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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Preston Garden Club Inc. will be held at 8.00 pm, on July 24th, 2019, in Preston Shire Hall, corner of High & Gower Streets, Preston.

85th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Those members who are going to the Clubs special 85th luncheon. Don't forget the day and time.

Sunday 25th August meet at 12 noon at Darebin RSL for a 2 course meal.

Location: Darebin RSL, 402 Bell St Preston. Car park entrance off Arthur Street. Drive along St. Georges Road, turn left into Bell St, turn left first Street (Arthur St). If using public transport, short walk from Bell Station.

Book your lunch at the meeting or contact John, phone 94581632 or 0402 633 739.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All members annual subscription fees are due on July 1st every year. Now is the time to pay your membership fee.

Single: \$15.00
Family: \$25.00

Please make cheques payable to Preston Garden Club Inc, P.O. Box 1004, Preston, 3072.

OR

Bank Transfer

BSB No. 033 073 Account No. 231476, Reference your ("surname" Subs).

OR

Payment made direct to the Treasurer at the meeting.

For more info contact John, phone 94581632 or 0402 633 739.

SPRING BUS TRIP

Sunday 8th September.

Hancock's Daffodil- Menzies Creek & Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Spring Show. Plant Nursery (Depending on Time)

COST \$35.00 Includes Coach, Spring Show Entry, Lucky Tickets and Devonshire Tea.

BYO Lunch, Folding Chair or Stool. Small Coach 33 Seats. Coach Leaving outside Preston Town Hall Gower St., 9.00 am. On the way two or three games of free bingo (prizes to winners).

1. HANCOCK'S DAFFODIL NURSERY & DISPLAY GARDEN.



First stop will be Hancock's Bulb Nursery and display Garden. Hancock's bulbs are of the highest quality available to purchase.

2. BAYNES PARK MONBULK.
BYO Picnic Lunch.



3. FERNY CREEK
HORTICULTURAL SPRING
SHOW. Includes Devonshire Tea.



The Ferny Creek Horticultural Spring Show is held over a weekend with many varied sections comprising Pot Plants & Hanging Baskets, Cut Flowers and Foliage, Australian Native Plants, Camellias, Azaleas, Vireyas, Perennials, Annuals and Spring Bulbs. Winners are awarded Blue Ribbons and Trophies. Also a photographic display, plant sales including rarer plants, and cut flowers and commercial vendors.

A guided tour of The Ferny Creek Horticultural Society's Garden is also available. Refreshments, light lunches and sausage sizzle also available.

Free Lucky ticket prizes to be drawn. Arriving Preston Town Hall approx. 5.30 pm

Full payment is required now to reserve your seat, see John at the meeting or 94581632 or 0402 633 739. Bring a friend and make a gardening day out?

10 BLACK PLANTS

If you want to add drama to your garden, look no further than this dark trend. People are using black plants to create natural borders around their flower beds and sprinkle in stunning contrast.

1. BLACK PANSIES



2. BLACK HOLLYHOCK



3. BLACK BLEEDING HEART



4. QUEEN OF NIGHT TULIPS



5. BLACK CORNFLOWERS



6. BLACK CALLA LILIES



7. BLACK MONDO GRASS



8. BLACK SCABIOSAS



9. BLACK VELVET PETUNIAS



10. BLACK BAT FLOWERS



PEANUT BUTTER SHEET CAKE



Peanut Butter Sheet Cake Recipe and it is amazing!!! This is a super moist, rich peanut butter cake with a sweet peanut butter frosting! If

you want to know how to make a peanut butter sheet cake - this is the recipe for you!

Ingredients:

280g (500 ml / 2 cups) all-purpose flour.
400g (500 ml / 2 cups) sugar.
2 ml (½ tsp) salt.
5 ml (1 tsp) baking soda.
240g (250 ml / 1 cup) butter.
250 ml (1 cup) water.
65g (60 ml / ¼ cup) creamy peanut butter.
2 eggs.
5 ml (1 tsp) pure vanilla extract.
125 ml (½ cup) buttermilk.

Peanut Butter Icing:

120g (125 ml / ½ cup) butter.
65g (60 ml / ¼ cup) creamy peanut butter.
75 ml (1/3 cup) buttermilk.
325g (625 ml / 2½ cups) icing sugar.
5 ml (1 tsp) pure vanilla extract.

