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Bulletin

August 2010

Members Meeting: Thursday 12 August, 8pm
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Mark Clements

Mark is a botanist specialising in orchids at the Australian National Botanic Gardens/CSIRO Centre Plant Biodiversity Research. He has a life long interest in and been involved in research on the systematics, biology and conservation of orchids both here and overseas including the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew England. He is also passionate about many aspects of Australian natural history as well as being involved in the management of a reserve for Hairy Nosed Wombats.

Topic: Banksias

Mark will provide a background of his encounters with various Banksias (and other plants) during his various field trips and holidays whilst working on orchids as well as provide some background of how he grows them from seed and in the Canberra garden.

Show and Tell: Please bring along whatever you think we would like to see (limit 3 items per member). Please label your plants, with both the plant's name and your name, and be prepared to say a few brief words about your contributions.

Plant Sale: There may be plants for sale this month.

Raffle Prize: The Friends of the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens have very generously donated the prize for this month's raffle. To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity: No Daytime Activity in August

Next month 'A Stroll on Farrer Ridge' Tuesday 21 September

Contact: Julie Lindner ☎ 6286 4730



Banksia coccinea

Spring Plant Sale Reminder Saturday October 16

The ANPS Spring Plant Sale will be held at the Australian National Botanic Gardens on Saturday October 16. Our plant sales are the Society's most popular events and need your support to make them successful. More information about sale arrangements and opportunities to help out will be in the September *Bulletin*. Please put this important date in your diaries!

FieldTrip, 20-22 August Nangar National Park

Our August field trip is to Nangar National Park. The main entrance point to the park is off the Orange Road between Orange and Eugowra, 40kms east of Forbes. The park is characterised by low to rolling hills with a spectacular cliff line. We will be exploring the park and camp at Terarra Creek. Possible walk up Murga Mountain, an easy 8km return trip, on Saturday. Accommodation is available at Forbes and Canowindra if desired. For details contact Bob Small ☎ 0448329247 or Jean Smith ☎ 0412838146 or email jojare@bigpond.com.

Jean Smith & Bob Small

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October Field Trip - Oops

October Field Trip to Dunns Swamp will not be 15 -18 October as previously stated, as that would clash with our Spring Plant Sale. This trip will be held on the last weekend In October.

October Daytime Activity Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens Tuesday 19 October

You will need to arrange your own accommodation for the night of Monday 18 October. We will be staying at the Zig Zag Motel in Lithgow and visiting places of interest on the way to Lithgow. Shirley and Warwick Daniels are leading this excursion and have booked a tour of the Secret Creek wildlife sanctuary in Lithgow for 5:30 pm on Monday 18 October for those who are interested. The sanctuary has rare native plants and specialises in breeding rare Australian animals, including quolls. The cost of the guided tour is \$15 per person. Bookings are essential.

If sufficient numbers are interested we can also book an evening meal featuring Australian plant foods.

Contact: Shirley and Warwick Daniels ☎ 6231 0852

Wattle Walks

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 1 September – Tuesday 7

September 11am daily

Meet at the Visitor Centre

Join our friendly guide for a walk around the beautiful Gardens, and learn the fascinating history of the wattle as our national floral emblem. Wattles have a long and rich history with our heritage, and an array are flowering in the Gardens right now. Beautiful and inspiring. Free. No bookings required. For enquiries please call the Visitor Centre ☎ 02 6250 9540.

Spring Flower Walks

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Saturday 11 September to Sunday 10 October

11am and 2pm daily

Meet at the Visitor Centre

Let our friendly guides show you the beauty and diversity of spring flowers in the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Surround yourself with the scents and colours of some of our wonderful native flora.

Free. No bookings required. For enquiries please call the Visitor Centre ☎ 02 6250 9540.

Propagation

Potting Up/Division

11am-2pm, Sunday 29 August

Queanbeyan Shadehouse

3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan

We will be potting up more than 30 punnets already struck from previous cutting bees in February and April - and more. If you want to learn about plant propagation this is a good chance. Please bring gloves and your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. If it is windy or cold then hats and scarves are a good idea, and if it rains we will proceed under shelter. Those who attend may take home a complimentary plant from the Queanbeyan igloo.

Contact: Lyndal or Tom ☎ 6297 2437

Journal Editor's Contact

Here is Helen Parson's contact information

again for those who would like to submit

information for the next issue of our *Journal*.

Please consider writing a short article about your favourite plant, area or field trip.

