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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

As I write this message we are only three days out from our Spring show. It is entry night tomorrow night, and of course every entry night I get rather anxious as to how many entries we will have to stage. Without you, the exhibitors, there would not be a show. I do not know why I worry though, because you always surprise me and come up with many excellent entries, which stun the visiting public with their colour and quality.

To stage a show takes a lot of effort from a lot of people, many of whom work diligently behind the scenes to make our shows the success that they are. Thank you to all of you, no matter how small you believe that your contribution is, because without you and the teamwork, in which you play an important part, a show would not be possible.

By the time that you read this the show will be over and we will all know the results. But for now – good luck with your entries.

Bill.

MIFGS – HANGING BASKET

Last Tuesday night your committee made the decision to enter our club in the “Great Hanging Basket Competition” at MIFGS again next year.

This entry places our club's name in front of thousands of people visiting the Carlton Gardens every year, and gives us the opportunity to expose our existence in a manner not otherwise available to us.

We are looking for someone to care and nurture our basket again next year, and to have the thrill of having their “baby” exhibited at a big international event. Could it be you!!!!!! See Bill for details.

MT. MACEDON BUS TRIP

On Sunday 2nd October we set out on our Spring bus trip, and what a great trip it was.

After a game or two of bingo to keep us all awake and aware in the warm sunshine streaming in through the windows (Wayne Hurley cleaned us all up two games in a row) we rolled up to Gisborne Sunday Market.

It was morning tea time and nobody wanted to miss out on the beautiful fruit scones baked by Geoff May. By golly they were good!!

Then, we were off to check out the stalls. I think that we were all surprised at the variety, and quality of the stalls presented. We easily put in a couple of hours discovering and examining the wares on offer. Just three stalls into the market and Weng Lim couldn't resist a handmade cap. The first buy of the day! He even

convinced the trader to part with a very nice piece of hat jewellery, complete with a fine feather to complete the deal. It looks very smart. The plants on sale were not only well advanced and healthy, but very cheap compared with any nursery I have visited. John Mathie even purchased 4 bush roses for \$12.00. What a deal! The market is well worth a visit if you have not been to it.

Next stop was Tieve Tara on Mt. Macedon. The owner greeted us and invited us to take lunch on the tennis court. From here we spread out over the beautifully manicured gardens, delving into interesting hidden corners and great expanses of lawn and trees. The variety of flora was remarkable.

Down by one of the lakes mother goose hissed and flapped when we approached her goslings, but was not shy when it came to eating bread from Weng's hand.

Down the perennial walk was a dear little ringtail possum. Rather concerned, because he looked a bit under the weather, I spoke to him gently and sympathetically. He was not so dear when he tried to run up the leg of my trousers!

From Tieve Tara it was down the Mt. a bit to Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery; the nursery belonging to Steven Ryan, host of ABC's Gardening Australia. We were lucky enough to find Steven,

in the nursery, where he talked to us and answered our questions about his rare and unusual collection of plants.

In all we had a great and fun trip, with a great lot of people on board. I thank John Mathie, our Minister for Tourism for a job well done in organizing a wonderful bus trip.

We have asked John to organize another trip for Autumn. This is will probably take place after our March show in April. We will not be meeting in April due to our meeting date falling on ANZAC Day.

COMING EVENTS

November 2nd

Bunnings Northland Garden Workshop. Setting up a Worm Farm. Enquiries 9416 6000

November 4th & 5th

Australian Pelargonium & Geranium Society Show. Open Fri 12pm -4pm, Sat 9.30am-4pm. Nicholas Hall, (Wesley Church Grounds), 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

November 5th & 6th

Spring Rose Show, The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. Open Sat 1pm-5.30pm, Sun 10am-4.30pm. Mt Waverley Community Centre, Cnr Stephenson's Road & Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley (Mel 70 E1). Entry: Adults \$5, Concession \$4 U12 free. Enquiries: 9878 8831

November 12th & 13th

Cactus & Succulent Soc of Aust Succulent & Cacti Show & Huge Sale. Open Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-3pm. Entry \$5, U10 free. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent. Mt Waverley Enquiries:9808 1444

November 19th & 20th

African Violet Annual Show & Plant Sale. Sat 1pm-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Mt Waverley Community Centre, Cnr Stephenson's Road & Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley (Mel 70 E1). Entry: Adults \$5, Con \$4

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