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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,
Spring is well and truly with us now, and what a variety of conditions it has treated us to. It can be an inspirational season, with pleasant, warm days, which beg us to get out into the garden to enjoy its beauty, and it can be frustrating. On that beautiful day you can admire your tree in full blossom and invite friends over for a visit the next day to show off the garden, just to find the weather has changed to a wet, windy day, and most of the glorious blossom is on the ground under the tree.

Spring - Sunshine, warmth again, rain and floods and severe winds – and that's all in one day.

For all of that, spring truly is a great season for us gardeners. There are so many beautiful trees, shrubs and plants in brilliant flower at this time of year and the weather really does invite us back out into the garden to potter, exercise and to admire the beauty that spring brings.

Enjoy it.

Bill.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1st. If you have not paid yet, please do it show day.

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.

ANGELO ELIADES GARDEN

A pleasant Sunday morning was held at Angelo Eliade's garden. Those who came saw the diversity of the plants in his garden, of the 29 members who attended we had members from Preston, Doncaster and Ivanhoe garden clubs. Lucky for us the wind and rain stayed away.



A big thank you to John Mathie for organising this event and supplying the door prizes.



Angelo's garden consisted of many different varieties of plants and fruit trees which were laden with fruit. With different companion plants there was a great selection of scented geraniums intermingled with other plants, everyone was very interested with Angelo's watering systems and his generosity in allowing cuttings to be taken. Everyone remarked on plants they had not seen while strolling through the garden.



Many questions were asked about these plants while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. A suggestion was made that maybe in the future we could have more outings like this one. It goes to show that you can have a very interesting and productive garden no matter how small a space that you have.

The morning was a great success and enjoyed by all.
Wayne Hurley

CHRISTMAS BREAK – UP

Our Christmas party and last meeting for the year will be the November 23rd meeting, one month before Xmas. We will be entertained by Carol Taweel.

Planning is well underway. We are looking for donations for the Christmas Hampers. For example tin food, biscuits or Xmas treats. Bring your donation along on the night.

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.

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.

The meeting will be the Town Hall, it's the big hall where we held our spring show, see you all there.

MEMBERS NEWS



Happy birthday to you!
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Jean Begg, Audrey Cole, Dianne Dawson, Margaret Johnson, Bronwyn Kainz, William Nelson & Joy Raftopoylos,

Wishing you all a lovely day.

Welcome to our three new members Barbara & Adam Jaskulowski and Susi Colaianni.

COMING EVENTS

October 30th Sunday 11am - 4pm
Victorian Iris Society Iris Show. Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley. Opposite Mt Waverley Station. Entry: \$6.00 children U13 Free. Enquiries: 9570 1488

November 5th Saturday 12pm-4pm, Sunday 6th 9.30am-4pm.
Australian Pelargonium & Geranium Society Annual Spring Show. Bellfield Community Centre, Cnr Oriel Road & Banksia Street Ivanhoe. Entry: \$5.00 incl morning & afternoon tea. Enquiries: Lorna 9438 4080.

November 5th Saturday, Sunday 6th 10am - 4pm.
Bonsai Northwest Bonsai Sales & Exhibition. Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland St Footscray. Entry: \$5. Enquiries: Barry 0422 619 641.

November 5th Saturday 1pm-5.30pm, Sunday 6th 10am-4.30pm.
The Rose Society of Victoria Spring Rose Show. Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent Mt Waverley. Refreshments available. Enquiries: Carl 5135 3341.

November 12th Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 13th 9am-4pm.
Bromeliad Society of Victoria Bromeliad Show. Phoenix Park Community Centre, Rob Roy Road Chadstone. Exhibition & Sale. Entry: Adults \$4. Seniors. \$3. Enquiries: Barry Robinson 9801 1628.

November 12th Saturday, Sunday 13th 9am-4pm.
Maribyrnong Orchid Society Inc. Sarcocochillus Festival Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street Maribyrnong. Tram No. 57-82

Stop No. 45. Entry: \$5. Enquiries: www.mosorchid.org.

November 19th Saturday 1pm-5pm, Sunday 20th 10am-4pm.
African Violet & Gesneriad 2016 Annual Show & Plant Sale. Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent Mt Waverley. Entry: \$5.00. Children Free.

MAKE YOUR OWN ROSE FUNGICIDE

Mix 2 teaspoonfuls bicarbonate of soda, half a teaspoonful of sunflower oil and a drop of dishwash liquid (fully biodegradable of course!) into one litre of water. Spray roses, wetting both sides of foliage. Controls black spot and mildew. Repeat weekly or after heavy rain or irrigation.

Remember that whatever you use, spraying requires thought, care and good timing. Pyrethrum is sold as a 'botanical' pesticide, a natural plant product, but it still affects a pest's nervous system. It may be organic, but it's also toxic and so should be treated with caution.

Personal protective clothing - boots, gloves, goggles, long-sleeved shirts and trousers still have an important role in 21st century organic gardening.

IS THIS YOU?

Real gardeners buy at least ten thousand plants in the course of a lifetime without having the least idea where they'll put any of them when they get home.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

November 23rd: No Competition – Presentation of Awards

MONTHLY MEETING

November 23rd: Christmas Breakup Night