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F).
Combine butter, water and peanut butter in a saucepan over medium heat.

While the peanut butter is heating mix together flour, salt and baking soda in a bowl; set aside.
Whisk to combine eggs, vanilla and buttermilk.

When the peanut butter mixture comes to a boil, remove from the heat and stir in sugar.

Add flour mixture and mix well.
Whisk in the buttermilk mixture.
Spread into a greased 25x40cm jelly-roll pan.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until it springs back when gently touched.
While the cake is baking, make the icing.

Combine butter, peanut butter and buttermilk in a saucepan over medium heat; bring to a boil.

Remove from heat; stir in powdered sugar and vanilla to a spreading consistency.
Pour and spread icing over warm cake.

HANGING BASKET



“I know it’s a beautiful hanging basket and does look great. As I said before, you cannot enter it in the Spring Show because we don’t have a crane to move it!”

Show Manager

RED HOT POKERS

What plant produces spikes of flowers in shades of red and yellow held aloft on tall stems? The plant is Kniphofia, most people would know it as the Red Hot Pokers.



Kniphofias are a South African native, members of the Asphodelaceae family which is closely related to the lily family. Kniphofias are evergreen or deciduous herbaceous plants.

The rhizomes are usually short so the plant forms tight clumps and the roots are thick and fleshy. The plant does not have a long flowering season but are striking

when in bloom. The unopened flowers are a deeper colour than the opened blooms. The blooms are held on top of the erect flower stems. The nectar rich flowers are adapted to bird pollination.

An effective way to propagate the plant is by division, which is best carried out in early spring. Seed is also set and can be sown in spring and germination is usually rapid and easy. The resulting plants will not be the same as the parents because Kniphofia hybridise readily, they should flower in the second year from seed.

Kniphofia thrive in full sun but keep them moist in summer and avoid planting in waterlogged areas. They enjoy rich soil and fertiliser in the spring time. They are generally hardy and pest free but snails can lurk in the foliage and attack flower stems and nearby plants. To clean up the plant an annual haircut in spring will not do any harm.

Kniphofias have had several name changes since they were first introduced into Europe. The plant was named after Johannes Hieronymus Kniphof who was professor of medicine at Erfurt University Germany. Kniphofia with two exceptions are all native to Africa.

COMING EVENTS

July 27th. Mill Park Garden Club Rose pruning Demonstration. Parks Victoria Hawkestone Picnic area, 40 Gordons road, South Morang. Two sessions 11am & 2pm, Conducted by Rose Society of Vic. BYO secateurs. Melway 183 J8 or UBD 199 L13. Free sausage sizzle lunch.

August 17th – 18th. Waverley Garden Club and Camellias Victoria - Annual Camellia, Garden & Floral Art Show. Times: Saturday 1-5 pm and Sunday 10am – 4.30pm in the Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent. Entry: \$5 for adults with free admission to children. The Victorian Camellia Championships will feature hundreds of blooms on display including many rare varieties. There will be plants for sale and club experts will be on hand for advice. The Floral Art Championships. The Garden Exhibits will feature cut flowers, container grown plants, home grown fruit and vegetables all grown by Garden Club members in their own gardens. These include: Bonsais, orchids, ferns, succulents, Daffodils, herbs and foliage. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea with freshly baked scones, jam and cream. Contact Co-Show Manager: Linda Trikarso, 0412 914 388, linda@trikarso.com.

August 23rd Friday - Sunday 25th. Orchid Society Council of Victoria - Melbourne Orchid Spectacular. Times 9am - 4pm. Entry Adults \$10, Children U15 Free. Over 25 orchid displays. Large sales are with many different orchids and orchid accessories. Photography & Art Competition. Potting demonstrations. Location KCC Park, 655 Western Port Highway, Skye, Vic. Contact 0457 721 034.

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
July: Ken Beer and Angela Darbyshire.

We wish you all a wonderful celebration.

FIND THE WORD

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

BUTTON

The word this month has 5 letters. What could it be?

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

July 24th: Foliage Arrangement minimum 3 kinds in a Novelty Container.

August 28th: Three Camellia Blooms, Shown Separately, N.N.D.

MONTHLY MEETING

July 24th: A.G.M.

August 28th: Andrew from Richgro Garden Products.