

## Ordering Seeds

The 2011-2012 APS Seed Exchange list of available seeds will be on the homepage of the APS website in late December, with a link to Instructions and printable Order Forms. If you intend to access these via the website, you must register as a member on the website first. The process is easy, and you can register at any time. Why not do it right now?

Members may also request a printed copy of the List, Instructions and Order Form by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Judith Sellers, 2297 Co Highway 18, South New Berlin, N.Y. 13843

# Seed Exchange Plants



Rosie form *acaulis*, purple with luminescent tissue-textured petals, from Jay Lunn's seed donation of 2009-10, grown by Judith Sellers

A dark-stemmed candelabra primrose from seed

Marianne Kuchel grew this lovely *P. sieboldii* from seed from the exchange





## *Primula cusickiana* *ssp. maguirei*

Alan Lawrence's pictures from his trip this year to Logan Canyon, Utah, showing the habitat for this endangered species, and that it obviously prefers to grow in crevices.

No flowers when Alan was there, but Jay Lunn captured the flower a few years earlier.



Photo: Alan Lawrence



Photo: Jay Lunn



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# *Primula grandis*



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“... blossoms in thousands preposterously mean for a stalwart of such size and pomposity of promise ...”

~ R. Farrer, *The English Rock-Garden*



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# Leslie's 'A' List

*We can only admire most of these, for they are not available in North America, though Pop's Nursery will ship to the U.S.*



Fancy 'Crinoline York'  
(above)

Double 'Chiquita' (left)

Tim Coop's Show  
Edge 'Ptarmigan'  
(below)



PTARMIGAN

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Show edge  
'Prosperine', raised by  
the late Ken Whorton,  
is a cracker (above)

Double creamy white  
'Sleeping Beauty'  
(right)

Clouded Fancy  
'Denim' (below)





# Herb Dickson



Herb and Dorothy on their wedding day



Herb displaying his plaque of appreciation  
Photos this page provided by Jay Lunn

American Primrose Society  
70th Commemorative National Show 2012

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## Herb Dickson's Auriculas

From top, clockwise: "A Plethora of Primula Nursery", run by April Boettger, still sells many of Herb's garden auriculas. For years, Herb's nursery was the place to go for his picotees (below) and garden auriculas in lovely clear colors like the glowing red (left).





*Primula vulgaris*, ssp  
*sibthorpii*

A variety of *primula vulgaris* -- classic yellow (below) and less often seen but very attractive white form (bottom)



Photo Kurt Kulac



# *Primula vulgaris, ssp sibthorpii:* A Tale of Plant Lust

BARB NEWTON

This is a tale, familiar to gardeners everywhere, a tale of plant lust! We all know it -- read how this one came about!

I garden. I am not a gardener as such, more of a plant person. The difference is immense. Gardeners work on gardens, making the garden the prime objective. A gardener's flower beds look nice. A plant person's yard looks as if a mole had been hard at work.

Plant people work with plants. We read about a plant, see a plant, want the plant, get the plant, and work with it to ensure its survival. We move the plant -- 10" to the left for a bit more sun, 2 yards down near the roots of a tree for a bit less moisture. We have gardens that have tags all over the place, marking plants that were planted, hoping they will survive the winter, or to remind us that we did plant something there, years ago, hoping that a seed or root will re-sprout. As someone said, "Your garden looks like a graveyard." It is enough to make a true gardener shudder.

We will dig things up to move them, and put them where we think they will survive, marking the area around them with spray paint so the idiot lawn mower does not mow them over or weed whack them to death.

This is the tale of a recent case of plant lust for this plant person. Gardeners do not seem to get this. While they want the garden to look nice throughout a growing season, they do not seem to go nuts about one plant. Plant people do.

Plant lust starts innocently. You are at a nursery. You see a plant you have never seen before. You immediately see a swath of that plant across your yard. You look down at your overloaded wagon, knowing your husband is watching, and you either clutch the plant to you, or with trembling hands put it down, while trying to figure out which of the plants you already have picked up can be put back. Plant lust is not an emotion that can be dismissed lightly. Plant people go to great lengths to get their plants! It becomes a quest. The obsession is one only another plant person understands. The tale of *Primula vulgaris ssp. sibthorpii* started innocently enough.

I grow *Primula vulgaris*. I like it. In fact, I love it. Everyone in the north should grow it. No hybrid has anything on this species. It is the earliest perennial to bloom here. In early March, whether there is snow or not, the evergreen leaves are rather tattered and ratty looking. And then the buds start to appear. They are a soft yellow,

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and they keep on coming for six to eight weeks. They will completely cover the plant! To keep this from being boring, plant spring bulbs behind it, and you will get a lovely spring memory! When the flowers fade, the leaves green up, elongate, and the plants look like large lettuces.

