

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

What a busy month it has been in our club diary for the month of March! There were committee meetings, a general meeting, preparation for our Autumn Show, preparation of our basket for "The Great Hanging Basket Competition" at M.I.F.G.S. There was also preparation for the "Tea Party" at Bundoora Homestead and for our bus trip next month.

However, all the preparation has been well worth the effort, for the Tea Party was very successful, as was our Autumn Show last Saturday. Our hanging basket is now at Carlton Gardens waiting to be judged, and the coach is just about booked out for our trip on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

It just amazes me at times, just what we can achieve when we team up and all work together, and fortunately we all work together well.

Keep up the good work and we will continue to be a busy, energetic, viable club with lots of interesting activities to share as friends.

Bill.



## TEA PARTY



The City of Darebin invited us to be part of a tea party festival at Bundoora Homestead on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We jumped at the invitation, because it was the Sunday before our show, and would give us a great opportunity to get some well needed publicity for our show.

It was great weather for a tea party on the lawns in front of the double storey Queen Anne style mansion. The art gallery was open, and guided tours of the mansion drew a lot of attention. Preston Symphony Orchestra kept the tea sipping crowd entertained from their elevated stage, being the front veranda of the mansion, and you could even have your tea leaves read by a lady situated on another area of the veranda.

Preston Garden Club was fortunate enough to have our own marquee set up beside the mansion in a very prominent spot, where we displayed our banner with pride. Gavin set up our projector to display continuous slides of activities that we have been involved in, Pat Kilpatrick brought

along plants for display and for sale, and Geoff and Hilary May supplied garden fresh vegetables for display and sale. Bill approached Peter Douglas, from Scotsburn Nursery, who donated seedlings, both for the tea party and for our show, and we were able to have a plant stall, which proved to be very popular. We raised \$173.00 from this stall. Of course, we had boards advertising the show.

Lots of people were interested in our club, and we hope to gain a member or two from the promotion. Our secretary, Cheryl, had prepared leaflets advertising the club and our show, and we know that some of those whom we met at Bundoora attended our show for the first time.

It was a great day, and I am sure that those of you, who called in to say "Hello", will agree.

Bill.

## APRIL MEETING IMPORTANT NOTICE

No monthly meeting to be held in April. Due to ANZAC day falling on the fourth Wednesday, there will be NO April meeting. Don't forget to come along to our May 23rd meeting.

A bus load of members and friends will meet for the bus trip which has been organised on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## SCOTSBURN NURSERY

Preston Garden Club gives thanks to Peter Douglas from Scotsburn Nursery for his generous donation of 100 punnets of seedlings to be used for our promotion at Bundoora Homestead, and again at our Autumn Show on our trading table. Peter also supplied us with \$100.00 worth of seedlings as the prize for a free raffle, which was drawn at our show.

Scotsburn Nursery has a free newsletter, where your gardening questions can be answered. Just go to [www.scotsburn.biz](http://www.scotsburn.biz) to join up for your free copy.

## AUTUMN SHOW

We have just packed up our Autumn Show. The finer details are yet to be assessed, but I can tell you that about 220 entries were staged by 33 exhibitors. That's not a bad effort. The judges were impressed once again by the quality of the exhibits in the show, and by the comments over heard from those who visited us, the visitors seemed impressed with the colour and variety of exhibits on the tables.

The Treasurer still has to balance the books, but he tells me that our stalls, Devonshire teas and raffle all have taken in a healthy amount of cash.

It is impossible to run a show without the assistance of many people. Without exhibitors there would be no show. Well done exhibitors, you always make an amazing effort. To all of you who assisted in any way, and that is most of you, well done. No matter how small that you think that your part was, your contribution made the load that bit lighter for others. Thank you.

Show Manager.

See page 3 for list of major winners at Autumn Show.

Raffle Prize Winners at the Autumn Show.

1st Prize David McNair - Plant  
2nd Prize Glenda Elder - Bromeliad  
3rd Prize: Jia Zhu - Cyclamen  
4th Prize Joanne (Hallkeeper) - Teaset  
5th Prize Geoff May - Cooler  
6th Prize Desiree Mathie - Box Vegetables

## M.I.F.G.S.

When visiting the Melbourne International Garden Show in the next few days, do not miss the R.H.S.V. Great Hanging Basket Competition. Call in and check out Preston Garden Club's basket and have a chat. You may find a familiar face there, as a number of Preston members have volunteered to assist Jennifer Rickerby, the Secretary of the R.H.S.V. man the display.



## MONTHLY COMPETITION

**May 23rd:** Bowl of floating flowers. No More Than 6 Blooms.

## MONTHLY MEETING

**May 23rd:** Chelsea Flower Show 2011 video.

## COMING EVENTS

**March 28th - April 1st**  
Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, RHSV Great Hanging Basket Competition & Display. Melbourne Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens

**April 1st**  
Cacti & Succulent Society & The Ballarat Cactus & Succulent Society. Autumn Show & Sale Monte Villa Motor Inn & Reception Centre. 78 Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing. 9am -

4pm. Entry: \$5 Children under 10 Free. Enquiries: Bill 0400 758 145 or Attila 0419 990 934

## **April 1st**

Ivanhoe Garden Club Autumn Garden Show. 1.30pm - 3.30pm Free entry. Bellfield Community Centre. Cnr Banksia & Oriel Road Ivanhoe Mel. 31E4. Enquiries: Julie 0401 161 461

## **April 1st**

Werribee Park Heritage Orchard April Fruits Day. - 10am - 4pm Werribee Park Orchard/Mansion Werribee.

