



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.....

We had a record attendance for a January meeting this year with 70 members coming to find out about herbs. The handout was full of interesting information. You will find an introduction to companion planting on our website in the Garden Tips section. Thanks to Jackie Anstis and her team for the information

Thank you also to Lea for her continued support of members on our behalf. Welfare is an important role and much appreciated by members. The following statistics for 2018 were not available for the last Newsletter. 29 cards were sent: 9 condolence, 8 get well, 8 thinking of you, 2 congratulations and 2 farewells.

As part of our 30th Birthday Celebrations I invite members to share with us some of their garden photos. You may enter up to 3 images in total across any combination of the 5 categories. One of the purposes of this exercise is to replace the sunflower header pictures on most pages of our website with photos from members which better reflect what grows in our Mountains gardens.

- 1 Garden scenes
- 2 Garden visitors (birds, bees, bugs, animals)
- 3 Abstract images of flowers or foliage
- 4 Close-ups of flowers, foliage or floral/flower arrangements
- 5 Productive gardens or edible plants (fruit, vegetables, herbs)

An entry form is on our website in the Photo Gallery section. Specifications for digital and paper photo sizes as well as where and to whom you send them is also there. There are hard copies of the entry form available at the meeting today for members without Internet access who would like to participate.

Closing date for entries is Tuesday 30 April.

There will be a slide show of the entries on Thursday 9 May. From that, photos for the website will be chosen and uploaded. We have over 20 spots to fill and most will take two photos. We will try to publish at least one photo per entrant.

So, get snapping and have fun. Let's see what we can produce!

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.

Friday 15 Feb	Hillandale for the summer borders. Meet at 10:00 am, cost \$45, which includes a country-style lunch, entry, a guided tour by the superb Sarah and transport. Trip FULL.
Saturday 6 Apr	Collectors Plant Fair. 4 spots left, Springwood Golf Club for lunch at own expense. Reasonably priced with a good range of plants. Bus leaves 7:20am. Price \$25.

Our guest speakers today are volunteers from the Blue Mountains Wildplant Rescue Service

The Wildplant Rescue Service was formally established in 1994 as a community driven, not-for-profit organisation, based in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales. It was a new and innovative concept for saving the natural plant heritage in urban areas of the Blue Mountains. The concept evolved in January 1993 when Mikla Lewis, founder of the organisation, was working alone to rescue plants from a block of land destined for imminent development. It occurred to Mikla that if a group of people were working together, so many more plants could be saved.

Currently, development on bushland in the Blue Mountains has slowed down. As a consequence a much larger proportion of BMWRS's activities are centred on plant propagation from seeds and cuttings at the nursery. It has been decided therefore to give the nursery its own distinctive name - "Katoomba Native Plant Nursery".

Visit the website: www.wildplantrescue.org.au

Calling Edible Gardeners

The inaugural garden trail was held in March 2018. 38 gardeners participated from Lapstone to Hartley. Visitors and gardeners were thrilled with the event so we are planning to do it again on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March 2019.

The event is supported by the Blue Mountains Food Co-Op and funds raised go towards school and community gardens in the mountains. If you are interested in including your garden, please call Susanne Rix on 47574231 or email ediblegardenfestival@gmail.com

Have your contact details changed?

If your contact details have changed, please fill in the green form available at the Welcome Desk.

Barry can then update our records.

Visitors are welcome to attend three meetings before deciding to join the Club.

Next Meeting

14 March 2019

Guest speakers:

Emmanuela (Manu) Prigioni who is the Garden Coordinator of Lyttleton Stores at Lawson. Manu will be talking on, "Productive Edible Gardens and Soil Health"

Hall set-up and Pull down:

Bernie Turner and Martin Vaughan

Morning tea

Ann Montague and Lesley Walters

Bring a plate

Janice Light and Grainne Flynn

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 is included with your remittance.

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