

THE YEAR IS 1960

Floral Carpet Theme: 'Geometric Design'



It was decided to form a committee for arranging and working on the floral carpet, Mrs Riordan kindly acting as convenor, assistants being Mrs Buxton, Mrs Bateman. Mrs Spooner, Mrs Applin, Mrs Plunkett, Mrs Larney and Mrs Dunsdon and any other members who may be available on the day prior to the Dahlia Show.

From the Nambour Chronical dated 26 February

The floral carpet designed by Mrs R C Burnett took the form and pattern of a carpet in geometric floral design. The colouring and formation mainly of dahlias with a background of foliage of pine tree was artistically arranged by members of the Horticultural Society organised by Mrs K Riordan. The centrepiece gave the effect of a dome in yellow dahlias surrounded by white dahlias and blue hydrangeas from which petals of varying lengths consisting of red and white dahlias outlined with blue hydrangeas radiated. At each corner of the carpet were massed cyclamen and autumn tinted dahlias in clusters with touches of frangipani and tiger lilies were arranged. The carpet was bordered with dahlias, hydrangea and ghost plant forming a fringe. The whole effect was very beautiful and a work of art. Those responsible for its creation are to be highly commended.

The Maleny and District Horticultural Society staged its Annual Dahlia show, floral carpet and bazaar in the School of Arts on Friday in aid of the School of Arts funds. Rain fell almost continuously during the day, and the excessive heat experienced recently was one of the main reasons for the lack of entries in the various sections. Despite this a profit of £64/-/- was shown.

DAHLIA SHOW/ AUTUMN FAIR

Held on 18 February, 1960

Stewards for the Dahlia Show

Supervising steward Mrs G Whitnall, Dahlia section Mrs Freeman and Mrs Cooke, Cut Flowers Mrs Knockold and Mrs Larney, Floral Mrs Archbold and Mrs Beacom, Vegetables Mrs Musk and Mrs Porter. Patrons Trophy was for a container of Dahlias suitable for side table, any foliage permitted.

SPRING FAIR

Spring Fair Winners

Champion Arrangement Mrs Ensbey was awarded the Champion Arrangement for her very lovely entry of a container of pastel toned flowers side effect.

Patron's Trophy Mrs Riordan won the Patrons Trophy for the second time.

Mrs Bergann gained most points in Section A, Mrs Waters in Section B and Mrs E Martin Section C (Vegetables and Fruit).

FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATIONS

January: Mrs Waters demonstrated the small floral trough arrangement,

March: Mrs Riordan gave a lovely demonstration of a lovely leaf arrangement using Dracaena, Yakka and Begonia leaves in a very colourful arrangement.

June: Mrs Riordan demonstrated to all present how to do a Three Flower arrangement.

October: Mrs Bergann showed the members how to cut up the Dahlia tubers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Gardens in the Sun Competition

- Mr and Mrs K. Riordan (Maleny) - 75 points.
- Mr and Mrs W. F. Raddatz (Beerwah) - 66 points
- Mr and Mrs A. W. Webster (Wootha) - 60 points

Anzac Day

Mrs Riordan kindly consented to make the wreath for Anzac Day.

April

Mrs Riordan had made the Anzac Day wreath and Mr P Prentis had done the honours at the service, also Mrs Mitchell and Mrs A Plucknett had represented the Society at the Junior Farmers Club Annual meeting.

Bring and Buy at meetings

It was decided that members bring any plants or cuttings they may have to spare to the meetings to sell so that our funds can be augmented a little in that way.

Mrs Dean's action in bringing small flowering Peach trees for sale in aid of the Societies fund netted the amount of £1/17/6 and was very much appreciated. Plants brought by Mrs Bergann to sell, netted 16/- for the Society.

HINTS

Immersing corms in thrip deterrent of 1 teaspoon phenyl to one gallon water before planting and spraying with DDT solution every fortnight while growing. Plant 12-14 weeks before Show date.

A Truss of Polyanthus Roses could not be classed as a shrub or a cut flower as it would be misleading to learners and in future should be shown only under its own heading. The RHS of Qld interpretation of the polyanthus rose is that it is not single rose shrub but can be included in a class of cut flowers.

Camelias: When camellia buds drop off before opening it is usually a lack of calcium in the soil and can be rectified by epsom salts, 1 or 2lb according to the size of tree.

Geraniums: Red Spider on Geraniums can be controlled with Nicotine Sulphate.

Meetings were held in the homes of

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| January | Mr & Mrs Buxton |
| February | Church of England Hall |
| March | Church of England Hall |

Members attending

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| 22 and 12 apologies |
| 22 and 3 apologies |
| 21 and 10 apologies |

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| April | Mr & Mrs H. Neill | 23 and 7 apologies |
| May | Church of England Hall | 18 and 7 apologies |
| June | Mr & Mrs A.W. Webster | 40 and 7 apologies |
| July | Mrs Martin | 24 and 11 apologies |
| August | Mr & Mrs C. Skerman | 29 and 9 apologies |
| September | John Perry Memorial Hall | 27 and 7 apologies |
| October | Mr & Mrs Riordan | 41 and 6 apologies |
| November | Mary Cairncross Park | 33 and 11 apologies |

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

48 in January, 51 February, 53 March, 53 April, 55 May, 53 June, 56 July, 56 August, 28 in September, 33 in October, 49 November

OFFICE BEARERS Elected at AGM September 1959 to serve until the AGM September 1960

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| Patron: | Mr J. H. Skerman |
| President: | Mr A. Lockwood |
| Vice Presidents: | Mrs W. Rough and Mrs Humphries |
| Secretary: | Mrs A. W. Plucknett |
| Treasurer: | Mrs Humphries |
| Auditor: | Mr. W Petersen |

BOM Rainfall records for the years 1959 – 1960

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| <u>1959</u> | 442.0 | 318.7 | 289.4 | 89.9 | 95.3 | 55.4 | 113.6 | 29.9 | 147.1 | 207.3 | 401.0 | 172.0 | 2361.6 |
| <u>1960</u> | 210.3 | 240.6 | 137.7 | 86.4 | 170.2 | 28.8 | 44.0 | 14.7 | 10.2 | 87.9 | 117.0 | 59.6 | 1207.4 |