## **April 14th**

Bromeliad Society of Victoria Autumn Display & Plant Sale 9am - 4pm. St Timothy's Hall 21 Stevens Road, Vermont MW 62G4. Entry: Gold Coin Donation Enquiries: Bruce 03 9726 6126

## **April 14th & 15th**

Como Gardens Open Garden Weekend. 10am - 4.30pm. 79 Basin - Olinda Road, The Basin Mel 65H7. Entry: \$7.50 Children under 14 free. Fundraising for St John Ambulance & SES Live Music & lots of events.

## **April 28th - 12pm - 4.30pm**

## **April 29th - 10am - 4.30pm**

Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Autumn Show. Ferny Creek Horticultural Hall. Hilton Road, Sassafras Mel.66E12. Entry: \$5 for non members. Enquiries:9755 1882

## **May 5th & 6th**

Chrysanthemum Society of Victoria. Annual Exhibition May 5th & 6<sup>th</sup>. Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Burwood Highway & Blackburn Road Burwood. Entry: \$3 - Enquiries: William 9898 5458

## **May 12th**

Native Plant Sale. 9am - 1pm St Andrews Uniting Church Car Park. Cnr Lederberg Street & Gisborne Road. Bacchus Marsh

## PGC AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW MARCH 2012

| <u>SECTION</u>                         | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>PRIZE/SECTION</u>               | <u>NAME</u>           | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>PTS</u> |
|--|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| R.H.S.V. S.S. McKay Medallion          | OPEN         | MOST SUCCESS SHOW EXHIBITOR        | Geoff & Hilary May    |             | 72         |
| PRESIDENTS TROPHY                      | NOVICE       | MOST SUCCESS SHOW EXHIBITOR        | N/A                   |             |            |
| <b><u>DAHLIAS</u></b>                  |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| NDS BRONZE MEDALLION                   |              | BEST EXHIBIT DAHLIA SECTION        | Dwight King           | 2           |            |
| GOLD RIBBON                            |              | PRESTON DAHLIA CHAMPIONSHIP        | Dwight King           | 2           |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            |              | BEST DAHLIA OVER 160MM             | Les Lawson            | 2           |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            |              | BEST VASE UNDER 160MM              | Dwight King           | 2           |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | 6 DAHLIA BLOOMS UNDER 160MM        | Les Lawson            | 14          |            |
| <b><u>CUT FLOWERS</u></b>              |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            |              | BEST CONTAINER CUT FLOWERS         | Rosalie Parsons       | 32          |            |
| CERTIFICATE                            | NOVICE       | BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS           | N/A                   |             |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | MOST SUCC EXHIB CUT FLOWER SEC.    | John & Desiree Mathie |             | 13         |
| <b><u>CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS</u></b>   |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| GOLD RIBBON                            |              | CONTAINER GROWN PLANT SEC.         | Wayne Hurley          | 55          |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            |              | BEST EXHIBIT CONT. GROWN PLANT     | Wayne Hurley          | 55          |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            |              | BEST EXHIBIT HANGING BASKET        | John & Desiree Mathie |             |            |
| CERTIFICATE                            | NOVICE       | BEST EXHIBIT POT PLANT SECTION     | N/A                   |             |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | MOST SUCCESS EXHIB POT PLANT SEC.  | John & Desiree Mathie |             | 14         |
| <b><u>ROSES</u></b>                    |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            | OPEN         | BEST EXHIBIT ROSE SECTION          | Rosalie Parsons       | 79          |            |
| CERTIFICATE                            | NOVICE       | BEST EXHIBIT ROSE SECTION          | N/A                   |             |            |
| <b><u>FLORAL ART</u></b>               |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| GOLD RIBBON                            |              | PRESTON FLORAL ART CHAMPIONSHIP    | Haeztra Goonetilleke  | 94          |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            | OPEN         | BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART SECTION    | Sue Stanecki          | 100         |            |
| CERTIFICATE                            | NOVICE       | BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART SECTION    | N/A                   |             |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | MOST SUCCESS EXHIBIT F/A SECTION   | Haeztra Goonetilleke  |             | 9          |
|  |              | Couldn't separate 1st prize        | Sue Stanecki          |             | 9          |
| <b><u>CHILDREN</u></b>                 |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 16 YEARS        | Thomas Elder          | 127         |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 12 YEARS        | Holly Elder           | 133         |            |
| <b><u>VEGETABLES</u></b>               |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| GOLD RIBBON                            | OPEN         | BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES SEC.       | Geoff & Hilary May    | 154         |            |
| CERTIFICATE                            | NOVICE       | BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES SEC.       | N/A                   |             |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | MOST SUCCESS EXHIBIT VEGETABLE SEC | Geoff & Hilary May    |             | 53         |
| <b><u>COOKING</u></b>                  |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| GOLD RIBBON                            |              | PRESTON COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP       | David & Joan McNair   | 170         |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | AS ABOVE                           | David & Joan McNair   |             |            |
| BLUE RIBBON                            |              | BEST EXHIBIT COOKING SECTION       | Pat Kilpatrick        | 185         |            |
| TROPHY                                 |              | AS ABOVE                           | Pat Kilpatrick        |             |            |
| <b><u>PRESTON AUT CHAMPIONSHIP</u></b> |              |                                    |                       |             |            |
| <b><u>GOLD RIBBON</u></b>              |              | 1st Winner                         | Geoff & Hilary May    |             |            |
|  |              | 2nd Winner                         | Jean Thomas           |             |            |