

Maleny Garden Club Inc.

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From here and there



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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.

President's Report.

Dear Members

Winter is upon us with beautiful sunny days and chilly nights. Our gardens are shining again after all that rain earlier in the year.

We are saddened by the passing of three of our members in the last few months.

Anne Boyle joined the garden club in 2008 and had contributed greatly to the club in many ways over the ensuing years.

Di Hall joined the garden club in 1990 and had served as President and been very involved with designing and presenting the Floral Carpets along with other members for the Spring and Autumn Fairs over the years.

Julia Strother, a newer member, having joined in 2018 was a very enthusiastic volunteer helping at the MGC Produce and Plant Stalls and wherever needed. Julia was one of those quiet achievers, always there to lend a hand.

All three ladies will be greatly missed for the friendship and skills they brought to the club.

Rest in Peace, Anne, Di, Julia

Planning for the Spring Fair on Saturday the 1st October and the 70th Anniversary Celebrations on Tuesday 25 October is well underway.

Please make sure you have both dates in your diaries.

I look forward to seeing members at the next meeting on Tuesday 28th June. In the meantime, enjoy this beautiful weather in your gardens.

With Best Wishes

Jan

In Memory

Di Hall and Anne Boyle will be greatly missed as friends and active members of our club. And not only by our club members but by many in the community who knew them. Our love and thoughts are with Anne's husband Alan, and family members of both ladies.



I know this topic is a little out of date but I hope you enjoy it as much as I still do. Very clever!



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Here are some churches in Ukraine, let's hope some will survive the war.



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Multiple Choice Questions.

1. The mad hatter and Cheshire cat are figures in what book?

- ☐ Winnie the Pooh. ☐ Charlotte's Web.
☐ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
☐ Alice in Wonderland.

2. What measurement scale is used to determine wind speed?

- ☐ Beaufort Scale ☐ Richter Scale.
☐ Synoptic Scale ☐ Gusting Scale

3. The human body is made up of how much water?

- ☐ 40% ☐ 50%
☐ 60% ☒ 70%

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..... Trivia

- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
- Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.
- Prior to the 1930's diamond rings were seldom given as engagement rings.
- French fries are originally from Belgium.
- There is a city called Rome on every continent.
- When nobody else is around 47% of people drink straight out of the carton.

..... Just Had to Share This!

The neighbours have been complaining that our dog has been barking non stop. I hate the electric zapping dog collars, so I purchased a humane citronella collar. When a dog barks, it shoots a

blast of citronella under their nose and apparently, they don't like it.

This morning I was getting the collar ready and filled it with the citronella liquid. And that is where my morning should have ended. But no, it's me and I begin to become curious as to 'how' the collars actually work.

So I am standing at my back door, 'barking' at my dog's collar. Nothing happens. I make sure it is turned on, check the fill level and go through the 'getting started' check list one more time. Again I bark. Nothing happens.

Now I'm not quite sure, why I had this next thought but I did....I put the collar on. I seriously extended the band and fit the growl box against my throat and barked. Apparently, the collar only works if it feels the vibrations, I immediately received a blast of citronella to the face.

I began coughing which only caused the collar to continue squirting bug spray over and over into my nasal passages.

I'm now on my hands and knees in my back yard trying to breathe and to make matters worse, the damn dog is barking. So between coughing and yelling at her to shut up, I've emptied over a dozen blasts of citronella to my face. During all this rukus, I'm trying to undo the clasp of the collar, which has somehow managed to weld shut during this whole fiasco.

In the middle of thinking this is probably the dumbest thing I've done in a while, I hear laughter. MY NEIGHBOUR SAW THE WHOLE THING!! He was laughing so hard he couldn't breathe. Between gasps, he tells me, 'I was gonna help but everytime I started to climb the fence, you'd set it off again and then I would start laughing and couldn't make it'. So now, not only are my eyes red but my face and ears are too.

After checking to make sure I was ok, we parted ways and I went into the shower so I wouldn't smell like ode de' Tiki Torch.

Lesson learned: next time

- Don't fill the collar before trying to set it off.
- Remember your neighbour is not a good source of help in a comedy crisis situation.

