



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

According to the calendar Spring is here but not quite delivering the warmth and rain we need for faster growing. August was cold and my daffodils lasted really well until the high winds struck. A visit to the Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens is always a treat and last month the Burnet Lawn was a picture with so many varieties of daffodils looking their best. Thank you to Sylvia and Marilyn for opening their gardens to us today for our very own “daffodil walk”.

In the vegetable garden broad beans and peas planted in late May are flowering and the bees coming to raid the rosemary are doing a good job with pollinating them. Radishes have plumped up nicely and as I pull them out for salads I can see I have had quite good germination from the carrot seeds I planted with them. My rhubarb has decided to show up and the collards keep on keeping on. Constant watering and frequent liquid fertilizing are the magic ingredients. Tomato seeds have got to the two-leaf stage ready to pot them up, the next step before planting out after the frosts. I am trying some red and yellow currant tomatoes this year.

Committee members have been considering how we can document our commitment to you to keep secure the personal information you give us when you apply for membership of WFGC. We are preparing a Privacy Statement, which should be ready to publish with the next newsletter. Henry Nelson was nominated to be our Vice President for this year and Martin Vaughan has agreed to assist Barry with membership matters. Thanks to you both.

I hear that the trip to Mahratta was most enjoyable and that the house and garden were at their best. I was disappointed that I had to opt out as I was not well enough to go. Make sure that you put your name down on the waiting list with Sharon in case vacancies occur.

Stay well and enjoy your gardens.

Carol

Club Tours and Functions

14 September	A Daffodil Garden Ramble will be held after the meeting today . See Sharon for a map.	
Friday 15 th September	Train trip to visit Wendy Whiteley’s Secret Garden, Lavender Bay. Then café style lunch at own expense at Kirribilli Club, Milsons Point. Map & info available from Sharon. Tour finishes after lunch at Kirribilli Club.	See Sharon
Friday 27 th October	A visit to "Beautiful Bilpin and Mt Wilson Wonderland" BYO picnic lunch. Cost \$40.	9am
Thursday 7 th 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

Guest Speaker Clinton Nesci

Clinton works at Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery in Dural and has been working at his parents' Nursery since he left School in 1989. The Bonsai Nursery was established in 1979 and covers almost 2 acres of the 5 acre property. Being open 7 days a week and open from 9am to 5pm to the public it has certainly kept the family active. Clinton is also a teacher at The School of Bonsai Inc. where he teaches Bonsai 2 nights per week and has done so for the last 17 years. He conducts demonstrations and workshops regularly to Bonsai Clubs in Sydney and has done a couple of workshops in New Zealand. He loves nature and the outdoors and considers Bonsai not only the ideal hobby but a dream job to be involved in. With people moving to smaller houses/units these days he sees Bonsai as the ideal way for them to have their gardens miniaturised and still enjoy a great variety of plants in a small space. He enjoys doing talks most of all to dispel common myths about Bonsai and promote how easy it is for people to practise the art of Bonsai.

Silent Auction

There will be lots of lovely books for sale today. Have your cash ready and see Marilyn in the Library to obtain a number and register your bid(s). The books for auction comprise some from the library that have not been borrowed for some time and many from donations. Thank you to all those who have so generously donated books that have now either been taken into the library or are being auctioned today.

Local businesses may offer a discount on presentation of your membership card at their discretion;

Birches of Leura
Tunks Landscape & Building Supplies
The Bay Tree Nursery, Mt Victoria
Weber's Nursery, Mt Boyce.

Please Note:

Blue Mist Café, Wentworth Falls, is no longer on the list.

Membership renewal of \$20 due.

New badges issued upon payment.

If you joined after 1st January 2017, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2018.

1) Please pay in **cash** OR

2) Remit electronically to our bank account: **BSB: 062 559 Account No: 2800 3852**

If paying electronically, please ensure your name is included with the remittance.

Next Meeting

12 October 2017

Guest speaker:

Peta Trahar, Landscape designer, Horticulturalist and Co-founder of Collectors Plant Fair.

"The Garden: A Return to Romance"

Hall set-up and pull-down:

Bernie Turner and Daniel Murphy

Morning tea

Julie Allen and Fran Craze

Bring a plate:

Irma Mahling

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

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