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Bulletin

February 2010

Members Meeting: Thursday 11 February, 8pm
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Helen Fitzgerald

Helen has been teaching and painting for over 30 years, her main medium being watercolour and her preferred subjects being native Australian flora and fauna amongst other subjects. She holds degrees in Applied Science and Art Education and has studied overseas at the University of Vienna and the University of Perugia (Italy). Born into an artistic family in Sydney, Australia, her artistic career started quite early. She was nineteen when her first painting was accepted for the Wynne art exhibition in Sydney. In 1972 Helen moved to Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia and took a part time teaching position at Canberra School of Art. In the 25 years since moving to the area she has taught students in various Canberra tertiary institutions. She is presently teaching with the Centre for Continuing Education at the Australian National University. In Oct 2001 she was accepted into the prestigious Society of Floral Painters of the UK and in November 2002 Helen was awarded a gold medal from the Royal Horticultural Society, London. Helen has had numerous solo shows and her commissioned works hang in many countries as well as in Australia. She has illustrated five books on flora and fauna of the Australian Capital Territory and alpine flora. Her work can be viewed at Bungendore Wood Works, Bungendore NSW.

Topic: Use of Native Plants in Floral Art

Helen will talk about how she obtains some of her specimens and goes about depicting them, the research that goes into her subjects and the fun she has with her students, many of whom go on to become professional artists like herself.

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: Raffle prize plants this month are kindly donated by The Plant People (John Carter). To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity: Tuesday 16 February, 10.30am

Planning session at 41 Gaunson Crescent, Wanniasa.

Please note the change of name to better reflect what we do. Come along and help to plan our program for the year. Morning tea provided.

Contact: Shirley Daniels ☎ 6231 0852

Editor, ANPS Journal

Robyn Diamond will edit her last issue of ANPS *Journal* in March. She has been accepted for postgraduate study at the University of New England and unfortunately will be unable to continue as editor.

Council sincerely thanks Robyn for her outstanding efforts in this role. She has updated the layout of our journal, edited a number of memorable issues, and created a publication to make us all proud.

Council is searching for a member to take the responsibility for being editor of the ANPS *Journal*. Robyn has kindly offered to help the next editor to learn to use Adobe InDesign and Photoshop if necessary.

Let's make the next issue of the *Journal* a bumper one. Robyn is looking for relevant articles from our members. Please, if you have anything which could be published, especially if it has images of native plants, would you contact Robyn ☎ 0417 442 051 or after hours ☎ 02 6226 6338 or email r_diamond@bigpond.com. Her postal address is PO Box 788, Yass, NSW 2582.

February Field Trip

Mt Selwyn February 19-22

(2 days 3 nights optional)

Strolls through sub-alpine grasslands in the vicinity of 3-Mile Dam and Mt Selwyn to see the late flowering alpine flora including the mountain gentian. The first day there will be walks in the vicinity of the dam. The second day we plan a longish walk (8 km return) to the historic 4-Mile Hut and a plant stop drive along Kings Cross Road to the coffee shop at Cabramurra. All walks dependent on weather. The campers will stay at 3-Mile Dam where there are a lot of campsites with toilets but possibly busy. No fees. It will be cold at night so come prepared. Those preferring sheer luxury should check out the cabins at the Adaminaby Caravan Park or the Motel. Excellent meals available at the Bowling Club. It's about 45 minutes drive from Adaminaby to the 3-mile. For those that can leave early on the Friday meet at the Kuma Café in Cooma at 2.30 pm and proceed in convoy to Adaminaby where we pick up our leaders Jean Smith & Bob Small at 4pm. For those leaving on the Saturday please be at the 3-mile dam by 9am approx 2 1/2 hrs from Canberra. Optional return time Sunday evening or Monday morning. 2 WD vehicles allowed. Maps 1:25000 Cabramurra Ravine

If you wish to participate please contact Jean Smith and Bob Small ☎ 0412 838 146 (J) or - 0448 329 247 (B) or jojare@bigpond.com

Advance Notice The March field trip will be held on March 26-29 and **will visit Booderee NP at Jervis Bay**. This visit is a follow up to a Tuesday meeting to **the Botanic Gardens last year**. There is a range of easy walks on tracks in coastal heathland and woodland (see Park Map) with a wide diversity of plant species to **identify – quite a challenge**. Camping at Greenpatch, Cabins at nearby Huskisson. Park & Camping Fees apply. Contact Roger ☎ 6236 3105 or email r.farrow@iimetro.com.au.

Volunteers Needed for the Autumn Plant Sale

Friday 19 and Saturday 20 March

ANPS Plant Sales are major events that subsidise many of the Society's activities. The sales require a great deal of organisation and many volunteers to carry out all the tasks essential to their smooth running and success. All help is gratefully received whether it is for an hour or two, half a day, or for the entire period of the sale.

We encourage everyone, especially new members, to come along and assist and help make this another successful event!

If you are able to help on either day please let the co-ordinators know: contact Paul Carmen (ph 6288 4208), or John Carter and Ben Walcott or email: plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au. PS. Volunteers may purchase up to a maximum of 10 plants either on Friday afternoon (4.30-5pm) or on Saturday morning (8.00-8.20am) and also receive a coffee and cake voucher for Hudsons Café for each day attended.