Tired of hostas? Plant *Primula vulgaris*! Down in the lower meadow they are swamped by grasses all summer. Up higher they are on a rocky hill where they are in not-so-nice rocky soil. On another slope they get too much sun for about 2 weeks in late July. They do not care. They adapt! They are easy, and rewarding- just don't bake them and you will be rewarded! Ours are not fed, not watered, just left to be.

Somehow this year I happened upon the fact that there were color varieties of *Primula vulgaris*. WHAT? I could have this in other colors? As it turns out, yes. The most common is a pink variety: *Primula vulgaris subspecies sibthorpii*. There are pinks and there are pinks, especially in the world of primroses, but the pictures I saw showed a pleasant pink, slightly on the blue side, soft, pretty, but not sugary. PLANT LUST STRUCK. I immediately saw swaths of yellow mixed with pink.... I envisioned an early spring flowering of lots of them.

Today, on the net, one can find anything. And *Primula vulgaris ssp sibthorpii* is no exception. This is an easy plant to find in Europe, and in Great Britain easy to obtain. BUT, it is not so easy to find in the USA. Oh, there are references. There are pictures on blogs. But, no one seems to have seeds, much less a plant! I wrote people, both in the US and in Europe. Most did not even get back to me. One nursery man said... "Did you Google it?" When I said "Yes"- mentally thinking "you think?" he shot back with "Bummer". Not what I wanted to hear.

People with plant lust do not give up. We just become more obsessed with finding the plant. I wrote people who had the plants in Europe, and while most did not write back, a few did. A very nice lady from Seedaholic.com wrote me to say, try the SRGC, as did a kind lady from Kevock Gardens in the UK. I wrote the Scottish Rock Garden Club and another kind lady said she would put my request up on a message board. And she sent me to Hill View Rare Plants in Tasmania. They did have seed! At this point the president of the American Primrose Society also wrote that Jelitto Seeds in Germany had them. As they had a US office, that would facilitate importation of the seeds, I decided to order from them. Plus, they had both the white and the blue color forms of *Primula vulgaris*! So exciting!

As I put in my order with them, a sigh of happiness escaped me. Though flowering plants are two years away, the first part of the quest for finding the seeds is over! We will keep you updated on things!

### **SEED UPDATE!**

The seeds from Jelitto have arrived! So excited!



While I would love to rush out and start seeding flats, I am waiting. Fall is nearly here and with it comes a partial fall clean-up. The sound of the dreaded leaf blower will be heard. Which means seeds get blown everywhere. As these will need to be chilled, I am waiting until after the clean-up, so they will be safe from blowers and large feet!

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I would like to thank the people who have helped me on this plant quest... They took time and energy to help me. The plant world is a wonderful global community! See these interesting plant places and resources:

<http://www.seedaholic.com/>

<http://www.kevockgarden.co.uk>

<http://www.srgc.org.uk/>

<http://americanprimrosesociety.org/index.php>

<http://deeprootplantbase.com/index.html>

<https://www.jelitto.com/english.html>

Barb Newton has a fantastic website where she sells interesting fabrics when she is not searching for *Primula* seed: <http://www.brickhousefabrics.com>, and this particular article can be found at:

<http://www.brickhousefabrics.com/maine-musings/108-primula-vulgaris-ssp-sibthorpii-a-tale-of-plant-lust>

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# Renewal Time Again

November and December is the time for renewals again at APS. This year we have a new way you can renew – by PayPal! Just go to the website and follow the prompts. This may be convenient for those of you who love to use the internet.

Unfortunately, the costs for the Quarterly are no longer covered by the membership fees. Rather than raise fees, the Society has asked for, and received, kind donations which have made possible the color pages in the quarterly – the biggest expense – for the last few years. In 2011 the cost was covered by donations from the B.C. Primula Group, the New England Chapter, the Doretta Klaber Chapter and particularly the Juneau Chapter – thank you to all these supporting groups! In addition there was a donation from an anonymous donor specifically for the quarterly, as well as many individual donations to help keep the Quarterly afloat. We are very grateful to all these people.

When you are renewing your membership – if you have an extra dollar or two – please send them along with your dues; the Society will be very grateful! You can designate how you want your donation allocated if you choose: supporting the quarterly, or the seed exchange or the National Show. It all helps to keep the APS running.



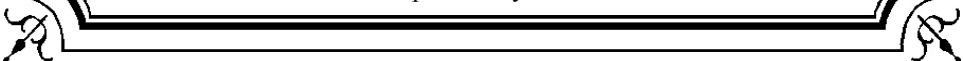
## American Primrose Society National Show 2012, Portland Oregon

The 70<sup>th</sup> commemorative National Show will be held at the Portland Expo Center on April 6, 7, and 8, 2012. Guest speaker, Robert Taylor, one of the premier growers of *primula* and auricula in Northern England, will be joined by 3 or 4 other speakers and a round table discussion as well.

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We hope to see you there!



# *Primula grandis*

synonym: *Sredinskya grandis* (Trautv) Fed.

