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MIFGS BASKET COMP



1st Prize



3rd Prize



2nd Prize



4th Prize

This year's hanging basket competition at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show was organised by the event company.

This time to enter, every exhibitor had to pay \$50, which gave you a basket and potting mix.

Our Club entered but some people thought that \$50 was bit much for an amateur competition!

Lucky for us, we won 4th prize and \$450 prize money! That will help pay off some of our bills this year.

Anyway, our exhibit does look like a hanging basket, that plants should hang and have colour? Photos of the major prize winners.

BALLARAT BEGONIA DISPLAY

This year's Ballarat Begonia Festival is always held over the long weekend in March. Best time (no crowds) to visit is after the festival to enjoy the floral display, Dahlias and of course the Tuberous Begonias in the Conservatory.

This year Begonia display was just a mass of flower colour. Hanging above all the colourful pendula Begonia types. A better display than last year!



Robert Clark Conservatory



BALLARAT DAHLIAS

Ballarat Botanical Gardens Dahlia display beds have been on and off since the 1940s. The current display on a much smaller scale has been in this location since 2016. For your enjoyment a few photos of Dahlias flowers with names.



Teddy Bear



Rokewood Opal



Melancholy



Bracken



Bracken Chiffon

BALLARAT ANNUALS



Salvia 'Big Blue'
Border - Petunia 'Lime Green'



Rudbeckia 'Solar Eclipse'



Helianthus 'Golden Spray'



Salvia 'Bonfire'
Border - Senecio cineraria

EXHIBITING HINTS

When exhibiting Cut Flowers, is usually restricted to softwood annuals and perennials. Must not include material from hardwood trees, shrubs or creepers but may include Roses, Hydrangeas, Euphorbia wulfenii, Marguerites, Pelargoniums and Salvias.

Aquilegia: Strong stems with good branching habit. Flowers are large and well poised. Colours are clear. Free from blemish, spurs lengthy.

Chrysanthemum: Blooms that have good form, freshness and colour. Freedom from blemish or disease, good stems, uniformity.

Orchids: Spikes which are of good length and firm with evenly spaced open flowers that are facing upwards. Most blooms should be open and in proportion to the length of the stem.

Daffodil: Clean, fresh flower at right angles to the stem and looking at the judge. Stem straight, neck of flower short and sturdy.

Dahlia: Blooms fresh and clean with all florets intact, firm and without blemish. Circular shape with good depth and shown at the

right stage of maturity. Good stems, good colour and free from damage and disease.

Gladioli: An erect spike, with fresh, unblemished blooms and foliage. A long, well-balanced spike, still carrying the bottom flower and numerous other regularly spaced open and opening flowers and buds, so placed as to hide the stem and gradually narrowing from base to top. An ideal spike would be one third in full flower, one third with buds in colour and one third in green bud.

Poppy: Single flowers, perfect cup shape, up to 10cm with 4 petals, 2 inside and 2 outside, directly opposite. Should display bright yellow stamens and large pollen capsules. Long, straight, hairy stems.

Zinnia: Flowers which are refined and of good form, true to type. Clear, self-colours or blends, with no bleaching. Long, straight, stiff stems, with clean undamaged foliage.

ROSE PAINTING



Patrick Saunders, Contemporary American painter, "Still life with rose".

Maybe distant relative of our President??

PEANUT BUTTER BREAD



No-yeast peanut butter bread

Ingredients:

500 mL (2 cups) all purpose flour.
60 mL (¼ cup) sugar.
20 mL (4 tsp) baking powder.
2 mL (½ tsp) salt.
325 mL (1 1/3 cup) milk.
125 mL (½ cup) peanut butter.

Method:

Preheat oven to 160°C (325°F).
Mix together the dry ingredients.
Mix in the milk, and then the peanut butter.
Scrape into a greased loaf tin and bake for 1 hour.

ZINNIA FLOWERS?

Here is a creative idea. These are pine cones painted like Zinnia flowers to create a centrepiece that requires no water.



MEMBERS NEWS

FRANK MASON

One of our newer members Frank Mason passed away on March 15th. He was in hospital having a major operation and died soon after.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

April: John Aitken, John Mathie, Hazel McGlone, Joan McNair, William Saunders, Margaret Trewella, Pam White.

We wish you all a wonderful celebration.

COMING EVENTS

April 22nd & 23rd, 10am to 5pm.
Yarra Valley Plant Fair & Garden Expo. 125 Quayle Road, Wandin.
www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au.
Tickets online \$12 or \$14 at the gate.

April 29th 10am to 4pm, 30th 10am to 3pm. Friends of Royal Botanic Gardens, Autumn Plant Sale. Entry is free. The Catalogue of the plants available will be on the Friends website, www.rbgfriendsmelb.org, a week prior to the Sale. Location Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne. Enter the Gardens through Gate E on Birdwood Ave. Contact for further information phone, 9650 6398 or email, friends@frbgmelb.org.au

NEW MEMBER

We welcome new member Rosa from Preston, who joined our Club at the last meeting.

FIND THE WORD

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

ROLLER

The word this month has 6 letters. What could it be?

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

April 26th: One Container of Chrysanthemums, 6-10 stems, C.V.A.

May 24th: Bowl of Floating Flowers. No More Than 6 Blooms.

MONTHLY MEETING

April 26th: Chris Clarke - Wilsons Promontory.

May 24th: DIVRS (Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service).