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CLARE AUTUMN GARDEN FESTIVAL

March 12th 2017 10.00am - 4.00pm

Clare Showgrounds Horrocks Highway Clare
 60 stalls with the latest plants and garden accessories
 Guest speakers - Kym Syrus and Jane Edmandson

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

WED. 29TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2017

ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING AND CARLTON GARDENS
 9.00AM - 5.00PM DAILY.

With a major focus on emerging lifestyle trends, the Show is set to inspire crowds with breathtaking floral displays and spectacular Show Gardens. Visitors to the show will also experience masterclasses with floral designers, meet key landscape designers, exhibitors and industry experts, as well as wander the avenues of exhibitors selling everything from bulbs to plants, tools, trinkets and garden accessories.

2016/2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	- Norma Keily	8536 6276
Secretary	- Jenny Thomas	8536 4275
Treasurer	- Mary Golden	8536 4267
Tables	- Jackie Chapman	8536 8798
Trips	- Maria Maxwell	85363731
Speakers	- Ced Huxter	8536 2215
	Carolyn Huxter	8536 2215

INTRODUCING A COMMUNITY GROUP WITH A DIFFERENCE.

Saturday 4th March 10am - 1.00pm
 Strathalbyn Library Community Centre.
 FREE



Be inspired by a group of local people who are passionate about providing free, organic and locally grown produce. Gardening workshops and carts of free vegetables, heirloom seeds and seedlings to give away. (No bookings required 8555 7000).

CANARY ISLAND PALMS TO GIVE AWAY.

If anyone would like to dig them out - they do transplant okay as people have done it before.

I have from about a metre or more high down to smaller ones which would be okay in a large pot for a few years. They don't take much care, just water and a trim of the bottom fronds.



They do develop long spikes, but I have had no trouble dealing with these.

You just have to take care as to where you plant the tree and more care when pruning the fronds.

Janet Jones 8536 4160

OPEN GARDENS SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2017 SUMMER AND AUTUMN.

Additional information is available on the website <http://opengardensa.org.au/>

Date & Time

Open Garden

Sat Jan 28 - Sun Jan 29 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Feb 4 - Sun Feb 5 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sun Feb 19 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Mar 11 - Sun Mar 12 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Mar 18 - Sun Mar 19 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sun Mar 19 - Mon Mar 20 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Mar 25 - Sun Mar 26 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Apr 8 - Sun Apr 9 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Apr 22 - Sun Apr 23 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sat Apr 22 - Sun Apr 23 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sun May 7 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Dhyan Marga's Garden, Camden Park

Joe's Connected Garden, Elizabeth Grove

The Barn Palais, O.B. Flat (via Mount Gambier)

Frosty Flats, Birdwood

Forestbrook Estate, Gumeracha

Al Ru Farm, One Tree Hill - Autumn

Tooley's Half Acre, Gawler East

Wyndbourne Park, Forest Range

Botathan,

Daku, Sandy Creek

Etre Garden, Willunga - Autumn



**OPEN
 GARDENS**
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER/ACTIVITY	TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
2017 January 27th	Michael Keelan	Gardening
February 24th	Ulli Spranz	BD Farm
March 24th	Geoff Spear	Orchids
March 24th	Knitted Garden	Deadline for contributing knitted flowers
April 21st	Coach Trip	Jurlique, Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens
April 28th	Sharee Kelly	Native flowering plants
May 6th - 7th	Strathalbyn Craft Fair	Knitted Garden On Display Strathalbyn Town Hall
May 26th	Barb Field	Adelaide's Botanic Garden
June 23rd	Garden Club AGM	20th Birthday Celebration

COACH TRIP FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2017 \$25.00 PLUS LUNCH

A 50 seat Rufus Coach will take us to

Jurlique at Biggs Flat

You will see on the tour

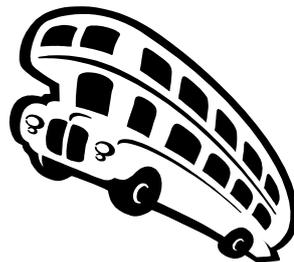
- Display Garden
- Seed propagation area
- Biodynamic* preparation area
- Herb drying shed
- Farm retail shop

On the tour you will learn about

- History of Jurlique
- How seedlings and plants are propagated
- Plant varieties and their uses
- Biodynamic* farming principles
- Soil fertility and compost production
- Harvest process
- Bee Keeping

What to wear – ESSENTIAL

As the tour is on a working farm, for your comfort and safety we ask all tour guests to wear



- Closed toe, flat shoes, sneakers or boots (high heels, sandals and open toed footwear are not suitable)
- Full length pants, trousers or jeans
- Hats and sunscreen during summer months. Wet weather gear as required.