PAM EVELEIGH

*This “plant portrait” of one of the more peculiar members of the Primula family is done for us by Pam Eveleigh. If you haven’t looked at her website PrimulaWorld, you are missing a great treat. This is a very useful visual reference of many of the species primula*

There is something fascinating about a plant species that is the sole member of a Genus. For forty years *Sredinskya grandis* was an example of this but is now included in the Genus *Primula*.

This species was first described in 1866 by Ernst Rudolf von Trautvetter, a German botanist specializing in the flora of the Caucasus and central Asia and a director of the Imperial Botanic Garden at St. Petersburg from 1863-1875. The initial specimen was collected by Gustav Radde in the Western Caucasus on Mt Dadiash at 2000-3000 m. Trautvetter named the plant *Primula grandis* and after plants were grown in cultivation, Berthold Stein determined that the plant was unique and worthy of its own section. He named the section *Sredinskya* after Nicolaus Sredinski a Russian botanist who had explored in the Caucasus. In 1952, Andrej Fedorov assigned the species to its own Genus, *Sredinskya*, in the Flora of the U.S.S.R. Nothing changed until 1992 when Josef Halda assigned it back to the Genus *Primula* under Section *Sredinskya* as *Primula grandis* though he stated the position of the species was still uncertain. In 2001, a research paper<sup>7</sup> describing a Primulaceae DNA study was published and shows that not only does *P. grandis* belong within the Genus *Primula* but that it is closely related to other species in the Section *Primula*. Since *Primula grandis* is not known to hybridise with other species and since it is so different in a number of characteristics, it is placed in its own section.

*Primula grandis* is endemic to the western and northern Caucasus and is listed as “rare” in the Red Data Book of Russia. It grows in wet meadows and stream sides in subalpine and alpine zones and prefers moist conditions in the garden. *Primula grandis* is a hardy plant, robust, with 10-40cm long farinose leaves. Flowering stems are mealy and held above the leaves to 65cm. The umbel consists of 15-40 drooping yellow flowers which become erect in seed. The flower resembles a *Dodcatheon* bud in shape as the corolla is linear with no limb. A long-exserted stigma protrudes from the end.

<sup>7</sup> Mast, A., Kelso, S., Richards, A.J., Lang, D.J., Feller, D.M.S. & Conti, E. (2001). Phylogenetic relationships in *Primula* L. and related genera (Primulaceae) based on noncoding chloroplast DNA. *Int. J. Plant Sci.* 162:1381-1400.

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Reginald Farrer<sup>8</sup> describes it correctly. “The tall scapes shoot up high above these in the summer, and then break, like a rocket, into a thick crowd of trailing little sparks – long tubular small flowers in great numbers, hanging and shooting from graceful long pedicels, the whole effect being delicate, but the blossoms in thousands preposterously mean for a stalwart of such size and pomposity of promise”. Smith, Burrow and Lowe<sup>9</sup> describe it as “an unattractive plant” and noted that though it had been in cultivation for quite a period at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, it wasn’t widely grown by gardeners. Perhaps it is more suited to the collector. I find it a tidy plant with good structure and the flowers are interesting in an intimate setting where they can be examined closely. Watching bees force their way into the flower can provide a moment’s entertainment while weeding.

Additional images can be found on Primula World at [www.primulaworld.com](http://www.primulaworld.com)



## The Dorothy Dickson Medal

The APS created a bronze medal in 1985. It is the “Dorothy Stredicke Dickson Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to the American Primrose Society. It is named after Herb Dickson’s much beloved wife.



This striking medal will be presented at the annual meeting to living members whom the APS board of directors decides to honor for service to the society. It is hoped this award will become the prestigious award of the society.

