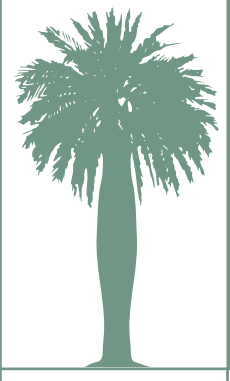


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Inspired by Nature 4 ~ Where Art Meets Science

The Geelong School of Botanic Art at the FGBG has been buzzing over the past few months as artists make their final preparations for **Inspired by Nature 4**. This much anticipated biennial event in the Friends' calendar goes on show throughout October at Geelong's **Wintergarden**. Around twenty-five artists and tutors will come together to exhibit work completed over the past two years.

The Botanic Art School operates as one of the Friends most important activities. Established by Margaret Muffet and now managed by the Friends for over 10 years this wonderful program offers people an opportunity to explore and learn about the world of plants, to be inspired by the place where art meets science.

The collection, preservation and presentation of rare and unusual plants, along with 'hands on gardening', are the accepted focus for Botanic Gardens. However the exquisite world of botanical illustration forms an important role in many major Botanic Gardens. Amongst the herbarium collections of the World are detailed illustrations and associated notes that record the many species known to science. Indeed one of the first undertakings when a plant is 'discovered' is recording the species by both preserving and pressing

a sample of the plant material and also illustrating and notating the species.

While the medium of film and photo is excellent in relaying a plant's character, these methods cannot communicate with complete accuracy the botanical details demanded by science. The preferred method of recording plant material is through illustration. Consider that on just one page an artist is able to sketch different views of a flower, leaf, branch and bark; drawings will often include the seed, its pod or capsule. A series of drawings on a single page may display sections and annotated scaled sketches that provide a view of microscopic detail within the plant. Notes on differentiation between specimens and the place the plant was collected could also be included. All this presented on a single sheet. The intimate story of any plant is complex and demands refined botanical knowledge, combined with the imagination and skill of an artist to communicate the complete picture.

As in past exhibitions the style and subject range of **Inspired by Nature 4** will be incredibly diverse and presented in a variety of formats. Most of us do not realize it often takes two or three seasons for an artist to finish an individual work. The world of plants and

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flowers is transient – once a specimen is selected it must be analyzed and sketched, then translated onto paper for completion. In between collection and recording the original flower may have wilted, its life cycle finished. The artists will often wait a full year before they can again work directly from a freshly picked specimen.



Dolores Sk-Malloni
Tulipa "Artist"
Vitidiflora Group

This is the fourth exhibition in the **Inspired by Nature** series, and the second season that it has been curated by Jill Shalless from art@wintergarden. Much of the plant material featured has been sourced from the Geelong Botanic Gardens; works will represent artists at many levels from highly skilled to beginner. For some this will be their first exhibition. The Friends invite you to visit the gallery and join the artists on their wonderful botanical journey.

In conjunction with **Inspired by Nature 4** an exhibition of delicate ceramics created by Melinda Solly will also be on show. This local Anglesea artist is creating the most exquisite pottery, exploring botanical form and playing with light and shadow, as it exists in nature. The Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens is delighted to be sharing October art@wintergarden with Melinda.

Come along, meet the artists and enjoy the good company and many talents of the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens.

Launch: Friday 2 October, 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm

art@wintergarden, 41 Mc Killop St.

RSVP: Friends Office, Wednesday 30 September

Friends Winter Walk in Eastern Park

On Saturday 25th about thirty Friends met at the Teahouse prior to viewing some of the recent tree plantings in Eastern Park. These trees contribute to the rejuvenation of this significant historic landscape that was set aside in 1851 for botanic gardens

We were thrilled John Hawker, Heritage Horticultural Officer with Heritage Victoria accepted our invitation to join the walk and tell us about some of the interesting plantings in the Gardens and surrounding parkland. David Johnson also expertly led a group of enthusiastic Friends around the diverse new plantings in Eastern Park.

