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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**F**riends,  
As I write this report I realize what spring is all about. It is a beautiful 27C, blue skies, green lawns and lots of colour in the garden. The roses, which should have been blooming last week for our Spring Garden Show, are now in full bloom sending a sweet, subtle scent wafting through the garden. After two very hectic weeks, and with the show now behind us it is wonderful to be able to have time to sit back and relax in, and to enjoy the garden.

Our show, of course, is another reminder of spring. It is inspiring to walk into the hall on show day and to see the spectacular colour and displays on the show benches. This spectacle is a result of all the hard work and effort put in by you, the exhibitors. Congratulations to you all, winners or not your efforts make a great show.

Of course it is not just the exhibits that shine on show day, but the members as well. Congratulations and thank you to all on the way that you work, and work together on all sorts of jobs to make a show possible. In tiring, and sometimes difficult situations your comradeship and understanding is to be admired.

We make a great team. Bill.

## SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

We still have two very important events to go before we bring our Spring Garden Festival to a close.

1. **Bus Trip to Botanical Gardens**, Cranbourne. This is sure to be a highlight of our festival. The coach is fully booked and I believe that the gardens are in top condition.

2. **Christmas Break – up.** Brendan Scott a well-known entertainer has been booked for this evening of fun and celebration. This is not to be missed.

Bring a plate of something to place on the buffet table for all to share and together with the hot finger food supplied by the club we will have a sumptuous supper. Something to place in the raffle hampers would also be appreciated to make for a fantastic raffle.

There will be no formal meeting or competition table at the break-up; we are there to have fun, relax and enjoy each other's company.

## GARDENING AUSTRALIA

It was exciting to see two of our member celebrities, Geoff & Hilary May and their garden featured on the ABC Television program, Gardening Australia recently.

For those who missed the segment, it was replayed at our October

meeting, where we were able to personally congratulate the pair. Of course, we always knew that they were celebrities; they were just waiting to be discovered by the rest of the gardening world. Bill.



## ROSES

It was pleasing to see the number of roses placed on the show bench at our recent show by members. Rosalie Parsons, from the Rose Society is always a wonderful supporter of our rose section, in an effort to promote the rose and to encourage others to have a go, and often the only exhibitor. People are taken by roses and come to see the colour and spectacle of this section. We are grateful for Rosalie's support over many years.

This year, however, a number of our own members gave Rosalie a run for her money.

I was delighted to see Jean Thomas, not just exhibit, but to win the Blue Ribbon, for Best Exhibit Roses, and The Rose Society of Victoria Bronze Medal, for Best Rose in Show. Congratulations Jean, well done.

However, Jean did not win anything in the raffle. Ooooh!!



Jean Thomas, winning Rose.

### SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Prize** - Multicrop Hamper  
Blue Ticket A12 - Peter Twigg
- 2nd Prize** - Masters Hamper  
Black Ticket F79 – Gay
- 3rd Prize** - Tray of Fresh Vegetables  
Blue Ticket A96 - Sue Fitzgerald
- 4th Prize** - Bucket of Garden Goodies (donated by Noelene & Lindsay Park)  
Red Ticket E20 – Steven
- 5th Prize** - Garden Kneeler & Seat  
Orange Ticket D11 - Kim Northmore

### SHOW SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors for the Spring Show and they are -  
Bulleen Art & Garden Nursery  
Multicrop Australia  
Masters Home Improvements  
Noelene & Lindsay Park  
Jean Thomas  
City of Darebin



### NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Now that the soil has started to warm up it is time to start planting all those warm weather plants; summer vegetables and annuals as well as citrus trees and perennials. Some crops such as celery, sweet corn and beans require regular deep watering and are not recommended if a good supply is not available.

I am trying a variety of tomatoes recommended by Peter Cundall called Moneymaker; a staking variety of medium size with a good flavour. Peter suggests planting the seedlings a metre apart to allow for maximum development and good air movement. Potatoes that are well up by now require large amounts of water and onions do not need to dry out too much. Don't forget to thin the carrots and parsnips; a tedious job but essential to good sized roots.

I have been spreading mulch around the fruit trees to conserve water and suppress weed growth to allow for more time in the summer to devote to watering and keeping plants well staked and tied.

Don't get too concerned at the spring flowering bulbs looking untidy as it won't be long before the tops are completely brown and those that are ready for storage can be safely lifted.

In the meantime enjoy the spring flowers.

Happy Gardening  
Geoff May

### MEMBERS NEWS

Congratulations to Margaret & Jack Wilson on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 31st October.

We wish Elsie Carter a speedy recovery. She has been in hospital recently but is home again and must rest.



# PGC SPRING GARDEN SHOW OCTOBER 2013

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PRIZE/SECTION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PTS</u>
<b>CUT FLOWERS</b>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUBS - BILL LOWE MEMORIAL	John & Desiree Mathie	1	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUB - NORTHCOTE G. C. MEMORIAL	Margaret Trewella	2	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUB	NA		
TROPHY	OPEN	ONE CONTAINER OF TREE, SHRUB OR CREEPER, IN BLOOM, ONE KIND.	Rosalie Parsons	22	
<b>ROSES</b>					
MEDAL		BEST ROSE IN SHOW - ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC. BRONZE MEDALLION	Jean Thomas	45	
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE	Jean Thomas	45	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE	Daksha Singh	57	
<b>CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS</b>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS - JOHN MCGCLONE MEMORIAL.	John & Desiree Mathie	84	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS -	Patricia Kilpatrick	62	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT HANGING BASKET - Donated Bill Saunders	John & Desiree Mathie	84	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT PELARGONIUM - Donated Norma Thomas	Wayne Hurley	90	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANT	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIB CONTAINER GROWN PLANT	Wayne Hurley	15	
<b>FLORAL ART</b>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - FLORAL ART - Donated Neil Lenne	Angelina Francione	99	
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART (ITEMS 100 - 117)	Angelina Francione	102	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART	Neil Lenne	111	
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBITOR FLORAL ART	Angelina Francione	16	
TROPHY		"MEMBERS ONLY" FLORAL ART - Donated Jean Thomas	Joan McNair	100	
<b>CHILDREN</b>					
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 16 YEARS	NA		
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 12 YEARS	Victoria Francione	3	
<b>VEGETABLES</b>					
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES-Donated Wayne Hurley	Geoff & Hilary May	112	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE		NA		
CERTIFICATE	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES/TROPHY	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT VEGETABLE	Geoff & Hilary May	33	
<b>COOKING</b>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - COOKING	Patricia Kilpatrick	134	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING (EXCLUDING ITEM 134)	Patricia Kilpatrick	139	
TROPHY		COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP - Donated Noelene & Lindsay Park	Patricia Kilpatrick	134	
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING (ITEMS 134 - 154) - Donated Noelene & Lindsay Park	Patricia Kilpatrick	139	
TROPHY	NOVICE	MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR	Daksha Singh	10	