*Notes from the summer issue, Primrose, 1984, Vol. 42, no. 3, p. 5.*

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- 2011, Kathleen M. Liners, 4039 Tonkawood Rd, Minnetonka, MN, 55345
- 2011, Sara & Aaron Liston, 615 NW Witham Dr., Corvallis, OR, 97330
- 2011, Jacquelyn Lloyd, 18222 Daffodil Lane, Lewiston, ID, 83501
- 2011, Kirk Lloyd, 8032 Noble Dr, Salem, OR, 97306
- 2014, Sharon Lobaugh, 3340 Fritz Cove Rd., Juneau, AK, 99801
- 2011, Bruce Lockhart, 27 Nichewang Rd, Petersham, MA, 01366
- 2011, Library, Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA, 19348-0501
- 2015, Ann W. Lord, 220 Sand Hill Rd., Peterborough, NH, 03458
- 2011, Margaret Lundquist, 2011 Castle Dr, Bothell, WA, 98021-9259
- LF, Ann Lunn, 6620 N.W. 271st Ave., Hillsboro, OR, 97124
- LF, Jay G. Lunn, 6620 N.W. 271st Ave., Hillsboro, OR, 97124
- 2011, Richard C. Lupp, 28111 - 112th Ave. E., Graham, WA, 98338
- 2011, Carole Lynd, 27810 - 168th Ave. Ct. E., Orting, WA, 98360
- 2014, Ian MacGowan, 4712 Smugglers Cove Rd., Freeland, WA, 98249
- 2011, Jane MacKenzie, 281 Main St, Brewster, MA, 02631
- LF, Sharon Mallingier, P. O. Box 211308, Auke Bay, AK, 99821
- 2011, Mary Malloy, 507 Astor Court, Delmar, NY, 12054
- 2011, Mrs. Therese C. Malone, 6009 Westbrook Dr., Brook Park, OH, 44142-3076
- 2011, Linda Mannering, 3908 Stetson Dr, Lawrence, KS, 66049
- LF, Kathleen Marshall, 25 Old Route 3, Vermontville, NY, 12989
- 2011, Austin Mast, 2534 Noble Drive, Tallahassee, FL, 32308
- COMP, Matt Mattus, 26 Spofford Rd, Worcester, MA, 01607
- 2011, Richard May, 84 Beechwood, Old Town, ME, 04468-9749
- 2013, Blossom McBrier, 6721 Briar Hill Rd, Fairview, PA, 16415
- LF, Donna McCormick, P.O. Box 240312, Douglas, AK, 99824
- 2011, Tess McDonough-Ward, Sequencia Gardens, 16 Alma Road, Mills, MA, 02054
- 2012, Bruce McQueen, P. O. Box 1726, Wrangell, AK, 99929
- 2013, Suzanne G. Merriman, 3513 W 79th Ave, Anchorage, AK, 99502
- 2011, Susan Michel, 3 Campert Dr, Ashford, CT, 06278
- 2011, Jane Middleton, P. O. Box 15293, Fritz Creek, AK, 99603
- 2011, Leslie Milde, P. O. Box 14, Fremont, NH, 03044
- 2011, Betsy Mitchell, 365 Mayall Rd, Gray, ME, 04039
- 2011, Jacques Momms, P.O. Box 67, Millwood, NY, 10546-0067
- 2013, Barbara Montgomery, Forty Oaks Farm, Campobello, SC, 29322
- 2013, Dennis Moran, P.O. Box 2, McAfee, NJ, 07428-0002
- 2014, Francesca Mugrace-Aiello, 16 Pally Hully Dr, Loudonville, NY, 12211
- 2011, Andy Navage, The Bloedel Reserve, 7571 NE Dolphin Dr, Bainbridge Island, WA, 98110
- 2011, Mrs. Lee Nelson, 8 Peer St, Binghamton, NY, 13901
- LF, Mr. Marilyn Nelson, 45 N Hayes Rd, LaPeer, MI, 48446-2831
- 2011, Tim & Kathy Ness, 906 Belmont Rd., Grand Forks, ND, 58201
- 2014, Elfrida Nord, 1135 Slim Williams, Juneau, AK, 99801
- 2011, Eileen O'Connor, Islandscape, The Greenhouse, 519 South Shore Rd, North Haven, ME, 04853
- 2012, Amy Olmsted, 421 Birch Rd, Hubbardton, VT, 05733
- 2013, Madge Oswald, 12001 Audubon Dr, Anchorage, AK, 99516
- 2011, Alex Pantos, P.O. Box 464, Upton, MA, 01568
- 2011, Joen W. Parks, 5148 - 81st Ave SE, Olympia, WA, 98501
- 2011, Arlene Perkins, 580 Perkins Rd., Montpelier, VT, 05602
- 2011, Phyllis Petrovich, P. O. Box 424, Forks, WA, 98331
- 2014, Kathryn Petuck, Clifton Below, 25 Perley Ave., Lebanon, NH, 03766
- 2011, Joseph Philip, 26 Spofford Rd, Worcester, MA, 01607
- 2011, Patricia and Richard Poor, 7400 New Cut Rd, Kingsville, MD, 21087
- 2014, Lee Powelson, 1200 1st, Unit 201, Anchorage, AK, 99501
- 2011, Ellen Preissler, 67 Obre Place, Shrewburg, NJ, 07702
- 2011, Jane Preston, P.O. Box 210348, Auke Bay, AK, 99821
- 2011, Hope Punnett, 6635 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA, 19119-3725
- LF, Mrs. Loreen Rasmussen, 4020 Spruce Lane, Juneau, AK, 99801
- LF, Gizelle C. Rayner, 241 E Agate Loop Rd, Shelton, WA, 98584
- GL, Library of Congress, Register of Copyrights, Washington, DC, 20559
- LF, Timothy Rettger, 426 Shenley Drive, Erie, PA, 16505-2232
