



SNIPPETS

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The Maleny Garden Club extends a warm invitation to all members and visitors to attend the monthly general meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month, as per program for the year.

From the President

I am sure that along with myself you feel that the crazy weather that we have been having will soon change to cool clear days with gentle overnight showers.

Our last meeting, which concluded with a celebration, lunch for Olga's 90th, birthday was such a pleasant time and I know she thoroughly enjoyed herself. It was just lovely to have Brian and Joyce Butterfield with us also.

Please keep the committee in the loop with birthdays, especially milestones and also let us know if anyone is suffering with ill health or may not be able to attend without some help as there are many of us who would be only too happy to arrange transport.

Our guest speakers have been very entertaining and we do learn so much from them.

I have recently planted two new roses in my garden. Old Port, a floribunda, which is a rich mulberry colour and Souer Emmanuelle, a Delbard, soft pink full of petals, both have grown well since being planted, I purchased them on our trip to Toowoomba Camival of Flowers. At a recent Perennial Poppy meeting, I asked Leonie Kearney about a rose which I purchased from her, that flowers abundantly and it is Blush Noisette. It has small clusters of pale pink fading to cream, and makes a lovely display if anyone is looking for a showy rose that arches beautifully.

Our Competition Table shows that everyone is having great success in their gardens not only with flowers and shrubs but also vegies. I am sure that Col's compost is helping as we hear many comments about the success we are having with it.

In the next few months we are planning an outside meeting, one of two that we will have this year, weather permitting.

, I hope that as I travel through this year with You as President that we enjoy the experience of learning, tea, cake and company.

Thankyou Marnie

Quick Quiz

1. What is the world's tallest cooked sugar sculpture measure? a) 2.5m, b) 3.91m c) 5.11m
2. What is the name for a baby dragonfly?
3. Banoffee tart was made in which country?

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The Maleny Icon

Brian Butterfield dropped his daks,
In Walker Drive today;
They closed the Childcare Centre
And kept the kids away.

He dropped them once for Kevin,
Then dropped them once for me;
He's got a scar from groin to loin
He thinks we all should see.

He also drops them frequently
At the end of Nadi Lane;
Poor Joyce is horrified and cries,
"Oh Brian - not again!"

But he really stops the traffic,
Dropping daks in Maple Street;
Brian - poised upon the crossing,
Is a sight that is hard to beat.

And the president of RSL
Said "Brian - if you'd behave ;
We'd be honoured if you join us,
In the Anzac Day Parade."

And "Playboy" got excited,
"We'll have a centrefold";
Of an aging footy icon,
Interesting - though growing old.

We'll have him naked to the navel,
A toga hanging from his hips;
With a hint of hidden promises,
Should the toga ever slip.

And Caloundra City Council, said
"A statue in Teske park";
But Brian said "No, because I've heard
Pigeons sleep on statues in the dark.

I accept that I'm an icon,
An example to my peers;
But the thought of pigeon crap on me
Reduces me to tears."

So - all you blokes who fear the knife,
Disfigurement or pain;
Remember Brian Butterfield,
And Brian's Road to Fame.

Lisa Gerhard-Plucknett.

A True Story About a Poor Scottish Farmer.

One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black mud, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings, an elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.'

'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir

Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill .. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Anon (Apologies if you have heard this elsewhere).

All About Bees

In Australia bees are thought of honey producers for human consumption, although their prime purpose is to pollinate the flowers to produce seeds to ensure plants for our food supply.

The bee count has improved in our garden from single to multi digits over the last 6 to 7 years. Helped along by allowing herbs to flower.

Flowering parsley heads buzz with activity as does the pretty four petal yellow flowers on wild rocket. Dill, coriander and basil, while not as attractive also play their part.

Two herbs which flower well are the beautiful blue borage and the stately pink echinacea with the honey pot shaped cone heads. Both are an attractive addition to any garden, especially your vegetable plot to encourage the bees to this area.

Allowing herbs to flower to become pollinated has the added advantage of self sown plants ready to be thinned out. For gardeners not interested in growing herbs the salvia family are powerful bee attractors.

Pat Powell

Give Plants a Boost with Boron

BORON, also known as borax, is one of the most important trace elements required by plants.

It's main function is to increase plants' cell wall growth and strength but it is also particularly important in fruit development and in the movement of calcium into and around your plants.

Boron is also important for the growing parts of your plants, such as the root tips and the new leaves and buds. Boron can increase the flowers, germination and fruit development.

Signs of boron deficiency include tips of plants that look to be stunted, twisted and/or distorted with multiple branching, plants that have short fat roots and yellow veins on young leaves and flowers and fruit that are dropping off early before they are ready.

There can be different symptoms for different plants. In citrus, the seeds may be dried up and the fruit may develop a brown discolouration on their skin, while cauliflowers may get a brown top. Long dry periods can make your garden boron deficient, as can an overdose of lime on your garden.

So a little bit of boron mixed with water and used as a foliar spray can do wonders for your plants.

