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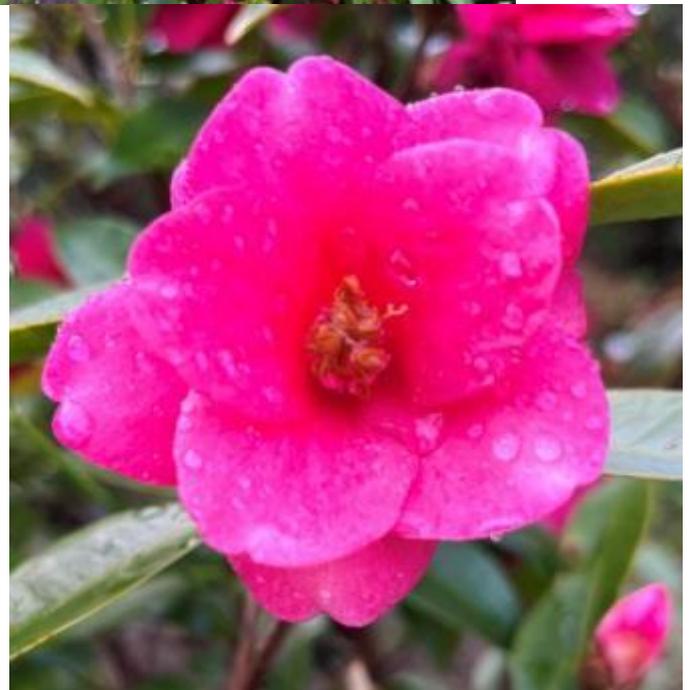
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Bush Food High Tea at the RBG



'Fairy Wand'

The Theme This Month will be Miniatures

**September, and the
Bloom Competition is
on its last legs.
Time to make a last
stand for points.**

 **SEPTEMBER REPORT**

The August meeting at Camellias R Us went well although there were a relatively small number of bloom entries.

Thanks to Bill and Joanne for hosting (see a detailed report later in the newsletter).



PRESIDENT'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2022

Our meeting on Saturday 20th August was blessed with fine weather, albeit with a chilly bite in the wind out of the sun. Many thanks to our hosts at Camellias R Us, Bill and Joanne Parker for their hospitality providing tea/coffee, tasty sandwiches and sweet treats. Bill's repeat of the eulogy for his father, including recounting the history behind Parkers Nursery in Turrumurra was most interesting. The entrepreneurial acumen of putting discount vouchers into balloons at the nursery opening was probably well ahead of its time. The walk around the nursery was inspiring in terms of the energy put in to the enterprise and the variety of camellias on site. We have been invited for a return visit next year which will no doubt feature on our calendar. Thanks also to all the members who brought blooms for the competition, and to our judge.

This month's meeting on 19th September is effectively the last of the bloom competition as the camellias are coming to the end of their season. I will be presenting a "fill in talk" on some geotechnical aspects of clay soils. I hope it will not be too technical and boring.

The meeting on 17th October will be our Annual General Meeting. The formal Notice of Meeting will be sent out soon together with Proxy and Committee Nomination forms. I would encourage members to attend, but more importantly to volunteer to join the Committee to keep our Society flourishing. Benching will be for blooms in general from your garden, with some fun categories.

Save the date for our end of year Annual Dinner and Presentation of Trophies: at this stage we are aiming for Wednesday 16th November 2022 at a venue yet to be booked, but most likely in mid-North Shore with Linfield being a possibility. The details will be advised once confirmed.

Wishing you happy gardening in the Spring weather and flush of new growth,

Cheers,
Bruce Walker



is for September and "Sweet little Miniatures" . . .

Photos: D. and C. LOW



Black Opal



Tiny Princess



Prof. Charles Sargent



Tammia



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Kogane Yuri



AUGUST BLOOM COMPETITION RESULTS



Open Champion
Betty Ridley
Richie Griffiths



Novice Champion
Carter's Sunburst
Bruce Walker



Irregular Semi-Doubles



Miniatures

MONTH	MEMBER	PTS	SPR/MINS	RETICS	GRADE	TOTAL/MNTH
August	J. McGill	22			0	22
	E. Fuller	6			0	6
	B. Fleming	12			0	12
	B. Walker	23		3	N	26
	E. Foulsham	3			0	3
	C.& D. Low	1			0	1
	R. Griffiths	8	2	11	0	21
	M. Hall	3			N	3
	P. Watson		3		0	3
	J. Muras	6			0	6

BLOOM COMPETITION CLASSES AND RULES 2022

Class	Description	Sep
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	✓
12	Reticulatas & their hybrids	
15	Other not listed	✓
16	Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids	✓
17	New seedling or sport (1 to 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.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2022 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

September 2022	
Thursday 1 st -Sunday 4 th	National Congress, Hobart. Details available from Bruce or Helen or Joe jneuschwanger@optusnet.com.au
Monday 19 th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm <i>benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA</i>
October 2022	
Monday 17 th	NSWCRS AGM 7.30pm. Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon.
November 2022	
Wednesday 16 th	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Location TBA

Some More September Blooms



Bella Di Firenze



Buttons 'N' Bows



C.M. Wilson



Easter Morn



Elegans Var.



