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From The President.....

Most members have now paid their annual membership fees for 2013/14, but there are still a number of membership badges to be collected from the front desk. Also, for members who have not yet paid, please note that our current Constitution allows for members to be transferred to a non-active listing if fees are more than three months overdue, so please see Michael today.

Minutes of General meetings are now available on the club website, along with the monthly newsletter. These will prove useful to those members who cannot attend a meeting and want to check up on what they may have missed.

One of the most popular segments of our meetings is Garden Tips, for which we are most thankful to Sylvia Smith each month. Newer members may not be aware that some of these useful seasonal tips are available, one sheet per season, at a cost of \$2 a set, available on request from Michael Cooper.

We are currently working to get this information on to our website, along with items raised in our Q&A sessions. Thanks to Bill Avery for his help in this.

The Blue Mountains Zone meeting was held during July and Celeste and I attended on your behalf. This meeting allows good interchange between clubs located from Oberon in the West to the Macquarie Towns. Items discussed related to speakers, activities and other subjects of mutual interest to all garden clubs.

Finally, there are a number of our members travelling at the moment and our guest speakers today have just returned from the Chelsea Garden Show, which will be their topic for today. Lea and I will also be away for the next two meetings, visiting Europe first and then moving on to see our family in Dallas. In my absence, Celeste will be chairing meetings and I am thankful that we have a strong committee able to fill in at times such as these.

Good Gardening.

Henry

Guest Speakers for today: *Janine and Peter Shoemark*

Janine grew up in Broken Hill and was involved with the Mining Industry. There, she met and married Peter in her early 20's and had her first garden in Broken Hill's very hot and dry climate. Janine and Peter led a busy lifestyle filled with travelling, social life, community interests, study and work, not to mention renovating an old home. It was in fact the busiest time of their lives but very enjoyable.

Gardening at this time was not a passion for Janine; the climate was difficult and she had other interests although she admits she did have a very decent vegetable garden.

They left Broken Hill after their first child was born. Janine didn't want to bring children up in an area with such pollution.

Peter, Janine and their son moved around the state with Peter's work. Janine enjoyed living in the different places. It felt like one big holiday. In 1984, Peter's work transferred him to Wentworth Falls. They initially envisaged a 6 months stay.

Janine and Peter's second child was born in Wentworth Falls. Janine worked part-time and enjoyed her growing family. Family activities included arts and cultural events. There was no time for gardening in those early days and they thought of their home as temporary. However, when they realised that Wentworth Falls would be their permanent home, Janine's interest in their garden developed.

Janine faced a very different climate and a smaller area of land in Wentworth Falls compared to Broken

Hill. She successfully adapted and developed her gardening skills. Today she adores old roses and clematis. She invests a lot of planning and energy in succession planning for perennials so that there are always beautiful flowering plants.

Both Janine and Peter collect old and antique things that are unusual and artistic. Some beautiful pieces are displayed in their home.

Currently Janine works 2 days a week in health education in community health. She has two beautiful grandchildren whom she sees frequently as they live close by.

Both Peter and Janine enjoy travelling, from day trips to international travel. They are keen to have as many experiences as they can when travelling.

The final word from Janine, said tongue in cheek, tells us exactly how she loves to spend her time and money....

"It is my 'duty' to support nurseries, restaurants and accessory shops as much as possible to provide employment for these struggling industries."

Perhaps, Peter's hip pocket may have a different view.



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 20 Sept	<i>A Walk on the Wild Side</i>	We will tour the stunning Wildwoods Gardens in the heart of Bilpin. Lots to choose from for lunch. There is also a tearoom, gift shop and nursery to browse through. Final payments must be made today.	Cost \$35	9am sharp departure and 9.20 pick up at Blackheath
Thursday 10 Oct	<i>Garden Ramble</i>	Following our meeting in October a garden ramble will be available for all members. Save the date in your diary.	Free	Address provided on the day
Friday 8 Nov	<i>Irises at Millthorpe</i>	This is a longer day and likely to be a bit more expensive. More information in September. Names and money taken in September	Cost	TBA
Thursday 5 Dec	<i>Christmas lunch</i>	Wentworth Falls Country Club, 206 Blaxland Road. Buffet lunch, a drink on arrival and door prizes. Names and money taken in September.	Cost \$30	12 noon

Annual subscriptions to the Wentworth Falls Garden Club are due. The cost is \$20.

Guest Speakers

**Today's Meeting
8 August:** **Janine & Peter
Shoemark
Garden Trip, England**

**Next Meeting:
12 September:** **Anne Elliott
Slow Food/Chooks**

Morning Tea

Today: **Betty Allen & Christine Caton**

12 Sept: **Fran Craze & Gai Horrocks**
If you are unable to come on your rostered day, please call Jane Blackshaw on 47572887

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 2nd 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 9.45 and finish around noon. The Library and Plant Stall are open before the meeting and at morning tea. \$5 entry fee.

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