John remarked on the significance of the variegated elms, *ulmus minor variegata* around the Teahouse. This planting of mature small leafed elms marks part of the former loop drive, an avenue from the Malop Street Park entrance to the original gateway of the Gardens. The trees were planted to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 and formed part of the Queen's Avenue.

The Spanish Juniper, *Juniperus thurifera* is close to the entrance to the Fern Glade and listed on the significant tree register, these trees are rare in Victoria Outside the Botanic Gardens perimeter fence we acknowledged the September 1985 planting of deciduous trees by school children and Geelong dignitaries to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Victoria. More trees have recently been

added to this planting along the circuit road.

The walkers crossed the circuit road, admired the soon to be restored Ladies Kiosk and the new water harvesting dam, the original site of Bunce's lagoon which was filled in 1929. Remnant River Red gums, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* are in close proximity enhanced by new plantings. The stately avenue of Sugar gums, *Eucalyptus cladocalyx* has been extended to the east across Holt Road while some of the older sugar gums along Ryrie Street have been removed as they were deemed unsafe. The Ryrie Street boundary has been planted with the tall Queensland Kauri Pine *Agathis robusta* together with a new planting of sugar gums forming a second row in from the road. The Ryrie Street/ Holt Road precinct has groups of Italian cypress *Cupressus sempervirens* to add character and the Illawarra flame tree *Brachychiton acerifolius* to give summer color.

Holt Road has new plantings of the drought tolerant twin needled pine *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine along its borders, the old English elms *Ulmus procera* still look majestic and give valuable shade.

The avenue of stone pines *Pinus pinea* along Adams Court has been enhanced by new plantings of these in the adjoining parkland area. The juvenile foliage of this pine is a distinctive blue and again this particular pine has proved to be tough and resilient. A recent ridge planting of this pine is growing well on the

northern side of the park along the Circuit Road.

We noted a triangular planting of *Pinus mugo*, miniature or 'pygmy' pine at the intersection of the Circuit and Adams Court. To the north east of the Circuit the bat roost is established in the old Monterey pines, *Pinus radiata* and Scots pine *Pinus sylvestris*. A succession of young trees has been planted in this area.

As we crossed the Circuit Road to the East of the Gardens there is a new planting of the White Cypress pine, *Callitris columellaris*. This species is noted for its resistance to termites and fungus. Of great interest was the new avenue planting of Himalayan Cedar, *Cedrus deodara*. The avenue of Bhutan Cypress, *Cupressus torulosa* has been extended. As the walk continued we glimpsed many new coniferous plantings to the north all chosen to withstand tough conditions, the early Aleppo pine plantings were noted as was the old avenue of Bhutan cypress near the carpark for the barbeque shelter.

The large barbeque shelter blocks a magnificent northerly view across Corio Bay to the You Yangs. Behind the barbeque shelter on a flat piece of land was

the site of the Richardson Maze, demolished in 1930. In the vicinity of the Curator's cottage located on the highest point there are two early plantings of *Picconia excelsa*, Canary Island Laurel one of which is on the Heritage tree Register. Other early plantings include a very old aloe, a Norfolk Island Pine *Araucaria heterophylla* and Blue cedar *Cedrus atlantica glauca*. The avenue of Peppercorns, *Schinus molle* leads from the circuit drive to the cottage along the old carriageway.

Two Captain Cooks pines, *Araucaria columellaris* stand as sentry's near the playspace and the blue box *Eucalyptus bauerana*, one of our significant trees is majestic on the fenceline of the 21st century garden

Our Botanic Garden and the surrounding parkland are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register as being of State significance. Over 1000 trees have been planted in the past few years to replace senescent trees and enhance the unique landscape. Take a walk in the Park and appreciate our heritage.

Jayne Salmon

Committee Biographical Notes - Susanna Keith Vice President



My first 24 years were spent in Adelaide, where I was educated. For this time I lived at Crafrers in the Adelaide Hills, quite close to the Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens. After completing my Pharmacy degree in 1972, I moved to Geelong to start work as a Hospital Pharmacist at The Geelong Hospital. I met my husband Ian here.

