

THE YEAR IS 1959

Floral Carpet Theme: 'The Centenary of Queensland'



Members were requested to make designs for the Floral Carpet incorporating Queensland in some way so that a variety were available to choose from and aid our official designers. (Official designers – reference is made to Peg Burnett in March Nambour Chronicle). The carpet measuring 20 feet by 14 feet was appropriate for the Centenary year and was outstanding in design and floral art. It consisted mainly of dahlias, the centrepiece being a map of Queensland with a coral reef and the rising sun at each side. The words 'Centenary' and 'Sunshine State' stood out in colourful blooms. The years 1859-1959 were also emphasised.

Mr Robinson commended Mr and Mrs R. Burnett, Mesdames H. Hughes, A. Webster, A. Plucknett, I. Dunsdon and L. Riordan who were responsible for the work of art on the carpet. He also spoke very highly of a wall arrangement 'Down the Deep Gorge' designed by Miss M. Tesch. This consisted of natural products of the earth.

DAHLIA SHOW/ AUTUMN FAIR

Mrs Hawkins was appointed Supervising Steward, Stewards appointed for the Dahlia Show are Mrs Whitnall and Mrs Freeman for the Dahlia Section, Mrs Egan and Mrs Keheler for Cut Flower Section, Mrs Archbold and Mrs Waters for Floral Art, Mrs C Skerman for Vegetable Section.

Mrs Waters won the Patrons Trophy with a bowl of Dahlias.

SPRING FAIR

Stewards appointed were, Supervisor, Mrs Whitnall, Senior Stewards Mrs Archbold and Mrs Freeman, Junior Stewards Mrs Keleher, Mrs Nockold Mrs Beacom, Mrs T Mitchell. Mrs Musk or Mrs Egan for the Vegetable section. **The Patrons Trophy** was won by Mrs Bergann with four excellent Iceland Poppies (third time).

Champion Arrangement was won by Mrs Riordan with a lovely display of flowers.

Champion Flower was a Gladioli shown by Mrs Owens of Beerwah.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Maleny Show: Mrs Burnett requested all members to do their best to show in the Horticultural section and to send any flowers in to her that were available.

Centenary Carnival: Members made about 760 flowers for the float. A committee was formed to form a design to work to comprising Mrs Humphries, Mrs N Thomas, Mrs Buxton, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Lockwood. Mrs Humphrey has made her truck available for decorating.

Moved and seconded in November by Mrs Domsch and Mrs Brooker that we re-affiliate with the **Royal Horticultural Society of Queensland** and send the fee of 10/6 plus 6d exchange.

FLORAL ART

February: Mrs Waters gave quite a few hints on the art of preparing a bowl of Dahlias and passed on much information gained by her from Mrs White.

March: Iceland Poppies for showing must be picked before opening as bees damage flowers. Stems must be straight and burnt (1 inch of stem) or placed for 10 seconds in hot water.

It was decided that members form into groups and attempt a new arrangement at each meeting.

Members to take dish and needle flower holder for same and attempt a five flower arrangement.

For small stems use pieces of Arum Lily stems on a needle holder to hold them firmly. Seeds sown take approx. 5 to 6 weeks to reach planting size, then 3 to 4 months to flower.

April: Mrs Lockwood gave a very informative display of the five flower arrangement, plasticine being used to hold all firmly, Arum Lily stalk on the pin holder was used for holding the small stem fast. Stems of flowers and leaves can be wired for ease of placement.

May: Mrs Riordan gave a very informative display of an informal arrangement using one and three flowers. Arum Lily stems are arranged to completely cover pin holder, the holder must not be seen. Polish green leaves with newspaper and cut out any marks. First leaf with natural curve put to left, then other leaves and flowers can be arranged to the right. Leaves can be made to curl by leaving curled overnight held by sticky tape. If using one flower, flower must be perfect. Accessories can be used to add depth or length to an arrangement. Small wooden bowls can be placed on mats. Use of a mirror adds to the arrangement.

Hints: on showing violets, nasturtiums, gerberas and ferns:

Violets should be immersed head first in water overnight. Nasturtiums should be picked two days before showing and arranged in the morning before showing.

Gerberas should be picked three days before showing, stems must be straight.

Cut ferns underwater and immerse maidenhair fern overnight.

At the October meeting Mr Bebb a guest of Mrs Riordan was appointed as judge assisted by Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cummings of Mooloolaba. Mr Bebb also gave an interesting talk on the Floral competitions and after the judging and answered many questions asked by different members.

Points from his talk: judges like flowers to stand up well, do not like bent stems, paper can be used to help hold the flower upright and it helps to keep the flowers fresh. Liquid soot makes colours more defined.

Meetings were held in the homes of

January	Mr & Mrs C Skerman
February	Church of England Hall
March	Church of England Hall
April	Mr & Mrs W Rough
May	Mr & Mrs H Warne,
June	Mrs Ensbey, Bald Knob
July	Mrs Martin, Booroobin
August	Church of England Hall
September	Church of England Hall
October	Mr & Mrs Riordan
November	Mr & Mrs Domsch

Members attending

26 and 14 apologies
29 and 6 apologies
22 and 8 apologies
23 and 12 apologies
Witta 24 and 2 apologies
32 and 5 apologies
31 and 8 apologies
19 and 9 apologies
28 and 8 apologies
38 and 9 apologies
31 and 13 apologies

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

January 46, February 47, March 49, April 49, May 51, June 52, July 53, August 54, September , October 28, November 39.

OFFICE BEARERS

Elected at AGM September 1958 to serve until the AGM September 1959

Patron	Mr J. H. Skerman
President	Mr A. Lockwood
Vice President	Mrs W. Bergann
Secretary	Mrs A. W. Plucknett
Treasurer	Mrs Humphries
Auditor	Mr W. Peterson