- GS, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, P.O. Box 3798, Federal Way, WA, 98063-3798
- 2011, Jerry Rifkin, 310 Valley Road, Merion, PA, 19066
- 2011, Evelyn Robbins, 129 Acre Hill Rd, Barnstable, MA, 02630
- 2011, J.A Robins, 931 Huckleberry Ln, Glenview, IL, 60025
- 2012, Helen Crocker Russell Library, San Francisco Botanical Garden Society, 1199 - 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA, 94122
- 2011, Lenore Sandor, 3311 Foster Ave., Juneau, AK, 99801-1926
- LF, Janet L. Sacks & Martin C. Schafer, Joe Pye Weed's Garden, 337 Acton St., Carlisle, MA, 01741
- 2011, Karen Schellinger, 31335 Kalla Lake Rd, Avon, MN, 56310
- LF, Quentin C. Schlieder Jr., 36 S Main St, Smyrna, DE, 19777-1431
- 2011, Susan E Schrare, 373 Elbow Pond Rd, Andover, NH, 03216
- 2012, Ralph Schrack, 211 Washburn Drive, East Syracuse, NY, 13057-1633
- 2011, Mary Seitz, 22604 NE 20th Pl, Sammamish, WA, 98074
- 2012, Judith C. Sellers, 2297 Co Hwy 18, S. New Berlin, NY, 13843
- 2011, Vincentine Sette, 819 Cambry Rd., Millbrook, NY, 12545
- 2011, Jennifer Sharp, 160 Old Darlington Road, Mineral Point, WI, 53565
- LF, Sandie Sigmund, 13138 Pond Rd., Burton, OH, 44021
- 2011, Marion Simpson, 1310 Fritz Cove Rd., Juneau, AK, 99801-6808
- 2011, Nina Sinnott, 23825 - 15th Ave SE, #419, Bothell, WA, 98021
- 2011, June Skidmore, 2327 N 64th., Seattle, WA, 98103
- 2015, Lee M. Skidmore, 359 D2 Loop Rd, Ketchikan, AK, 99901
- LF, Carole P. Smith, 1842 Hines Hill Rd., Hudson, OH, 44236
- 2011, Ronald Smith, 508 - 5th Ave SE, Le Mars, IA, 51031
- 2016, Joy M. Snyderman, 63 Stony Brook Ln, Princeton, NJ, 08540-7513
- LF, Mrs. Frank L. Springer, 7213 South 15th, Tacoma, WA, 98465
- 2013, Mary R. Stanley, 1220 W Estates Dr #124N, Mequon, WI, 53092
- 2011, Anne Stewart, 31 Shire Oaks Dr, Pittsford, NY, 14534
- 2011, Alda Stich, 369 North Ridge Montville, Freedom, ME, 04941
- 2011, Dora Strohecker, 5910 Hughes Rd, Galena, OH, 43021
- 2011, Elizabeth Ann Stuart, P.O. Box 638, Fall City, WA, 98024
- 2011, Bonnie Studdiford, 124 Bunganuc Rd, Brunswick, ME, 04011
- 2014, Dale Sullivan, Siskiyou Rare Plant Nursery, 2115 Talent Ave, Talent, OR, 97540
- 2011, Dorothy G. Swift, 48 Lands End Dr., Wickford, RI, 02852
- 2011, Sylvia L. Szykora, 6250 Melville Drive, Oakland, CA, 94611
- 2012, Jan Szyren, 1848 Catholic Church Rd, Stockbridge, MI, 49285
- 2011, Daniel Thompson, 473 Oslo Hollow, South Shore, KY, 41175
- 2011, Olive S. Thomson, 9349 Malone Rd., Mt. Horeb, WI, 53572-2726
- 2011, Kristine Trott, 19100 Williwaw Way, Juneau, AK, 99801
- 2011, Alma Trucano, P.O. Box 020870, Juneau, AK, 99802
- 2011, Carmel Tysver, 2030 Patriot Circle, Anchorage, AK, 99515
- 2011, Serials Records Section, UC Davis, University Library, 100 NW Quad, Davis, CA, 95616-5292
- LF, Albert Ujueta, P.O. Box 127, Armonk, NY, 10504
- 2011, Serials Records - Library, University of Minnesota, 309 - 19th Ave S, 170 Wilson, Minneapolis, MN, 55455-0438
- 2011, Andersen Horticultural Library, University of Minnesota, 1984 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55108
- 2011, Richard Vanden Heuvel, 123 Spruce Lane, Annapolis, MD, 21403
- 2011, Edna Vetze, 39 E Springtown Rd, Long Valley, NJ, 07853-3368
- 2012, Steve Vinisky, 21700 SW Chapman Rd, Sherwood, OR, 97140
- 2013, William G. Ward, 16495 Old State Rd., Middlefield, OH, 44062-9118
- 2011, Amy Weinstein, 3005 Normanstone Dr NW, Washington, DC, 20008
- 2011, Barbara D. Weinz, 660 Berry's Mill Rd., West Bath, ME, 04530
- 2013, Dixie Weiss, 3220 Foster, Juneau, AK, 99801
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- 2014, Barbara Wetzel, 20 Braeburn Lane, Barrington Hills, IL, 60010
- 2012, Deborah Wheeler, 90 Call Rd, Colrain, MA, 01340
- 2011, Rosemary Wheeler, 5095 Ashlyn Dr, Winston-Salem, NC, 27106
- 2013, Elana S. White, P.O. Box 476, Kodiak, AK, 99615-0476
- 2011, P. Perryman & Robert Whitman, 3025 Neslo Lane, Eugene, OR, 97405-1932

