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## **Bulletin**

## **October 2011**

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**Members Meeting: Thursday 13 October, 8pm**

**CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain**

**Speaker: Amelia Martyn**

Amelia Martyn has been researching native plant seeds at the Australian Botanic Garden (Mount Annan) since 2004. Her studies, funded by the Millennium Seed Bank, have focussed on seed germination, dormancy and longevity. Groups such as high altitude species and the family Rutaceae have been the focus of many studies, due to the difficulty in germinating these species during routine testing.

**Topic: Effects of stratification and temperature on germination of high-altitude species from Kosciuszko National Park**

The distribution and general ecology of Australian high-altitude species is increasingly well-studied, but little is known about the seed biology of individual herbs. It is not known, for example, which species require low temperatures and/or cold stratification for germination and dormancy break, and whether these requirements would be fulfilled in a warmer climate. We found that germination response to temperature and dormancy type was highly variable among our twenty study species. Results of this study and implications for germination in a changing climate will be discussed.

**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 plants from John Carter of The Plant People – thanks, John. Our new Raffle Coordinator is Jenny Campbell. Please contact her with any raffle suggestions – ☎ 62488948, mobile 0417696617 or **email** [geoffcampbell@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffcampbell@bigpond.com) .

## **Membership Renewal**

ANPS member subscriptions for 2011/2012 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 for Spring Plant Sale

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 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. 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 Friday 21 October or Saturday 22 October please contact Paul Carmen by telephone ☎ 6288 4208, or John Carter or Ben Walcott (phone numbers on masthead) or **email:** [plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto: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.

## November Members' Night

A members' night is planned for the November evening meeting, following the AGM. We need two presentations of 20 minutes each to be given by two of our members on a native plant related subject of their choice. If you would be interested in giving a presentation, or would like more information, please contact the evening speaker coordinator John Arundel ☎ 6251 7116, mobile 0438 768 4 or **email** [jarun9@bigpond.com](mailto:jarun9@bigpond.com).

## Call for Nominations

Nominations are called for positions on Council. Elections will be held at our General Meeting in November. We need volunteers to stand for general positions on Council. Please consider serving your Society by standing for election and send your nominations to Jodie Durrant ☎ 0408 251 312 or **email** [jodiedurrant@bigpond.com](mailto:jodiedurrant@bigpond.com).

**No Propagation  
Activity in October**

## Weeds Display Garden Floriade Volunteers Please

Several ANPS members have taken the opportunity to promote Australian plants over the years at the Weeds Display Garden. If you enjoy meeting people, talking gardening and offering information on local problem plants please consider volunteering for 3-hour sessions at Floriade. The weeds and suitable replacement

plants are clearly labelled and there's a wealth of material to hand out. This year there's also going to be a focus on Indigenous use of native plants as 'bush-tucker' with expert explainers on hand. Volunteers explain the weeds menace from 10am to 1pm and noon to 3pm daily so there are many opportunities to turn your visit to Floriade to good use! Parks and Conservation Service personnel have organised the garden and the weeds are being mollycoddled for 17 September to 16 October. It's so good seeing people in relaxed mode and enjoying themselves!

**Please phone or email** if you are willing to add your name to the roster or if you need more details. Thank you, Rosemary. Please **email** [rosemary@blemings.org](mailto:rosemary@blemings.org) or ☎ 6258 4724

## 😊 A very warm welcome to our new members 😊

- 😊 Janine Hunstone
- 😊 Peter Davidson
- 😊 Guy George
- 😊 Joan Sherd
- 😊 Ann Lean
- 😊 Majella Kesby

## 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](mailto:sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au).

## Photographs Needed

ANPS Book Group is looking for photographs of selected plants for the new edition of the *Australian Native Plants for Canberra Gardens*.

Have a look at the images that have already been donated on our website [www.phyla.com.au](http://www.phyla.com.au) and the images flyer sent out with last month's Bulletin for more information. Thank you.

