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Bulletin

February 2011

Members Meeting: Thursday 10 February, 8pm

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Betty Wood

Don and Betty Wood have been members of the ANPS for about 40 years. The Weetangera shadehouse is in their front yard. Betty developed an interest in Australian native plants and their identification many years ago when she first settled in Canberra. Her mother-in-law, an English botanist, helped her to learn to use botanical keys to identify Australian plants. Don and Betty are the authors of *Flowers of the South Coast & Ranges of New South Wales* in three volumes, with a total of 1200 photographs of about 1130 species, and *Flowers of the ACT & Region*, with 560 photographs of about 550 species. Don did the photography, and Betty the text.

Topic: Flowers of the South Coast and Ranges of NSW

Betty Wood will talk about the various habitats in this region, ranging from high altitude to beaches, and rain forest to grassy areas. She will illustrate it with photographs of typical plants

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 raffle prizes this month will be provided by Ian Tranter. To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity, Tuesday 15 February, 10.30am

Planning Meeting

A Planning Meeting will be held at 41 Gaunson Cr, Wanniasa. Come along to help us plan our activities for the coming year. If you are unable to attend please free to phone in suggestions. Morning tea provided.

Contact: Shirley Daniels ☎ 6231 0852 or **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au

Annual General Meeting (continued)

The Annual General Meeting will be re-opened at 8pm, Thursday 10 February to consider the audit of the society's finances.

A Bush Capital Year

Next week CSIRO PUBLISHING will be releasing *A Bush Capital Year: A Natural History of the Canberra Region* (<http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/21/pid/6559.htm>) by Ian Fraser and Peter Marsack. *A Bush Capital Year* introduces the fauna, flora, habitats and reserves of the Australian Capital Territory and emphasises often unappreciated or even unrecognised urban wildlife. For each month of the year there are 10 stories which discuss either a species or a group of species, and Peter Marsack's beautiful paintings complement the text and allow better visualisation of the stories and subjects.

February Field Trip

Tomneys Plain and Tops

24-27 February

This is a rerun of the December field trip. On Thursday we will drive to Tomneys Plain. On Friday we will look at plants on McPhersons Plain. On Saturday we will assist in the plant survey at Tomneys Plain returning to Canberra on Sunday. Accommodation is available in bunkstyle at Tomneys Plain, cabins at McPhersons Plain Alpine Retreat, motels in Tumarumba and some limited camping on the Tops.

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Warwick Daniels ☎ 6231 0852 or email wda68126@bigpond.net.au

Flinders Ranges

Extended Field Trip 9- 23 Oct 2011

Following the ANPSA Biennial Conference to be held in Adelaide, there will be a field trip to the Flinders Ranges. The conference will finish Friday 7/10/11. On Saturday 8/10/11 there is a flower show and plant sale. On Sunday 9/10/11 we will leave Adelaide and drive to Port Augusta visiting Mt. Remarkable NP and Winninowie Conservation Park on the way, allowing those not attending the conference to join us. The rest of the trip will involve visiting the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, the Dutchmans Stern C. P, Aboriginal Heritage Sites, Wilpena Pound, Historic Blinman, Leigh Creek, Arkaroola Sanctuary, and Gammon Ranges NP. We plan to return to Canberra via Mildura (Australian Inland Botanic Gardens and Langs Nursery) by Sunday 23/10/11. This trip allows participants to either camp and/or stay in accommodation of their own choice. You will need to provide your own transport and camping equipment. A 4wd is not required although some roads are unsealed. Car pooling may be possible. Will suit persons of moderate fitness, i.e. ability to walk unaided on uneven, trackless ground. Early expressions of interest would be appreciated.

Contacts: Warwick Daniels email wda68126@bigpond.net.au or ☎ 6231 0852; or Roger Farrow email r.farrow@iimetro.com.au ☎ 6236 3105

New ANPS Study Group

Waratahs and Flannel Flowers

Leader: Maria Hitchcock (former Leader of the Correa SG) 16 Hitchcock Lane, Armidale, NSW 2350, ☎ 02 6775 1139 or email maria.hitchcock@gmail.com

Membership: Limited to 50 individual members - no groups - \$10.00 annual fee

Newsletter: 2 newsletters per year - electronic only

Rationale: Waratahs and Flannel Flowers are iconic Australian native plants yet few Australian gardeners are able to grow them successfully in their gardens. The purpose of this SG is to flush out innovators and breeders and publicise their work if possible. I would also like to coordinate the information about Waratah and Flannel Flower cultivation and hopefully make both accessible to ANPS members through *Australian Plants* and the various State newsletters. I have a small Waratah garden and have been experimenting with Flannel Flower cultivation for the past three years.

Volunteers Needed for the Autumn Plant Sale

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 March

ANPS Plant Sales are large events that subsidise many of the Society's activities. The sales require a great deal of organisation and many volunteers to carry out chores 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. Most of the jobs do not require any particular skill and can be carried out by any member regardless of age, gender or experience. We encourage all new members to come along, get to meet other members and help make this another successful event! If you can help on either day please contact Paul Carmen by telephone ☎ 6288 4208, or John Carter or Ben Walcott or email:

plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

PS. Volunteers may purchase up to a maximum of 10 plants either on Friday afternoon from around 4.30-5pm or on Saturday morning from 8.00am-8.20am and also receive a coffee and cake voucher for Hudsons Café on each day attended.

