



*Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc*  
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*From the President.....*

It's all about rain, rhododendrons and roses this month. At last we have some decent rain. It also rained on Blackheath's Rhododendron Festival Parade but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of intrepid visitors to the Campbell Gardens. I visited in the rain on Saturday afternoon and it was very atmospheric in the mist with the bright colours of the rhodos and azaleas shining through and reflecting gently in the still waters of the lake.

The roses are starting to show off their blooms now too. After giving mine lots of that nutritious sheep pooh and rose food, Peace and Just Joey have delivered better than ever before and the rest are thinking about joining the party. Thank you Marion for sharing your roses with us today.

Please note the information in the Newsletter about a planned Edible Garden Trail in March. See our new member Susanne if you would like to volunteer your garden or take part as a visitor. My edible garden has delivered peas, broad beans and chard abundantly this year and I have high hopes of a strawberry crop. I haven't had much luck with them previously but this time it's TLC and fruit or the green bin.

I am reading "The History of Bees" by Maja Lunde. Published in 2015 and translated from the Norwegian, it is set in England in 1852, the USA in 2007 and China in 2093. It is of course about more than bees, a thought-provoking story about our relationships to nature and each other. My copy will be back in Katoomba Library very soon if you want to give it a try.

*Carol*

*Club Tours and Functions*

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Today	Rose Garden Ramble after meeting. See Sharon for details and maps.	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch is to be held at Leura Golf Club, 1 Sublime Pt Rd, Leura. \$35 per head includes sit down meal of roast meats & veggie platters, dessert, the first welcome drink plus now famous lucky door prizes. Members may invite one person at \$40 per head. <i>Please note this is not our usual Thursday meeting date.</i>	12noon Club not open till noon.

**Local businesses may offer a discount on presentation of your membership card at their discretion;**  
 Longview Nursery, Wentworth Falls  
 Birches of Leura  
 Tunks Landscape & Building Supplies  
 The Bay Tree Nursery, Mt Victoria  
 Weber's Nursery, Mt Boyce.  
**A sticker listing the correct businesses offering discounts is available at the Welcome Desk. Please place it on the reverse of your badge.**

**📖 November Silent Auction 📖**  
 A fresh lot of lovely books will be on sale today. Have your gold coins ready and see Merylyn in the Library to obtain a number and register your bid(s).

## *Guest Speaker today is Lorraine Miles*

My husband and I live at Bullaburra, mid mountains residents for close on 18 years. A half acre garden has kept us busy these many years and we occasionally host visitors

I am an active member and Vice President of Leura Home Garden Club. I have visited many Garden Clubs in the Mountains Areas representing Blue Mountains Floral Art Group (which unfortunately folded when the age of our members was reaching the magic 80's).

Although I have never been a florist I do enjoy the next level of flower arranging, namely floral art or an artistic expression using flowers and other plant materials. Over the years I have been involved in doing Church Flowers and the St Albans Leura Flower Festival, Iris Show and Blackheath Shows, and other one off events.

This demonstration will be looking at different aspects of "Decorative Arrangements for Christmas", a

### **Become part of the FIRST Blue Mountains Edible Garden Festival and Trail 3rd and 4th March 2018**

#### **Why:**

- To encourage growing edible produce in home gardens, school gardens, community gardens and public spaces.
- To build an annual festival highlighting the sustainability of edible gardens in a time of changing climate.
- To showcase sustainable practices such as mulching to conserve water, re-cycling and composting to build soil fertility and reduce landfill, companion planting to reduce weeds and encourage bees etc.
- To illustrate ways of creating beautiful gardens and saving money by growing edible plants.

#### **How:**

- There will be a garden trail where visitors can visit at their own leisure over the weekend.
- A secret garden trail using a small community bus to visit gardens where the homeowner would prefer to have small groups visit at set times.

#### **Who:**

- The event is under the auspices of Slow Foods Blue Mountains and organised by a team of dedicated gardeners.

#### **Where:**

- Little Hartley to Glenbrook, with a festival centre at the Katoomba Community Garden.

#### **GET INVOLVED.**

If you would like to have your edible garden included in the trail (or the secret trail), would like more information, or to join the mailing list please contact: Susanne Rix at [ediblegardenfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ediblegardenfestival@gmail.com)

### **Next Meeting**

**11 January 2018**

#### **Guest speaker:**

**Liz Benson,**  
**"Banksias"**

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

Les and Karen Handicott

#### **Morning tea**

TBA

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

TBA

### ***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. For Club Welfare matters, please contact Lea Nelson Ph 4784 1101 or email [leanelson@ozemail.com.au](mailto:leanelson@ozemail.com.au).

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