Masumi Robertson

## Black Mountain Wildflower Ramble

**9.30am sharp to 12 noon (or later)**

**Saturday 15 October**

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

Join wildflower lovers to enjoy the spring diversity on Black Mountain and celebrate the 40th annual Burbidge/Chippendale wildflower ramble. Black Mountain is the jewel in the crown of Canberra Nature Park and has a rich flora. This will be an easy guided walk with leaders Laurie Adams, Isobel Crawford, Peter

Ormay and Jean Geue. It's 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. You need not book. BYO morning tea, hat, sunblock, water and stout shoes.

**Contact:** Jean Geue ☎ 6251 1601

### **Open Garden at Narooma**

Margaret and Peter Lynch's garden is situated on the southern shore of Wagonga Inlet at Narooma on the south coast. Around 0.4 hectares has been planted to a diverse range of Australian natives many of which are local to the area. Gravelled paths wind across the sloping site and some retained vegetation including mature spotted gums helps provide a seamless transition to the surrounding bush.

The funds raised from the open garden will be donated to the Friends of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens. Plants will be available for sale.

**Open** 10am-4.30pm, November 5-6, 2011; \$6 entry.

**Address:** 21 Cove Lane, Ringlands Estate Narooma

**Directions:** turn off Princes Highway at the southern end of Narooma into Old Highway. After approximately 2 km turn right into Flying Fox Road; after a further 2 km turn right into Woodlands Drive. Cove Lane is first on the left.

### **Stocks Native Garden Open**

**Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October**

**10am – 4.30am, admission \$6 (proceeds to Can-assist)**

Stocks Native Garden, together with three other local gardens, will be open for this Harden-Murrumburrah Event. Light refreshments will be available. Stocks Native Garden has been voted the best display garden in NSW by the Nursery Industry. Enjoy a visit to Stocks 2 hectare property at Lot 3, Simmons Road, Harden (turn south at the tennis courts into East Street and follow the Open Garden signs).

### **Quote of the Month**

#### **The Future of the FJC Rogers Seminar**

'Over the past year or so, the Committee of Management (COM) has worked very hard to find a host the the 2012 FJC Rogers Seminar. This event has been running biennially since 1998 without interruption. However we seem to have come to a fork in the road where the 2012 seminar is concerned. Most district groups (the traditional hosts of the seminar) seem to have determined that the task is too big for them (or they've already had a turn...). While I am happy to concede that the task of running the seminar is beyond the abilities of some groups... I feel strongly that we need to take a broader view if

we are going to continue to hold a seminar every two years.

Any member who knew Fred Rogers will tell you that he was a gentleman, he was a born educator and he was very passionate about Australian native plants. Many members will have first hand recollection of experiencing Fred's generosity with his time.. The seminar is a fitting memorial to Fred.

At the time of writing this the Growth and Development Sub-committee has proposed that they host the 2012 seminar. It is intended that this would be a one-off deal in order to ensure the continuity of the FJC Rogers Seminar. At this time we are intending to stage the seminar in November 2012.' Ross Field, p. 7, *Growing Australian*, APS Victoria, v.54(4), September 2011.



Stocks Native Garden



*Grevillea magnifica*

Photos Ben Walcott

## Photo of the Month



*Banksia speciosa* at Stocks Native Garden

### Calendar of Events

- 13 Oct. Members Meeting
- 17 Oct. ANPS Council
- 26 Oct. Nov. *Bulletin* Items Due
- 1 Nov. ANPS Collation
- \* **Spring Sale October 22 \***
- \* **Weed Swap November 5-6 \***

## Australian National Botanic Gardens

**Troy Dare**

**Things That Go Chomp in the Night**

12.30 pm, Thursday 6 October

**Jean Geue**

**St. Johns Wort – Encalming or Enraging**

12.30 pm, Thursday 13 October

**Doug Laing**

**Canyons and Wetlands of Orange County, California**

12.30pm, Thursday 20 October

**Ian Anderson**

**A Journey of over 30 Years with Australian Native Plants**

12.30pm, Thursday 27 October

**Ian Fraser**

**A Bush Capital Year – Beneath the Covers**

12.30 pm, Thursday 3 November

**Contact:** Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

## **What's On – October 2011**

**Next Council Meeting:**

12:30-2pm, Monday 17 October, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

**Next Collation:** 7pm, Tuesday 1 November.

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

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