Grape Soda



Happy Higo



Softly



Mark Alan Var.



Man Size



DIVERSITY IN YOUR GARDEN

Where Does Diversity Come From and How can We Get It?

Having visited the gardens of a number of our members, They all seem to have a diversity of species. One area where we could take greater strides is in the area of native plants, and in particular creating a Native Food garden.

With an emphasis on indigenous food sources as seen on many of the Gardening and Cooking Shows it would be a great inspiration for our (members') children and grandchildren. They are often introduced to the idea through Environmental Education at school and when they visit such important venues as the Royal Botanic Garden here in Sydney.

Where could we source plant stock to create such a garden? After our purchase of the Dwarf Christmas Bush at Harvest Seed and Native Plants at Terry Hills we consider that nursery an ideal place to acquire healthy plants from tubestock to 200mm pots. As it is located close to our place is just an added bonus.

With our daughter having a number of native trees under preservation orders, we decided to add native food and native ornamentals to her garden. So we went in search locally.

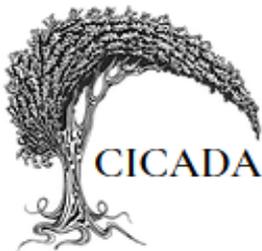
Further discussion with people in our locality and nearby led us to ANL at Terry Hills and from there we were guided to Cicada Glen and Indigo Native Nursery, both at Ingleside. From these nurseries we now have: Finger Lime (fruit used whole halved sliced or the pearls of the fruit are squeezed out to be added as a garnish over a range of foods), Old Man Saltbush (leaves are used a herb, both dried and fresh to flavour soups, stews salads or in spice mixes, anti fungal and anti bacterial), Davidson's Plum (the fruit is very acidic but when stewed with sugar can be made into a jam or jelly), Sea Parsley (flavoursome herb or vegetable chopped finely can be added to most dishes or used as a garnish like continental parsley), and Midgen Berry (sweet berries fresh, baking, jam, chutneys and stews). Some other suggested plants include: Lemon Myrtle (leaves may be used in teas, syrups, glazes, cakes, biscuits, dressings, sauces, ice creams, dips and meat dishes), Quandong (fruit can be eaten raw when ripe but is preferably used in pies, jams and jellies), Rock Lily (stems roasted and eaten), Native Currant (edible sweet berries after flowering), Mountain Pepper (mature leaves - used fresh as a garnish or dried and milled as flavour ingredient in sweet and savory dishes. Berries - used fresh, frozen or dried as a pungent spice), Warragul Greens (young stems and leaves eaten as a green vegetable both cooked and raw) and Kakadu Plum (it suitable for making into jam, sauces and relishes).

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Rock Lily



Warragul Greens

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AUGUST MEETING AT CAMELLIAS R US



Our Hosts, Joanne and Bill Parker with Secretary, Helen

Our August meeting was held at Joanne and Bill Parker's, Camellias R Us at Glenorie. When the Bloom competition was complete, Bill spoke about his family's businesses at Turramurra and how a produce merchant's son went from hairdressing into horticulture. For those members who had grown up in the district, and whose family purchased necessities from the Produce merchant like poultry food and coke, it was no wonder that Carolyn and I shopped at Parker's Nursery at Turramurra before they moved to Glenorie. We have bought a good number of our collection there.

With many mature plants rescued from various venues in Sydney, Bill is creating quite an Arboretum of rare and endangered camellias.



Bill's amazing Nitidissima



A rescued beauty ready for planting out



What a Marvellous Night Rider

Bill then led us all on a guided tour through the nursery. We started near the meeting space and office where we were amazed by his Nitidissima then on through the sales area to his stock and advance specimens. It was a short stroll to where he is starting to create an arboretum of rare plants among his rather large turpentine forest. Overall it was a very pleasant afternoon and if you missed out give Bill a ring and see when you can visit during opening hours.



AT THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETING

At the September meeting, President Bruce will be presenting Powerpoint on the topic:
“Some Geotechnical Aspects of Clay Soils”

A talk by Bruce Walker on 19 September 2022

The talk will explain “what is geotechnical engineering”. The concept of partially saturated soils will lead to an explanation of the shrink – swell behaviour of clay soils. A map shows the areas of Sydney underlain by clay soils. The types of footings used for residential buildings will be outlined followed by two examples of problems caused by clay soils. A brief discussion of land sliding in north-west Sydney will be presented.



R.L. Wheeler Var.



Nancy Bird



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