Follow the directions carefully as an overdose can be toxic to your plants.

After you use it a couple of times you should see a difference and then you may not have to use it again for a year or so.

(by Will Waterfield who is the owner of Caloundra Garden and Pet Supplies at Baldwin St, Caloundra) The Courier Mail, 9/01/2014

Amazing Frozen Lemons

Many professionals in restaurants and eateries are using or consuming the entire lemon and nothing is wasted.

How can you use the whole lemon without waste? Simple.. place the washed lemon in the freezer section of your refrigerator. Once the lemon is frozen, get your grater, and shred the whole lemon (no need to peel it) and sprinkle it on top of your foods.

Sprinkle it to your vegetable salad, ice cream, soup, cereals, noodles, spaghetti sauce, rice, sushi, fish dishes, whisky, wine.... the list is endless.

All of the foods will unexpectedly have a wonderful taste, something that you may have never tasted before. Most likely, you only think of lemon juice and vitamin C. not anymore.

Now that you've learned this lemon secret, you can use lemon even in instant cup noodles.

What's the major advantage of using the whole lemon other than preventing waste and adding new taste to your dishes? Well, you see lemon peels contain as much as 5 to 10 times more vitamins than the lemon juice itself. And yes, that's what you've been wasting.

But from now on, by following this simple procedure of freezing the whole lemon, then grating it on top of your dishes, you can consume all of those nutrients and get even healthier.

It's also good that lemon peels are health rejuvenators in eradicating toxic elements in the body.

So place your washed lemon in your freezer, and then grate it on your meal every day. It is a key to make your foods tastier and you get to live healthier and longer! That's the lemon secret! Better late than never, right? The surprising benefits of lemon!

Margaret Lyon

How to Make Ice Cream the Eskimo Way.

Grate reindeer tallow into small pieces, Add seal oil slowly while beating by hand. After some seal oil has been used, add a little water while whipping. Continue adding seal oil and water until white and fluffy. Any berries can be added to it.

Anyone for ice cream?

Stewart Tocktoo

Cutting of the Cake

I have a few items that have been in the family for 'donkeys' years. I thought "what a waste leaving them in a cabinet to deteriorate",

SO I said I would use them for the purpose they were produced!

I had this "Cake Knife"; description - white bone handle, serrated edge blade, inscribed 'Cake Knife'.

Whenever I made a cake it would cut the perfect slice, it was transported with various cakes on my travels.

SO I have not seen this knife for a long long time and wondered if anyone had

seen it? I vaguely remember taking it with an orange cake made for Emily's birthday last year (13th August 13 - is that unlucky?) at a 'Sip & Snip' at Jill & Harry Rowland's beautiful garden. Mind you, it could be anywhere!

SO the crunch of this story is that, I felt a little guilty, when my husband told, me only recently, that this knife was given to his Mum as a wedding gift to cut their wedding cake!

Angie Brand



I will NEVER be
OVER THE HILL.

*I'm too
darn tired to*
CLIMB IT!

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A Year to Remember

1925

In his April Budget the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Winston Churchill, announces the return of the gold standard. The standard is thought to signify monetary stability. Churchill also reduces income tax by sixpence and introduces a new national pension scheme.

On March 13th the Summer Time Bill gains Parliamentary approval and British Summer Time becomes a permanent fixture on the calendar.

In an attempt to reduce the number of road accidents, white lines are painted on British roads.

In a joint venture, the British and Australian governments announce that low-interest loans will be made available

to people wishing to emigrate. This move is part of a scheme designed to attract 450,000 Britons to Australia over the next 10yrs.

In cricket, England win the fourth test by an innings and 29 runs. This marks England's first victory against Australia since 1913.

Popular Songs: *I want to be Happy; Show Me the Way to go Home; Always; Yes Sir, That's My Baby; If You Knew Susie; I'll See You in My Dreams.* 'Evergreen'- Spring 1998

To Think On.

A fashion model was reportedly fired for being too fat. The model was 1.7m tall and weighed 54kg.

As a teenager, I worked at a café that had an all-glass front. One day a blizzard blew in, knocking the wind chill factor down to zero. But my boss sent me outside anyway to wash the windows. "Put some alcohol in that bucket so the water doesn't freeze," he said. "The water? What about me?" I asked. He grunted, "You're too young for alcohol."

Reader's Digest April 2013

Editor's Note;

A special thanks to all those who contributed to this Autumn's Snippets. They are; Pat Powell, Angie Brand, Margaret Lyon, Marnie Trass and last but not least - Lisa Plucknett.

Without your help with contributions this newsletter wouldn't exist. So please don't forget me if you travel or have an experience that would make interesting reading..

Answers to Quick Quiz

1. b. 3.91m. It was made in the US on 21st April 2006 and took 11hrs to create.
2. Nymph
3. UK..

The Club's Objectives are:

- To further knowledge and enjoyment of horticulture.
- To raise awareness in the club and community of local environment and to encourage planting of local indigenous species.
- To enjoy social interaction between members of this and similar clubs.

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