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Dahlia 'Frau O' Bracht'



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PRESTON.

There was an excellent staging of flowers at the first show of the Preston Horticultural Society in the local town hall on Saturday evening. One of the principal prize takers was:— S. J. Vautier.

Champion Dahlia: S. J. Vautier (Frau O' Bracht).

Three Giant Stiff Stem Dahlias Over Nine Inches: S. J. Vautier, 1.

Six Miniature Decorative Dahlias Not Over Five Inches, S. J. Vautier, 2.

Three Bunches Stiff Stem Decorative Dahlias, to be shown for decorative effect: S. J. Vautier, 1.

Three Garden Cactus Dahlias, S. J. Vautier, 2.



Frau O' Bracht

Breed in Germany by Nestor Berger in 1929. A semi-double cactus dahlia. The colour is pale primrose carried on strong wiry stems that help to make this an almost perfect variety. The blooms are of good size. Winning awards in USA also received a high rating in Holland and Germany.

IVANHOE BUS TRIP

Ivanhoe Autumn Bus Trip is taking bookings now.

We start from The Centre Ivanhoe, meeting at 9.00 am and departing 9.15 am. Our first stop is Lilydale

Lake for morning tea and a toilet stop. We then proceed to the Yarra Valley Plant Fair at Wandin. There will be multiple plant stalls offering perennials, natives, iris, succulents, fruit trees, rare and old-fashioned plants, and more. There will be speakers, demonstrations and food stalls. Next is Meg Bentley's garden in nearby Gruyere. Meg is a member of the Salvia Study Group and her garden is a mass of almost 400 different salvias. There will be pots of salvias for sale at Meg's garden.

The date: Sunday 21 April

Cost: \$35

Bring: Your lunch or buy it at the fair and bring a fold up stool.

Tickets will be on sale at our March meeting. For those of you who missed out on getting a bus ticket from Barbara, you can ring Julie from I.G.C. on 0401 161 461 or 9499 4659.

MELBOURNE HAS 12 SEASONS

Winter
Fool's Spring
Second Winter
Spring of Deception
The Sweeping
The Pollening
Actual Spring
Summer
Hell
False Autumn
Second Summer
Actual Autumn

YOU ARE HERE

DAHLIA SHOW

Dahlia Society of Victoria, Victorian State Dahlia Show was held over two days, February 24 and 25. Some of the prize winning blooms!





ANGELO'S FOOD FOREST

Angelo's Garden Visit: Saturday 6 April.

Start time: 1:00pm - 1 hour tour plus Q & A.

Transport: Car share where possible.

Cost: \$2 per person.

If anyone needs a lift. Bookings please: Kay Wawn 0402 012 014 or at March Meeting.

Dundas Street, Preston (Number to be advised) but a few blocks from Junction at Plenty Road & High Street.



CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

All Japan Chrysanthemum competition, located close to the city of Osaka. The 40th national Chrysanthemum competition, from October 20th to November 23rd 2023. Judging was held on November 5th, over 300,000 blooms on display.

<http://www.kokkaen.co.jp/kikkaten>



Angelo is presenter, trainer and writer in the areas of sustainable gardening and permaculture. He has previously worked as a horticulturist in the garden nursery industry for a decade, writes for Good Organic Gardening Australia magazine, has a demonstration food forest garden in Melbourne's inner suburbs, and runs the educational website Deep Green Permaculture - <https://deepgreenpermaculture.com>

Here's the description of the garden tour:

In this garden tour of Angelo's multisensory garden, you'll see a wide range of edible and ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and groundcovers all working in harmony together to create an immersive garden.

Learn about how this garden is designed to appeal to all senses, not just our sense of taste. It's designed as a food forest garden, with over 30 fruit trees, dozens kinds of berries, and loads of medicinal herbs,

but there are also many ornamentals that provide colour and fragrance throughout the season, and provide for pollinators. Everything from the garden is recycled onsite using a range of soil-building techniques. There's also an extensive collection of plants in pots, water plants, hydroponics, and many examples of vertical gardening to pack in as many plants as possible. Participants are welcome to cuttings and spare plants (please bring plastic bags to take them home in), and there will be question time throughout and at the end of the session.

JAM & COCONUT CAKE



Ingredients:

175g / 6½oz Self raising flour, If using plain or all purpose flour add extra 1½tsp baking powder.

120g / 4½oz Granulated sugar.

175g / 6½oz Vegetable or Sunflower oil.

4 Large eggs.

30g / 1oz Desiccated coconut.

1tsp Baking powder.

1tsp Vanilla extract.

¼tsp Salt.

Jam and extra Coconut for topping.

Method:

First grease and flour a 2lb / 900g loaf tin, see video for dimensions.

Preheat your oven to 170°C / 340°F / Gas mark 4

To a large bowl add the eggs, vanilla, coconut, sugar, salt, and oil and whisk for 1 minute.

Add in the flour and baking powder, and whisk it in until the batter is smooth.

Carefully pour the batter into the prepared loaf tin.

Place the tin in the middle of the oven and set the timer for 50 minutes.

After the 50 minutes check the cake is done by inserting a cocktail stick into the centre of the cake, if it comes out clean the cake is done, if not give it a further 5 minutes.

Place the tin on a wire rack for 10 minutes before removing it from the tin.

Turn out the cake from the tin, cover the top with a jam of your choice and sprinkle with more coconut.

The cake can be served hot or cold with custard.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to two new members to our Club, who joined recently. Antoine from Thornbury and Kate from Watsonia

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

March: Hilary May, Rosa Nardella, Carolyn Scott and Robert Strugnell.

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 –

CANOE

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

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

March 27th: One Pot/Container Succulent/s.

April 24th: One Container of Chrysanthemums, 6-10 stems, C.V.A.

MONTHLY MEETING

8pm start

March 27th: Linda Grigg - Flower Arrangement.

April 24th: Carolyn Asquith – My Urban Garden.