



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land: the Darug and Gundungurra people.

From the President.....

Our 30th Anniversary meeting was a great success. Founder member, Dorothy Davis recalled the natural progression from Wentworth Falls Autumn Festival to the founding of WFGC in 1989. The aim of the many members was to share their love of gardening with like-minded people. You can see photos of the celebrations on our website: <http://www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com>

Former Presidents Pamela Davies (2002-2005), Barbara Bailey (2005-2008), and Warwick Wilson (2008-2011), reminisced about times spent in club activities and were most entertaining. We welcomed George Hoad, President of The Garden Clubs of Australia, as our Guest Speaker. He cut the anniversary cake, ably assisted by Dorothy Davis and led us in a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to Us. While the cake was being cut up, Sed Mayne showed the PowerPoint Presentation he put together of all 64 photos submitted to our Gallery Collection. 22 members contributed and you can now see all the photos brightening up the headers on our website.

Les Allen won the Heritage Rose watercolour painting in the raffle and Val Casey the cards, all beautifully painted by Sylvia Beresford.

George gave a most interesting talk. Firstly, we heard about the foundation of The Garden Clubs of Australia by Margaret Davies in the early 1950s. What foresight she had and the energy to promote gardening in Australia. George then spoke about Inspirational Gardens in Europe, accompanying his talk with the most beautiful photos that he had taken. It was an inspiring end to our celebration.

This wonderful club continues due to the efforts of past and present committee and club members. If you would like to be part of the team to take us forward, we encourage you to consider taking on a committee role, organizing Tours and Functions, being responsible for AV set up or arranging for speakers. Plenty of help is available and we look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Carol



30th Anniversary meeting pics are now up on our website Gallery. All the page header banners with your photographs are now up. One page still has sunflowers. Which one? Go and have a look!

Club Tours and Functions

Club tours and functions are available only to members and must be booked and paid for at a club meeting.

30 th September	Leura Gardens Pre-Festival tour. Details TBA
12 th December	Christmas Lunch at Mountain Heritage, Katoomba. Cost and Details TBA

Our Speaker today is Peter Hey of Just Cliveas and Rare Things

Peter and his wife Margaret began breeding rare plants in 1986 when they purchased a property on the mid-north coast of NSW with the view to developing a tea tree oil enterprise. Much of the work extracting oil from *melaleuca alternifolia* was based on selecting and hybridising better and better bushes to improve the yield and quality of the oil. That's where the fire for breeding was established.

Peter is mad about producing new clivea colours – bronze, lime-green, peach, scarlet, and apricot! He is part of a group of like-minded Australian growers who've made a very long-term commitment to developing something very, very special for our unique climatic conditions. Those colours are now becoming available and the next tranche of multi-petal and bi-tonal clivea will be available around 2020-2025. Much of this material has been in development for nearly 20 years!

Peter will have a good selection of young adult cliveas for sale including some of the colours mentioned. He will also introduce *massonias* and *veltheimias*. You may have purchased plants from Peter already as he was at the Collectors' Plant Fair in April. The information in this article is from an interview with Linda Ross on 4th March 2019, just before the Fair.

ALL Executive and Committee positions become vacant at the AGM in July. All positions are open for nomination.

If you would like to further contribute to the effective administration of the club, you are invited to nominate for either an Executive or Committee position. The Committee members meet once a month to review and discuss the operation of the club, future functions, speakers, finance and how we can best serve the members of the club. Three committee members, Sharon, Anne and Vic, will be stepping down this year and we would invite you to consider how you could join the committee and help your club.

The positions that are available are:

- Tours and Functions
- Speakers
- Audio/Visual Setup

Please see Gai or Carol for a nomination form or any enquiries

Next Meeting

11th July 2019

Guest speaker:

Jane Stockel will be telling us about the design scene, decorative linen and the 2019 Chelsea Flower Show

Hall set-up and pull down:

Barbara Fox and Duncan Leys

Morning tea

Ruth Lawson and Judy Bonner

Bring a plate

Sheena Simpson and Judy Bonner

Club Information

All members and visitors are asked to sign in upon arrival. Members are asked to wear their club name badges to all club meetings, tours and functions. To take part in club functions and tours you must be a *bona fide* club member. General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, from January to November, at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts Theatre, Adele Ave (cnr Great Western Hwy), Wentworth Falls. Check-in at 9.30am and finish around noon. The library and plant stall are open before the meeting and at morning tea. \$5 entry fee.

Joining fee is \$30. Thereafter, annual subscription is \$20 due in July each year. Payments can be direct debited to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account: BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852.

Ensure your name is included with your remittance.

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