



**Preston Garden  
Club Inc.**

**1934 - 2014**

**80 Years**

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**F**riends,  
Last month's A.G.M. gave me the opportunity to formally say thank you to you all for your selfless efforts in volunteering your services in so many ways to keep our club achieving so many positive outcomes for the benefit of all. It has always been this attitude that has enabled Preston Garden Club to reach such a marvellous milestone as our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I consider it an honour to be re-elected as your president through this year of 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, and I am delighted that I will be working with such a great, dedicated committee team again throughout this term.

I thank Geoff May for his contribution to committee over the past years, but although he has chosen not to stand for committee this year due to difficulty in travelling and attending the meetings, this does not mean that Geoff will not be there as usual to assist where-ever he can in doing his best for our club. That's Geoff – The quiet achiever!



Your president,  
Bill Saunders.

## 80TH CELEBRATIONS

**Wednesday 27th August, 2014 at 6.00pm. Invitation Only.**

Now that acceptances have been received and our numbers are confirmed with the caterers this note is just a reminder of the time we require people to arrive at the Preston Shire Hall.

**Please arrive between 6.00pm - 6.15pm.**

There will be a person at the door to take your name and advise what table you will be seated at.

**We need everyone seated by 6.30pm.**

At your table there will be your name tag and place card along with a complimentary wine glass to be used on the night and then taken home to keep as a memento.

The meal will be a smorgasbord so you will be able to choose what you like to eat. For those that have advised me of their dietary requirements caterers have been advised and arrangements made. Please come and see John Mathie or myself on the night when you arrive.

There will be no monthly competition or raffle.

We are looking forward to a great night and seeing you all. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Let's celebrate  
Cheryl Warner Ph - 9467 3078

## PRESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### **1934 Committee**

Peter H Zwar - Tanner  
Ernest Warner - Driver  
Alfred C Hardy - Book Keeper  
James Railton - Seedsman  
Albert E Eagles - Curator  
Joseph Sl Brown - Engineer  
William Brace - Gardener  
Charles W Millar - Engineer  
Leslie Ar Harry - Cabinetmaker  
Ernest Binns - Packer  
Silas J Richmond - Salesman

**1930s** Preston Horticultural Society Formed.

Affiliate with Royal Horticultural Society.

Cooking Section to be included in Autumn Schedule.

Flowers exhibited sold, money to go to Mayor for Bush Fire Appeal, £4-18-6.

Garden Competition.

Introduction of Calender Flower.

Members to not smoke during meetings.

Members stood for one minute opening of meeting for respect of Kings death.

Secretary to interview Mr. Morgan re Advertising on the Screen at Star Picture Theatre.

Stock seed was sold at 3p/packet to pay for iron to make tubes, 24/- collected.

**1940s** All members on service be kept financial for current year.

Sale of flowers at Autumn Show donated for Patriotic Funds.

Future Spring Shows held first week in November and Autumn Show third Saturday in March.

R.H.S. Giving Medal to Affiliated Societies known as Fawknor Medal for shows.

Society has 83 Members, bank balance £43-0-11.

Speaker delayed by brown-out.

**1950s** Affiliated society meeting at R.H.S. to organise an Inter-Society competition at Moomba Show.

Profit from Autumn Show approx. £30.

Report on Ivanhoe Society 50th anniversary party.

Secretary read minutes of first meeting, 3 foundation members at meeting.

Silver Jubilee Autumn Show.

**1960s** April meetings Chrysanthemum night.

Brunswick Horticulture Society Inter-Society competition.

Name Change to Preston Garden Club.

Reg Smith passed away, only missed three meeting in 27 Years, foundation member.

Report, National Dahlia Society was moted, 3 Members attended N.D.S. meeting paid affiliation fees

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Any new members who have joined in the first half of this year, January to June, your subscription will be due July 2015.

Fees remain at: Single: \$15.00  
Family: \$25.00.

Cheques or money orders can be addressed to: Preston Garden Club Inc. P.O. Box 1004, Preston, 3072, or payment made direct to the Treasurer at the next meeting.

### SPRING BUS TRIP

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Cost - \$ 30.00 (\$5 non-refundable deposit) includes entrance fee and guided tour of Mont de Lancey homestead and to the Wandin draught horse & machinery festival.

Coach leaving front of Preston Town Hall, Gower St, Preston at 9.00 am sharp.

Morning Tea will be provided on arrival at Mont De Lancey. BYO lunch or purchase your lunch at the festival. (BBQ or CAFE) On way two or three games of free bingo-prizes to winners.

Guided Tour of Mont De Lancey Historic 1880 Homestead, St Mary's Chapel, 1880 Slab Kitchen & Dairy, Museum and Heritage Garden.

Henry Sebire was born in 1828 in the Parish of St Guernsey one of the Channel Islands and was a stonemason by trade. In October 1849 age 21 years, he sailed from Plymouth England and arrived in Victoria in January 1850. In 1850 he married Martha Rihoy who was also from Guernsey and they settled in Melbourne.

In 1867 Henry, Martha and their four children came to Wandin where they selected 80 acres of bush land and began to clear the land by hand. In 1873 Henry purchased the land at one pound per acre. In 1880 Henry began to build a permanent more substantial home making bricks from clay on the property and quarry stones

from the hills for the foundations. The house stands today as solid as ever on a hill overlooking the surrounding farms.

