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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1st.

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.

Those who have placed their names for the bus trip list, now is the time to pay the full amount. Full payment is required by the October meeting. If you cannot go, let John know ASAP, we do have a waiting list. John Mathie phone 94581632.

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Best wishes for August and September birthdays.

Jan Foster, Neil Lenne, Betty Lunny, Pat Mather, Joy Snell, Jack Wilson & Billie Young.

We hope you enjoy/enjoyed your day.

SPRING INTO SEPTEMBER

Now that Spring has arrived we can look forward to the rewards of our Winter gardening with the colourful displays of annuals, bulbs and shrubs over the next few weeks.

It is also a time to start off many of the warm season plants especially

in the vegetable garden. I have raised tomatoes under glass and will be gradually hardening them off in the open garden ready for the planting out about Cup Day. If you have a very sheltered spot facing north it could be worth planting out some early varieties as I have noticed some self sown plants in that position are already in flower.

It is also an excellent time to plant out onion seedlings and put in another bed of potatoes. Make sure the potatoes are kept well watered as the more moisture they get in the cooler weather produces the biggest and best crops. Maincrop carrots and parsnips are sown this month as cooler weather is much better for germination than the heat of Summer.

Many pot plants are improved by repotting at this time of year as well as some slow release fertilizer for those not due for a change of soil until 2015.

If you have the energy and time it is a good idea to dig and fertilize any vacant beds that will be planted up over the next few weeks.

In the meantime enjoy the Spring blossoms and the wonderful perfumed flowers.

Geoff May

COMING EVENTS

September 27th & 28th 9am-4pm. Australian Native Orchid Society Spring Show. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley. Entry: \$5 Adults \$3 Conc. Child U16 Free. Enquiries: 0429 930 138.

September 27th 9am-5pm, 28th 9am-4pm. Maroondah Orchid Society Spring Show. St Timothy's Hall. 21 Stevens Road, Vermont. Entry: \$5 Adults \$3 Conc Child U16 Free. Enquiries: 9801 1628.

October 3rd 1pm-5pm, 4th 10am-4.30pm, 5th - 11am - 4.30pm. Ballarat Floral Art Group – Fluety Flowers. Robert Clarke Centre, Botanical Gardens, Ballarat. Entry: \$6. Enquiries: Anita 5333 2338.

October 4th - 9am - 5pm, 5th - 9am - 4pm. Bonsai Society of Victoria. Bonsai Exhibition Box Hill Town Hall. 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Entry: \$5.

October 11th & 12th - 9am - 4pm. Gippsland Baw Baw Garden & Home Expo. Lardner Park, Field Day Site via Warrugal. Entry: \$8 Adults Child U16 Free. Enquiries: Maureen 5625 4589.

October 14th - 8pm. Victorian Iris Society - Early Iris Show. Jean McKendry Neighbourhood Centre, Melrose Street, North Melbourne.

October 18th - 10am - 4pm, 19th - 10am - 3pm. Friends of Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Spring Plant Sale. Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens - Gate E. Birdwood Drive - near the Shrine. Enquiries: 9650 6398 office hours.

October 18th - 9am - 5pm, October 19th - 10am - 4pm. Yarra Valley Orchid Society Spring Show. Seville Public Hall, Warburton Highway Seville (MW 119 J11) Enquiries: Ken 0418 567 856.

October 25th 10am - 5pm, October 26th 10am - 4pm. Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria Book Launch of its history "A Seed is Planted". National Herbarium, Mueller Hall, Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra. Entry: FREE TO ALL. Enquiries: 5367 6363.

October 26th - 12pm - 4pm. Ivanhoe Garden Club Flower & Garden Show. Bellfield Community Centre, Cnr Banksia Street & Oriel Road Ivanhoe. Entry: FREE. Enquiries: Julie 0401 161 461.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

October 22nd : One Container Mixed Cut Flowers – At Least Three Kinds

MONTHLY MEETING

October 22nd: Wild Life & Nature Gardens - Wayne Long.

PHOTOS FROM THE 80th BIRTHDAY PARTY



Cr. Gaetano Greco City of Darebin Mayor, welcoming speech.



Historical display.



Rod & Lyn Noonan



Joy Raftopoulos, Olga Forsyth



Graeme Trainor, Margaret Vidler, Beverley Lambourn



President Bill Saunders presented Norma Thomas with her Life Membership certificate.



Pat Mather, Joy Snell, May Morton



Thelma Irvine, Elsie Carter, Desiree Mathie, Debra Fairy



Desiree Mathie, Reita MacDonald, Chris Hide



Hazel McGlone (Life Member), Lyn & Neil Lenne (Life Member)



Maureen Brown, Glenda & Jack Edgar



Geoff & Hillary May, Weng Lim



Jas & Daksha Singh



Bill Saunders and Hazel McGlone cutting the birthday cake



Rita Page (Life Member) and daughter Bev



Maureen Brown, Joe Dunstone, Val Stafford, Cheryl Warner (Secretary), Hazel McGlone



Former President and Life Member Robert Strugnell presented with the John Pascoe Fawcner gold medal by RHSV President Don Rickerby



Noelene Park and John Mathie setting up the tables



Former President and Life Member Alby Stinten.



Diana Mattea, Des Westhead, Maria Spagnolo



Cheryl Warner and Bill Saunders setting up.



Wendy Baird, Pam White, Jean Thomas



Joan & David McNair



Dinner Time!!



Jan Forster and Val Stafford



The band played on.