We have raised our family

here and still enjoy living in Highton. We now have 3 granddaughters and it gives me great pleasure to bring my family to the GBG.

We moved to Ararat for a couple of years in 1983-5, when Ian was appointed Town Clerk of the City of Ararat. We moved back to Geelong when he took up the position as General Manager of the Geelong Cemeteries Trust. We settled in Highton and our children were educated in Geelong before moving to Melbourne for their tertiary education. I continued my work as a Pharmacist, both in hospital and community pharmacies.

I first ventured into the Geelong Botanic Gardens in 2002 with my cousin Jayne Salmon. We were entertained a family member from NZ, who was visiting Geelong at the time. I saw a notice in the Teahouse

asking for volunteers and so started my membership with the FGBG. I was a volunteer there until 2010, when the management of the Teahouse was transferred to a private operator. Since then Jan Perry (ex-Teahouse Manager) and I have organised regular meetings of the "Teahouse Tarts", to maintain social links among the group of retired Teahouse volunteers.

In 2006 I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis which necessitated retirement from my profession as a Pharmacist. Since then my condition has slowly progressed but I have still been able to continue my involvement with the FGBG. I do appreciate the support and encouragement I receive from my friends among the Friends.

In 2008 I was asked to join the Committee of Management as the Teahouse representative and have remained as a committee member ever since. In

2014 I took on the position as one of the Vice-Presidents, and I have also played an unofficial role as assistant to the Treasurer. I have also taken responsibility for FGBG Merchandise, as well as being the Kitchen Monitor.

Although the Education Programme is no longer a responsibility of the Friends, I enjoy helping with craft projects at the GBG School Holiday Programmes.

I look forward to a long association with the FGBG and in particular the AAFBG Conference 2016 which is being held in Geelong in April 2016.



Geelong—Regional Relevance: botanic environments and their survival in a time of global warming

The Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens are proud to be hosting the biennial conference for the Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens commencing on Friday 29 April 2016 with a tour of **The Bellarine** region and then the **Welcome to Geelong** at City Hall in the evening. The Conference will be held at the **Geelong Conference Centre** located in Eastern Park, which surrounds the Botanic Gardens. The venue has excellent facilities including residential accommodation. The vibrant Geelong Waterfront and CBD are also close, with bars, restaurants, shops, museums, galleries and theatres. The **Conference Dinner** will be held at the Waterfront Kitchen at Deakin University's stunning Waterfront campus.

The Conference will address current issues and the relevance and survival of botanic gardens. What do adaptability, sustainability and management in twenty-first century botanic gardens mean in a time of global warming? Conference speakers will present papers on grasslands, forests, coastal vegetation and conservation. Tours will explore the **Great Ocean Road** and the **Otway Ranges** (Monday) and the **Western Plains** (Tuesday), both areas of 'Regional Relevance'. Opportunities are planned for **Forum/Panel** sessions to encourage discussions on common concerns and provide networking opportunities. **Guided Walks** of the Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park are included as well as a visit to the Geelong Gallery and the unique new Geelong Library and Heritage Centre. An important agenda item is the **Association's Annual General Meeting**.

Running concurrently with the conference will be a **Botanical Art Exhibition** at the Geelong Gallery displaying the work of members of our School of Botanical Art, including internationally recognised artists. This exhibition, **ALTERED VIEWPOINT: Geelong Botanic Gardens through the Eyes of the Artist**, will showcase plants from the Geelong Botanic Gardens.

More conference details will be available very soon on our website www.friendsgbg.org.au/events-activities/2016-aafbg-conference. This will include the Conference Program, Registration Form and also details about the Conference Tours.

