



THE EUROPEAN BOXWOOD AND TOPIARY SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS AND 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, holly, hornbeam and beech in both classic and new designs. The use of frames for training such species as ivy and clematis is 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 (EBTS)** 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.

In 2008, an umbrella organisation, EBTS Europe, was formed under which each country organisation operates. This covers the UK, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany. In the UK the Society attends important garden festivals, such as 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.

We encourage and publicise short courses or topiary schools for the horticultural industry and interested public.

EBTS UK holds a weekend meeting in early summer and organises a trip to Continental Europe. The programme of the 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 fields, renowned garden designers

and landscape architects, or leading growers, many of whom we are fortunate to count amongst our membership. A 'meet the experts' session is held where members can ask questions or seek help, as well as an auction to raise funds for the Society. The following day we visit nearby gardens where topiary or boxwood is a particular feature. The Continental European meeting consists of garden, nursery and château visits where we have access to gardens of importance, many of which are not open to the public. Other meetings and visits are also held.

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

Our annual magazine *Topiarius* is issued to all members across Europe. In the UK we also issue a Handbook of Boxwood and Topiary and a members' directory. We also maintain a website

www.ebts.org



I wish to join the European Boxwood and Topiary Society

(Please tick the appropriate boxes)

I enclose a British cheque in sterling or a Postal Order made payable to EBTS

Under 25 £12

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for 5 years £100

Joint membership
for 5 years £140

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Our company wishes to become a member of EBTS

For the appropriate membership fee the company can send two members of staff to the meeting of the Society and receive all communications. The Company can receive reduced advertising fees in *Topiarius* and establish links with the EBTS website.

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