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Bulletin

October 2009

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

Speaker: David Crestani

Dave has worked at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden for 17 years, and is currently a senior Horticulturist with responsibility for the 1.2 ha Australian woodland. The woodland area was first planted out with a few eucalypts in the mid 1980's, and enhancement of the understorey began around 1998. Since that time Dave has been interested in the collection and propagation of various native plants for use in the woodland area and other Australian theme gardens.

Topic: Mount Tomah Botanic Garden

Mount Tomah Botanic Garden is the cool-climate garden of the Botanic Gardens Trust, Sydney. It is situated 1000m above sea level in the World Heritage listed Greater Blue Mountains. Dave will talk about the history, thematic plan, and horticultural maintenance of the Botanic Garden, and then focus on the Australian theme gardens, particularly the Australian woodland, and the challenges in maintaining them.

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.

Daytime Meeting: Tuesday 13 October, 10am **Booderee Botanic Gardens**

Meet at Booderee Botanic Gardens car park for a guided walk/talk on the history of Aboriginal plant use in the area. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH. Short afternoon stroll before returning to Canberra. We will be staying at Huskisson White Sands Caravan Park. You will need to arrange your own accommodation. Optional coastal walk Monday afternoon. Approximate distance to Huskisson via Nerriga 210km, via Batemans Bay 250km. Bookings essential for guided walk.

Contact: Shirley and Warwick Daniels

☎ 02 6231 0852 or **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au

Membership Renewal

ANPS member subscriptions for 2009/2010 are due November 1. A renewal form will be sent out with the October and November Bulletins. You can also renew using the society's website and a credit card (click PayPal) at <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/>. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so soon to avoid unnecessary paperwork..

Volunteers Needed for the Spring Plant Sale – Friday October 16 and Saturday October 17

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 ☎ 6277 4306, email

john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au or Ben Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 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.

Meeting Time

For security reasons the doors to the CSIRO Discovery Centre will be closed at 8.30pm on our regular meeting nights. This gives attending members ample time to access the Centre even if they are running late for the 8pm start.

November Members' Night

A members' night is planned for the November evening meeting, following the AGM. On these occasions several short (5 –15 minute) presentations are given by our members on a native plant related subject of their choice. We are looking for one or two more members to give a brief talk or presentation – if you would be interested, or would like more information, please contact the evening speaker co-ordinators Paul Carmen and Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are called for positions on Council. Elections will be held at our General Meeting in November. A nomination form will be included with this *Bulletin*. You can nominate yourself or others. We need volunteers to stand for general positions on Council and we also need specifically members willing to serve as President and Secretary. Please consider serving your Society by standing for election and send your nominations to John Carter ☎ 6277 4306 or email john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au.

Thank You Patricia and Ted Oriel

The collation group wants to thank publicly two of its members, Patricia and Ted Oriel, for the effort and time they spend every month ensuring the *ANPS Bulletin* and *Journal* are delivered to the post so that you, dear reader, can have the news on time. They drive from one end of Canberra, where they live, to the other end, where the collation takes place, and then they drive back home and the next day drive to Fyshwick in order to cope with the busy employees of Australia Post Mail Centre. Not only do they spend all that time on the road, and the evening folding *Bulletins* with the more indolent of us, they also bring for supper delights so scrumptious Maggie Beer would weep with envy. If only she knew. Long may we be able to continue to enjoy their company.

October Field Trip

24-25 October

We are going to Kanangra - Boyd NP camping at the Boyd River campsite on the Kanangra Walls Road (fees apply). For those not wishing to camp the site is approx 50 km from Oberon or 20 km from Jenolan Caves House. We intend driving via Taralga on Friday and returning Monday. The road, although unsealed, is suitable for 2wd and all walks are graded easy and will include heathland, forest and possibly some swamp. The NP&WS NSW Lists 303 species for Kanangra-Boyd and we hope to see many of them during this trip.

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Warwick Daniels wda68126@bigpond.net.au

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Open Gardens (Native)

October/November

All gardens open 10am-4.30pm, \$6

17-18 October: *Green Fingers* (Pamela Finger's garden), 10 Rechner Place, Flynn

31 October-1 November Pillans garden, 30 Aspen Rise, Jerrabomberra

21-22 November: Walcott garden, 10 Wickham Crescent, Red Hill

21-22 November: Mackenzie/Manning garden, 13 Lincoln Close, Chapman

28-29 November: Jonette's garden, 77 Somerset St., Duffy

Selecting Gardens for the Open

Garden Scheme. Shirley Pipitone needs your help by mid-November to find gardens for the AOGS 2010/11 season. Please let her know all the native plant gardens you love in the Canberra region. They do not have to be superb – just interesting. You do not need to contact the owners or make a judgment about the suitability of the garden. You don't even need to know the

owners. Just tell Shirley the address and whatever contact details you have and she will do the rest.