The Committee has been very active seeking sponsorship for this Conference and we are most grateful for the support which we have received to date, from these businesses, as partners and sponsors:

- City of Greater Geelong and Geelong Botanic Gardens
- Geelong Conference Centre
- Roraima Nursery, Lara

- Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine
- Cafe Go

Seeking a different form of assistance for the Conference, the Committee applied to Geelong Connected Communities for support to enable maximum local participation at this Conference. In particular, financial assistance was sought so that the Friends could subsidise the registration costs to the conference. This assistance will be available for both staff of the Geelong Botanic Gardens and also members of the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens.

The Friends were delighted to welcome one of our Bendigo Bank Customer Relationship Officers (based at 235 Ryrie Street) to the Gardens in late July. Kendall Ferry presented The Friends with a cheque for \$2,000 from the Geelong Connected Communities Ltd. Committee members Geoff Davis, Susanna Keith and Jayne Salmon were in the Gardens to receive this generous contribution.

Geelong Connected Communities Community Projects is about supporting Not for Profit Organisations with projects which clearly demonstrate social benefits for either their members or the broader Geelong Community.

On behalf of all members, the Committee thanks Geelong Connected Communities Ltd for their very generous support with this Community Project and looks forward to hosting this important event and assisting many Geelong community people to participate. For more information about Geelong Connected Communities, please visit www.geelongconnectedcommunities.com.au

In order to manage this generous assistance for the conference, we ask that all members who plan to attend the conference - please contact the office and register your intention. This will help us to determine the level of assistance that we can offer to each of the members registering for the conference. Each year, the Committee budgets for Professional Development and this conference is a wonderful example of further assistance being available.

Kendall, Susanna, Jayne and Geoff with the \$2,000 cheque.



Gift Fund Donations - Thank you

Alistair Hope, Ann Lehmann, Barbara Twentyman, Bevianna Fitch, Botanical Press, Chris Tournier, Christine Nunn, Colleen and Tracy Woods, David Johnson, Dawn Easton, Dawn Tait, Dorothy Bailey, G & M Anderson, Gerard Mullaly, Jean Williams, Jennifer Beck-Carlson, John Duncan, Karen Pegg, Leonie Amerena, Marjorie Nall, Maureen Carlyle, Patricia Brideson, Patricia Harlock, Prue Madsen, Reesh Rogulskyj, Ron Vernieux, Rosemary Weatherly, Tessa Plant, Wendy Babiolakis, Loma Ellis, Margaret Cook, Cherry Collins, Adrienne Edgar, Anthea Williams, Robyn Lewis, Phyllida McCann, Allan Collier, Susan Apted, Judith Kennedy, Mary Thibou, Luki Weatherly, Bill Huffam, Joan Mackenzie, Lionel Tunnell-Jones, Jenny Stein, Sarah King, Pammi Pryor, Noele Cook, Ian Williams, George Jones, Owen Griffin, Jenny Evans, Noeline Sandblom, Peter and Jan McNeil, Ian Boyd, Hillary Blakiston, Elizabeth Pollock.

The Gift Fund, which was established in 1996, had a balance of \$134,136.23 on June 30, 2015. This reflects the incredible generosity of our members and the public who have supported the Gardens and Eastern Park for many years. Five years ago, the balance was \$66,119 and since then, the Gift Fund has been used to provide new seating in the Gardens and also to support the Education Program at the Gardens. It is envisaged that, as the Fund grows, more programs and projects at the Gardens and Eastern Park will be supported by the Gift Fund.

