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SPRING SHOW

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 28th October in Preston City Hall. Read your schedule carefully, if you have any questions, speak to Bill our Show Manager or Phone 9478 0269.

Make sure that you phone your entries in by 9pm on Thursday 26th

October, do not leave it to the last moment to phone.

We aim to be in the hall Friday to set up, from 9am. We need a few members to assist in marking out the tables.

On show day we need volunteers throughout the day. During judging - card writing (at least 10 people needed), selling raffle tickets, afternoon teas, packing up at the end, all assistance is appreciated. If you would like to help and can spare a hour or so just see Bill at the meeting or phone him later. Bill can explain what is required and he will point you to somewhere to help out.

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 Bill know. Every little bit helps.

A volunteers list will go around the room at both September and October meetings. Add your name wherever you can help out.

THREE COMMON FUNGAL

Spring is a peak time for many fungal diseases. Many fungal diseases thrive in the warm moist weather of spring. Here are three common fungal problems and what you can do about them.

Powdery Mildew

What is it? Common disease caused by several species of related fungi which infect a wide range of plants including cucurbits, grapes, strawberries, some fruit trees, and ornamentals such as roses, gerbera and calendula. Spores can be spread by wind and rain. The fungus grows best in warm humid conditions and/or crowded conditions with poor air circulation. It grows on the surface of plants but not on dead tissue.

What to look for: White powdery spots on leaves which spread to cover entire leaf surface. Distorted and curled leaves with powdery covering. Some yellowing of older leaves.

What to do: Hands on: Avoid wetting leaves when watering, especially in warmer months. Prune plants to improve air circulation.

Spray: Lime sulphur, wettable sulphur and garden fungal sprays such as Yates Rose Gun or Hortico Rose Spray. Follow directions.

Rose Black Spot

What is it? Common fungal disease specific to roses. The disease initially appears on lower leaves, but will later spread to the rest of the plant's leaves if not kept in check. Initial symptoms are leaf spots, then the leaf tissue around

the spots slowly turns yellow and defoliation follows. Spores can over-winter in infected leaves and stems, and germinate in spring when conditions are favourable. New infections occur on leaves which have been damp for several hours.

What to look for: Fringed dark brown or black leaf spots.
Yellowing and falling leaves.

What to do: Hands on: Pick off infected leaves and dispose of them in a plastic bag in the rubbish, not your compost bin.

Prune roses in winter to promote better air circulation and reduce humidity.

If your roses were infected in the spring, dispose of these prunings in the rubbish. Disinfect secateurs afterwards.

Avoid wetting leaves when watering.

Spray: Potassium bicarbonate, Mancozeb, Triforine or garden fungal sprays Yates Rose Gun or Hortico Rose Spray. Follow label directions as more than one application may be required.

Azalea Petal Blight

What is it? Fungal disease which infects flowers and buds. Periods of frequent rainfall or misty weather that coincide with flowering time will greatly accelerate the rate of infection. Blighted flowers first exhibit small spots which enlarge rapidly to engulf the flower, causing it to become slimy and limp. Infected flowers soon become tan or light brown, and eventually entire flowers turn prematurely brown. Infected flowers dry and cling to the plant longer than healthy flowers do.

What to look for: Watery spots on petals. Slimy petals are also an unmistakable symptom.
Dry flowers stuck on bush.

What to do: Hands on: Promote good air circulation around your plants, either by pruning or by spacing plants properly when planting.

Avoid overhead watering, as spores may spread on water splashes.

Pick off diseased flowers and dispose of them. Wash hands before touching healthy flowers.

Spray: Mancozeb. Follow label directions.

MEMBERS NEWS



Happy birthday to you!
Happy birthday to you!

Neil Lenne & Rob Walsh

Wishing you a great day.

COMING EVENTS

October Saturday 7th 9am - 4.30pm & Sunday 8th 9.30am - 4pm. Warrigal Orchid Society Winter Show. St. Sava Community Centre, 121 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough, 3088
Enquiries: 0411 372 537.

October Tuesday 10th - Doors open 8pm. Iris Society of Australia Early Show. Jean McKendry Neighbourhood Centre, 91-111 Melrose Street, North Melbourne.

October Saturday, 14 10.00am-4pm & Sunday, 15 10am - 4pm. Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. Growing Friends Spring 2017 Plant Sale. Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.
Entry: Free.
www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au

October Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd. Broadmeadows & Districts Garden Club Show. Wiseman House, 30 Widford Street, Glenroy

3046. Enquiries: Margaret Vidler 9302 4424.

October Saturday 28th 2pm - 6pm. Preston Garden Club Spring Show. Preston City Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston Entry: FREE. Enquiries: Bill Saunders 9478 0269

October Saturday 28th 10am - 5pm & Sunday 29th 10am - 3pm. Succulent & Cacti Show plus huge plant sale. Mount Waverley Community Centre, Cnr. Miller Cres. & Stephenson Rd, Mount Waverley. Entry: \$7 per person Child U/15 free. Enquiries: www.cssaustralia.org.au

FIND THE WORD

Well, how did you go with finding the word last month? The word is –

FRUIT

Test your skill, this time we give no letters to choose from. The word this month has 5 letters. What could it be?

Look at the four pictures for the clue. Answer next month.



MONTHLY COMPETITION

October 25th: One Stem Iris

MONTHLY MEETING

October 25th: Sage Horticultural, Propagation, Green Houses, Self Watering Systems - Malcolm Campbell.