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Looking forward to
seeing everyone in the
New Year at our March
meeting
Sunday 24 March at
2.30pm at
Eryldene
17 McIntosh St
Gordon.



C. Sasanqua buds and the anticipation of blooms to enjoy.

Welcome back to the NSW Camellia Research Society in 2024. We look forward to enjoying camellias in our gardens during the upcoming season and sharing camellia experiences and information with you.

The expectation of a long hot and dry summer drying out camellia trees has been modified by the continuing El Niño and relief from frequent showers of rain. This has certainly saved many hours of watering.

OUR MISSION

- To encourage investigation and research in matters concerning the genus *Camellia*, to collect information and to publish findings.
- By any appropriate means make the genus, its species, hybrids and varieties known and appreciated throughout Australia and the world.
- To bring into close association members of the community who have a common interest in camellias.
- To provide and operate facilities for these purposes.

*From the NSW Camellia Research Society
Constitution*



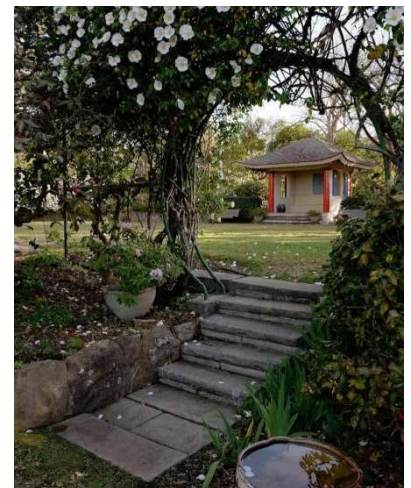
THE PRESIDENT'S PREVIEW

Welcome to 2024. It is a pleasure to be actively involved in NSW Camellia Research Society again. While treasurer in 2013, I had a rather limited knowledge of the president's responsibilities. Fortunately, the experienced and very capable committee members are providing excellent guidance and assistance. The planning for this year's activities is well under way.

Since the AGM last October some members have contacted me with observations, questions, and suggestions. Thank you to those people as it helps with our planning. A few have inquired about Neutrog products, and they have either been or will be answered shortly. A gracious email was from a long-standing member who lives in the country. He mentioned that there used to be a section in the newsletter called, *Country Corner*. I can remember reading an interesting article that he contributed about fifteen years ago. If members who live outside of the Sydney area would like to send articles, we will be pleased to recommence *Country Corner*.

'Erydene', 17 McIntosh Street Gordon, Sunday afternoon 24th March at 2.30pm.

Our first meeting will be on the lawn court at Erydene. Enter by the front garden gate, follow some temporary signs around the side of the house, up two sets of steps and through the moon gate to the grassed area.



Benching of blooms will commence at 2.30pm. While the blooms are being judged Helen Wallace will take members on a guided tour of the garden. There were some mature buds a few weeks ago, so hopefully there will be some trees in full bloom.

The results of the Bloom Competition will be announced, and then Erin Foulsham will explain how the society can use Instagram. Helen Wallace will then outline the worrying potential development of adjoining properties that may impact poorly on 'Erydene'.

We'll then enjoy afternoon tea on the lawn tennis court. If you would like to bring a plate, that would be helpful.



No. 1 Garden Square Gordon, Monthly Meeting, Monday evening 15th April 2024.

Four evening meetings will be held in the Gordon Baptist Centre’s Garden Square Hall, which is behind the Gordon Baptist Centre. The small street beside the church is named Garden Square, hence the name of the hall. The original house façade has been maintained as seen at right.



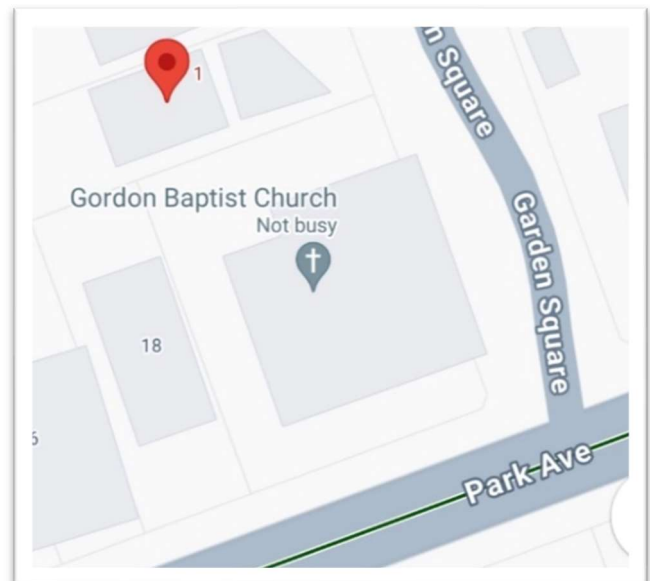
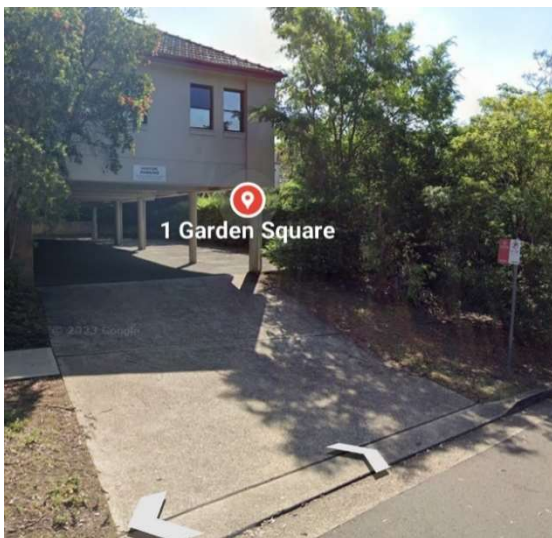
The carpark that is partly under the back of the main church building is entered from the street (Garden Square) and has about 20 car spaces. A gently sloping path leads from the carpark to the hall entrance at the higher side of the house. With or without boxes of blooms, walking from your car to the hall will be easier than with the previous hall.