Treasurer's Report - Judy Fyfe

The full audited annual reports are tabled at this meeting and are also available to members from the Friends' office – these are reports for the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens and also for the Gift Fund which is administered by the Friends

Gift Fund

- The Gift Fund is a separate business entity to the Friends and is reported separately.
- The Friends has made a contribution of \$1,002 to the Gift Fund in the year just ended –from donations which the Friends has received
- Many members have again taken the opportunity to make a 'tax deductible donation' to the Gift Fund – thank you for these contributions. Membership renewal time in June-July 2014 included \$3,290 of donations to the Gift Fund. In June-July 2015, \$5,035 has been donated to the Gift Fund. The Gift Fund has also received very generous donations from the community during the year and this wonderful support and generosity has helped the Committee to decide against any increase in Membership Subscriptions for 2016/2017.
- The Gift Fund has a balance of \$134,136.23 at June 30, 2015.
- The Gift Fund is a Public Ancillary Fund (with DGR status – donations are tax deductible) and during the year, we were advised by the ATO that funds can only be distributed for the benefit of another entity which also has DGR status. The Committee and the City are working to resolve this temporary dilemma so that the funds can again be used for their purpose – to support Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park.

Contributions to Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park

- This includes the Education Program, some Garden Beds, Projects and the Volunteer Guides - these contributions in 2014/2015 totaled \$13,929 and includes \$10,000 to support the Education Program and funds for the restoration of the Ladies Kiosk.
- The Friends have made a further commitment to complete the restoration of the Ladies Kiosk in Eastern Park. We were successful with our applications for grants of \$80,000 from Heritage Victoria and \$30,000 from the City. We will be contributing \$36,548 early in 2015/2016 to enable the completion of the restoration of this significant building in Eastern Park.
- Several years ago, we made a commitment to fund the restoration for the three shelters in the Gardens – Cabmen's Shelter, the Radenberry Shelter and the Customs House. It is anticipated that this work will be completed early in 2015/2016 and we will be contributing approximately \$13,000.
- Another very significant annual contribution by the Friends is volunteer hours. This is not quantified or valued in exact dollar terms and can be considered in two ways:
- Volunteers, such as the Gardeners (Perennial Border and Heritage Rose Bed), Librarians, Guides and assistants in Education are directly involved in projects and programs within the Gardens, and
- Volunteers such as the Committee, Growers and Event volunteers provide incredible support to ensure that the Friends can exist as a very viable organisation to support its members and also to support the City, the Gardens and the community.

Committee Biographical Notes - *Allison Martland* President



Being born and bred in Essendon I attended Essendon High and gained my Diploma of Primary Teaching at Melbourne Teachers College, where I met and married a fetching young fellow [whom some of you may know!] After three years teaching grades 3-6 in St Albans I returned to college to gain my Diploma

of Special Education. During the three years at St Albans Special School our first child was born, followed by a second. One day the fetching young fellow announced that he'd been appointed Head Teacher at a school 21 kms north of Shepparton. Our small family left our Bacchus Marsh home for Undera, a dairy/tomato growing area, population thirty five in town. Tennis, footy, new baby, Brownies, kids' sport, fundraising and committees of every kind – a kaleidoscope of small country town activities consumed my life until I resumed teaching eight years later at a local school – seven pupils prep to grade two. What a shock the next year was when I was appointed to a class of 30 grade four pupils in Shepparton. I had been warned not to ask for grade four - casual relief teachers deemed it the worst class in Shepparton. The school was rated one of the most disadvantaged in the state so when the principal informed me there was only one class left – grade four- my heart sank. But St Albans had prepared me better than I thought. I loved the kids and the school and remained there for seventeen years, until my retirement from teaching in 2006, with the first five years in the classroom. I then became Art Teacher, teaching prep to grade six. It was the best twelve years. My love of history, art and philosophy allowed me to create a program that helped integrate the non English speaking refugee students who arrived in the late nineties from Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and Somalia. I never had a desire to leave teaching. It was a satisfying career.

In 2000 Shepparton Council asked the public what to do with Parkside Gardens, 24 hectares of public parkland. Greater Shepparton Botanic Gardens Association formed to advocate for it to become a Botanic Garden. Council's response was to invite Vic Urban to develop it into medium and high density housing. An immediate membership of 400 and presentation of 4,000 signatures to Parliament fell on deaf ears. It was somehow inevitable that I would join this group. My mother's love of gardening and my father's lifetime involvement in social justice causes had rubbed off on me.