Contact: helen.parsons@anu.edu.au or home phone ☎ 6238 2673 and home address P.O. Box 1114, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

☺ A very warm welcome to all our new members ☺

- ☺ Kristine Nash
- ☺ Anne Holmes
- ☺ Jane Wright and Roger Williams
- ☺ Nicola Fisher

New ANPS Purchasing Officer

Phil Trickett is moving to the coast and Pauline Adams has become the new purchasing officer.

Any Society members who would like to purchase pots, frames, fertiliser etc, **please contact:** Pauline Adams ☎ 02 6247 4643 or **email** tpfadams@netspeed.com.au

The pots will be stored at the home of Nadia Babicka, 1 French Street, Hackett ☎ 02 6166 0495 or **email** nadia.babicka@environment.gov.au

Wattle Display

Canberra Museum and Gallery

3 July – 31 October

Admire Edwin Ride's collection of objects featuring Australia's floral emblem.

This exhibition illustrates the development of wattle as a symbol of Australia over the last 150 years. The exhibition will coincide with the 100th anniversary of National Wattle Day on 1st September 2010.

Black Mountain Wildflower

Ramble

9.30am to 12 noon, Saturday 9 October

Belconnen Way entry, just before Caswell Drive turnoff (look for the balloons)

Join wildflowers lovers for the 39th annual Burbidge/Chippendale ramble around Black Mountain to enjoy the spring diversity. This will be an easy guided walk on Saturday 9 October from 9.30am sharp to 12 noon (or later) from the Belconnen Way entry. Our leaders this year will be Laurie Adams, Isobel Crawford, myself and possibly Peter Ormay. All welcome – it is a great way to celebrate the spring and find out how to look for our sometimes cryptic wildflowers. Bring your friends especially those who are new to plant identification. **BYO** morning tea, hat, sunblock, water and stout shoes.

Contact: Jean Geue ☎ 6251 1601

ANPS and Floriade

Each year for more than a decade members of ANPS have volunteered at Floriade. At first they were there to promote Australian plants through display gardens to which the society contributed. Now, though it is not an official ANPS activity, members commit to being part of the explainers-team for a display garden which features environmental weeds in this region. The garden also displays plants which are suitable alternatives and which will withstand Canberra's

climate without being invasive. Hardcopies of information are handed out to visitors along with the details of the next WEED SWAP on 30 and 31 October. We have found that many visitors really welcome the chance to "talk-gardening" informally at Floriade so the main skills needed are an interest in gardening and enjoying meeting people! The rostered sessions are between 10am and 1pm and noon to 3pm daily. Most people offer at least two sessions, combining them with a general wander-round and a visit to the brilliant National Bonsai collection. Our garden is organised by Jenny Conolly, Weeds Officer with Parks, Conservation & Lands and is near the "kangaroos' pool".

Please contact Rosemary Blemings if you would be able to give a few hours between 11 September and 10 October ☎ 6258 4724 or **email** rosemary@blemings.org

Quote of the Month

'The mesas of Central Queensland hold a fascination for me as they are like isolated islands that may hold a unique suite of plants...The steep slopes with loose stone and spinifex are unreachable to grazing animals including no doubt macropods. The fact that we were able to observe 3 un-named Hibiscus section *Bombicella* species and possibly 1 *Hibiscus sturtii* subspecies from such sites seems to support this assumption. Also the flat tops of some mesas are quite extensive and would be interesting places to explore by helicopter.' Geoff Harvey, p.1, *Newsletter* #30 ASGAP Hibiscus and Related Genera Study Group, June 2010.



Mesa, Central Queensland



Hibiscus, Atkinson Road, Glen Geddies

Photo of the Month



Eucalyptus caesia

Photo by Ben Walcott

Calendar of Events

- 12 August Members Meeting
- 16 August ANPS Council
- 20-23 August Field Trip Nangar NP
- 25 August Sept *Bulletin* Items Due
- 29 August Potting Up/Division
- 31 August ANPS Collation

* **October 16 Spring Sale***

* **October 30 Weed Swap***

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Lake George – the Ancient History

Liz Truswell

Thursday 5 August, 12.30pm

Bernard Hennessy Memorial Lecture

Tony Peacock

Thursday 12 August, 12.30pm

Drought Tolerant Plants and Effective

Watering

Cedric Bryant

Thursday 19 August, 12.30pm

ANBG Collections Review

Paul Carmen

Thursday 26 August, 12.30pm

Hawthorn Eradication – an Aranda Bushland

Story

Jean Geue

Thursday 2 September, 12.30pm

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – August 2010

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 16 August, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 31 August.

Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along and help.

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