



*Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.*  
Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

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

*From the President.....*

It was with great pleasure that Henry, Gai and I were able to present Sharon and Lynton Phillips with the Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. Ann Williams Clark Award at our September General Meeting. The award is for 'Long and outstanding service by a member to his/her affiliated club'. Our application to the GCA committee was endorsed with the response, "They are most worthy recipients of this award." We already knew that of course! Their picture appears in this newsletter, holding the engraved medallion. We also presented them with a beautiful cymbidium orchid as a gardening reminder of our thanks for their service to our club over the last eleven years.

Ann Williams Clark, after whom the award is named, was born in Philadelphia into a very musical family. She trained as a nurse and when American troops were being sent to the Philippines in WW2 decided to enlist to care for the sick and wounded. Unfortunately, the nurses were taken prisoner by the Japanese and were confined in very poor circumstances. Eventually freed, she married an airman and they were posted first to New Zealand and then to Sydney.

Ann's many interests included her garden; she was a born horticulturist and knew every tree and plant by their botanical names. She loved music and regularly attended the opera. Ann really enjoyed being active and for 26 years, from 1971 to 1997, she helped in the formation of clubs, served on the GCA committee during that time and was a member of both Killara and Chatswood Garden Clubs.

Due to wartime POW deprivation her health deteriorated. She never complained and lived as normal a life as possible. She had two sons, one residing in Sydney and one in America. Ann died on January 2nd, 1999. More information about Ann's life and contribution to GCA can be found on the website [www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au).

Ann certainly made a difference to the gardening community of Australia and her significant contribution means that the award named in her honour is not lightly given. Thank you, Sharon and Lynton for your significant contribution to the garden experiences we as a club have enjoyed. Your warmth, friendship and encouragement extend to all members and we are so grateful for your long service to club activities.

A group of 24 members visited beautiful Spring gardens on the Pre-Festival Tour on Monday 30th September. You can see for yourselves what you missed in our Not My Garden segment of today's meeting. More Festival gardens are open this weekend and I encourage you to visit some; be inspired and support Katoomba Hospital.

*Carol*

*Club Tours and Functions*

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

Today, 10 <sup>th</sup> October	We have <b>two Garden Rambles</b> after the meeting today. Please see Gai for the direction slip.
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch at Mountain Heritage, Katoomba. Cost \$45.00 members and \$55.00 for guests. <b>Bookings should be made at this meeting.</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Garden Ramble venue TBA. Put in your diary...Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the garden after the January meeting.

## *Our Speaker today is Lloyd Sharp*

Lloyd is a grower of edible heritage vegetables and herbs. He has lived in the Upper Blue Mountains for over 25 years but also has grown plants in a few other scattered locations in the wider Sydney region on both sides of the Mountains.

He grows and supplies a wide range of produce and seeds to chefs, cafes and restaurants and to discerning individuals looking for some of the more difficult to find tasty heirlooms. His interests include both the botanical background and cultural value of plants. 'Seedsaving' including the whole process of growing through the full cycle of life from seed to seed is a significant part of this.

Lloyd has travelled widely and spent a lot of time looking over other people's fences and into their backyards and talking to 'locals' about the issues of growing their plants - and talking about preparing and eating food. Of significant importance are the issues of saving locally developed plant varieties and the peculiarities of growing them and other indigenous and native plants in often harsh and difficult environments.

Lloyd's talk will be primarily observations about growing food plants in a diverse range of locations.

**Membership renewal of \$20 is overdue.**

**Members who have not renewed must pay today.**

New badges will be issued upon payment.

Please pay in **cash** today.

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

### **GCA 2020 Calendars - \$10.00**

We are taking orders for the GCA Calendar at this meeting. \$10 each. **See Gai.**

This will be your **only** opportunity to order the calendars.

Your calendars will be delivered at the November meeting.

### **Future Meetings**

#### **14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

##### **Guest Speaker:**

Dianna van Gaal will tell us about "Irisés"

##### **Hall set-up and pull-down:**

Daniel Murphy and Sed Mayne

##### **Morning tea**

Kerrie Lee and Elizabeth Molony

##### **Bring a plate**

Sandy Cleaver and Felicity Houston

#### **12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Christmas Lunch

Lynton and Sharon Phillips receive the  
Ann Williams Clark Award



Spring is well and truly here. Give your garden a boost with Merino Magic. See Lea Nelson with your new order. Available for \$6 / 10kg bag; to be picked up from Leura.

### ***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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