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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members: Wendy Valentine, Anne Reynolds, Maureen Best, Kate Baigent and Tracy Clarke.

Thank you to Lew Bezzina, Manager of Horticulture and Garden Maintenance at Mayfield Garden, Oberon and Charles and Judith Boag for their interesting talks at our June and July meetings.

MEETINGS: Our August 5 meeting will be held in the Walshaw Hall, Church Street, Bathurst at 2pm. Our guest speaker is Sarah a Florist/Horticulturist who owns her own business, Sarah Cox Designs. Her passion developed at the age of 15 when she started to grow flowers and veggies. Sarah went on to obtain a degree in Horticulture and has owned two nurseries and helped co-ordinate and set up floristry in the Central West. Sarah also teaches both floristry and horticulture at TAFE. Sarah will be demonstrating an arrangement of beautiful flowers.

For further details about the meeting, please contact Elizabeth on 0416 115 796. Please bring a cup and a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

The September 2 meeting will be our first garden outing for spring. The meeting will be held at 2pm at the garden of Jennifer and Tim at 2 Robindale Court, Robin Hill. Situated on the foothills of Mt Panorama this one-acre garden has evolved over the last nine years. There are extensive terraced areas on the southern steep side, sweeping sloping lawns, hedges, and changing garden levels. All the gardens are heavily planted with a collection of natives, European trees and shrubs, which are underplanted with bulbs, annuals and perennials to ensure all year colour.

From Bathurst, travel along the Blayney Road and turn left into Boundary Road. Then right into Robindale Court. No 2 is the first house on the right. Parking will be along the street.

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SPRING SPECTACULAR: Volunteers required - Club members are asked to consider volunteering to sit at gardens over the Spring Spectacular Weekend, October 27 and 28. For members who haven't volunteered before it is a marvellous way to spend just 3-4 hours of your time to sit in a beautiful garden, make a new like-minded gardening friend who will sit with you (or come with your other half) and you get a free ticket worth \$20 to go and look at the rest of the 10 gardens over the whole weekend. We need over 100 volunteers and Sarah Fairhurst, the Volunteers Sitter Co-ordinator is only a third of the way there so if you can assist then see Sarah at the August and September meetings or email her on sfairhurst66@gmail.com or call her on 0422 811 324. The instructions on selling and marking off tickets are very easy and will be explained closer to the time and/or your sitting chum may have done it before. There are gardens in town and close to town and transport can be arranged if required.

Plant Stall: If you are dividing plants over the next few months and have some spare perhaps you could pot them up to be sold at the very popular plant stall at Miss Traill's House over the Spring Spectacular weekend (October 27 and 28). One third of the sale of plants goes to Miss Traill's House and the remainder to you.

Discounts: Due to Riverside Nursery being a sponsor of the Spring Spectacular, the nursery will not be giving garden club discounts this year.

TRIP: Members who are going on the Southern Highlands Trip, October 12-14, please be aware that the final payment of \$360 pp is required on or before the September meeting. The payment can be sent to P.O. Box 1049, paid at meetings or paid by EFT to BSB 637 000 A/C No: 713853828 (Greater Bank).

COMING EVENTS: Hellebore sale, Helleborus Down Under – Winding down sale. All stock must go!! Hellebores, Maples and many other plants. Nursery and garden open in July and August and by phone appointment in September. 13 Mountain Lagoon Road Bilpin. Phone 02 4567 1107 or email Nemetz@bigpond.com

Open Garden - Wild Meadows, September 1-2 at 243a Coxs River Rd, Little Hartley, NSW. 9 am-3pm, \$8 entry. This contemporary, naturalistic garden has three acres of flowery meadows, perennial borders and woodlands that complement each other. Spring is a mixture of fresh greens and colour from bulbs and herbaceous plantings that awaken from winter's rest.

Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) - Notice of Annual General Meeting. The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. has extended an invitation to members to attend the Annual General Meeting at the Club Your Function Rooms, Level 1, 99 York Street, Sydney on Tuesday October 9, 2018. Lunch is \$60pp and RSVP with payment is required by September 30. If interested in attending please contact the secretary on 0431 394 446 so attendance can be register.

Photographic Competition - 2018 Garden Clubs of Australia photographic competition is now open. Categories include:

- Garden scenes - from anywhere in the world
- Garden visitors - birds, bees, bugs, animals
- Abstract images of flowers or foliage
- Close-up of flowers, foliage or floral/flower arrangements
- Productive gardens or edible plants, fruit, vegetables, herbs
- 'Junior' section covering any of the previous five categories

Entries close on October 5, 2018 and winning photographs will appear in the Garden Clubs of Australia Magazine. Contact the secretary on 0431 394 446 if more information is required.