

October in a Tamborine Mountain Garden

Well!!! Didn't that month fly by!

The 'Potty Potters' greatest wishes were realised as quantities of corms, bulbs, bare rooted specimens and cuttings were given for sale at the 'Festival' – THANKS!!

It was a good indication of what we might grow now in our gardens.

- Many of the donated Dahlia tubers were actually shooting. If you are planting them, put in a sturdy stake first then plant the tuber.
- We had lovely Louisiana iris stems, with specimen flowers, which proved very popular. Make sure you check out the Botanic Gardens lake area.
- We also had a few Bearded Iris (*Iris germanica*) with wider greyish leaves. These plants like a little lime and grow with their rhizomes exposed to the sun. I have white ones growing successfully.
- I have been growing a little known (to us) *Iris unguicularis*. This has clumps of grassy foliage, and the lavender/mauve flowers sit down in the foliage in late Spring. This plant is effective in securing a clay bank.
- Another popular Iris is japonica (syn. *fimbriata*). It has small green strap-like foliage with creeping rhizomes resting on the soil surface. Grow in a shaded position. In late Winter, pale lavender frilled spikes appear.

Did you know? *Iris germanica* is the 'fleur-de-lis' (literally 'lily flower') of French history.

Happy Gardening – Elwyn



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NEWSLETTER

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October 2009

Springtime Garden Feast

Garden Club members and visitors alike were treated to the full menu; flowers and foliage, formal and informal, the grand and the compact. Every garden was prepared to perfection for us to admire and enjoy. A special treat this year was the opportunity to meet **Gardening Australia Celebrity Gardener Johanna Everleigh** and visit her beautiful garden. Johanna spends many hours volunteering at the Botanic Gardens and is responsible for much of the rockworks.



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th November 2009
Venue
 Vonda Youngman Community Centre

PATRONS

Ken Baker
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October Meeting - Whats on today

Tuesday 13th October 9:30AM -Vonda Youngman Community Centre.

Guest speaker

Helen Rattenbury on **Pelargoniums, Geraniums & Recycling**

Competition table

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| A flowering native plant—1 cut | A flowering bulb—1cut |
| A vegetable—cob of sweet corn | A rose—1 cut |
| A flowering tree or shrub—1cut | A potted cacti or succulent |
| A non-woody flowering perennial—1 cut | |

October 20th Garden Visit 10:00AM

Bring your morning tea to Chris and Brian Davison's garden at **17 Maipu Court, Eagle Heights.**

Bobby's Bargains
 Buy today at the best prices on the Mountain from a selection of healthy propagated beauties.

Lots of cuttings also available for those green thumbs.

Also stocks wanted!
Bare rooted or for on-potting , cuttings etc.

From the President



Well we did it again – what a fantastic effort by all involved, this is a truly amazing Club and I am so proud to be your President. Caroline Tolmie you deserve huge

accolades for a job done amazingly well. All our visitors were having such a happy experience it was just wonderful to see and to hear their praise of all the beautiful gardens we showcased. To all Garden Owners I extend the sincere thanks of the Club - no gardens, no Springtime!

Caroline will give a full report and extend her thanks but I would also like to say thank you to all of you who made it possible, from standing for hours making jams and potting plants, to selling them, to distributing brochures, to manning gates, to setting up and cleaning up, to whipping cream, putting pins in (and out) of tickets, collecting and counting money and just being there with your support - truly a team effort. Our Club has now presented Springtime on the Mountain for 25 years. What a terrific achievement – congratulations to all.

Margaret

November 2009 Meeting

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

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Peter Rice - *Ferns*.

NOVEMBER 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 tomato, one cut - truss or single fruit
6. A basket of mixed vegetables and herbs
7. A single daylily (Hemerocallis) 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.

NOVEMBER TEA ROSTER

Maree Morris & Nanette Creswell



Members please bring your own cup.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Eagle Heights Hotel
Tuesday, 8th December 12noon
2 course meal,

Complimentary drink on arrival
Lucky door prize & raffle.

Please bring \$5 secret Santa present.
\$25.00 – payment at November meeting.

Outings and Travel

17-18th Oct*

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

17-18th Oct*

Plant Appreciation Club. Plant Spectacular 9am-3pm Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens.

24th Oct*

Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society. 8am-2.30pm Helensvale Community Ctr.

31st Oct*

Beaudesert Dist. Orchid & Foliage Society Spring Show 9am-2pm Canungra School of Arts Hall.

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See notice board for details and other events.

Volunteering

Glenda and Alan Willims

Moving from Brisbane to their half acre garden in Sierra Drive, Glenda and Alan have been mountain residents and Garden Club members for 5 years. Alan was an Electrical Engineer working in Air Conditioning, while Glenda has a background in nursing including working for medical practices. That didn't stop them having a second career in Childcare. They owned and ran Childcare centres at Stones Corner and Carindale before retiring to the mountain. You will find the Willims at the Library table. They have recently rationalised our collection since the purchase of a new trolley and have lovingly repaired, cleaned, and covered the books, now in tiptop condition for members. **Thank you Glenda and Alan.**



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

2009 Springtime Garden Trail

A Team Effort & a Great Success!

Well, what a Springtime Festival! We did the Garden Owners and ourselves proud! So many visitors commented on how wonderful the gardens were and what a lovely day out it was. We endured dust storms and heat and still managed to attract thousands of visitors who enjoyed a spectacular trail.

And how did we do it? It all comes down to the

wonderful team spirit that this Club abounds with. There were Potty Potters potting, scone makers baking, preserve makers brewing! And when all hands were 'called to the pump' we had more willing helpers than we had jobs!! You all deserve a huge pat on the back! Well done everyone, and a special big thanks to the 'Unsung Hero's' – those behind the scenes, who help put it all together, with signage, tents, deliveries and so much more! **Caroline**