



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.
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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land: the Darug and Gundungurra people.

A message from the President.....

A letter to garden lovers.

Gardeners are adaptable people; we must be able to cope with flood & drought and some of us, fire. A few weeks ago, the UN's weather agency declared a global El Nino & that the world had recorded its hottest ever week. At the time the BOM had yet to issue a statement confirming El Nino for us but has now confirmed we are in an El Nino event. This is happening in 2023. Gardeners, I think knew in their bones El Nino was coming.

In 2022 we were in a 3 year La Nina event so severe I was getting stormwater flowing under the front of my house & out the back. I was fortunate, unlike many who had water entering their homes. I have responded by putting in substantial new drains. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be several years of transition between the La Nina & El Nino events, it seems we have one or the other. Since I put in my new drains, I have not had weather sufficient to test them & so I do not really know if the drainage work has been effective.

Meanwhile our gardens must always look a picture despite the current weather cycle. My garden is drying rapidly & needs constant vigilance to seek out & revive plants that are not coping.

Well, enough about that.

Your committee has been working hard to come up with an events program for next year & some of the ideas will be presented at the October general meeting to get feedback to see if we are on the right track.

One very good event suggestion came from a club member & I am hoping that this will be the first of many suggestions from our members.

On the show & tell front, I have had 3 club members come forward with a subject they would be willing to speak on. I am hoping this is just the start. I have spoken to several club members over the years who have had interesting events happen in their lives which I am sure could be the subject of a great show & tell.

A special thanks to Barbara & Nick Fox for showing us through their impressive garden last month. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 12 October 2023 & in the meantime keep safe and well. Enjoy the Spring flowering, a special time here in the Blue Mountains.

Duncan Leys



Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
Thursday, 12:00 noon 12 th October, 2023	Garden Ramble after our regular meeting	Free to members
Friday, 8:00 am 27 th October, 2023	Parramatta Historical Tour	Fully booked
Thursday, 12:00 noon 9 th November, 2023	Garden Ramble after our regular meeting	Free to members
Thursday, 8:30 am 16 th November, 2023	Australian Botanic Gardens Mt. Annan Plant Bank	\$30.00 per person. Includes bus and entrance to plant bank. Lunch at own expense. Few spots left.
Thursday, 12:00 noon 14 th December, 2023	End of Year Lunch, Palais Royale, Katoomba	\$70.00 per person.

Today's Speaker is Margaret Jackson from Maple Springs Nursery and Garden, Little Hartley.

Margaret and her husband Alan operate the Maple Springs Nursery just west of the escarpment of the Blue Mountains in the Hartley Valley. They have the most extensive range of Japanese Maples in Australia, and exquisite Japanese garden arrangements in the world. There are over 250 varieties of Japanese maples, conifers and shrubs. Maple Springs Nursery specialises in cold climate trees with thousands to choose from.

Gory'u Japanese Garden, like all gardens, is a work in progress. The beautiful vistas, which borrow from the mountains behind them, showcase maple varieties. The replica Japanese gardens showcase the major elements of Japanese gardens, including ponds, waterfalls, rockeries, stones, gravels and handmade bridges and islands.

The Nursery has been running for 35 years whilst the Garden is quite new.



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Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction of excess Library items at **this meeting.**

Remember to bring CASH to enable you to secure the items that you want.

The Annual Subscription of \$25 is now due.

Payments can be made in cash at the meeting or by direct debit to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account:

BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852.

Ensure your **name** is included with your remittance.

To maintain your membership, you must **renew by this meeting.**

If you joined since January, you do not need to renew until this time next year.

November General Meeting 9th November 2023

Guest speakers: Joyce Stone, from the Blue Mountains and Penrith District Orchid Society, will tell us about cool-growing orchids and their care.

Hall set-up & pull down:

Marjorie Gunasekara
Caroline Gardner

Morning Tea – bring a plate.

Margaret Kennedy
Belinda Coates
Caroline Gardner

Plates should be ready to serve.

Club Information

All members and visitors are asked to sign in upon arrival. Members should wear their club name badges to all club meetings, events and rambles. To take part in club events and rambles 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 9.30 am for a 9.45 am start and finish around noon. The library and the plant stall are open before the meeting and at morning tea. \$5 entry fee.

The joining fee is \$35. Thereafter, an **annual subscription is \$25 due in July** each year. Payments can be by direct debit to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account: BSB: 062-559; Acct: 28003852.

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