

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

November 2019 Newsletter

What's on in November

11 November (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting. Speaker: Susan Lewis from Pressed Flower Designs – how to make them

25 November (Monday) 10.30am:

Garden visit to Roz Wootton, 9 Plane Tree Close, Bowral



What's on in December

9 December (Monday) 12.00 noon:

Christmas function at Scottish Arms
69 Boardman Rd, East Bowral

Dress: Scottish theme or
red/green/white



Christmas gift for the
Elderly

Please bring along a small
gift, wrapped, to our next
meeting – label male/female

From the President

There's nothing like a new garden, nothing! And there's nothing like planning it. And for those of you who have been hanging around me the last week, you know I'm busting with excitement.

We've been in No.10 for nearly 4 years now and the front garden has been bare. And when I say bare, I mean totally, just grass, with 2 council trees on the nature strip.

Well, I'm off and running.... the man with the dingo is coming to dig the lot up. The brush fence is up giving privacy to the new Rose Garden, and the Silver Birches are nearly on order. Mount Murray, here I come.

Dig, dig, dig, plant, plant, plant. I'm one happy girl.

Sorry to inflict this upon you but I had nothing intelligent to write about, unless you are vaguely interested in my family of plovers!!!!



Deb

From the Editor

Spring is such a fragile season. It seems to only last about six weeks. The trees and gardens explode with delicate blossoms of pinks, white and lilacs. Then along come the strong winds and the blossoms fall like fresh flakes of snow. Somehow magically the plants survive only to be hit with days of heat heralding the coming of summer. But mother nature is a wonder for as we lament the dying off of our bulbs and blossoms the roses start blooming. In some of the gardens I have seen including my own the roses have thrived during this drought, full of rose heads. I'll soon have months of cut roses in the house.

A double delight for our members with two October garden visits. Jeanne Villani's garden was a joy and such a generous and gracious host allowing us to wander through her 1870's home as well. A conservatorium and modernised farmhouse kitchen to die for. New extensions meld seamlessly from the old home. Just stunning!

Then you were off to Fagan Park, Mother Earth Nursery and time to call into Swaines. Not sure how the credit cards fared after those nursery visits. More on Fagan Park next month. *The Editor*

Plant of the Month

Double Delight



Standard Rose Double Delight (ANDeli) begins with scarlet buds then unwinds into the palest pink which matures to a soft yellow

highlighted with strawberry red edges. Highly fragrant, this popular Hybrid Tea type of rose makes a stunning Standard. Inducted into the Rose Hall of Fame in 1985. One of my favourites.

<https://www.gardenexpress.com.au/product/standard-rose-double-delight/>

Muriel's Musings

In the late 1960s we joined the ACT Gun Dog Club and 'showed' our little black Cocker Spaniel "Shantalla Sari" ('Doona' was her family name). The club held field days beside the Molonglo river, located at the bridge near the Duntroon Military College. On this particular morning there was quite a roll up of owners and their dogs, most of the dogs were puppies and junior classes. The experienced field and gun dogs were to demonstrate their obedience and retrieving skills to the new comers to the club. So, on this sunny Sunday morning the fun began - to begin, the ground was heavily infested with bindii burrs and before long most of the assembled canines were either yelping in pain or limping. Doona was still in the puppy class but she was smart and soon nipped out that if it was safe to stand it was also safe to sit, so sit she did and wouldn't move.

Mr Bamford and dare I say it was a somewhat pompous Pom - turned up with his 3 Cocker Spaniels. He used a whistle to instruct and control his dogs. An artificial lure (a round of cork with the wings of a dead pigeon securely bound to it) was fired into the reeds at the river's edge then Mr Bamford sent his dogs to find and retrieve the lure. But instead they turned up something much more fun and exciting - a flight of wild ducks that rose up and took off to further up-stream with not only Mr Bamford's cockers in joyful pursuit but Mr Bamford as well chasing both cockers and wild ducks, blowing furious blasts on his whistle, sounding like a postman on a busy Christmas round. That was the last we saw or heard of Mr Bamford that day.

A young golden retriever "Susannah" was sent into the water to retrieve a lure from the bank opposite but she lost interest halfway across stream and turned back. Then the club's most experienced dog, a Pointer named "Dick" - Champion Field and Champion

Obedience dog was sent across the stream to find and retrieve the lure which he did in no time at all but then dropped the lure as he found something more interesting to bring back, which he did and dropped in a perfect retrieve at his aghast owner's feet an empty beer bottle!!

Then it was the turn for the puppies to take to the water. Encouraged by a family member on the opposite bank calling their name, in they went making a brave show of dog paddling when in mid-stream a fleet of YMCA canoeists came upon the scene. There was a weft and a warp of canoes with puppies all going in different directions till the canoeists disappeared under the bridge and our valiant little dogs all made it safely to the other side. However, the excitement wasn't over yet, for there was a mature aged lady standing on the bank holding the leads of 3 young Labradors. Her son-in-law was acting as an official and the 3 Labs decided as one to leap into the river to join the puppies on the other bank and took Grandma into the water with them. Needless to say we laughed all the way home.

