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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,
On holidays, Bill

NOW WELL INTO AUTUMN

Autumn has its own smells –

There's the smell of wet earth, the last sniff of roses and gardenias, once the haunting smell of burning leaves but nowadays we are not permitted to burn leaves, we shred or compost them. The fallen leaves can be the gardener's worry or blessing according to an attitude of mind.

Wise gardeners lust after them if having none of their own will travel to neighbourhood streets in pursuit of free bounty.

Layers of leaves, especially Oak leaves are a must for the compost bin but should you be considering using them as mulch to retain moisture and reduce weeds, they are best shredded. A layer of solid leaves can make it tough going for plants trying to push their way to the light. You can run the lawn mower over them until they are of a consistency fine enough to be run through your fingers.

I have a 3 in 1 blower which blows the leaves into a corner and mulches them.



Flower or Bird seeds?

MAY IN THE GARDEN

I find May is one of the busiest times in the garden and my energy returns after the heat of summer. Most summer crops are finished and need renewal by the winter crops. It is a good idea to use some liquid manure on the brassicas every week to keep growth moving along before the really cold weather sets in. If the white butterfly is around a dusting or spray may be needed if any caterpillars are present. Usually by mid May these butterflies have disappeared and do not return till August or September.

About the only seeds to sow now are broad beans and peas while the last of the Spring bulbs should be

in the ground by the end of the month. If spring flowers are required seedlings of your favourites should also be in the moist soil.

Happy gardening
Geoff May

NEW MEMBERS

Another new members has joined our club. We welcome Diana Mattea.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

June 26th: One own Photograph of Horticultural Interest.

MONTHLY MEETING

June 26th: Garden Tools, selection, maintenance – Ryset Tools.

COMING EVENTS

November 10th.

Our Club's SPRING bus trip has been organised for the 10th November 2013, to the Royal Botanic Australian Gardens. Full details in a later newsletter.

AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW MAJOR WINNERS

SECTION	CLASS	PRIZE/SECTION	NAME	ITEM	PTS
R.H.S.V. S.S. McKay Medallion	OPEN	MOST SUCCESS SHOW EXHIBITOR	Geoff & Hilary May		59
PRESIDENTS TROPHY	NOVICE	MOST SUCCESS SHOW EXHIBITOR	Cheryl Warner		3
DAHLIAS					
NDS BRONZE MEDALLION		BEST EXHIBIT DAHLIA SECTION	Les Lawson	2	
GOLD RIBBON		PRESTON DAHLIA CHAMPIONSHIP	Les Lawson	2	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST DAHLIA OVER 160MM	Les Lawson	2	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST VASE UNDER 160MM	Les Lawson	2	
TROPHY		6 DAHLIA BLOOMS UNDER 160MM	Les Lawson	14	3
CUT FLOWERS					
BLUE RIBBON		BEST CONTAINER CUT FLOWERS	J & D Mathie	33	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS	Cheryl Warner	41	
TROPHY		MOST SUCC EXHIB CUT FLOWER SEC.	J & D Mathie		13
CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS					
GOLD RIBBON		CONTAINER GROWN PLANT SEC.	Wayne Hurley	68	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT CONT. GROWN PLANT	J & D Mathie	51	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT HANGING BASKET	Wayne Hurley	68	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT POT PLANT SECTION		0	
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIB POT PLANT SEC.	Wayne Hurley		19
ROSES					
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE SECTION			
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE SECTION			
TROPHY		MINIATURE ROSES			
FLORAL ART					
GOLD RIBBON		PRESTON FLORAL ART CHAMPIONSHIP	Weng Lim	94	
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART SECTION	Angelina Francine	102	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART SECTION			
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBIT F/A SECTION	Angelina Francine		14
CHILDREN					
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 16 YEARS	Lilly MacNeil	128	
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 12 YEARS	Lilly MacNeil	132	
VEGETABLES					
GOLD RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES SEC.	Sharon Pollard	135	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES SEC.			
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBIT VEGETABLE SEC	G & H May		36
COOKING					
GOLD RIBBON		PRESTON COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP	Pat Kilpatrick	170	
TROPHY		AS ABOVE			
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING SECTION	Pat Kilpatrick	177	
TROPHY		AS ABOVE			
PRESTON AUT CHAMPIONSHIP					
		1st Winner	Angelina Francine	1	
GOLD RIBBON		2nd Winner	G & H May		