On the plus side, I won't have a mosquito problem for a few days! Anon

..... **Odd Spots.**

*At birth a Dalmation puppy is always pure white.

*It takes about 20 seconds for a red blood cell to encircle the whole body.

*The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing

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Earth's Population Statistics in Perspective.

For most people, it is a significant figure. However if you condensed 7.8 billion into 100 persons and then into various percentage statistics, the resulting analysis is relatively much easier to comprehend.

11 are in Europe
5 are in North America
9 are in South America
15 are in Africa
60 are in Asia

Anon

“The onset of winter means that it is time for rose planting, and pruning stone fruit trees.

Roses: June, July – and in cold climates, August – are the main rose planting months,, though stocks of many varieties will be sold out if the purchase is left until the end of the planting season. If you obtain 'open ground plants' (any but those actually growing in a container) and planting must be delayed more than a day or two, then dig a wide hole in a cool shaded part of the garden, separate the plants but place them close together around the edge of the hole, fill in with enough soil to cover well above the roots, then fill with water and keep damp.

One of the main causes of failure is allowing the roots to dry out before or during the planting process.

Planting: Make the holes just deep enough to bring the 'bud union' to about ground level and wide enough to allow a full spread of roots without bending, or even wider so that there is room to put some improved topsoil beyond the roots to encourage their spread – 30cm is a good width.

If the soil is very clayey or of a heavy sticky nature, don't plant deeper than about 12cm. If a rose has a long briar stock (ie more than 12cm between root and bud union), keep the stock above soil level. Better to put up with someone telling you that it is planted incorrectly than to have the roots smothered.

Try the rose for depth, trim away any broken or jagged roots, then mound a few handfuls of topsoil in the hole to fit the spread of the roots.

Half fill the hole with improved top soil (up to about quarter of compost rotted to almost to soils consistency may be mixed in but *no* fertiliser. Then press down firmly to get the damp soil in contact with the roots. Do not add the 'conventional' bucket of water if the soils is damp – just fill the remainder of soil and fashion some into a ridge slightly in from the edge of the planting hold.

Fill the surrounding saucer or soil with either fibrous compost, straw, leaf-mould, partly rotted grass clippings or other fibrous material that will keep the soil open and prevent surface caking.

Now you can water. Allow about a bucketful per plant but don't 'slosh' it in too vigorously or this will defeat the care you have taken to prevent heavy soil from puddling and setting like cement ; in sand it could force out all the organic particles scattered through it. So pour the water in gently through the mulch. Another way to diffuse water evenly and gently is to spread a wet piece of hessian or old toweling around the soil at the base of the plant and pour through it.

Prune back the cane (or each cane) to just above an eye (or growth bud) pointing in the direction growth is wanted, starting the cut about 0.5cm above the eye and slanting back to neatly behind it.

Standards or Weeping Standards , are planted in the same way as Bush or Climbers, but as a stake is necessary , this must be positioned first, or root damage is almost inevitable. Use a solid 5cm square hardwood stake or, for a Weeping Standard, a length of galvanized water pipe for permanency. Stabilise against movement during wet or windy weather by setting the stake in a 5 L can filled with concrete a few days before planting and then positioning below the root area.

The most important point about the stake (especially Weeping Standards, which are top heavy) is to have the top of it extending a few centimetres into the branches beyond the bud union to prevent chafing and breaking.

Rose Pruning; in warm and relatively frost free districts starts in June. Mid to late July is the favoured pruning time in most temperate districts, and in cold districts with late frosts pruning is delayed until August or even early September when growth buds still look dormant. Inversely, if unusually warm conditions cause buds to swell and show signs of shooting, then prune without delay, even though there is some risk that heavy frosts could still follow and damage the soft new shoots. Seale A. (1986) Allan Searle's Book of the Gardener's Calendar., Reed Books Pty Ltd.

Answers to Multiple Choice Questions..

1. Alice in Wonderland.
2. Richter Scales
3. 70%

How did you go??

Editor's Note.

I would be ever so grateful if you would think of me by way of an article, either when you travel overseas, travelled in the past within Australia, have something of interest in your garden or have visited a lovely restaurant that is worth writing about. Would you like to share it with us? We love reading these articles over a cup of morning tea or coffee.

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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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