Henry and Martha's French speaking background is reflected in the name they chose for their home, Mont for its high outlook and De Lancey for a lane in their former homeland Guernsey. One of Henry and Martha's six sons, a grandson and a great grandson continued to farm the property. In 1993 members of the Sebire family generously donated the homestead and part of the property to be developed as a community based project.

After the tour, enjoy your BYO lunch in the gardens of Mont De Lancey. Browse the Festival activities in the grounds of Mont De Lancey.

Working Draught horses- Hay cutting, Hay bailing, Chaff cutting. Working Draught horses – Ploughing etc. Vintage Farm Machinery Display, Vintage Engine & Machinery Display. Heritage Museum, Art Gallery & Working Blacksmiths. Sheep Dog Display, Chainsaw Carving. Market Stalls & Kiosk.

VISIT - KOOKABERRY BERRY FARM.

Kookaberry Strawberry farm is a family run business, having grown berries for 32 years. Enjoy fresh or frozen strawberries, blackberries, raspberries and of course, jams. Farm Store will be open for sale of berries & Jams.

VISIT - MT EVELYN GARDEN CENTRE

(Depending on Time) Mt Evelyn Garden Centre has been retailing in its original location for 25 years. After changing hands in 2004, so did the style and structure of this garden Centre. The new garden Centre has quickly established a reputation for itself as a one stop

shop for garden needs. Coffee Machine (\$2.50 per cup & cold cans of drink)

Approx. 4.30 pm Board Coach and settle back for your relaxing journey home, arriving Preston Town Hall at approx. 5.30pm. More Bingo if members so desire & Draw of Lucky Ticket Prizes.

The cost of trip is \$30.00, a \$5 non-refundable deposit is required to book your seat or full payment is required, please pay John Mathie at the meeting. You can also bring a friend or two.

If you have questions or problems and cannot go on the day, let John know, phone 94581632.

### AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

Now that the days are getting longer and the sun a little warmer don't be tempted to go crazy and plant all those summer flowers and vegetables just yet. There are many crops that can go in now but not those that relish the heat of summer.

The following can be planted this month and next without any fears of going straight up to seed like those planted in June & July; Potatoes, Jerusalem antichokes, chives, rhubarb divisions and seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, lettuce, silver beet, onions and leeks.

For those who like to sow seed the following crops can be planted into well cultivated and manured soil.

Carrots, beetroot, parsnips, silver beet, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, kohlrabi, leeks, swedes, turnips and peas can all go in this month. If a glasshouse is available tomatoes, pumpkins, zucchini and sweet corn can be planted but just as good

results can be obtained by planting next month.

Fruit trees can still be pruned as long as they are not bursting into flower and the time is right to start thinking of repotting any plants that were overlooked last year.

Gladioli planted now should be flowering in time for the festive season.

Enjoy the Spring garden as well as all its fragrances.

Geoff May

### COMING EVENTS

September 4th - 14th. Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival. Kyneton Township. Spring Flower Show, Open Gardens, Art & Craft Show plus more activities. Enquiries: 5422 2282

Saturday 6th September 9am - 2pm Pakenham Garden Expo. Beaconhills College, Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham. Guest presenter - Tino Carneval from Gardening Australia. Entry: \$5.00 Enquiries: Meryl 5941 1306 or 5941 1871

Saturday 6th September 12pm - 4.30pm. Sunday 7th September 10am - 4.30pm. Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Spring Show. Ferny Creek Horticultural Hall, Hilton Road. Sassafras (MW 66E12). Entry: \$5.00 Enquiries: Secretary 9755 1882

Saturday 13th September & Sunday 14th September 10am - 4pm. Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group, Australian Plants Expo. Entry: \$5.00 Adults \$4.00 Conc. Child - Free

Saturday 13th September 1.30pm - 5pm. Sunday 14th September 11am - 4pm. Box Hill Floral Art

Exhibition - Floral World. Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road Box Hill. Enquiries: 9876 6386 or 9898 2483

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September. 9am - 4pm. Maribyrnong Orchid Society, Spring Show. Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street Maribyrnong. Enquiries: 5283 1364

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September 9am - 4pm. Australasian Native Orchid Society Spring Show. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent Mount Waverley (MW 70 E1). Entry: \$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Conc. Child U16 Free. Enquiries: 0429 930 138

Saturday 27th September 9am - 5pm. Sunday 28th September 9am - 4pm. Maroondah Orchid Society - Spring Show. St Timothy's Hall, 21 Stevens Road Vermont (MW 62 G3). Entry: \$4 Adults \$3 Conc. Child U12 Free. Enquiries: Barry 9801 1628

### MONTHLY COMPETITION

**September 24th** : One Iris

### MONTHLY MEETING

**September 24th**: Humans Impact on Creeks, Rivers & Water Quality - Peter Genfell, Darebin Creek Management

### STAMPS

Looking for more stamps.

Some members have been collecting stamps for Robert to take back to China. He will be at the August meeting so if you can bring those stamps along. Otherwise give them to Bill anytime.