Contact: pipitone@grapevine.com.au

☺ **A very warm welcome to our new members** ☺

- ☺ Heather and Dan Buchler
- ☺ John Hawkins
- ☺ Jan Finley
- ☺ Mark Andrew
- ☺ Maya Beretta

Propagation

No Propagation Activity in October due to Plant Sale

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 loane.merren@ozemail.com.au.

Book Sale News

We have for sale one second hand copy of *Flora of the ACT* by Burbidge and Gray. If you are interested in this copy at \$80 phone Murray Dadds ☎ 62816065. For those who haven't been to meetings lately we now have in stock a good range of titles on rainforest flora. As well as the Gwen Harden books on *Trees and Shrubs & Climbing Plants* we also have the six volumes by Nan and Hugh Nicholson

Black Mountain Wildflower

Ramble

9.30am to 12 noon, Saturday 10 October Belconnen Way entry, just before Caswell Drive turnoff. Join wildflowers lovers for the 38th annual Burbidge/Chippendale ramble around Black Mountain to enjoy the spring diversity. This will be an easy guided walk. 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

Quote of the Month

'In Praise of Poorindas'

'Some of the first Grevilleas that we propagated and cultivated were Poorinda hybrids. They originally came from Poorinda, the late Leo Hodge's property in Victoria. At least 50 Poorinda hybrids were registered. Most were the results of liaisons between Grevillea species from south-eastern Australia... *Grevillea* 'Poorinda Constance' is an old favourite that we have been growing for decades. The parents are said to be a form of *Grevillea juniperina* and a red-flowered form of *Grevillea victoriae*. *Grevillea* 'Poorinda Constance' is a large shrub. The leaves are oblong to elliptic, about three centimetres long, dark glossy green above and silky-hairy beneath. Flowers are orange-red, usually profuse and attract honeyeaters. The main flowering period extends from May to December. Plants often carry blooms at other times. *Grevillea* 'Poorinda Queen' is similar in growth habit and foliage to 'Constance'. Its parents are thought to be a form of *Grevillea juniperina* and a yellow-flowered form of *Grevillea victoriae*. Flowers are apricot-pink, attractive to honeyeaters and are carried for many months. The blooms are not only prolific but extremely eye-catching. We have a specimen that is two metres high and three metres wide. This plant is covered with flowers for months at a time and Eastern Spinebills are constant visitors. This is one of our most colourful Grevilleas. Warren and Gloria Sheather, *Sheather Bits and Pieces*, p. 14, *Native Plants of New South Wales, Newsletter of the APS NSW*, v.44(2), April 2009.



Grevillea 'Poorinda Queen'
Photo by Benjamin Walcott

Plant of the Month



Pomaderris delicata – rare and endangered
Photo by Benjamin Walcott

What's On – October 2009

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 12 October. Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mountain.

Next Collation:

7pm, Tuesday 3 November. Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along and help.

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Note: Please ensure material for the November Bulletin reaches me by Wednesday 28 October.

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Recent Developments in Conservation in Eastern Australia

Bob Makinson

Thursday 1 October, 12.30pm

Magical Moments and Musical Musings

Annie Sloane

Thursday 8 October, 12.30pm

A Life With Australia's Native Plants

Pamela Finger

Thursday 15 October, 12.30pm

The Vegetation History of Antarctica

Liz Truswell

Thursday 22 October, 12.30pm

Management and Importance of the ANBG Orchid Collection

Mark Clements

Thursday 29 October, 12.30pm

All talks at ANBG Theatre, except when otherwise specified

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

Calendar of Events

- 8 Oct. Members Meeting
 - 10 Oct. Black Mountain Ramble
 - 12 Oct. ANPS Council
 - 12-13 Oct. Daytime Meeting
(Booderee Botanic Gardens)
 - 16 Oct. Spring Sale Setup
 - 24-25 Oct. Field Trip (Boyd River)
 - 28 Oct. Nov. *Bulletin* Items Due
 - 3 Nov. ANPS Collation
- *17 October Spring Sale***

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