



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
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From the President ...

Autumn is well and truly here with the end of Daylight Saving and the beautiful autumn colours developing up here in the mountains. Aren't we clever to live up here?

Back by popular demand, Janine Shoemark has reintroduced the idea of a member telling us what they have been doing in their own garden in the previous month. We will have this segment on alternate months with Marjorie Gunasekara conducting Q & A on the other months, in order to give each segment a suitable amount of time without having to rush. If you are not daunted by speaking in front of our members then please volunteer to Janine as she is very keen for this to be an ongoing part of our meetings. Thanks to all of you who have given us some wonderful insights into your gardens in the past — please consider doing it again.

We continue to offer what we really hope is something for everyone. Sharon has organised such a nice mix of outings for those of us who like to venture a bit further afield. We had the early-bird departure to the Plant Fair last weekend for those die-hards after something a bit different to plant, an overnighter to Orange coming up to enjoy more autumn colour, and then an easy day out to a wonderful nursery somewhere down the hill in May. They are hitting the nail on the head in terms of your expectations as they are almost always fully subscribed, but remember to put your name on the waiting list as fill-ins are nearly always called upon.

Today we have one of our most popular outings — a ramble to the garden of my lovely neighbours, Corrie and Steve, in Leura. These rambles are always a favourite part of our meetings so thanks to Sharon for organising and thanks to Corrie, and our past gardeners for volunteering their gardens. We gardeners love nothing more than seeing another garden!

Oh ... and don't forget ... no meeting in June.

Celeste



Deryl Mason

Our Speaker today, Deryl Mason, has worked as a volunteer with the Friends of the Botanic Gardens for nearly 15 years. Most of this time Deryl has been a "Growing Friend". The Growing Friends propagate plants and sell them to raise money for projects in the Gardens. There are now approximately 50 members of this group. Deryl is also a member of the Speakers' Bureau, whose aim is to raise interest in the Foundation and Friends and encourage people to visit the three Gardens: the Royal in Sydney, the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden at Mt Tomah and the Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan. Deryl's talk on the history of the Royal Botanic Gardens will emphasise the fact that 2016 is the 200th Anniversary of the Gardens.

Club Tours and Functions

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| Thursday 14 April | Garden ramble. We are very pleased to have been invited to the garden of Steve and Corrie Kennedy at 109 Craigend Street for a garden ramble. Maps are available. | After general meeting until 1.30 pm. |
| Friday 22 April | 50 Shades of Orange. Overnight trip to Orange including a visit to Millthorpe Nursery. \$70 per person for payment today. | 6.30am departure. |
| Friday 20 May | Bonny Day Out. This includes lunch with various choices of gourmet sandwiches, cake of the day and tea and coffee. This is an easy access, short day trip to a nursery, café and lifestyle centre. Check seat availability. Cost \$35. Please pay Sharon today. | 10am departure. |
| Friday 26 August | Going Native. Native garden trip including tour and lunch to Picnic Point. Details still to be advised and payment in August please. | TBA |

**At the May meeting please
bring in a sample of weeds for
Linda to discuss.**

Library note from Carol: There are still a few books left which can be purchased for a gold coin donation. There will be a Silent Auction in August.

Next Meeting

12 May

Guest speaker:

Linda Thomas, *Community Weeds Officer BMCC*. Linda will speak about the Council's Weed Management Strategy and the Council's approach to various issues associated with Bushland Conservation and Weed Management in the Blue Mountains.

Hall set-up:

Bill Avery and Marjorie Gunasekara

Morning tea duty:

Dorothy Davis and Maureen Long

Bring a plate

Dorothy Davis and Barbara Bailey

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. Meetings commence at 9.45am 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.

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