

The Maleny Community Centre was turned into a tropical garden paradise when the Maleny Garden Club held its annual Autumn Fair on the 11th & 12th March.

For the event, which was very well supported, the Club had constructed tropical scenes which included a shipwreck, a tropical rainforest and a tropical holiday. A beachscape was created using blue Hydrangers.

The middle of the hall featured beautiful floral displays of tropical flowers and foliage and to add to the atmosphere these were supported by cleverly built bamboo structures.

The plants used for the display included palms, ferns, tropical Vineyas, Heliconias, Gingers, begonias, Bromeloids and caladiums.

Tussie Mussies, cakes and craft items were made and donated along with potted plants which were then sold.

Further interest was created by guest speakers, ABC's Colin Campbell, Graham Snell, Leo Gamble and others who spoke on various different gardening topics, sales of ginger by Diana Bryce, Vireyas by Graham Snell and Palms by Leo Gamble of The Palm Place, Yandina were also conducted.

Sponsorship by IGA, Queensco, Maleny Butchery, Top of the Range Bakery and Bank of Queensland were greatly appreciated.

As one visitor who travelled from Bundaberg especially for the fair said, “This is absolutely spectacular and well worth the trip.”

Winners of the raffle – Betty Cautauls, Molly Cox, Kay Huges.