

November in a Tamborine Mountain Garden

- Ψ November for me is a great time in the garden with the return of my Hippeastrums including some newly acquired varieties with deep pink and soft blushes. Fortunately the chore of removing spent flowers takes little effort and you may wish to set the seeds some have developed.
- Ψ No sooner has that been achieved than Agapanthus are starting to bud with promises of small and large, blue and white flower heads for Christmas.
- Ψ When Hydrangeas start their flowering, I wonder if my 'careful' cut back in Autumn has been successful, but if I keep them watered they seem to withstand any treatment I may have given them. I murdered my 'oak-leaf' Hydrangea and it looks good now, as do some small cooler climate varieties brought back from Sydney.
- Ψ Dahlias are now popping out of the ground, and if they don't have 'buddies' to lean on, remember to stake and tie them as they grow.
- Ψ My white *Lilium longiflorum* are wonderful just now and some of the *Lilium* crosses have lush buds appearing.
- Ψ I have just fertilised my 'old' roses with pelletised manure and potash. They have had a wonderful Spring... best ever. Some of my favourites are Duchesse de Brabant, Monsieur Tillier, Jean Ducher, Lorraine Lee, Mme Lombard, and Rosette Delizy. A seldom seen Spring flowering 'Milkmaid' was smothered in lovely cream frothy flowers in October. November also brings 'Dorothy Perkins' into large clusters of pink blooms making up for her prickly nature.
- Ψ Summer is a great time for 'self-sowers' e.g. *Nigella* (love in the mist), Queen Anne's Lace and Feverfew. The garden is not complete without *Salvias*, Pentas, Wallflowers, *Coreopsis* and Lavender, and don't forget the Daylilies.
- Ψ And lastly ... mulch, mulch, mulch !!!

Happy Gardening – Elwyn



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NEWSLETTER

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Recognition of 12 years Service

President Margaret Bell presents Pam Franklin with a Certificate of Appreciation for 12 years service as Membership Officer for the Garden Club. Pam has also been part of the potty potters since they started back in 1991. Her garden on the western escarpment was one of the early places where they met to pot. Neighbourhood cows trampled their stocks on one occasion and Bobby, Pam and crew claimed \$300 compensation from their owner. Pam's full of happy yarns of the early GC days. **Thanks Pam**



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th February 2010
Venue
 Vonda Youngman Community Centre

PATRONS

Ken Baker
 Deneice Wyllie

November Meeting - Whats on today

Tuesday 10th November 9:30AM -Vonda Youngman Community Centre.

Guest speaker

Peter Rice will speak about
Ferns.

Question & Answer

Get the answers to gardening problems. Share your expertise.

Competition table

A flowering native plant—1 cut A flowering bulb—1 cut
 A flowering exotic tree or shrub—1 cut A climbing plant—1 cut
 A tomato, one cut - truss or single fruit
 A basket of mixed vegetables and herbs
 A single daylily (*Hemerocallis*) flower.

November 17th Garden Visit 10:00AM

Bring your morning tea.to Sue and John Brecon-Thomas's garden
81 Beacon Road North Tamborine.

Bobby's Bargains NOVEMBER SPECIALS TODAY!

These beauties won't last

Kangaroo paw,
 Cordyline, - Red, yellow
 Grasses - Red
 Hoya Salvia - Red
 Dianthus
 Begonias

Lots of cuttings too!

From the President



As many of you already know, our Christmas luncheon, at Eagle Heights Hotel on Tuesday 8th December, will be our last get together for 2009 and I look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a unisex Secret Santa present of \$5.00 value. There will be surprises and a raffle. \$25.00 tickets are available at the meeting today or contact Caroline 5545 2363 or me 5545 0797.

I'm excited to report that Ross McKinnon AM, Curator in Charge of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens has agreed to be our Guest Speaker at the March meeting. This is our AGM but

that part of the business is over very quickly and no one will be railroaded into taking on a job so please come along. I have invited Ross to speak after our break and then join us for lunch. This will be in the back room as we did last time Ross visited and is a perfect start to the year and an opportunity for us all to enjoy each other's company. We will need help with catering and setting up so I will circulate a 'Help List' during the meeting.

I really hope that there will be a big attendance to show our appreciation to Ross for all the wonderful support we receive from him, especially in the Botanic Gardens.

Margaret

February 2010 Meeting

Tuesday 9th February 9:30AM
Vonda Youngman Community Centre.

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

To be advised.

FEBRUARY 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 exotic tree or shrub - 1 cut
3. A flowering bulb - 1 cut
4. A climbing plant - 1 cut
5. A vegetable.
6. An arrangement of coloured leaves
7. A Dahlia flower

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 questions. Use your experience to help with someone else's problems.

FEBRUARY TEA ROSTER

Wyn Thompson & Judy Morgan.



Members
please bring
your own cup.

Outings and Travel

14-15th Nov

Orchid Species Society—Mt Cootha Botanic Gdns. 9am-3pm \$4. Ph 5494 3135

22nd Nov

Brisbane Daylily Society—Mt Cootha Botanic Gdns. 10am-3pm Ph: 3398 2642

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See notice board for details and other events.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH Eagle Heights Hotel Resort
Tuesday, 8th December 12:00 noon
2 course meal, - Complimentary drink on arrival
Lucky door prize & raffle. Please bring \$5 secret Santa present.
\$25.00 – payment today please.

Volunteering

Elwyn Paton—a gardener's story

I've really been a garden tragic since I joined the fledgling Mt. Gravatt GC in the 1960's, discovering the joys of trade table cuttings and plants, the library, bus trips to gardens and nurseries, and nurturing the friendships made with people who loved their gardens. I enjoyed the annual working bees producing our club's display at the Brisbane 'Ekka' in the horticultural pavilion.

We moved to Tamborine and built our 'bolthole' in 1989 as weekend gardeners. Encouraged by Ann Morris to display our young and developing garden through the Australia's Open Garden Scheme, I met more keen gardeners passionate in their quest to learn about plants and innovative garden styles. This led to involvement as a member of the 'Perennial Poppies Garden Group', a flippant name for a band of dedicated plants people.

Then I joined our unique TMGC with its mission to the Botanic Garden and its band of 'driven volunteers'. I have been privileged to assist in the development of the 'Perennial Garden', share at club meetings, and open our garden for the Springtime on the Mountain Festival.



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.

Seasons on the Mountain

2010 Tamborine Mountain Open Gardens of Distinction

Currently a colour brochure is being prepared and once printed we will be looking for energetic members to help with distribution.

Also, is there anyone out there who is a computer whiz and would like to do some work on our website? Please let Margaret know if you are prepared to assist in these areas.