😊 A very warm welcome to all our new members 😊

- 😊 Stuart Mackay
- 😊 Sven Johanson
- 😊 Hou Leong and Kelly Corner
- 😊 Jacqueline Baltunis
- 😊 Therdpun Klinjun

Donation of Raffle Prizes

We are still seeking offers of raffle prizes for the monthly evening Members' Meetings, and would like to hear from anyone willing to donate a prize. Plant donations from member growers would be most welcome, but we are also interested in other ideas/offers – cards, books, art/craftwork etc. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Bulletin*. **Please contact** Paul Carmen/Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208, email info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au to put your name down on the raffle prize roster or to find out more.

Fred Rogers Seminar 2010

Bairnsdale and District Group of the East Gippsland Region of Victoria are the organizers of the next Fred Rogers Seminar to be held

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 August 2010. The theme chosen is *Grevillea* hybrids, cultivars and new species. Both Peter Olde and Neil Marriott will be guest speakers on Saturday. There are five gardens to visit, plants for sale, and the possibility of an escorted trip before or after the seminar to the forest north of Bairnsdale. There is an excellent variety of accommodation in Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Paynesville and Metung.

Contact: Dawn Barr ☎ (03) 5156 4674

Becoming a Member Grower

Have you been growing some Australian native plants for yourself and are now interested in growing plants for the ANPS Sale? If your answer is yes, please contact Merren Sloane for detailed information, then volunteer to help out at the upcoming Spring or Autumn Sale so that you can learn how things work and get a feel for what you will need to do as a grower.

Contact: Merren Sloane ☎ 6262 7673 or **email** sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au.

The Tree Project

To remember the people lost to the fires on Saturday 7 February 2009 and the CFA men and women who battled to protect our towns, the Australian Blacksmiths Association (Victoria) Inc. is inviting blacksmiths from across the country and around the world to contribute to *The Tree Project*. Blacksmiths worldwide are helping us grow a tree from their forges and fires; creating gum leaves from stainless steel or copper to be added to a forged gumtree. This gumtree is to be erected in one of the affected townships as a memorial of these events, for the loss suffered and for the spirit of renewal. 2255 leaves created so far. More information at www.treeproject.abavic.org.au

Book Sales News

The long awaited **Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants Volume 9** will soon be available. Unfortunately it has a recommended retail price of \$250. We hope to be able to sell it to members at \$165. We **may** have stocks as early as the February meeting. If you would like to reserve a copy you can email Murray Dadds at daddsm@bigpond.com or ☎ 62816065 - please leave a message if not answered.

Hawkweed

We understand that an ANPS member discovered the noxious weed, mouse-ear hawkweed, in or around Nursery Swamp in 1992. A recent survey of the area by the NSW Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECC) failed to locate the plant and DECC would like to make contact with the

person/people who found this weed. Please contact Genevieve Wright, DECC ☎ 6229 7049.

Propagation

Twilight Cutting Bee

4pm–7pm, Monday 15 February

3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan

Bring hat, sunscreen, secateurs, something to drink, and something to share for dinner afterwards if you want to stay. Any questions call Lyndal or Tom. New members welcome - come and find out how to grow those plants!!

Contact: Lyndal or Tom ☎ 62972437

Potting Up

9.30am-12.30pm, Sunday 28 February

Chifley Shadehouse, 7 Boyce Place, Chifley

Note early start at 9.30am

Please bring lunch and sunhat. Drinks provided. Park in reserve behind by going to top of Waldock St. and turning south behind the houses. Jan is 3rd house with pale green fence and green shadehouse.

Contact: Jan Simpson ☎ 6281 6118

Quote of the Month

'*The Correa Book* by Maria Hitchcock..is now finished and in the hands of the publisher. After nearly 20 years of amassing information, travelling, photographing, researching, etc. I am astounded to find that the whole manuscript plus photos fits on a simple disc.' p.2, *ANPSA Correa Study Group Newsletter* 41, December 2009.



Picture of the Month



Members' Plant Sale at Queanbeyan, December 2009
Photo by Lyndal Thorburn

Australian National Botanic Gardens

2010 – the International Year of Biodiversity

Max Bourke

Thursday 4 February, 12.30pm

Spring Flowers of South Africa

Betty Wood

Thursday 11 February, 12.30pm

The Importance of Seed Collecting

Frank Grossbechler and Mark Jones

Thursday 18 February, 12.30pm

The Deep Cultural Roots of the ANBG

David Headon

Thursday 25 February, 12.30pm

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

Calendar of Events

- 11 Feb. **Members Meeting**
- 15 Feb. **ANPS Council**
- 15 Feb. **Cutting Bee**
- 16 Feb. **Daytime Activity**
- 19-22 Feb. **Field Trip**
- 24 Feb. **March *Bulletin* Items Due**
- 2 March **ANPS Collation**

*** March 20 Autumn Sale***

What's On – February 2010

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 15 February. Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 2 March .

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

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