



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.....

As I write, the very welcome rain is pattering on my skylights and the tank is full again. I'm sure your gardens are showing signs of Spring, as is mine. I asked a neighbour how he manages to have such a colourful garden all year round. He assures me the only way is to buy plants in flower all year round! I have been following his advice and am enjoying the results. My camellias are a showy backdrop for the violets, daffodils, hyacinths, narcissus and crocus, and tulips and bluebells are on their way. Azaleas are not far behind.

Earlier preparation in the vegetable garden is starting to pay off. Broad beans are beginning to flower, peas and beans shooting, young radishes ready to provide crunch in salads and the carrot seeds I planted with them are germinating, ready to take off when the radishes are gone. The herb garden is coming alive again too. Merino Magic is working its magic and well worth the investment.

My lemon tree survived the snow and I have had another bumper crop. They are Meyer lemons and very juicy. Lemons are so versatile in the kitchen. I preserved some in brine to use in Moroccan Lamb, which is a family favourite. Seville oranges grown locally have paired with some of my lemons when making marmalade. Not quite lemonade weather yet but there will still be some for when the warmer weather comes. A lemon tree is a pantry in the garden.

There are still six places left on our Pre-Festival Tour. We will be visiting four very special gardens and they will inspire you to greater things in your own garden so do join us if you are able. Once again Leura Garden Festival is almost upon us and I encourage you to visit as many gardens as you can as well as support the Plant Sales Centre. This is such a wonderful community effort to get behind Katoomba Hospital and improve facilities there for us all.

Carol



Order your Merino Magic!

Merino Magic may be ordered this month. See Lea Nelson with your new order. Available for \$6 / 10kg bag, to be picked up from Leura.



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. Four very special gardens. This is a self-drive event. Car-pooling is recommended. \$30 per member. 6 spots left!
12 th December	Christmas Lunch at Mountain Heritage, Katoomba. Cost \$45.00 members and \$55.00 for guests. Bookings may be made at this meeting.

Our Speaker today is David Kennedy.

David Kennedy moved to the Upper Blue Mountains in June 2000 and started the early stages of his well-known cool temperate garden, Clover Hill. Since then Clover Hill has been featured in many national gardening and lifestyle magazines.

In November 2014, David and partner Andrew Dunshea embarked on a new garden, Highfields, over the mountain in Little Hartley and today we will find out what happened next. An article on Highfields will feature in the Spring edition of the GCA magazine, *Our Gardens*. It is also on the cover and part of a new book, *Australian Dreamscapes*, by Claire Tacaks.

David is a plant collector, importing many rare and unusual plants and bulbs from around the world, but without at the same time losing the feel for garden design. He states, "A plant collection is nothing more than a plant collection unless put together well! It can look like nothing other than a mish mash of plants that have no flow or connection." David and Andrew exhibit at the Collectors' Plant Fair each year where you can purchase these special plants at their stand.

David also has a mail order nursery called Clover Hill Rare Plants, selling many of his rare and garden-worthy plants that grow well in the mountains in normal garden situations (no bore water used here!). They are plants that have been tried and tested. We have the opportunity to purchase plants from David today.

For more information see: www.cloverhillrareplants.com

Membership renewal of \$20 is now due.

New badges will be issued upon payment.

- 1) Please pay in **cash**, OR
- 2) Remit electronically to our bank account:

BSB: 062 559
Account No: 2800 3852

Please ensure your name and the word "Sub" is included with the remittance.

(If you joined after 1st January 2019, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2020.)

Carol's Snowy Lemon Tree



Future Meetings

10th October 2019

Guest Speaker:

Lloyd Sharp is speaking on: "Heritage and Edible Plants around the World"

Hall set-up and pull-down:

Kevin Craze and Les Allen

Morning tea

Annabelle Fraser and Marjorie Gunasekara

Bring a plate

Annabelle Fraser and Sharon Phillips

14th November 2019

Guest Speaker:

Dianna van Gaal will be speaking about: "Iris"

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 and the word "Sub" is included with your remittance.

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