When our Secretary, Jenny Houlihan, was elected to Council [Jenny will be a speaker at the FGBG conference next year] I became Secretary. Despite an excellent campaign, in 2006 Vic Urban sent in the bulldozers and the cause was lost. Membership dissolved to a handful of stalwarts but we soldiered on, setting our sites on the decommissioned Kialla tip. Situated next to the Goulburn River it could never be built on and the EPA ordered the massive mound of decomposed rubbish be capped in clay. It was perfect for a 21st Century Botanic Garden. With Jenny working within Council we realised our dream in 2009 when Council appointed community members to form a steering committee to administer the development of the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton. We immediately became FABGS – a small but dedicated Friends group.

The fetching fellow and I retired to Jan Juc in 2008 and the trek to Shepparton for meetings was taking its toll. In 2011 the time had come to hand the Secretarial reigns to the new FABGS Committee, which continues to work tirelessly to create the most wonderful, unique Botanic Garden in Australia!! I now look forward to working with an equally dedicated Committee of Friends to advocate for the most beautiful Botanic Garden in Australia!!



At our recent Annual Meeting Meralyn Roberts, Liz Moss and Ann Nicholl were awarded Honorary Life Memberships for their long outstanding service to the Friends.

Pictured here are Meralyn and Liz with Jayne Salmon, who recently retired after being on the Committee since the inception of The Friends.

The Ladies Kiosk

The Ladies Kiosk project is now on track to commence in September after the Friends Executive Committee recently met with CoGG Capital Works representatives. The Friends have committed a further \$36,000 to CoGG for this wonderful historic project, involving the restoration of the original Ladies Kiosk/Pavillion, which sits in Eastern Park near the new water recycling lake. A comprehensive article outlines the Friends' involvement and the historic value of the project in the June/Winter 2012 Jubaea, which can be accessed on our website.

On Wednesday 20th May representatives of the Committee of the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens met with City representatives and Annette Zealley to discuss the current status of the Ladies Kiosk project. The meeting discussed several significant issues:

- The original quote and subsequent quote extension by the contractor MH Concepts – from \$83,000 to \$133,000.
- The resignation of MH Concepts and the need for Council to re-tender the position of Contractor for the project.
- Council's estimation of a shortfall of funds. The current financial commitment of \$80,000 [Heritage Victoria grant] \$6,000 [from Council] and \$30,000 [Community Concepts grant], totals \$116,000.
- The shortfall will have financial implications for the Friends.
- The requirement by CoGG for the shortfall of funds to be guaranteed by the Friends in the next few weeks in order for the project to proceed.

After frank discussion with the relevant CoGG Department representatives, the FGBG Committee has decided that it will now assume responsibility as the Friends' representative of the Ladies Kiosk project.



SPRING PLANT SALE



Friends' Plant Nursery

Saturday and Sunday 24 - 25 October
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

All the plants in the Friends' Nursery are sourced from the Geelong Botanic Gardens, showcasing a wide selection of Australian plants, colourful perennials, hardy shrubs, pelargoniums and succulents.

The volunteers offer a wealth of gardening information and are always happy to be of assistance.

The Nursery entrance and parking is located at the rear of the Gardens.



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Special FGBG Autumn Activities: September • October • November • December 2015

SEPTEMBER

DISCOVERY WALK - 'PUMPKINS, PEAS OR POLENTA?'

Sunday 6 September, 2.00 pm

Explore the vegetables in Geelong Botanic Gardens and discuss hints for successful veggie gardening and soup ideas. Delicious soup made from GBG vegetables will be served in the tea house. Meet your guide at the front gates of the GBG. Gold coin donation.

DISCOVERY WALK - 'AUSTRALIAN PLANTS'

Sunday 13 September, 2.00 pm

Our Australian plants are at their best in spring and many are now in flower. Join your guide to explore the wide range of Australian plants in Geelong Botanic Gardens. Meet your guide at the front gates of the GBG. Gold coin donation.