Walking access— The terrain varies with gravel and dirt pathways and some steep gradients.

- The length of walking on the tour is 600m.

At the conclusion of the tour, visit our Farm Retail Shop where you can purchase a selected range of products

Pickup at Rufus Depot	8.30am
Pickup at Strathalbyn Railway Station	8.45am
Jurlique Farm tour	10—11.30am
Travel to Cleland Wildlife Farm cafeteria for lunch at own expense or BYO	
Travel to Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens for autumn stroll	
Depart for Strathalbyn	4pm
Arrive Strathalbyn Railway Station	5pm
Rufus Depot	5.15pm

GREG THE WORM MAN 0438 808 066

Kilo packs of composting worms

Vermicast for soil improvement

Worm Farms to order

Worm Wee 3 litre & 20 litre containers

Catch me at the Strathalbyn Garden Club meetings!

PAYMENTS TO THE TREASURER

- Provide correct money in an envelope with your name and contact details on the front.
- Receipts will be available at the following meeting.
- Keep all receipts as proof of payment.

SHEEP MANURE for Sale

\$5 / bag (delivered to Strath)

\$5/ bag (collected from farm)

\$20 / collected in trailer, i.e. 6'.4'

Tania & John Richardson

Woodchester

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We're happy to make your garden happy! Spread the word.

COMPOSTED PIG MANURE

\$9.00 per 27 litre bag

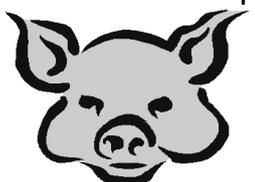
Free delivery in Strathalbyn

Phone 8536 2628

Ros 0428 362 628

Brian 0438 362 628

Practically odourless!



PLEASE BE OUR GUEST

The Committee of the Strathalbyn Garden Club has a lunch meeting immediately following the regular 4th Friday of the month meeting.

It usually only lasts about an hour during which time we eat lunch and plan the activities of the club.

If you are curious as to how we operate, or would like to offer suggestions or are contemplating nominating for the committee in the future please invite yourself to be our guest for a committee meeting.

Speak to any member of the committee to make arrangements. (Your lunch will be on us!)

THE KNITTED GARDEN

- ◆ Patterns and yarn are available at all Club meetings until the deadline at the end of March.
- ◆ The Strath Neighbourhood Centre at 1 High Street will also have yarn and patterns and are open every weekday between 9.30am and 3pm.
- ◆ Finished flowers may be delivered to the Club or the SNC.
- ◆ Apart from flowers we will need knitted leaves, paving stones, soil and grass.
- ◆ Knitted/crocheted butterflies, birds, vegetables in fact anything remotely garden oriented will be welcome.
- ◆ Donations of wool of any colour, thickness or fibre is welcome.
- ◆ Volunteers to help create the garden will be needed in April 2017.
- ◆ Contact Norma 8536 6276 with offers of help.



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 22ND - 23RD APRIL 2017

10am - 4pm \$3.00 entry.

St Paul's College, 792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains
Featuring: African Violets, Begonias, Cactus and Succulents, Carnivorous, Cottage Garden, Ferns, Orchids, Pelargoniums, Bromeliads and Bonsai.

Trading tables: Devonshire teas: Raffles: Sausage Sizzle.

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FERN SOCIETY OF SA

2017 FERN SALE

Adelaide high School Auditorium, West Tce, Adelaide
Saturday 29th April 10.00am - 4.00pm

Raffles and Demos

Ferns for Adelaide gardens

Expert growers available

Devonshire teas

Cash sales only

MORNING TEA HELP

The Morning Tea break is an important part of our meeting but it does require a bit of organising.

- The necessities will be supplied.
- Setting up takes about 30 minutes before the meeting - urns to be filled, mugs set out and milk jugs filled etc., it takes 2 people about 30 minutes.
- Washing up and tidying is a shared task with everyone taking a hand.

