

## August in a Tamborine Mountain Garden

It's a stirring time in the garden if you watch closely - somehow warm sunny days with fresh evenings, flowering Prunus and bursting Narcissus herald the approaching Spring.

- Anything that needs shifting, and is deciduous or herbaceous, can still be moved to a more suitable spot.
- I've had a fairly big clean-up, pruning a huge Hibiscus, which then led to Hydrangeas, Salvias, Plumbago, Indian Hawthorne, Cestrum, Plectranthus and Tea Roses that have flowered through Autumn and Winter. Now, thanks to my enthusiastic neighbours, the big pile is now in the 'green tip'-wonderfull!
- Now, after all that, it's time to fertilise the hydrangeas and water them well.
- Citrus will also benefit from fertiliser spread to the drip-line and watered well.
- If you're growing Wallflowers (from the 'Potty Potters'), nip out the early flower- buds to encourage bushy growth and more flowers later.
- Look now for the black and white caterpillar that loves your Hippeastrums, Crinums and other bulbous plants. You can detect their presence from the messy black droppings on the yellowing leaves. I blast down into the plant leaves with the hose. It seems to clean up the plant and deter the invaders. Spraying with organic products - 'Dipel' or 'Success'- is an alternative control measure.

*Did you know? The wheelbarrow was invented by the Chinese in AD200.*

*Happy Gardening – Elwyn*



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### NEWSLETTER

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### August 2009

#### Caroline needs you!

**Caroline Tolmie** moved from Auckland to the Gold Coast when she married her Queensland husband Robert 15 years ago. They moved to their Yuulong Street home in 2003 with their 2 indoor cats, and are developing their 7 acres as a parkland garden. Her greatest passion is cooking with gardening running a close 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Caroline retired from her corporate life as Sales & Marketing Director for a US company 12 years ago. Through a background in Interior Design, she developed her knowledge and love of antiques, joined an Auction house and gained an Antique Dealers' Licence. Caroline then started her own business as an international online trader, buying and selling in the UK and US, everything from furniture to silver with her specialist area being English China. Antiques are still of great interest to her.

Caroline brings all her wonderful experience and skills to the festival for the benefit of our Botanic Gardens. Join the fun and take the step. **Sign up for 'Springtime' today.** Photo courtesy Chris Davison

#### August Meeting - What's happening today

Tuesday 11th August 9:30AM -Vonda Youngman Community Centre.

#### Guest speaker

John Bremer (Scenic Rim)

#### Propagating Native Plants

#### Question & Answer

Get the answers to your gardening problems. Share your expertise.

#### Competition table

A Cymbidium orchard 1 spray. A flowering native  
 A Hellebore flower A collection of bulb flowers  
 A flowering tree/shrub 1 cut A basket of mixed vegetables

#### August 18th Garden Visit 10:00AM

Bring your morning tea to Peter and Jenny Russell's home, 9 Central Avenue, Eagle Heights.

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#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th September 2009

#### Venue

Vonda Youngman Community Centre

#### PATRONS

Ken Baker  
 Deneice Wyllie

#### Bobby's Bargains



#### AUGUST SPECIALS TODAY

**Arum Lilies, Kalanchoes, Ajugas, Brachyscomes, Daisies (var), Carnations, Begonias and more.**

Lots of cuttings too for those with green thumbs.

## From the President



We only have to look at our Competition table to have an idea of how wonderful our mountain gardens must be looking – very hopeful with ‘Springtime’ in mind. The participation in this

segment of our meetings is marvellous and we can all see and learn more about what grows successfully here. Sincere thanks to all you entrants - keep up the good work.

With just over 6 weeks to go to Springtime on the Mountain, I would like to urge you all to respond to Caroline's requests for assistance – you've all heard me before

expounding the virtues of ‘involvement’, it really is the very best way of meeting other members and making new friends. Our Club has created and presents one of the most high profile Garden Festivals in Australia and your friendly and informed presence at gates and on stalls is vital to our reputation and the Festival's success, so please come on board. When leaving the Botanic Gardens last Thursday I was chatting to visitors and took the opportunity of promoting ‘Springtime’ - they proudly announced that they have been coming, from Coolangatta, to the Festival for the past 6 years - what a great advertisement!

*Margaret*

## Next month's September Meeting

Tuesday 8th September 9:30AM

Vonda Youngman Centre.

### SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Penny Hegarty on “Propagating”

### SEPTEMBER COMPETITION TABLE

**Susan Cantrell, Organiser**

Members are encouraged to bring entries from their garden. It's fun and a way to learn what can be grown on our Mountain.

**Please place the gardener's name under each entry.**

1. A flowering native plant—1 cut
2. A flowering tree or shrub—1 cut
3. A vegetable
4. An annual—1 cut
5. A flowering vine—1 cut
6. A bunch of 10 Sweet Pea flowers
7. A collection of 6 bulb/corm/tuber flowers

### SPECIMEN TABLE

Bring along a specimen; unusual, interesting, beautiful, unknown.

Include a question if you like.

### QUESTION & ANSWER SEGMENT

Get the answers you need to all your gardening problems or use your experience to help with someone else's.

### SEPTEMBER TEA ROSTER

Sue Austin and Glenda Clark



**Members please bring your own cup.**

## Outings and Travel

**26th August \***

Old Council Garden Clubs Fashion Parade, 10AM Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Bookings Helen 3287-6497

**13th Sept \***

Floriard tour depart Sydney 9 days.

**17-18th Oct \***

Gold Coast Rose Society Open Garden Weekend. Entry \$5, Coach trips entry \$3.

**January 2010 \***

Murray River Cruise Tour includes a 7days on the river. Event in conjunction with Probus and other Mountain groups. See Elaine Longton or phone 5545 2316.

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**See notice board for details and other events.**

## Volunteering

**SUSAN CANTRELL** has always wanted to garden. So she researched with the question in her mind “what's the best place in the world to garden?” We all know the answer; it was Tamborine Mountain. She pulled out all stops and made it happen, moving to the Mountain 30+ years ago. Susan managed the art gallery opposite Bungunyah for many years and also worked as a registered nurse at Roslyn Lodge. Now retired, Susan is able to devote herself to her great passion for plants and the garden, using her creativity and artistic flair for all to see. Her garden will be open for Springtime again in 2010 to support our important Botanic Gardens. They're proof positive that TM is “the best place to garden in the whole world”. Susan brings her knowledge and enthusiasm to our specimen and competition tables, and also many beautiful and unusual specimens of her own. **Thanks Susan!**



### BOTANIC GARDENS WORKING BEE

Every Thursday Morning from 8:00AM

Fourth Tuesday Morning from 8:00AM.

### POTTY POTTERS & PLANT SALES

Every Wednesday and Thursday Morning

from 8:30AM till 11:30AM.

## Springtime on the Mountain Festival

**Thanks** for all the volunteers who registered at last month's meeting for the Springtime Festival. The **volunteer register** will be sent around again today for those who missed it last month. If you have already registered for the Festival, we have you logged on!

We need **help for the Potty Potters** at the Botanic Gardens – setting up in the morning,

and closing down at 4pm. I'd really appreciate some kind souls to help there.

We are now taking the names of **great score makers!** Please let us know if you can help.

The **banners will go up in the next week**, so we are now counting down the days till the Festival. Fingers crossed for the weather!

Many thanks to all, **Caroline 5545 3334.**