2011, George M. Wickstrom, 2293 Harding Ave., Muskegon, MI, 49441-1321  
 LF, Dr. James W. Wilkins, Jr., 7469 Hunters Ridge, Jackson, MI, 49201-8562  
 2012, Smith, Williams Jr. Soc of Congress of Mgmt. P. O. Box 316, Sykesville, MD, 21784  
 2011, Jonathan Willis, 2 Ainsworth Rd, Winchester, MA, 01890-1402  
 2011, Cheryl B. Wilson, 136 Pomeroy Ln, Amherst, MA, 01002-2906  
 LF, Patricia C. Wilson, 9621 Kelley Ct., Juneau, AK, 99801  
 2011, Norman Wyatt, 35507 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA, 99337-6410  
 2011, E Zander, 127 North St, Goshen, CT, 06756

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### Year of Expiry, Name, Address, City, Province, Postal Code

GS, Alpine Garden Club of B.C., c/o Pam Frost, 6269 Elm St, Vancouver, BC, V6N 1B2  
 2014, Jean Marc Aubert, c/o Pneu Dominic, Inc., 26 Rue de l'Artisan, Victoriaville, Quebec, G6P 7E4  
 2011, B. C. Primula Group, c/o Ruth Anderson, 5771 Eagle Harbor Rd, W. Vancouver, BC, V7W 1P7  
 2012, Kevin Baker, 11243 - 105th St, Edmonton, AB, T5G 2M4  
 2036, Raynald Bergeron, 84 Rue Antoine Grenier, Clermont, Quebec, G4A 0R6  
 2011, Barbara Blyth, Box 1773, La Ronge, SK, S0J 1L0  
 2011, Calgary Rock & Alp Gar Soc, c/o Mrs E Keddie, 1519 Cavanaugh Pl NW, Calgary, Alberta, T2L 0M8  
 2013, Nik Cave, 22-3230 Uplands Dr., Ottawa, ON, K1V 0C6  
 2011, Mrs. Ruby Chong, 6870 Union St., Burnaby, BC, V5B 1X5  
 LF, Trevor Cole, 2863 John Shaw Rd, R.R. 2, Kinburn, ON, K0A 2H0  
 LF, Jo-Ann Crossman, 627 Matson Rd, Terrace, BC, V8G 0E7  
 2013, Susan Delafield, 87 Koch Dr, Guelph, ON, N1G 4H5  
 LF, Susan E. Gray, RR #2, South Ohio, NS, B0W 3E0  
 ED, Jane Guild, Editor, 2647 A Deville Rd, Victoria, BC, V9B 3W9  
 2011, Jean Hausermann, 20265 - 82nd Ave., Langley, BC, V2Y 2A9  
 LF, F. Patrick Healey, Box 6, Belmont, Manitoba, R0K 0C0  
 LF, Mrs. Hanna Hogarth, 315 Kalam Lake Rd, Terrace, BC, V8G 0B9  
 2011, Bibliotheque, Jardin Botanique de Montreal, 4101 Sherbrooke Est, Montreal, Quebec, H1X 2B2  
 2011, Andre Legare, 698 Chemin des Bernaches, Saint-Nicolas, Quebec, G7A 3P5  
 2011, Mrs. M. J. Martin, 951 Joan Crescent, Victoria, BC, V8S 3L3  
 2011, Tom Moore, 2736 Bridges Rd, Courtenay, BC, V9J 1M3  
 2011, Jennifer Niemi, 36 Elm St, Jefferson Pines, RR #6, Kingston, NS, B0P 1R0  
 2011, Brian Parker, 27 Marshall St., Fredericton, NB, E3A 4J8  
 2011, Michael & Rhonda Plumb, 3604 Jolly Roger Crescent, Pender Island, BC, V0N 2M2  
 2011, Barrie Porteous, 3 Breda Court, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 6E1  
 2011, David Simmons, 976 Marine Dr, Gibsons, BC, V0N 1V1  
 2011, Dennis L. Stuebing, 203 James St, Timberlea, NS, B3T 2C7  
 2011, Inger Ulstein-Bruaset, P.O. Box 225, Nelson, BC, V1L 5P9  
 2011, Victoria Primula Group, c/o Yvonne Rorison, 15 Beach Drive, Victoria, BC, V8S 2L3

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### Year of Expiry, Name, Address, City, Postal Code, Country

