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In Carolyn's Garden This Month



Fashionata –A Great Feature Plant

(Photo D. Low)

**Guest Speaker
this Month:**
Chris Chapman;
on “How to get
the Most out of
your Show
Entries”

MAY EDITION

It was a busy month in April and our monthly meeting was no exception. Guest Speaker Brian Roach kept everyone enthralled with his story of the genesis of ‘Johanna’s Christmas’. The Bloom Competition is starting to warm up with more tables needed each month. We will continue to have special extra door prizes (donated by Manutec) each month this year.

Just a reminder that **Exhibitors’Name Cards** for the **Bloom Competition** should be **7cm X 2.5 cm**; white for open and pink for novice competitors.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT-MAY 2021

Our April meeting at Gordon Baptist Church saw even more blooms on the tables for judging. Many thanks to our judges (Marion, Chris and Daniel) for working their way through all the classes and giving us results for the night. Congratulations to our winners who are featured below in the Newsletter.

A warm vote of thanks to Brian Roach for a very interesting talk at our April Meeting on the history of the dwarf NSW Christmas Bush 'Johanna's Christmas'. Brian is propagating the bushes at a nursery scale and has supplied plants to Harvest Native Nursery on Mona Vale Rd., Terry Hills (immediately before Flower Power) as well as Glenbrook Native Nursery on the Great Western Highway, just at the top of the hill on the right-hand side. The bushes are for sale there but supplies may not last long once the word gets out that they are available. So be quick if you want one/some.

Planning is well in hand, thanks to Richie Griffiths, for our Annual Show to be held at Ravenswood School, Gordon on 10th and 11th July. We will be appealing to all our members to assist with the running of the Show by volunteering time in the many support roles. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all at our May Meeting on Monday 17th May. Chris Chapman will be giving us a talk on "Bloom Presentation for Competitions" which will be informative and useful for those of us less experienced, and hopefully a reminder to others of the key points for success.

Bruce Walker
President



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PHOTOS C & D LOW



Margaret Davis Sport



Margaret Davis



Marge Miller



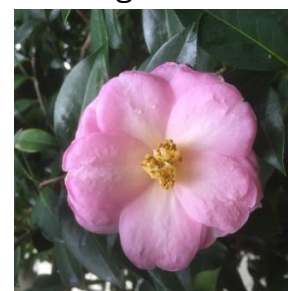
Matilija Poppy



Moshio



Maroon and Gold



Margaret Waterhouse



Martha Tuck



EXTRACTS FROM THE MAY COMMITTEE

D. LOW

MEETING, MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021

No correspondence from the secretary.

Memberships to date:

Single: 43, Household 34, Complimentary: 3, Total: 80.

Capitations will be paid to CA.

Next meeting at Gordon Baptist Church 17th May 2021

Future Meetings; guest speakers for every month now.

Neutrog Royalties for the month received.

Show Schedule and arrangements with Ravenswood are in hand. Full details will be in future editions of the newsletter.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm.

ON THE SICK LIST

Our thoughts are with the following members who are recuperating from recent hospitalisation:

Juliet Muras and Beth Bunyan.

Vale Fred Appleton 7TH August 1946-18th March 2021



Fred and Lesley

Fred joined the Society with his partner Leslie in 2019. In the words of his wife, Lesley Saddington, "We had twenty years of love, friendship and support for each other". All of the family and friends who delivered eulogies at Fred's funeral service said what a kind and gentle nature he had. The family spoke of the man who had come into their lives and what a great calming influence he had been.

Fred's working life began in the Royal Botanic Gardens and from there he became a TAFE Teacher obtaining a Teaching Degree in the process. At The Ryde School of Horticulture, Fred was a Mentor to his colleagues through his unbelievable knowledge of plants and he was described by one of his peers as "A Walking Hortus". He devoted thirty years to the College, finally finishing in 2006. Fred enjoyed a number of horticultural trips overseas as well as one to Antarctica.

Fred and Lesley shared many a day volunteering as educators of both the public and the tour guides for the National Parks at Kalkari and Muogamarra.

As in life Fred passed away quietly and calmly. Our thought and wishes go to Lesley and all of their extended family.

Heartfelt condolences go out to Lesley and her family from all in the Society.



CAMELLIA DISCOVERY TOUR OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

STEPHEN UTICK

Day One: Tours of Shoalhaven gardens and camellia collections, including Stan and Lorraine Heath (Jasper's Brush); Graham Oke's Camellia Garden at Berry; and Sarah Waddell's collection at Wattamolla (near Kangaroo Valley) including rare HIGOs. Note: a degree of fitness is required to explore some of these rural gardens. Attendees would need to book their own overnight accommodation at Mittagong (Springs Resort Motel, Mittagong will be our main base).

Day Two: During the following morning, we inspect the newly developed heritage camellia garden at Harper's Mansion Berrima, including plants donated by CAA; followed by Margaret and Peter Chadwick's lovely garden at 'Southdown' at Burradoo. In the afternoon, after lunch, we plan to visit Retford Park Bowral again as further camellia identifications have been undertaken there, and finally Simon Grant's magnificent arboretum garden at Bowral.