The following is for Margaret Stuart who gave us such an interesting talk about the Throsby family and Throsby Park a while ago. I can remember when Dell Throsby ran a riding school there and in the office there was a sign that read.

*'For experienced riders we have experienced horses,
For quiet riders we have quiet horses.
For those who don't want to ride,
We have horses that don't want to be ridden.'*

Muriel

Garden Tips for November

We are in the last month of Spring, time to prepare our gardens for Summer. We need to start cleaning up our spring plants.

- Remove the dead flower heads from bulbs and let the foliage die down naturally
- Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs immediately after flowering if needed
- Spray azaleas and rhododendrons for red spider and lace bug

Let's get started in the vege patch as there is a whole range of seeds that can be sown now. Some favourites are basil, beans, beetroot, carrot, zucchini and many more. When planting

tomato plants bury them up to the first set of leaves to produce a much sturdier plant
<http://highlandsgardensociety.org.au/planting-guide/>

Don't forget your lawn, the first hint of warm weather and those weeds start popping up all through the lawn and garden. Feed the lawn with some feed and weed, aerate and top-dress. Water through thoroughly. I do love a thick green lawn! Though might be a thing of the past if the drought continues.

Don't forget to mulch and water wisely!!!



Minutes of General Meeting 14th October, 2019

Present: 85 members and 2 visitors

Apologies: Anne Curvers, Elaine Lye, Judith Lewis, Kath Watson, Susan Ireland, Colleen Farlow, Kaye Thompson, Sandy Westwood, Alison Durbin, Bev Andrews, Judy Foye, Robyn Stephens, Peta Peter

President Deb Evered opened the meeting at 2.05pm welcoming members.

Deb proceeded to introduce our speaker for the day Mitch Hurst from Rocky Point Mulching. Mitch started out in the cut flower industry, moved on to production industry, propagating for wholesale nurseries then into landscaping before his current field in sales with Rocky Point Mulching.

Rocky Point Mulching had its beginnings as sugar cane farmers in 1949 in Queensland with the brand name being established in 2003. The brand now has five separate divisions across multiple growth industries.

With the adoption of green cane harvesting the left-over cuttings form a mulch which keeps in moisture, stops the growth of weeds and helps prevent soil erosion. Rocky Point Mulching is an organic certified company, the products are regularly tested to ensure they are free of

contaminants, pathogens, pests and weeds and meet Australian Standards (where applicable). Mitch had brought in a few bags of product to talk about. ActivGrow, a well-balanced soil improver designed for the home gardener to reinvigorate vegetable gardens and tired soils. The Premium Range including Coco Pro and Premium Potting Mix have been specially formulated to unlock every plant's full growth potential and of course organic Sugar Cane Mulch which is an all-natural, moisture retaining, weed suppressing, soil nourishing super mulch!

There are quite a few stockists in the Highlands so check Rocky Point Mulching website.

Deb thanked Mitch and presented him with a gift.

Minutes:

The minutes of the September 2019 meeting were printed in the October newsletter.

Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Deb Evered Seconded: Jenny Clegg

Correspondence In:

- ❖ A card from Muriel thanking the Club for the Anne Williams Clark Medallion
- ❖ Flyer from Lake Macquarie Garden Club advertising the upcoming 'Open Gardens and Art Trail' on Sat. 12th & Sun 13th October. Refer to their website artandgardenslakemac@gmail.com
- ❖ myopengarden – upcoming event – Markdale at Crooked Corner will be open from Sat. 19th October. Markdale boasts 5 acres of garden designed by acclaimed landscape designer Edna Walling. <http://www.markdale.com/>
- ❖ Garden Clubs of Australia August/September Bulletin
- ❖ A flyer from the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) are planning a fundraiser film at Bowral Empire Cinema on Wednesday 27th Nov to raise money for the ACF – this organisation is Australia's national environment organisation. It advocates for clean air and water and for a world where forest, rivers, people and wildlife can thrive
- ❖ The September issue 'Inflorescence' from Australian Garden History Society Southern Highlands Branch is available from their website
- ❖ The Highlands Garden Society Bowral are having their Annual Rose Show on Friday 15th Nov.

