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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

Our **spring gardening carnival** is still in full swing as we head for our end of year celebration with our social night approaching fast. (Well, if the racing fraternity can have a spring racing carnival, why can't we have a spring gardening carnival of events? After all, that's what it has been!).

This spring we have presented two informative gardening lectures.

The first, in September, Margaret Macgregor from the Victorian Rose Society presented "The Rose Cycle". This was a simple but complete guide to month by month care of the rose.

In October, representing the Iris Society, our very own Glenda and Jack Edgar gave an excellent presentation on Iris culture. I might say that they then went on to take out the awards with their Iris at our show, and even more awards at the Ivanhoe show. Congratulations to them.

Then came the so – called, 'Melbourne Cup' of our spring gardening carnival, the Preston Garden Club Spring Show 2012.

Yes, we pulled off another great show, and it may even be featured on ABC television early next year.



360 Degree Films at our Spring show. Filming for the secret life of our urban wildlife.



John Mathie being interviewed.

As always, this is a full membership event. It would be impossible to run a show without your help. Congratulations to the exhibitors, organizers, sponsors, through donations (prizes, plants, scones, goods for the stalls, etc.) time and any other back breaking assistance donated. It is great to see the delight on the faces of so many, who win even the smallest of awards by competing in the show.



Cooking



Container Grown Plants



Floral Art

Weng Lim has not been able to fit his hat on his head since winning the blue ribbon for "Best Exhibit" and the Rose Society of Vic. Bronze Medallion for "Best Rose in Show" in the Rose Section. He followed this up by winning the

Northcote Garden Club Memorial blue ribbon for “Best Exhibit Cut Flowers, Trees and Shrubs”. He tells me that his head is not swollen; it’s just that the smile on his face is so wide that it looks like he has a fat face.



Weng Lim, Prize Winning Rose.

But wait! The carnival is not over; there’s more!

Remembrance Day, November 11th, 50 members and friends boarded a coach and headed to Mornington, firstly to the racecourse, (that is a venue that fits in with our spring carnival theme, isn’t it?) to buy up for Christmas at the Mornington Sunday Market. It was very popular, crowded, dusty, busy and hot – but lots to see and buy. We even lost one couple for a while, who could not find their way out to the bus. All back on board, we then headed for the Mornington Rose Garden, where we lunched surrounded by thousands of roses in full bloom. Two volunteers were busy dead heading the roses, but with so many blooms and a hot wind blowing across the fairly open garden, they certainly had their hands full. From the comments made to me.

1. Fourth of July seemed to be the most eye catching rose, a white with red blotches climber attached to the columns as we entered the garden.

2. The toilet was the cleanest, most pleasant utility we’ve ever come across on a bus trip. Complete with doyley and a vase of fragrant roses, it seemed the most photographed item of the trip.



The Toilet!!

A stop at Gardenworld on the way home – more shopping – brought the day to an end. We were too tired to play bingo on the way home.



Members Enjoying Lunch

Our carnival concludes with our break up night on 28th. Come along and enjoy it. Have fun – you deserve to. We will be treated to entertainment by the ARCappella Choir, a good supper, and great company. And, there is special surprise item for you before you leave and go off, enjoy Christmas and to relax after a busy and full spring gardening carnival. Thank you for all of your support. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Bill Saunders

CHRISTMAS PARTY

An invitation to all.

Wednesday 28th November will be our last get together for 2012, and we intend to celebrate with a party. No formal meeting, no monthly competition; just relax and have fun and be entertained by the voices of the 'ARCappella' choir

The hall will be set with round tables, colourful table cloths, nibbles and soft drink. The club will supply nice hot finger food, tea, and coffee as well. Members are asked to bring along a small plate of party food (e.g. sandwiches, cakes, biscuits) to place on the table to share. That way we should end up with a feast to rival Christmas Dinner.