Donation of Raffle Prizes for Meetings in 2011

Would you be willing to donate a raffle prize for one of the monthly evening Members' Meetings? Raffle prizes at meetings are generously donated either by ANPS members or by the Society. We are currently organising a raffle prize roster for 2011, and would like to hear from any members who may be interested in donating 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 monthly *Bulletin*. Please contact Paul Carmen/Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or email info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au to put your name down on the raffle prize roster or to find out more.

☺ A very warm welcome to our new members ☺

- ☺ Alistair Crombie ☺ Kirrily Peters
- ☺ Robyn Cleland ☺ Vivien Pinder
- ☺ Julie Kennett ☺ Ian Rose

Propagation

Twilight Cutting/Seed Bee

4 – 7pm, Monday 14 February

21 Khull Crescent, Kambah

Contact: Ingrid Adler ☎ 6231 4919

February is a good time for cuttings: Micromyrtus, Prostanthera, heaths, Brachysema, as well as the old reliables, Correa, Grevillea, Scaevola and many of the daisies. There is probably a lot of seed ripening now too. (Please don't bring material if you don't know the name of the plant!) Don't forget that 4pm in February can still be very hot so don't forget hats and sunscreen. Bring something to share for dinner if you can stay.

Potting Up

9.30am-12.30pm, Saturday February 26

Chifley Shadehouse,

7 Boyce Place, Chifley

We are a keyhole block so the best thing is to park on Mt Taylor. Please drive to top of Waldock St & turn south [left] along the back of the houses. Use the walking path exit. We are the 3rd fence. It & my shadehouse are green. Drinks are provided. Share lunch. Lots of fun

All welcome.

Contact: Jan Simpson ☎ 6281 6118

Garden Design Study Group Canberra Branch

Ros Walcott has taken over as Leader of this group from Shirley Pipitone. Many thanks to Shirley for getting the Canberra Branch started and for arranging so many interesting meetings since 2006. Several activities are planned for 2011. If you have any suggestions for GDSG activities, please contact Rosalind Walcott

☎ 6161 2742 or email

rwalcott@netspeed.com.au.

Open Garden Scheme

Plant Fair at Bellevale, Yass

A wonderful opportunity for gardeners to find that perfect plant as well as meet specialist growers. AOGS is bringing together a group of growers of the most interesting plants at the historic property of Bellevale.

See *Special Events, Guidebook* p.35.

Address: 191 Black Range Rd, Yass

Directions: From Canberra take Barton Hwy, veer left onto Hume Hwy; exit onto Yass Valley Way towards Service Centre; continue through roundabout towards Yass & take first right into Black Range Rd.

Open: 2-3 April 2011, 10am-4pm, \$8.

Stocks Native Nursery will be there.

Pillans Garden

Taking full advantage of its elevated position and backdrop of native bush, this young garden showcases Australian plants and attracts a wide range of wildlife. Well-placed leptospermums, banksias, grevilleas, telopeas, melaleucas, hakeas, dianellas, wahlenbergias, orthrosanthus and billy buttons, some in mass plantings. 0.4ha (1 ac). See *photo Guidebook* p. 35.

Address: 30 Aspen Rise, Jerrabomberra.

Directions: Canberra UBD 30:D13

Open: 16-17 April

2011. 10am-4.30pm. \$6.

Quote of the Month

Plant of the month – *Alyogyne huegelii*

'This is an adaptable, quick-growing shrub, ideal for boundary screening. It grows from the gorges of the lower Flinders Ranges to the roadsides of Streaky Bay and may be found again in the areas around Kalgoorlie. It grows to about 2m x 2m and has profuse 5 petalled hibiscus-like flowers up to 12 cm across from Spring to Summer. The most common form available is a rich purple, but white, blue and pinkish forms occur also. So long as the soil is well-drained, it does not appear to be particularly fussy but likes full sun and is moderately frost-tolerant. Occasional watering during dry months will be beneficial particularly during the establishment period. Cutting it back by at least a third after flowering will prevent it becoming 'leggy' and provide a neat, attractive shrub.'

Margaret Lee, p.124, *Australian Plants Society, SA Region, Journal*, v. 21 (4), November 2010.



Photos of the Month



Waratahs and Flannel Flowers in honour of the new ANPS Study Group

Calendar of Events

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| 10 Feb. | Members Meeting |
| 14 Feb. | ANPS Council |
| 14 Feb. | Cutting/Seed Bee |
| 23 Feb. | March <i>Bulletin</i> Items Due |
| 24-27 Feb. | Tomneys Plains Field Trip |
| 26 Feb. | Potting Up |
| 1 March | ANPS Collation |

*** Autumn Sale March 19 ***

*** Weed Swap April 3-4 ***

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Lana Mitchell

Growing Flannel Flowers

12.30 pm, Thursday 3 February

Ray Brown

An Ellis Rowan Tragic

12.30 pm, Thursday 10 February

Val Wiseman

Finding Flowers in WA

12.30 pm, Thursday 17 February

Rosemary Purdie

Plants of Mongolia

12:30pm, Thursday 24 February

Greg Whitbread

An Update on IBIS

12.30pm, Thursday 3 March

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – February 2011

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 14 February, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 1 March.

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

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