- ❖ Flyers from Galston Open Gardens Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October
- ❖ From Garden Clubs of Australia an 'Ecology Warriors pack' asking affiliates who may have close relationships with their local schools to forward the pack to any interested school. This is an education pack to help young people understand the natural resources of planet Earth and become Ecology Warriors. It covers information on the Air, Bees, Birds, Butterflies, Energy, Forests, Invasive Plants, Land Conservation, Recycling, Water and Wildlife
- ❖ Thank you from Maryann for her flowers received during her recent stay in hospital
- ❖ Calendar 2020 from Garden Clubs of Australia
- ❖ Goulburn Garden Club are having a Friendship Morning 10th March 2020
- ❖ A thank you card from Greg Slater
- ❖ Harpers Mansion are having a Garden and Plant Fair on Sunday 27th October
- ❖ Harper's Mansion – 40th anniversary of Heritage Roses in Australia hosted by Southern Highlands/Illawarra Group on Friday 15th November & Saturday 16th November
- ❖ Australian Garden History Society Southern Highlands Branch are having a field trip to Arthursleigh Farm and Garroorigang Homestead and Garden on 6th November. There is a booking form at the end of the September issue of 'Inflorescence' which can be downloaded from their website
- ❖ Upcoming Events – Advance Notice from myopengarden
- ❖ Flyers for the Illawarra Plant & Garden Fair at the Showgrounds, Dapto on Saturday 9th November+
- ❖ Email reply from Judy Horton in response to Deb's email – she is not available to speak in Nov however she is available in Jan, Feb, May, June, July
- ❖ Poster for NSW Floral Art Association Inc. the Floral Design Competition and Demonstrations are on Friday 31st January – Saturday 1st February 2020

Correspondence Out:

- ❖ Email to Rocky Point Mulching re: Adele unable to speak at our October meeting
- ❖ Email from The Garden Clubs of Australia re 'Ecology Warriors pack' forwarded to Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens

- ❖ Email to Carolyn Dawes Editor of Garden Clubs of Australia magazine notifying them of our recent presentation of the Ann Williams Clark Medallion Award – Bowral Garden Club to Muriel Stuart
- ❖ Various emails requests to possible speakers at our meetings for 2020 being Robyn Bible a geranium and pelargonium specialist; Daniel – met at orchid show and Judy Horton

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report was read, proposed by Sue Ciscato and seconded by Ruth Bailey

General Business:

- ❖ Fagan Park day tour closes today, see Ray if you haven't paid
- ❖ Harpers Mansion is open 27th October – see Correspondence In
- ❖ Website and how to use – Roz Mulligan took the members on a tour of the Club's website and showed members how to login to their private pages and view/update their membership status and profile
- ❖ Christmas Party will be on Monday 9th December at The Scottish Arms. Bookings will open at next meeting
- ❖ Plant Stall 2020 – will be held next October 2020. Let Deb know if you want to be involved
- ❖ Free garden club at Bunnings – Sue Edney spoke of the garden club which is on last Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. Without more attendees the club may cease
- ❖ Change of plan for our garden visit on Monday 21st. We were going to Vonnies Littlemore's garden in Exeter, unfortunately, she has had to cancel. We are now visiting Jeanne Villani's garden at 5 Crago Lane, (off Mount St) Bowral
- ❖ Sue Ciscato had proposed that the club donate Christmas presents to the elderly in our community – Deb requested each member bring along a small gift, wrapped, to next meeting – label male/female
- ❖ Barbara Bell asked if any members would be interested in a clinical trial for people with arthritis in the knee. The clinical trial uses herbal products consisting of turmeric, ginger and Indian frankincense in tablet form which would be taken for a few months. See Barbara after meeting if interested

Lucky Door Prize: Congratulations to all the raffle and lucky door prize winners. Thank you to Mount Murray and don't forget discounts to our members on the last Tuesday of the month

Show and Tell: none

Q&A:

Q: Margaret-Ann Mann and Lorraine would like information on hedge trimmers which members have bought, used and are happy with.

Q: Patty ask if anyone can identify the plant she has brought in which is growing prolifically in her rose garden?

A: Consensus - it was a weed

Q: What perennials will grow in a damp shady area?

A: Astilbe, Ajuga Reptans, Perennial Wallflowers, Hostas

Q: Which English box will grow in shade?

A: Japanese Box grow well in the shade

Q: Which product would you use for growing seeds?

A: Rocky Point Seed Raising Mix (care of our guest speaker Mitch)

Any Other Business:

There will be an email sent out for the roster for arranging chairs for meeting. Could we have more volunteers as well

Next Meeting: 11th November, 2019 at 2 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

Guest speaker: Susan Lewis from Pressed Flower Designs

Welfare Officer

Please contact Maryann Hewitt at the meeting or by mobile phone 0431717634 to notify the Club of a member's change of circumstance and welfare. Thank you

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Jeanne Villani's Garden

At short notice Jeanne agreed to open her garden for our club to visit. A lovely lady with a passion for gardening and sharing.

What a delight. When Jeanne moved in less than 2 years ago, she set about clearing and restoring the site. She had a vision and was ably assisted by Chris and Charlotte Webb who helped with the landscaping design and choice of plants. Stuart Read is also assisting Jeanne by cataloguing all the existing plantings.

A walk around followed by a lovely morning tea on the verandah admiring the view. The whole setting was peaceful and relaxing.

Thank you, Jeanne, very kind



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