

Clematis for year-round colour in your garden

- Ken Black



This session consists of two parts:-

The first is a 30 - 40 minutes Powerpoint presentation on some basic information about clematis including family groupings, where they come from, their history and how they can provide colour in your garden throughout the year. This includes images of well known and not so well-known varieties and when they flower.

The second part is a 30 minutes (approximate) practical demonstration on planting, growing, feeding, and pruning. I discuss pests and diseases and then demonstrate various ways of propagating clematis. This is followed by questions from and discussion with the audience, which can go on for as long as people want it to.

I try to make the whole session as interactive and enjoyable as possible because my aim is to encourage and enthuse people to grow clematis by demystifying some of the issues often associated with them.

I grow many of my clematis from seeds and cuttings and, if I have spare plants, I bring them for sale.

Personal information

I live with my wife, Helen, in Mollington, Cheshire and have been growing clematis for more than 30 years. We open our cottage style garden under The National Garden Scheme. It is planted with bulbs, perennials, English roses and, of course, clematis. There are over 100 varieties of clematis planted in the ground and we also grow many more in large pots. One of my passions is growing new plants from seeds and cuttings.

I am the Membership Secretary of The British Clematis Society and I arrange presentation materials and floral displays for the Shows we attend. This year (2019) at the Royal Horticultural Society Flower Show, Tatton Park we won a silver medal for our educational materials and I was also invited to give daily talks on growing clematis. I write articles for trade magazines and newspapers and regularly give talks to gardening clubs and horticultural societies.

Booking a Talk

If you would like further information or to discuss a booking, please contact me on

Keneblack4@gmail.com or 07753683185

Ken