The Garden Square Hall is just a bit smaller but very well equipped.



Please let me know if you would like to learn how to operate the technical equipment. Our second meeting will be in The Garden Square Hall, Monday 15 April, benching from 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm meeting. It is helpful if those benching are free to concentrate on their benching so that the meeting can begin on time.

I look forward to seeing you at Eryldene in March and the Garden Square Hall in April
Dale Andrews



**MONTHLY MEETINGS - dates and venue will vary each month in 2024**

March 2024	
Monday, 24th March	Monthly Meeting. 'Eryldene' 17 McIntosh St Gordon. 2.30pm-3pm benching of blooms. 3pm meeting. Helen will outline potential development that may impact 'Eryldene', Erin will teach us how to use Instagram, followed by a garden tour followed by afternoon tea.
April 2024	
Monday 15th April	Monthly Meeting. Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Speaker TBA.
May 2024	
Sunday 19 th May	Monthly Meeting. Visit to the garden of Chis & Helen Chapman. 49 Ridgehaven Rd Silverdale 2752 from 10.30am. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.
June 2024	
Monday 17th June	Monthly Meeting. Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Speaker TBA.
July 2024	
Thursday 11th July	NSW CRS Annual Show. Set-up the show.
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July	NSW CRS Annual Show. Details to follow.
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July	Illawarra Annual Camellia Show. The website has details.
Monday 22 nd July	Monthly Meeting. Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Speaker TBA.
August 2024	
Sunday 18th August	Monthly Meeting. Visit to 'Elegans', the garden of Bill Fleming, 21 Fishburns Rd Galston. Time: late morning TBC. Bill will provide a tour of the garden, tea & coffee. Please bring your own lunch.
Friday 23 rd & Saturday 24th August	National Camellia Show in Narrandera.
September 2024	
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7 September	Highlands Garden Society Camellia Show. Possible bus excursion. TBA
Monday 16 th September	Monthly Meeting. Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. Annual General Meeting. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Speaker TBA.
October 2024	
Date to be confirmed	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and location TBC.



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**MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION CLASSES**

Class	Description	Mar	Apr	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

Class A

A Photo presenting the use of camellia/s in any medium (limit 2 entries per member)

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.

'Open' and 'Novice' Class A

1st = 3 points; 2nd = 2 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)



NEUTROG ORDERS 2024

Neutrog orders made by members before February 2 this year will be delivered to the home of Juliet Muras. It will be in early March. Date to be advised.



Camellia Sasanqua 'Early Pearlie'. T. Cavenagh

CARING FOR YOUR CAMELLIAS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH - PETER LEVICK

February: Summer temperatures will still require attention to soil moisture, however, established camellias are quite deep rooted and will survive drought conditions surprisingly well. On the other hand, they really do respond well to water and fertiliser. Difficult conditions can make a plant more susceptible to fungal attack and insects e.g. borers. Regular inspections can help control damage if detected early.

Another pest that may be detected at this time is the 'leaf rib mite'. This causes a greyish discolouring of the upper surface of the leaf spreading out from the leaf's central vein. It is more common in dry times. A control measure is the regular spraying of the leaves with water and affected leaves should be removed and disposed of in the garbage, not the green bin.

March: March, April, and May are the best months for repotting tubbed camellias or for planting out into the garden. When planting out into the garden, as regards water, a plant should be treated for at least 12 months as though it was still in a container. It takes quite a long time for roots to spread out into the surrounding soil. The hole for planting out should be at least four times the diameter of the container from which the plant will come and should incorporate a large amount of compost and aged animal manure if available. It should not be planted over the existing soil level in the container.



EVERYTHING CAMELLIAS



Eryldene Historic House and Garden

17 McIntosh St Gordon



Twilight Jazz 2024

Sunday 17 March 2024 3pm – 7pm.

Eryldene's beloved Twilight Jazz event is back for 2024!

BYO picnic, rug and chairs if needed. Enjoy The Moods traditional jazz, swing and jive.

Tickets are limited. Book tickets early via Humantix. humantix.com/au

Camellia Ark

Are you interested in Australia's rare and endangered camellias?
You are invited to join Camellia Ark.

General enquiries to Camelliaarkorg@gmail.com



Visit Stephen Utick's Garden in Canberra

Sunday 10 March 2024

3 Reveley Cresnet Stirling ACT for morning tea at 10.30am followed by a tour of the English Garden at Weston Park Yarralumla at 2.30pm.

Contact Stephen on su.env.envoy@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

Camellia Ark - Our Mission

- To conserve for Australian gardens rare and endangered species and cultivars of the Genus Camellia and other plants of the Family Theaceae.
- To promote the horticultural, cultural, and multicultural significance of Camellia as a global symbol of friendship, particularly with countries in the Asian Region.
- To work with other associations to help Australian gardens conserve rarer cultivars of camellias and other ornamental plants and nursery stock, particularly those that are clones requiring grafting for propagation, and to support future plant breeding.
- To promote a supply of rarer camellias to the Australian nursery industry.
- For the purposes of conservation, identify individual specimen camellia trees of relevance to Australian garden history, maintain a national register of these and seek their heritage protection.



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