BUS TOUR TO HISTORIC CAMPERDOWN GARDENS

Monday 28 September, depart 8.30 am Arrive back 5.30 pm

Join the Friends on a tour of the Camperdown district, visiting the beautiful gardens of Meekri and Gnotuk, as well as a picnic lunch in the Camperdown Botanic Gardens with special guest Janet O'Hehir. \$45 members and \$55 non-members.

RSVP and payment to FGBG Office by Wed 23 September. Itinerary available upon payment.

OCTOBER

INSPIRED BY NATURE 4 EXHIBITION

This is the fourth exhibition in the *'Inspired by Nature'* series, and the second season that it has been curated by Jill Shallless. The Friends invite you to visit the gallery and join the artists on their wonderful botanical journey.

Exhibition: Month of October art@wintergarden, 41 McKillop Str

Launch: Friday 2 October, 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm

RSVP: Friends Office, Wednesday 30 September

SCHOOL OF BOTANICAL ART – TERM 4 COMMENCES

Monday 6 October

Classes are available from beginner to advanced levels. Small classes and a friendly atmosphere are key features of the school. Plant material from the Gardens forms the focus of study. Contact the FGBG Office to secure your place.

DISCOVERY WALK – 'FERNERY FASHION AT THE GBG'

Sunday 11 October, 2.00 pm

Remember grandma's shade house full of potted palms and ferns? The Geelong mega- version of this garden fashion was a huge Victorian Gothic style fernery built in the 1880's. Join your guide to hear some fernery fashion history and enjoy a walk through the recently renovated Fern Glade. Meet your guide at the front gates of the GBG. Gold coin donation.

WEEKEND WINTER PLANT SALE

Saturday and Sunday 24 and 25 October, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Featuring a wide selection of Australian plants, colourful perennials, hardy shrubs, pelargoniums and salvias, sourced from the Geelong Botanic Gardens.

The Friends' Nursery and car park is located at the rear of the Gardens.

NOVEMBER

THROUGH THE GARDENS GATES

Monday 9 November, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

For our members and their friends, a self-drive tour of interesting gardens on the Bellarine Peninsula. Garden entry and tour details are by pre-purchased ticket only - bookings from mid-October at the Friends' Office. More details on the website and at the office.

DISCOVERY WALK – 'ROSES ANCIENT AND MODERN'

Sunday 22 November, 2.00 pm

Since roses were first cultivated 5,000 years ago, they have changed significantly. Come to see old roses and modern ones when their flowers are at their best, at the Botanic Gardens and in nearby Pevensey Park. Hear how these changes were brought about and the people who contributed their money and expertise. Meet your guide at the front gates of the GBG. Gold coin donation.

DISCOVERY TABLE in the Gardens

Sunday 15 November, 1.00 – 3.00 pm

Meet the Friends' Guides for interesting information and direction to key plants and seasonal change. Copies of the Self-guided Walks and information sheets are available at the Discovery Table and the Teahouse.

DECEMBER

'GOLD' EXHIBITION OPENING and FRIENDS'

CHRISTMAS DRINKS Friday 4 December 5.30 – 7.30 pm

Celebrate Christmas and a successful year. For current members or by invitation for non-members, bookings are essential. Please contact the Office to confirm attendance by Friday 27 October.

'GOLD – BOTANICAL IMAGINATION' EXHIBITION

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

The Gold Leaf technique is centuries old. The Exhibition is the result of workshops dedicated to study the technique and to apply it to stylised botanical subjects held during the year.

FGBG OFFICE CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS

The office will close for the Christmas break from Monday 21 December and reopen on Monday 4 January.

Friends Recipe Book Jenny Dean is collecting recipes for tasty morning teas. Please send to the office by Friday 9 October.

We have enough sultanais!

Submissions for the Jubaea Summer issue are welcome by 1 November 2015

All articles, including high resolution jpg pictures, noting they are for Jubaea can be sent to the editorial committee at info@friendsgbg.org.au

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