Can you spare the time to help? Tell a Committee member.



BULBS - "TO LIFT OR NOT TO LIFT"

For many bulbs, the foliage dies down after flowering, leaving only the dormant bulb in the soil. While in this dormant state, some bulbs are accidentally damaged by enthusiastic digging or are susceptible to rotting or attack by pests. This can occur if the bulb is not particularly hardy in our climate, or if irrigation water is applied at times of the year when the bulb is used to experiencing dry condition; this can be a problem in mid-summer especially when watering other perennials through the heat. For this reason many bulbs are lifted and stored in a clean, dry and dark place to protect them from deteriorating.

Lifting and Storing Bulbs

Allow all the leaves to die before digging up the bulb. It is important for the plant to be able to store food in the bulb for next season.

Take care not to damage the bulbs with the spade or fork. Wash the soil off with a firm jet of water then let the bulbs dry completely before storing.

The most effective method for storing bulbs is



to put them into net bags and place them somewhere cool, dry and airy. Dust the bulbs with a fungicide powder and don't overcrowd the bag as this can encourage fungal diseases.

Check them once in a while and throw away any soft ones. Keep them dry. The bulbs will dehydrate, and may look wrinkled but that's what you want.

Most common species can be grown for several years without lifting. This includes: Alliums Babiana, Bluebells, Colchicum, Crocus, Crinum, Gladiolus, Grape Hyacinth, Ixia, Lachenalias, Narcissus, Nerines, Snowdrops and Spaxaxis. Unless you intend to let the bulbs naturalise, they are best lifted and divided every 3 - 4 years or so, to improve flower quality. Tulips do benefit from lifting because they are more prone to disease and water logging.

Summer flowering bulbs that benefit from lifting include Begonia, Call, Dahlia, Eucommis, Galtonia Hipppeastrum, Lilium, and Nerine.



STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

General Meeting held at St Andrews Hall
Friday, 28th October 2016

Meeting commenced: Norma welcomed everyone on this fine morning reporting that there are some lovely flowers to be judged in the back room. Broad beans are coming up, a great favourite. A reminder to switch off mobiles, sign in and record apologies please.

Welcome Visitors: Chris Lee, Hilary Thomas, Barbara Fishpool, Marie Fogan, Marie Claire Lees and 1 unreadable name.

New Members: Nil

Attendance: 97 Apologies: 13

Lucky door prize winner is: Margaret Cramond.

Announcements & Correspondence

- **Christmas lunch** final payment due plus your menu choice – please hand it to the Treasurer. Maximum number for catering has been reached. At the lunch we will remind you of the menu choices made.
- **Cavalcade of Gardens** - turned out to be a fantastic afternoon. Thank you to the people who opened their gardens, also to Janet who took the photos.
- **Bloom competition voting** – 1 button for each section, flow out the back door round the side and through the foyer past the Knitted Garden table then into the kitchen for morning tea. Some may prefer morning tea first if so follow the usual flow pattern. We will be having a slightly longer morning tea.
- **Knitted Garden project** – there is a display table in the side foyer with patterns, sample flowers and wool.
- **MOSHCC Waterwise gardening** – 6 week course to be held at the Butter Factory.
- **Committee meeting** - if you are interested in the running of the club please come to one of our committee meetings as a guest.
- **Treasurer's table** will be closed during the meeting.
- **Keep the date** – Friday 21st April free for our next coach trip details in January.
- **Colonnades**, Gavin is doing a shopping trip 22 November.
- **Friends of the Library**.....
- **Glenbarr**– Bonfire night this Saturday.

Minutes of the last meeting: Friday 23rd September page 4 in the newsletter

Moved: Diane Lunt **Seconded:** Ruth Anderson.

Business Arising: Nil

Raffle: A full table to choose from.

Morning Tea: We enjoyed a longer time today to facilitate judging the bloom competition.

BLOOM COMPETITION: And the winners are:

Rose: Jan Danial – Mr. Lincoln. Native: Bridget Knight - Grevillia

Bloom: Rosemary Nelson - Hippeastrum Plant: Bridget Knight – Bromeliad

Guest Speaker Chris Lee deftly put together flower arrangements in a variety of containers using a variety of flowers, some blooms from the today's competition. She made it look all too easy.

Next Meeting Friday 25th November – Lunch at Oasis.