Wear something festive to add to the atmosphere. You are welcome to bring a friend and your own favourite drink if you wish.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

Our Christmas raffle is a great fund-raiser towards paying for our party food and a lot of fun. Many members have donated goods towards our Christmas hamper, but most prefer to bring something on the night of the break-up. If you can bring something, please ensure that the use-by date of perishable goods will still be current by Christmas. Christmas cards, candles, soaps etc. are more than welcome.

SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS

The prize winners of the raffle at the show last Saturday are -

1st Prize

Rose in pot - Ticket D14 purple - Moira

2nd Prize

Multicrop Hamper - Ticket D27 purple - Pat Insall

3rd Prize

Small Greenhouse - Ticket C93 green - John & Desiree Mathie

4th Prize

Garden Spade - Ticket A30 orange - Sophia

5th Prize

Tray full of fresh vegetables - Ticket C75 green - Daksha Singh

6th Prize

Hamper of oils - Ticket D6 black - Stephen

SPRING GARDEN SHOW MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 2012

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PRIZE/SECTION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PTS</u>
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>					
<u>GOLD RIBBON</u>		CHAMPIONSHIP - CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUBS - BILL LOWE MEMORIAL	Haeztra Goonetilleke	1	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>		BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUB - NORTHCOTE G. C. MEMORIAL	Weng Lim	2	
<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUB	NA		
<u>TROPHY</u>	OPEN	ONE CONTAINER OF TREE, SHRUB OR CREEPER, IN BLOOM, ONE KIND.	Noelene Park	22	
<u>TROPHY</u>		MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR CUT FLOWERS	Geoff & Hilary May		19
<u>ROSES</u>					
<u>MEDAL</u>		BEST ROSE IN SHOW - ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC. BRONZE MEDALLION	Weng Lim	40	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE	Weng Lim	40	
<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE	NA		
<u>CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS</u>					
<u>GOLD RIBBON</u>		CHAMPIONSHIP - CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS - JOHN MCGLONE MEMORIAL.	John & Desiree Mathie	84	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>		BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS -	John & Desiree Mathie	72	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>		BEST EXHIBIT HANGING BASKET - Donated Bill Saunders	John & Desiree Mathie	84	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>		BEST EXHIBIT PELARGONIUM - Donated Norma Thomas	Pat Kilpatrick	94	
<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANT	Lilly MacNeil	76	
<u>TROPHY</u>		MOST SUCCESS EXHIB CONTAINER GROWN PLANT	John & Desiree Mathie		20
<u>FLORAL ART</u>					
<u>GOLD RIBBON</u>		CHAMPIONSHIP - FLORAL ART - Donated Neil Lenne	Haeztra Goonetilleke	99	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART (ITEMS 100 - 117)	Sue Stanicki	103	
<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART	N/A		
<u>TROPHY</u>		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBITOR FLORAL ART	Haeztra Goonetilleke		10
<u>TROPHY</u>		"MEMBERS ONLY" FLORAL ART - Donated Jean Thomas	Pat Kilpatrick	100	
<u>CHILDREN</u>					
<u>TROPHY</u>		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 16 YEARS	NA		
<u>TROPHY</u>		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 12 YEARS	Lilly MacNeil	131	
<u>VEGETABLES</u>					
<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES			
<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES/TROPHY	Geoff & Hilary May	136	
<u>TROPHY</u>		MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT VEGETABLE	Geoff & Hilary May		
<u>COOKING</u>					
<u>GOLD RIBBON</u>		CHAMPIONSHIP - COOKING	Pat Kilpatrick	158	
<u>BLUE RIBBON</u>		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING (EXCLUDING ITEM 158)	Pat Kilpatrick	163	
<u>TROPHY</u>		COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP - Donated Noelene & Lindsay Park	Pat Kilpatrick	158	
<u>TROPHY</u>		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING (ITEMS 159 - 178) - Donated Noelene & Lindsay Park	Pat Kilpatrick	163	
<u>TROPHY</u>	NOVICE	MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR	Lilly MacNeil		3