

Maleny Garden Club Inc

'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 year.

Presidents Message

Welcome to the first issue of 'SNIPPETS' the Maleny Garden Club Inc. newsletter whose primary purpose is to highlight forthcoming activities as well as provide general information for club members.

I hope you find the contents of this first issue interesting, as I have, and congratulations to the members who have compiled it. Its future success will depend very much on how well it is supported by club members contributing items of specific and general interest to allow its publication on time each quarter.

Mal Price

Tour Report

Geoff
Mt. Cootha Botanical Gardens
24th April 2002

There will be a bus tour to Mt. Cootha Botanical Gardens on the 24th April. Guided tours are being arranged. A guided bus tour will be available for those members who are unable to walk around the gardens. A visit to an additional venue is being finalized.

Geoff Anderson

Vale

Mollie (Social Snippets)
Club members were saddened to learn of the passing of Nancee Morris, long time club member and friend.

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Club's Major Events

The theme for this years Autumn Fair is "From The Mountain To The Sea". A 2.5m x 1.6m wall hanging depicting the mountains, made and generously lent to us by Margaret Golledge, will be the centre feature on the stage. This will be surrounded by large, mostly green arrangements representing the forest, with splashes of colour for the birds and flowers. A floral waterfall from the stage to the floor turns into a river which winds its way to a seascape. This year the river and its banks will take the place of the usually formal floral carpet.

Copious gold flowers highlight the fact that we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. A cake made and decorated by Norma McLeod will help us celebrate this event. A bridge across the river will access the cake and historical photos of the clubs 50 years.

Volunteers will be required for the usual stalls of plants, cuttings, craft, tussie-mussies, flower cutters and on the Wednesday, setup. Please help to make this the most successful year yet for this
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

Marianne Parry

It is no secret that growing things soothe the mind, that wild things uplift the soul, that rocks and trees do something undefinable but positive for the human spirit.

Thomas Kinkade
US artist and inspirational writer

Future Events

Calvin & Graham

2 & 3 March- Qld Council Of Garden Clubs 'A Garden A-Fair' *

9 & 10 March- Hibiscus Society of Qld show *

14 & 15 March- Maleny Garden Club Autumn Fair, Community Hall Maple Street Maleny

16 & 17 March- Qld Dahlia Society Show *

22 - 24 March- Qld Orchid Society Show *

26 March- Maleny Garden Club meeting (David and Rosemary Simmons, 41 Murer Drive) -First Aid in Garden

6 & 7 April- West Brisbane Orchid Society Show *

10 - 14 April- International Flower & Garden Show, Carlton Gardens, Melbourne

13 & 14 April- Australian Hibiscus Society Show *

20 & 21 April- Bimer Bonsai Club Show*

20 & 21 April- Wondai Garden Festival Sportsground Bunya Highway, Wondai

24 April- Maleny Garden Clubs bus trip to Mt.Coot-tha Botanic Gardens

27 & 28 April- Gardenfest, Showground Toowoomba

30 April- Maleny Garden Club meeting (Lorna McMillan 131 Kenilworth Road) Bamboo

4 & 5 May- Qld Herb Society 'Herb Awareness Weekend'

4 & 5 May- Cooloola Home & Garden Expo, Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, Southside Gympie

11 & 12 May- Qld Rose Society Show*

28 May- Maleny Garden Club meeting (Shirley Hollands, 80 Stanley River Road) Camellias

* All at Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt. Coot-tha Auditorium

Helpful Hints

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Spend 'time out' with your garden and touch base with the plants. Do not be afraid to relocate any which are struggling in unhappy marriages.

Mal Price

Pat Powell

Seasonal Tasks - Colin Campbell

- Plant strong strawberry runners this month
- Fertilise lawns with a complete lawn fertilizer (Tropic, Grassmaster, Dynamic Lifter Lawn Food)
- Fertilise established roses with an organically based rose fertiliser. This is the last application for the season.

April

- Sweet peas can still be planted up until the middle of the month.
- If citrus are being attacked by red and white scale, treat with white oil or scrub off with a scrubbing brush and soapy water.
- Keep dusting vegetables with Derris Dust to keep pests at bay.

May

- Dig in dolomite and well rotted animal manure in preparation for planting roses.
- If azaleas have petal blight, spray with Bayleton to minimize further infestation.
- If indoor plants have mealey bug, remove with cotton bud dipped in methylated spirits. More serious infestations may require a spray with pyrethrum.

For The Garden Of Your Daily Living

By Randy Hatt

Plant three rows of Peas: Plant four rows of Squash.

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| 1. Peace of mind | 1. Squash gossip |
| 2. Peace of heart | 2. Squash indifference |
| 3. Peace of soul | 3. Squash grumbling |
| 4. Squash selfishness | |

Plant four rows of Lettuce: No garden without Turnips.

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| 1. Lettuce be faithful | 1. Turnip for meetings |
| 2. Lettuce be kind | 2. Turnip for service |
| 3. Lettuce be patient | 3. Turnip to help one another |

To conclude our garden we must have Thyme

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love

'Tried n True' Plants for the Blackall Range Area

Newcomers to our wonderful part of the world often ask – what plants do well here? Through this column I'll try to list and describe some of the 'tried n true'.