Please contact Stephen Utick on 0421972287 or sutick@grapevine.com.au, or Leonie Furber on 0418267499 or lfurber@ozemail.com.au

If friends wish to join us, there will be a \$15 surcharge per person to cover membership

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2021

May 2021	
Monday 17th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker: Chris Chapman "Better Show Entries"
June 2021	
Monday 21st	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker from Oasis Plants
July 2021	
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th	NSW CRS Annual Show. Details to follow
Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th	Illawarra Annual Show and National Show
Monday 26th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Deferred for Show Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA
August 2021	
Saturday 21st	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting Keep date in Diary. Afternoon outing meeting at Camellias R Us, Glenorie with Bloom Competition. More details later.
September 2021	
Monday 20th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA
October 2021	
Monday 18th	NSWCRS AGM 7.30pm. Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon.
November 2021	
	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and Location TBA



AUTUMN IN THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN SYDNEY

MELISSA. LOW

The camellias are starting to flower in the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney and here are some of the best blooms of late April. Easy access to the camellia gardens is via the Woolloomooloo gate. Plan your next visit to the Garden or take a virtual tour at: <https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/Plants/Garden-Explorer>.



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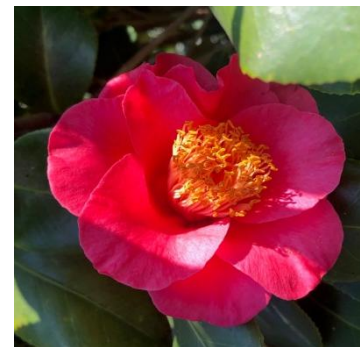
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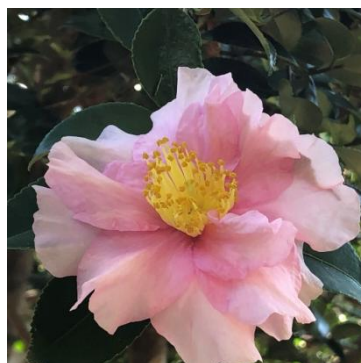
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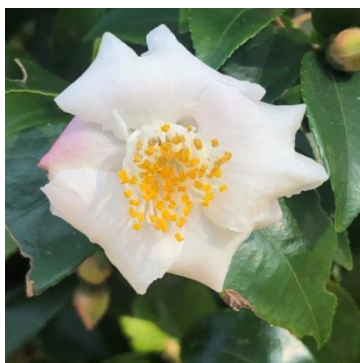
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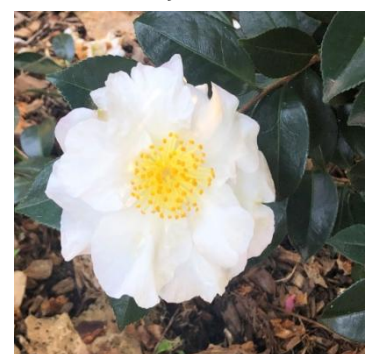
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Silver Waves

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FROM THE APRIL MEETING

D. LOW



Bruce and Brian

Our guest speaker in April was Brian Roach. Brian spoke to us about Johanna's Christmas, the Dwarf NSW Christmas Bush that he has produced for commercial sale from a naturally dwarf type he and his friend discovered on the North Coast of NSW.

The story was one which took us from his own garden in Sydney's north west to the various places Brian visited on the north coast and back. Then there was the development of the plant to a stage where it is now a registered and commercial product. Here are some extracts from Brian's website:

"*Ceratopetalum Johanna's Christmas* is a dwarf form of the NSW Christmas Bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiiferum*) growing to around 1.5m high and much the same wide.

This unique dwarf form was originally collected in February 1969 by Don Blaxell of Sydney Botanic Gardens, just south of Evans Head at Chinaman's Beach near the Queensland border. It would seem this particular form had been growing where Don found it, just

above the high-water mark on sand dunes for some unknown period, exposed to wind and salt spray with possibly generations following the same dwarfing genetic program.

Some foliage was collected by Don and a few plants were propagated by taking cuttings.

On 11 January, 2001 Brian & Carol Roach registered this very special plant with the Australian Cultivar Registration Authority (ACRA 902) and gave it the name **Ceratopetalum Johanna's Christmas** after one of their daughters. Brian had received a plant in the early 1980s and for some years he continued to propagate it by cutting in very limited numbers. Brian & Carol, through their small native plant nursery, Westleigh Native Plants then resumed propagation and distribution activities. For more information contact Brian Roach on 0418115630 or at www.johannaschristmas.com.au "

Carolyn and I tracked some of the recently grown stock at one of his outlets, (handy for anyone on the north shore); Harvest Seeds and Native Plants Nursery on Mona Vale Road at Terry Hills (see below).



