



The European Boxwood and Topiary Society

Membership Details & Application Form

Boxwood, *Buxus*, has been the structural plant of the gardens of palaces, stately homes and cottages for centuries, but, for a generation, it has been the forgotten plant of European gardens – the scent of box reminds many of their grandmother's, not their mother's garden. In more recent years however, there has developed a marked new interest in boxwood, used as hedging, as topiary and, in its various attractive species and cultivars, as fine specimen plants. Other species have also enjoyed renewed popularity as hedging and topiary. Principally these are yew, hornbeam and beech in both classic and new designs. The use of frames for training such species as ivy and clematis are fast becoming popular.

The American Boxwood Society has, for many years, catered for North American interest but there was no equivalent in Europe. The **European Boxwood and Topiary Society** was therefore formed in 1996 to bring together enthusiastic gardeners, botanists, growers, garden designers, landscape architects and garden historians, with the object of introducing

new species and cultivars of boxwood, of improving its cultivation and maintenance, and exploring topiary as an art form. Its aim is to increase the knowledge, appreciation and the science of boxwood and topiary and make available up-to-date information on these aspects worldwide.

The Society plans to attend important garden festivals such as the Chelsea and Hampton Court flower shows to engender interest in the subject and to offer support and advice on growing and maintaining boxwood and topiary. The Society will also encourage and publicise short courses or 'Topiary Schools' for the horticultural industry and interested public.

The Society meets for the weekend twice a year, once in Britain in early Summer and once in countries of Continental Europe in the Autumn. The programme of the British Summer meeting, held at an appropriate stately home, consists of the annual general meeting, followed by short lectures by botanists who are leaders in their field, renowned garden designers and landscape architects, or leading growers, all of whom we are fortunate to count

amongst our membership. There are demonstrations of boxwood cultivars and frame topiary, books and relevant products, a 'Meet the Experts' session where members can ask questions or seek help with their individual problems, an auction to raise funds for the Society plus visits to nearby gardens on the following day where topiary or boxwood is a particular feature.

The Continental European meeting consists of garden, nursery and château visits where the Society has access to gardens of importance, some of which are not open to the public. Individual country Secretaries organise local events.

Each occasion offers members the chance to meet together in congenial surroundings and to share their knowledge and experiences and learn new techniques.

The language of the Society is English. It issues an annual magazine, *Topiarius*, a handbook of boxwood maintenance, and a directory of gardens and nurseries where boxwood and topiary can be seen.

I wish to join the European Boxwood and Topiary Society

(Please tick the appropriate boxes)

- I enclose a cheque in local currency or postal order for £15 sterling or equivalent, made payable to EBTS
- For five years membership for 1 £62.50
- Two members living at same address, one copy of all correspondence £20
- I have arranged a credit transfer to the EBTS bank account at Lloyds TSB Bank plc, 4 High Street, Petersfield, Hants GU32 3JF. Account No 0132568

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- For 5 year membership up to 3 £125
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