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DAFFODILS



A poem for Spring by William Wordsworth

I wander'd lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they

Out did the sparkling waves in glee
A poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company!
I gazed, and gazed, but little thought

What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,

And dances with the daffodils.



SPRING INTO THE GARDEN

Now that the weather is starting to warm up and the days are lengthening there are many chores to get started in the garden.

Another crop of potatoes can go in in the next week or two as the earlier crop has just broken through the soil. It is important that potatoes get enough water especially when they come into flower as this is the time when the new tubers are being formed.

When onions have two leaves and are big enough to handle they can be planted out into rows about 30cm apart with about 10cm between plants.

When citrus trees start into new growth it is a good time to apply some citrus food to stimulate new growth and flower setting.

I usually plant my tomato seeds under glass in early September and in normal conditions they are ready for transplanting into the garden in early November.

Now is a good time to sow seeds of Silver Beet, Radish, Lettuce, Red Beet, and Celery but still a little early for the Pumpkins, Marrows and French Beans as the soil is still not warm enough and germination can be very poor.

A little liquid manure will be beneficial for the Spring flowering annuals at this time of the year to get those blooms ready for the Spring.

Happy gardening,
Geoff May

SPRING SHOW

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 26th October in Preston City Hall. Read your schedule carefully, if you have any questions, speak to Bill our Show Manager at the next meeting or Phone 9478 0269.

Make sure that you phone your entries are in by 9pm on Thursday 24th October, do not leave it to the last moment to phone. We hope to be in the hall Friday to set up, from 9am. If you can spare some time to help, the more hands the better. On show day we need volunteers throughout the day, all assistance is appreciated.

We are looking for home made cakes for the cake stall and scones for the afternoon teas. If you can help out either on the Friday or on show day, let the Bill know. Every little bit helps.

HERBS

Herbs for Fragrance

Lemon Balm, Sweet Basil, Sacred Basil, Chamomile, Heliotrope, Jasmine, Lavender, Lemon Verbena, Lily-of-the-Valley, Old Fashioned Roses, Peppermint, Scented Pelargonius, Pinks, Rosemary, Sweet Woodruff, Lemon Thyme, Violets, Honeysuckle. Eau-de-Cologne Mint.

Herbs for Repelling Insects

Lavender, Garlic, Fennel, Wormwood, Basil, Eau-de-Cologne Mint, True Pyrethrum, Chives, Pennyroyal, Elder, Lad's Love, Santolina, Nasturtiums, Rue, Tansy, Marigolds.

Herbs for Lawns & Paths

Creeping Thyme, Pennyroyal, Corsican Mint, Chamomile: Anthemis N. Treneague (Lawn Chamomile)

Herbs for Rockies

Prostrate Rosemary, Westmoreland Thyme, Soapwort, Silver Lemon Thyme, Dianthus, Golden Marjoram, Nitidus Thyme, Yarrow, Lady's Bedstraw.

Herbs for Dye Plants

Alkanet, Elder, Woad, Dyer's Chamomile, Marigold, Australian Indigo, Meadowsweet, Coreopsis.

Herbs as Companion Plants

Basil & Parsley for Tomatoes, Chamomile for Onions, Garlic for Roses & Fruit Trees, Parsley for Roses, Hysop for Grape Vines, Borage for Strawberries, Nasturtiums for Broccoli, Horseradish for Potatoes, Chervil for Radishes, Savory for Beans.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

October 23rd: One Iris

MONTHLY MEETING

October 23rd: Growing orchids, showing & judging – John Sharman

SPRING BUS TRIP

Those members who have placed their name down for the bus trip, time to pay the full amount.

The cost of trip is still \$25.00, please pay John at the meeting ASAP.

If you have problems and cannot go, let John know, 94581632. We do have a waiting list.

COMING EVENTS

September 12th to October 8th.
Tesselaar Tulip Festival.

Local, interstate and international visitors will be exploring the beauty of the 60th Tesselaar Tulip Festival this spring. Set on a 55 acre working farm, the historic gardens will be in full flower between September 12th and October 8th. Visitors will see a breathtaking display of over a million bulbs, more colourful than ever before.

Adults: \$20, **Concession:** \$17.00, **Children (under 16):** Free, if accompanied by adults.

September 28th 9am - 5pm
Sunday 29th 9am - 4pm.

Maroondah Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show. Demonstrations, free Orchids for children. Sale of plants & potting mix.

St Timothy's Hall, 21 Stevens Road, Vermont (Mel.Ref 62 G4)
Entry: Adults \$4 Conc \$3 U12 FREE. Enquiries: Barry 9801 1628

September 28th & 29th 9am - 4pm
Australian Native Orchid Society Spring Show

Displays, Plant sales, talks and demonstrations. Refreshments.

Mt Waverley Community Centre
47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley.

Entry: Adult \$4, Conc \$3, U18 FREE. Enquiries: 0429 930 138

October 19th 9am-5pm
Sunday 20th 10am-4pm
Yarra Valley Orchid Society,
Spring Orchid Show.

Seville Public Hall, Warbuton Highway, Seville (MW 119J11)
Entry: \$3 adults Children free.

Assorted Orchids for Sale
Enquiries: Mark or Jane 9737 9354

October 26th 10am-5pm.
Sunday 27th 10am-3pm
Cactus Succulent Society of
Australia Spring Show
Mt Waverley Community Centre
47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley
Entry: \$5 adults Children U10 free
Enquiries: 0419 397 112