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 2014, Gishu Aoki, 14-1 Banba-2, Midori-ku, Saitama-shi, 336-0912, Japan  
 2011, Mrs. W. D. Behan, 4 West Mackenzie Park, Draikies, Inverness, IV2 3ST, Scotland  
 GS, Bibliothek, Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, Freie Universitat Berlin, D - 14191, Berlin, Germany  
 2011, Mark Brown, 19 Hill St., Crafrers, SA, 5152, Australia  
 2011, Conservatoire et Jardins Botaniques de Nancy, 100 Rue du Jardin Botanique, F 54600 Villers-les-Nancy, , France  
 11T, Joe Davison, 7 Wordsworth Avenue, Westlea, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 8JP, England  
 2014, John N. Gibson, 'Farinosa', 3A Primrose Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, HD8 0QY, England  
 11T, Elizabeth Hall, Vicarage House, Kirkby Wharfe, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, LS249DE, England  
 2014, Jelitto Staudensamen GMBH, Postfach 1264, Schwarmstedt, 29685,

Germany

12T, Mrs. Jeanie Jones, Kilnpootees, Kettleholm, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, DG11 1DD, Scotland  
 LF, Peter Kade, Oberhofstettenweg 5, St. Gallen, 9012, Switzerland  
 LF, H. Kloppenberg, Meibergsdijk 1A, Liederholthuis, Rallte, 8144RJ, Netherlands  
 LF, Dr. Alarich Kress, Edelweiss - Strasse 9, D - 82194, Grobenzell, , Germany  
 2011, Mrs. Lynne Lawson, Barnhaven Primroses, 11 Rue du Pont Blanc, 22310 Plestin Les Graves, , France  
 10T, Mr. Robert Mackie, 12 Stuart St., Portessie, Buckie, Banffshire, AB56 1TB, Scotland  
 LF, Georg Maerz, Postfach 150308, D-70076 Stuttgart, , Germany  
 LF, Takao Maki, 7-11-6 Kugenuma-Kaigan, Fujisawa-251, , Japan  
 12T, Dr. David Mellor, The Croft, Pardshaw, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0SP, England  
 2013, Erik L. Mikkelsen, Nyvangsvej 113, Randers, 8900, Denmark  
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 2011, Keshab C. Pradhan, The Wayside Gardens, Sixth Mile, Tadong, Samdrup P.O. 737102, Sikkim, , India  
 11T, Mrs. V. A. Pugh, Brikama", Hawthornden Manor, Uttoxeter, Staffs, ST14 7PH, England  
 2013, Giles Reed, 22A Charlton Rd, Aynho, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX17 3AD, England  
 2011, Periodical Librarian, RHS Lindley Library, 80 Vincent Square, London, SW1P 2PE, England  
 2011, Leslie Roberts, Pop's Plants, Pop's Cottage, Barford Lane, Downton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3PZ, England  
 11T, Vivien Self, 6 Lanchester Rd, Maiden Law, Lanchester, Durham, DH7 0QS, England  
 2012, Mrs. Heather Sell, 49 Mill Road Waimate, Sth Canterbury, , New Zealand  
 LF, Fridrik Skulason, Stigahlid 65, Reykjavik IS 105, , Iceland  
 13T, R. Taylor, 27 Temple Rhydding Drive, Baidon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD17 5PX, England  
 2014, Geert Thiers, Bloemenlei 10, B 2930 Brasschaat, , Belgium  
 2011, Mrs. Valerie Thornbury, 42 Eastbourne Rd, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 7HW, England  
 2011, David Underwood, 32 Georgian Way, Wigmore, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 0QZ, England  
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 2011, Jackie Van De Veire, Chengdu Insitute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, P. O. Box 416, Chengdu, Sichuan, 610041, China  
 2013, J. W. M. van Saase, IJweg 1063, 2133 MH Hoofddorp, , Netherlands  
 2014, Sue Wallbank, P. O. Box 342, South Hobart, Tasmania, 7004, Australia  
 2015, Diana A. Whimip, 47A Whau Valley Rd., Whangarei 0112, Northland, New Zealand  
 2014, Dr. Valerie A. Woolley, 26 Burnside Grove, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire, NG12 4ET, England

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**American Primrose Society**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 31st. 2011**

**The meeting was held online. It opened at 6:10 pm, Eastern Time.**

**Board members present:** Cheri Fluck (Director), Julia Haldorson (Director, Membership Secretary), Jon Kawaguchi (APS Treasurer), Marianne Kuchel (APS Vice-President), Alan Lawrence (APS President), Michael Plumb (APS Secretary), Rhondda Porter (Director)