If you have moved to a home with an established garden, you may wish to clear some areas. It is a good idea to ask a local to help you identify plants before removing them as deciduous sticks can often be delightful in full leaf. If you can bear to wait, a full year of seasons can help you decide what to keep, and then you can have a framework about which to build your very own 'paradise'.

Windbreaks – (Often a necessity on the range)

Viburnum odoratissimum; Dense and evergreen, it reaches about 4 metres very quickly. In spring it produces a whitish-green cluster of flowers with a slight perfume. Tip pruning encourages it to become thick and bushy. It will withstand all but the severest of frosts while young.

Cupressocyparis leylandi; There are a number of conifer cultivars that are suitable for growing as windbreaks, the fastest growing being 'Leighton's Green'. It can reach 6 metres in 10 years.

'Castlewellan Gold'; This conifer has golden tip on the edges of the branches, more pronounced if the autumn and winter are cold. It is slower growing than 'Leightons Green'.

'Naylors Blue'; This one has bluish-green foliage and a slightly weeping habit.

All of these will make an excellent windbreak.

Gail Turner – Range Country
Nursery

The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

Dorothy Gurney

Gardening:- Why bother to grow Vireyas in Maleny?

The Blackall Range can grow many plants with quite differing climatic requirements. Many gardens around Maleny bear witness to this fact. A typical example of this is the Vireya *Rhododendron*. Growth of Vireyas in the wild is mostly restricted to tropical regions like P.N.G., Indonesia and Malaysia, all of which are considered far more tropical than our area here. The major exceptions as far as we are concerned are the Vireyas that are growing naturally on the peaks of the Atherton Tableland, which gives us a bit of a clue to the answer posed in the question above.

Climatically, the temperature on the Tablelands does not differ all that much from that on the Blackall range and the same can be said of P.N.G., Indonesia, etc. which is where most of the species Vireyas are to be found growing. It is all to do with altitude. The altitude of the peaks on the Tablelands is about the double that of the Blackall Range, and you can double that again, or even quadruple the altitude to cover the range of heights at which Vireyas can be found growing in the Malaysian Archipelago. Add to that the fact that the rainfall on the Ranges here is reputed to fall mainly in the summer, as in the tropics, and we have what is, I believe one of the most suitable climates in Australia, if not the world, for growing Vireyas.

Graham Snell

Seasonal Thoughts

There is life within a garden
A life that still goes on
Filling the empty spaces
When older plants have gone
There is glory in a garden
At every time of the year,
Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter
To fill the heart with cheer
So ever find your garden,
It's beauty to increase,
For in it you will find solace,
In it you will find peace.

(poet unknown)

Garden Tips

- For better germination, plant sweet corn in blocks rather than rows.
- Australian soils are generally low in potash so add 10% sulphate of potash to animal and other organic manures
- Always use sulphate of potash and NOT muriate of potash.
- It is better to use dolomite in preference to lime, as dolomite contains magnesium.
- Deadhead annuals every couple of days to prolong flowering
- Deep watering of lawns and garden beds is preferable to regular shallow watering
- Water newly planted seeds with a solution of one teaspoon of Epsom Salts to 5 litres of water. This will enhance the speed and percentage of germination.
- When transplanting trees or shrubs, water with Seasol solution immediately after transplanting. The vitamin B1 in Seasol will help overcome transplant shock.
- A good all round fertiliser involves mixing Nitrosol and Seasol at the recommended dilution rate. Put the Nitrosol solution in one bucket and the Seasol in another and then mix together in equal proportions. This can be applied to any plant in the garden.
- Prune natives from an early age
- Keep phosphatic fertilisers away from proteacae plants.
- Lower mower height for winter and then raise again for summer.

Recipe

Elephant Casserole

To be cooked on the first day of the month

1 elephant medium sized stock

2 rabbits, optional salt and pepper to taste

Cut elephant into bite sized pieces- this should take about two months. Add enough stock to cover, salt and pepper as required and cook over a log fire at 450° for about three weeks. This will serve about 3,600 people. If more people are expected two rabbits may be added, but be sure to buy only the best rabbits - most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

Book Review

Gardening with Camellias.

(A Complete Guide) by Jim Rolfe

Camellias are very versatile plants, as you will find out in this informative book which is in the Maleny Garden Club's library. They can be grown as a hedging plant, or as a standard, a tub specimen, Bonsai form or even espaliered on a wall or trellis.

The Camellia was introduced to the western world from their natural habitat in South East Asia. Some of the Camellias planted years ago are still found growing in churchyards, cemeteries, properties and home gardens. In Brisbane for instance, Ormiston House, Ormiston there are several wonderful Camellias growing to this day.

In one of the chapters, there is a section dealing with plants that can be grown to enhance Camellias in the garden.

Diseases and pests are also given a mention and if anyone is interested and if anyone is interested in propagation, well, you will also have first class knowledge as to how you go about it, in the last chapter. Did you know that tea comes from Camellia sinensis var. assamica and it's hybrids. Read on and expand your knowledge regarding the growing of Camellias in this very interesting book by Jim Rolfe.

Lunch & Tea Roster 2002

Mal price will bring milk to each meeting.

Pick up necessary teapots, etc. from previous months meeting and take home in readiness for your turn. If unable to attend on your particular day, please arrange to have someone replace you.

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