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KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

RHSV President Don & Secretary Jennifer Rickerby on the receipt of their Order Of Australia medal as part of the King's Birthday Honours for Service to Horticulture.

Medal (OAM), General Division

Mr Donald Gordon Rickerby Bacchus Marsh VIC For service to horticulture.
Mrs Jennifer Rickerby Bacchus Marsh VIC For service to horticulture.



PLANT OF 2023

At the Chelsea Flower Show in England, the Royal Horticultural Society Plant of Year was announced. For the judging process the judges looked at access for innovation, impact and appeal.



3rd winner, Weigela 'Camouflage'



2nd winner – Hydrangea serrata 'Gotemba Nishiki'



Winner is Agapanthus 'Black Jack'. A new variety bred in South Africa, repeat flowering for 3 months.



RHS Chelsea Flower Show has been held for more than a century in the grounds of the Royal Hospital. Once Britain's largest flower show – it has since been overtaken by RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival – but it remains the most prestigious.



The Show is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society which was founded in 1804. It has been held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London every year since 1913, apart from gaps during the two World Wars and 2020.

It's the place to see cutting-edge garden design, new plants and find ideas to take home. It is an event which draws a truly global crowd of the international gardening

scene. Specialist nurseries reveal new plants for the first time; the best designers from Japan to New York show off their astonishing creations; fashion brands and manufacturers launch their latest lines at the trade stands. And yet it is so much more than that - it is a place to revel and celebrate, to sip Champagne, to enjoy the finest dining experience. There is nothing else quite like Chelsea.



King Charles III, inspecting a Clematis display.



John Peace Chrysanthemums – Gold Winner.



Blackmore & Langdon – Gold Winner.



Taylors Bulbs – Gold Winner.



David Austin Roses – Gold Winner.



Pure Grenada – Gold Winner.



Every Picture Tells a Story – Gold Winner.



Bearded Iris



Delphiniums



Fuchsia



Tuberous Begonia



Hydrangea



Bonsai



MOSAICULTURE EXHIBITION

Mosaiculture Exhibition 2013 at Montreal Botanical Garden. Considered the world's most prestigious competition of horticultural art, the 2013 edition of Mosaiculture was on display at Montreal Botanical Garden in Quebec, Canada. More than three million flowers were raised in greenhouses throughout Quebec, and then shipped to the gardens in May, where designers wrapped them in steel meshes to create living works of art. The sculptures are created using steel or aluminium forms that are wrapped in metal mesh, filled with earth and planted with flowers, ivies and grasses whose foliage provides texture and colour. Interior watering systems and growing medium were added so that the flowers could last all through the summer till the end of the exhibition on September 29.

Some 50 works graces the 2.2 km circuit through the enchanting grounds of the Botanical Garden. The theme this year was "Land of Hope". About 200 of the world's most talented horticultural artists are taking part in this international competition, representing 20 countries. Entries have come from cities in countries as far as Turkey and Uganda, with China and Japan heavily represented.



Mother Earth: The mountainous matriarch's torso rises 15 meters. Her hair is planted with geraniums and petunias, her skin is santolina.



The Tree of Birds: Four-meter-long parrots, owls and woodpeckers, all of them species facing extinction, fly out of a tree whose canopy spans 18 meters in diameter. At its base turtles, frogs and salamanders dip into the pond below. The colours of the plants were chosen to match the plumage of the birds.



The Man Who Planted Trees: A solitary figure stoops to plant a sapling, a furry dog covered in wild grass by his side while horses and woolly sheep covered in thyme graze nearby. This installation, which consists of 800,000 individual plants, is based on the allegorical tale of a shepherd's single-handed effort to re-forest a desolate valley in France in the early 20th century, turning it into a Garden of Eden.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

Pay at the monthly meeting. Would help if you could bring the exact amount.

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MACARONI PIE



Ingredients:

500g (1 lb) uncooked pasta, long macaroni / bucatini / zitoni.
30 mL (2 Tbsp) butter.
1 - 376 mL can evaporated milk.
Enough milk or cream to make up 500 mL (2 cups).
500g (1 lb) cheddar cheese, grated.
500g (1 lb) mozzarella, grated.
2 eggs.
10 mL (2 tsp) granulated garlic.
10 mL (2 tsp) onion powder.
30 mL (2 Tbsp) ketchup.

10 mL (2 tsp) dry mustard.
5 mL (1 tsp) white pepper.
Scotch Bonnet or Habanero finely chopped.
10 mL (2 tsp) green seasoning.

Method:

Pre-heat oven to 180°C (350°F).

Cook pasta as directed on the package, until just barely cooked. Drain and toss with the butter to coat.

Add evaporated milk to a large measuring cup and then add milk or cream to make up 2 cups.

Whisk in eggs, garlic powder, onion powder, ketchup, mustard, hot pepper, black pepper, and green seasoning.

Arrange a layer of the long pasta in the bottom of a 9" x 12" baking dish.

Pour in milk mixture to cover, then sprinkle in cheese to cover.

Repeat, in layers, ending with cheese on top.

Bake for about 25-30 minutes covered, then uncover and bake another 15-20 minutes until brown.

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

July: Kathy Zanini.

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 –

GRUMPY

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

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

July 26th: A Floral Arrangement Using Flowers and Foliage.

August 23rd: Three Camellia Blooms, Shown Separately, N.N.D.

MONTHLY MEETING

July 26th: A.G.M., followed by a few short garden videos.

August 23rd: Kat Laver - Permaculture.