**Regrets:** Maedythe Martin (Editor, President of BC Group)

- A. **Approval of the Agenda** (Michael/Rhondda)
- B. **The Minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010** – The labeling of the last two items (F and G) were amended to G and H, and the minutes were then accepted (Michael / Rhondda)
- C. **Treasurer’s Report** (Emailed before the meeting)
1. Income less expenses January 1st, 2011 to March 31st, 2011: (\$383.37)
  2. Income less expenses April 1st, 2011 to June 30th, 2011: \$684.55
  3. Total liabilities and equity as of June 30th, 2011: \$27,352.46
  4. Discussion of transferring our reserve funds into a more profitable account. The society is registered as non-profit with the State of Oregon. Jon explained that in order for him to transfer society funds between accounts, the bank now requires the signature of Ann Lunn, our society’s agent for registration in Oregon. **ACTION:** Jon will contact Ann and report to the next meeting.
  5. **MOTION** (Michael/Marianne): to accept the report - **carried.**
- D. **2012 Budget** (Emailed before the meeting)
1. The cost of producing and mailing the *Primroses* Quarterly has been reduced significantly by using a US printer.
  2. **ACTION:** Jon, Marianne and Rhondda will look into ways to increase advertising both in the Quarterly and on the website.
  3. In his itemized budget, Jon estimates income for 2012 will be \$10,500 and expenses the same.
  4. **MOTION** (Cheri / Julia): to approve 2012 budget. **Carried.**
- E. **Committee Reports**
1. **Seed Exchange**
    - a) Jon reported that as of June 1st, income less expenses: \$754.59. One late payment to come.
    - b) **MOTION** (Rhondda / Cheri): to increase the price of each pack of seed to \$1.00 (one dollar) for members, and to \$2.00 (two dollars) for non-members; minimum number of packs for members to be reduced to 5; maximum number of packs for non-members to be 5; non-members permitted to purchase seed no less than one month after the start of the Exchange. **Carried (one against).**
  2. **Editorial Committee**
    - a) Maedythe had sent a report to the board by email. Some problems unrelated to the publishing and mailing processes are causing a slight delay in sending out the Summer Quarterly, but this issue should arrive to members in mid-August. **ACTION:** Michael will notify members of this revised time on the website home page.
    - b) **MOTION** (Marianne / Julia) to accept the website report. **Carried.**
  3. **Website**
    - a) The report had been sent to the board by email. Michael reported that over 140,000



people had visited the website in the last year, and the number had reached around 400 per day. Eighty-seven members were now registered to view the members-only areas.

- b) The Forum is under-used, and needs to be more user-friendly. It is extremely difficult to post photos on the forum at present. **ACTION:** Michael will ask Jane Guild for technical advice.
- c) Owing to recent illness, Michael has not yet investigated the use of PayPal for online payment.
- d) **MOTION** (Cheri / Julia): to accept website report. **Carried.**

#### 4. **National Show**

- a) The BC Group is offering to host the 2012 National Show, which will be the Society's 70th, in Portland, Oregon, where the first shows used to be held. Maedythe Martin has already made several enquiries, and answers seem promising.
- b) Marianne said New England Chapter might be able to offer \$500 as seed money to help the BC Group.
- c) The website has not yet received the 2011 Show Report. **ACTION:** Michael will contact Judith Sellers and Rodney Barker.

#### 5. **Membership**

- a) Julia's report had been sent by email. As of July 26th, 2011, the total number of members in good standing was 344 (268 in January). Thirty-eight people have joined the society since January, which partly offsets the number who did not renew their membership.
- b) **MOTION** (Marianne/Julia): to accept the Membership Report. **Carried.**

#### 6. **Judging Committee**

No report, as work on revising the standards has not yet begun.

### F. **Chapter Reports**

- 1. Most chapters are usually much less active over the summer; consequently, only the BC report was received, the main part of which was their offer to hold the 2012 National Show (See item 4a above).
- 2. **MOTION** (Michael / Julia): to accept the BC report, with thanks for their offer to host the next National Show. **Carried.**

### G. **Business Arising and Old Business: The Dorothy Dickson Award**

- 1. **MOTION** (Julia / Cheri): to present the Dorothy Dickson Award for longstanding service to the American Primrose Society to Linda Bailey. **Carried** (One abstention).
- 2. **ACTION:** Michael will post a notice to this effect on the website home page, with a short bio.

### H. **Adjournment** (Michael) at 8:05 pm Eastern Time.

Next meeting: Provisional date October 30th, at 6:00 pm Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Plumb, Secretary



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2011	Peter George 2011 P. O. Box 833 Petersham, Massachusetts 01366 U.S.A.
2011	Linda Hamm 1 Fox Run Road Upton, Massachusetts 01568 U.S.A.
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2011	Alex Pantos P. O. Box 464 Upton, Massachusetts 01568 U.S.A.
2011	Elizabeth Peters Beirer 5 Fallen Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 U.S.A.
2011	David Simmons 976 Marine Drive Gibbons, British Columbia VON 1V1 Canada
2011	Anne Stewart 31 Shire Oaks Drive Pittsford, New York 14534 U.S.A.
2011	Any Weinstein 3005 Normanstone Drive Northwest Washington, D.C. 20008 U.S.A.
2011	E. Zander 127 North Street Goshen, Connecticut 06756 U.S.A.
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