

TOPIC : **“PROPAGATION”**.

GUEST SPEAKER : **PENNY HEGARTY**

MALENY GARDEN CLUB MEETING : 25 AUGUST, 2020 AT MALENY SHOWGROUNDS PAVILION

Penny is a horticulturalist and has owned and operated nurseries for many years. She is an author, garden tour guide and the gardening presenter on Radio Station B104.9 each Saturday morning in The Garden Show. When she moved from Melbourne to Bowen she missed her Tulips and Daphnes while loving all the tropical plants. In our hinterland area she said we can grow 85% of what grows in the tropics and Melbourne.

- There is no such thing as a bad gardener, only one who has been given the wrong advice
- For propagating there is no right time, just a better time e.g. than winter
- Small seeds do not need to be below soil. Sprinkle on top and water well regularly
- Begonia leaves will strike easily
- Within 6 weeks Chrysanthemum flower stalks will strike. Remove flower heads first
- Hippeastrum Papilio is evergreen and has two flowers, not four. Sets seeds which can be scattered over peat and perlite mix. Rocky Point Seed and Propagating Mix is very good
- A heel cutting will also grow. Penny doesn't normally use cutting or hormone powder
- Coleus will grow in water. Put three cuttings in a pot. Pick out new growth to encourage the plants to bush up and out. Also Geraniums
- African Violets grow by leaf in soil. Lay Cacti Succulent leaf on soil to strike and grow
- Desert Rose – double, triple, striped- don't grow true to type from seed. Cut seed off and put in paper bag to dry and open. Plant in seed raising mix and don't over water
- Wedge cut a grafted plant, insert cutting and bind with grafting tape
- Cordylines are easy to grow and will sprout roots in water. Plant three together for good clump growth. Also can lay stem pieces on cutting mix and they will shoot from both ends
- Keep secateurs sharp and clean. Choose ones that suit your hand. Penny uses Felco brand
- Clivia seeds take 12 months to germinate. Always label pots so as not to discard in error
- Make sure to buy Camellias and Magnolias when flowering so you know you're getting the one you want. Name tags can be mixed up in nurseries
- Magnolias grow from pencil size cuttings as do Bougainvilleas. If you take a cutting it will grow true to type. Be careful with what you buy
- Don't plant seeds too deeply as will rot
- Lay Bamboo piece flat on soil to strike
- Black and white grub eats its way from flower to bulb and destroys Hippeastrum
- When repotting, upgrade size of pot gradually
- Slow release fertiliser or liquid fertiliser is best for plants in early stages of growth. Don't over fertilise and use some potash in potting mix
- Carrot tops grow too big with nitrogen so Carrots are small. Potash is better for vegetables
- Send a gardening question to Penny at The Garden Show radio program on B104.9. If broadcast, the winner is invited to Penny's garden for a propagation session and a walk round the garden

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