

Themed Wednesday: Quiz 45:

Gardening & Horticulture.

This week's Quiz is on a subject I know very little about although in the last nine months I have probably spent more time in the garden than in the previous thirty years (I'm hoping Sue will let me back into the house soon!!) Anyway all the questions are to do with plants & gardening and should be suitable even for those – like me – sadly lacking “green fingers”.

The answers as usual will be with you next Wednesday.

1. Which flower's name comes from the ancient Greek word for star? **Aster.....**
2. What common name was Dianthus Barbus given to honour the Duke of Cumberland's victory at the Battle of Culloden? **Sweet William.....**
3. And in contrast what name do the Scots sometimes call Ragwort also in memory of the Duke? **Stinking Billy.....**
4. What flower is also the Goddess of the Rainbow in Greek Mythology? **Iris.....**
5. Most species of Eucalyptus are native to which country? **Australia.....**
6. Which King created “The Hanging gardens of Babylon”? **Nebuchadnezzar II....**
7. Who designed the Blue Peter Garden in 1974? **Percy Thrower.....**
8. Who is the Patron saint of Gardeners, Horticulture, Florists, Brides and Brewers? **Saint Dorothy.....**
9. Apples, pears, plums and peaches are members of what family of flowering plants? ...**Roses.....**
10. What were first brought to Britain by Sir Charles Isham in 1847? **Garden Gnomes (why???).....**
11. Which flowers were once known as Gillyflowers? **Carnations.....**
12. What is the National Fruit of India, Pakistan, and the Philippines? **Mango.....**
13. Helianthus is another name for which flower? **Sunflower.....**
14. From which flower does Vanilla flavouring derive? **Orchid.....**
15. What fruit was cultivated from crossing a blackberry and a raspberry? **Loganberry.....**
16. Often used in salads, what has the botanical name Nasturtium Officinale? **Watercress.....**
17. Alan Titchmarsh teamed up with Tommy Walsh and Charlie Dimmock to make which series about rapid garden make-overs? **Ground Force.....**
18. Which campaign encouraged British people to use gardens, parks and sports pitches to grow vegetables in World War II? **Dig for Victory.....**
19. Which (plant related) charity was founded in Devon in 1972 by farmer Kenneth Watkins? **The Woodland Trust.....**
20. What colour is a Welsh poppy? **Yellow.....**

21. Which plant takes its name from the Italian for Beautiful Women? **Bella Donna.....**
22. Often called Britain's Greatest Gardener what was Capability Brown's given first name? **Lancelot.....**
23. What is another more common name for an Alligator Pear? **...Avocado.....**
24. On which continent did Broccoli originate? **Europe.....**
25. Where is the biggest tree in the world, the Giant Sequoia, found? **California, USA.....**
26. Soil can be Acidic, Alkaline or what? **Neutral.....**
27. The spice Saffron comes from which flower? **Crocus.....**
28. Which garden plant was exchanged as a form of currency in the 17th century in the Netherlands? **Tulip.....**
29. What is the art of cutting shrubs into ornamental shapes called? **Topiary.....**
30. Which TV presenter and gardener has a garden in Herefordshire called Long Meadow? **Monty Don.**
31. Trees that shed their leaves every year are called what? **Perennial OR Deciduous...**
32. What is another name for the Rowan Tree? **Mountain Ash..**
33. Charles Darwin described this carnivorous plant as "the most wonderful plant in the world". Which plant? **Venus Fly Trap.....**
34. The Love Apple was the original name for what? **Tomato.....**
35. A Kumquat is a small Japanese variety of which fruit? **...Orange.....**
36. The Temperate House is the world's largest Victorian Greenhouse. At which location would you find it? **Kew Gardens aka The Royal Botanical Gardens.....**
37. The Monkey Puzzle Tree derives from which country? **...Chile.....**
38. What is the most common type of plant in the world? **.....Grass.....**
39. Where do most species of Clematis originate from? **China & Japan....**
40. A tayberry is a cross between a raspberry and what? **Again it's a blackberry (though I have seen Loganberry as an answer as well).....**

And to finish with can you identify the following plants from the cryptic clues:

41. A depressed clanger? **...Bluebell.....**
- 42 A big fiddle **...Viola.....**
43. Kitchen gloves from over the Channel **French Marigolds.....**
44. Found at the forge? **Red Hot Poker.....**

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| 45. The beginning of end inside a small horse? | Peony ...(the beginning of End is “E” which you put inside a small horse which is a PONY). |
| 46. Enemy of St George plays cards | Snapdragon |
| 47. German wine hidden behind Miss Valance? | Hollyhock |
| 48. Foggy affection | Love in the Mist |
| 49. A fancy feline | Dandelion |
| 50. A petticoat for a ruminant | Cowslip |



Have a good week and keep safe.

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