A Tray Ready for Sale



Our Selection



The Bracts "Showing Off"



Prize Winners: Margaret Levick



Marion Moyes



Juliet Muras

APRIL BLOOM COMPETITION

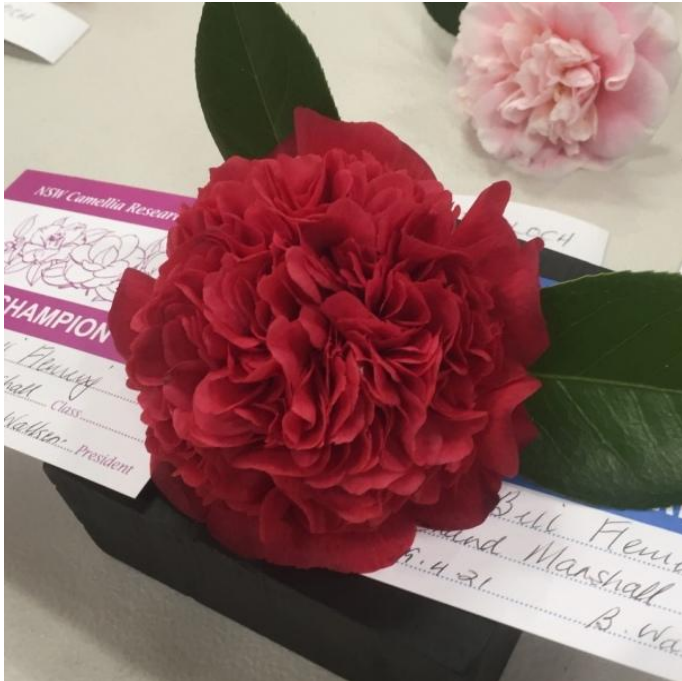
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MONTH	MEMBER	PTS	SAS	SPR/MINS	RETICS	GRADE	TOTAL/MNT H	TOTAL
APRIL	H. Wallace		3			O	3	4
	J. McGill	2	13			O	15	15
	W. Sadler-Moyes	9	11			N	20	20
	R. Griffiths	5	5			O	10	10
	B. Fleming	20			2	O	22	27
	C. & D. Low	12		2	4	O	18	36
	P. Watson	9				O	9	9
	E. Foulsham	3				O	3	3
	J. Muras		4	3		O	7	30



Prize Winning Blooms

Champion Blooms



Open Champion: Grand Marshal, Bill Fleming



Novice Champion: Lovelight, Wendy Sadler-Moyes



Richie Griffiths: Desire



Pam Watson: Dewatairin



C&D Low: Show Girl



Erin Foulsham: Spring Mist



Bill Fleming: Kyo Nishiki



Judith McGill: Kanjiro



Judith McGill: Pure Silk



Pam Watson's: Water Lily



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NSWCRS MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION 2021

The Church Hall will be open from **6.45pm for Covid Clean and Benching**.
The **Judging will start at 7.30** as the Meeting begins.

Class	Description	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Sasanqua Single					
2	Sasanqua Formal Double & Elegans Form					
3	Sasanqua other forms					
4	Sasanqua any form	✓	✓			
5	Japonica/Hybrid Single	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Japonica/Hybrid Semi-double	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6A	Japonica / Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Japonica/Hybrid Miniature	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Japonica/Hybrid any form					
12	Reticulatas & their hybrids	✓	✓			
13	Reticulatas & their hybrids up to 130mm			✓	✓	✓
14	Reticulatas & their hybrids over 130mm			✓	✓	✓
15	Other not listed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	New seedling or sport (1 to 3 blooms)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C1	Collection: Sasanqua, any form, 3 blooms					
C2	Collection: Any camellia, any form, 3 blooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Classes

Classes 1 to 15: one bloom, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Classes C1 & C2: a collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Competition

A 'Novice' exhibitor has not won the annual 'Novice' championship, nor have they scored 20 points in a monthly 'Open' competition. The competition year starts in March, and a 'Novice' in March remains so to the end of that year. A bloom exhibited by a 'Novice' can win in 'Open' classes.

Points

'Open' and 'Novice' Classes 1 to 16: 1st = 3 points; 2nd = 2 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1st = 6 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms): Extra 3 points.



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IN OUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

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Jane Morgan



Drama Girl



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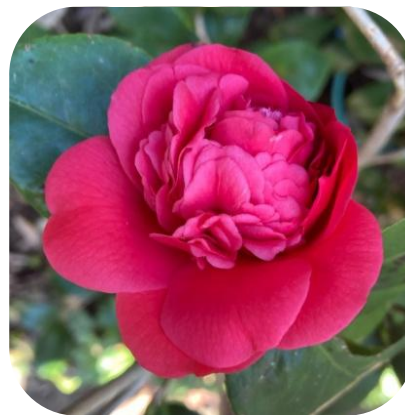
Margaret Davis



Just Sue (Sporting off Margaret Davis)



Hinomaru



Prof. Charles Sargent



Paul Jones Supreme



Unknown Pink (bought for Rudolf)



White Waratah



Little Deb