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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

Did you try the fruit cake recipe in last month's newsletter? I did, and it turned out tasty and moist, much to my surprise. Have a go at it, it's easy. If I can have success, then anybody can.

Also, I hope that you got out and enjoyed some of the activities staged at the Seniors Festival as I suggested. There was so much to do and the weather was great. I particularly enjoyed an organ recital in Melbourne Town Hall, and the display in the conservatory in the Fitzroy Gardens. The prominent plant on show was schizanthus, but these were accompanied by an enormous amount of other showy plants including primroses, lupins, calceolarias, impatiens, orchids and a multitude of ferns. The whole display was very colourful and quite restful with soft music playing. Of course, I always find that watching the fish gracefully gliding through the water quite calming.

What a busy week we have ahead of us this week, with those last minute preparations for our Spring Show. The committee has met and made sure that everything is organised and ready for Saturday. Don't forget to weed, tidy up and shine your pots; speak sweetly to

your plants (sing to them if you must), and above all go over your schedule once more – read it carefully so that you know exactly what you want to show and what you need to make an exhibit. E.g. if the schedule asks for 5 White Onions, make sure that you have the 5 to make up the exhibit – not 4, or 6 White Onions. Write the item numbers of your chosen exhibits onto the front page of your schedule before ringing them in on Thursday night so that you don't miss any. This will help you when you load up the car so that you do not leave anything behind, and again at the show when staging your exhibits.

Wednesday is meeting night, when our own Jack and Glenda Edgar will talk to us about their favourite plant, "The Iris". Don't miss this talk! Thursday is entry night; Friday is set up day, and Saturday of course, the big one, our Spring Show. Busy, busy, busy! As usual, many hands make light work, so please do not be afraid to offer to assist in any way you feel capable of. You may be able to relieve somebody who has been hard at it for some time so that they can have a break. It is your show too, we are all members.

Good luck with your exhibits,

Cheers, Bill.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Overdue!!

Still a couple of members have not paid their annual subscription fees. Please pay on the meeting night or show day, or post it if unable to attend the meeting. Fees still remain at:

Single: \$15.00 Family: \$25.00

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BUS TRIP

Our Spring bus trip is only a couple of weeks away. Don't forget it's on Sunday November 11th. All money should be paid by now.

If you have any questions or last minutes emergency, contact John Mathie.

Any problems John's home phone 9458 1632 or mobile 0402633739.

NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Hilary and I took a punt on the weather being favourable in October and ventured to the west coast of South Australia for a couple of weeks.

On our return everything in the garden looked fine despite only 20mm of rain. Nothing had grown much, but nothing had died. Apart

from lawn cutting everything would be ship shape again in a day or two.

There were over 600 poppies to pick (including dead heads) and the Ranunculi were well finished. I leave the Ranunculi to go to seed for a week or two and harvest the fresh seed in November. The tulips have also finished blooming but need several weeks to die down completely before lifting.

The seeds planted last month will be ready to transplant in a week or two, and as well I will be making a fresh planting of lettuce, potatoes,

French beans and carrots to keep a continuous supply coming along. I prefer to wait until November to plant sweet corn as it is easier to keep water up to these plants after the worst of the summer heat is over, and besides, they should be ready in time for our Autumn show.

After years of procrastinating I finally bought a sweet potato the other day and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has grown them in Melbourne.

Happy Gardening,
Geoff May.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

November 28th: No Competition
Presentation of Awards.

MONTHLY MEETING

November 28th: Christmas Break-up Party

COMING EVENTS

Ivanhoe Garden Club Spring Show – Sunday 28th October 1.30 - 4pm. Bellfield Community Centre Cnr Oriel Road and Banksia Street, West Heidelberg 3079 Ph: Julie 9499 4659

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