

AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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COMING EVENTS

- May 11th** **Garden gathering**
 'Greenslades'
 Garden of Wyn and Rupert Manners
 4685 Channel Highway, Gordon Ph 6292 1310
 On left - water side
 Past Turnbolls Road on right hand side. If you reach Dulcia Road
 also on right then you have gone too far.
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- May 29th** **NO COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH**
- June 8th** **Meeting and garden gathering**
 At Ken and Lesley Gillander's
 1 Willowbend Road, Kingston
 Time: 2pm
 Please bring something for afternoon tea
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- July 13th** **Mid-year luncheon**
 12 noon at Southern Lights, Kingston
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- July 31st** **Committee meeting** — Ken and Lesley Gillanders
 1 Willowbend Road, Kingston Ph 6229 2351
 6pm Beachside Hotel, Kingston Beach
- August 10th** **Annual General Meeting**
 Venue to be advised



BLOOMS COMPETITION

for April

Rhododendron section: Pat Mavromatis
 Blooms other than Rhododendron section: Anne Cruise
 Peoples choice: Joy Stones

RAFFLE WINNER

R. Ptarmigan was won by
 Pat Mavromatis

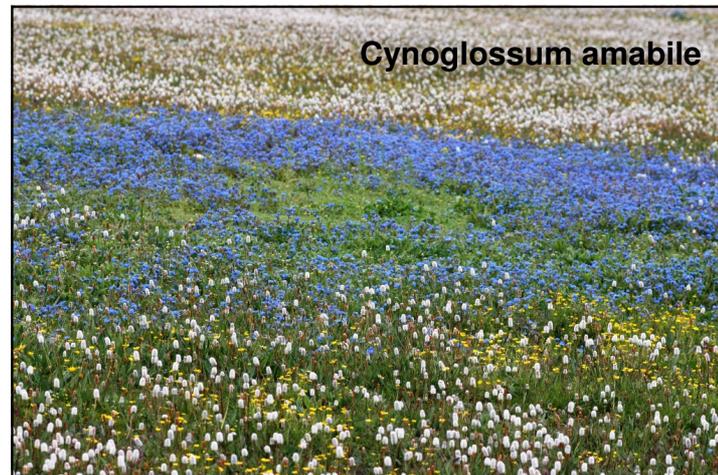
IN MY GARDEN by Lesley Gillanders

Autumn days are with us again with all of our gardens clothed in their red, gold, orange or yellow regalia. *Lardizabala biternata* adds another colour – brown. This has an attractive raceme of several flowers opening from pea sized buds with slight overtones of reddish brown which is accented by creamy white stamens. An unusual climber from Chile but not to everyone's taste as some people prefer more spectacularly coloured flowers.

The first of our *Crocus* have a few flowers open on this sunny day. *C. longiflorus* with blue flowers, *C. mathewii* with pale whitish blue blooms which Ken raised from seed, *C. oreoreticus* has also appeared plus a white *Crocus* whose name has been lost but an unnamed bulb such as this one is also welcome and will one day be identified.

We have searched all catalogues for *Sternbergia lutea*. Over the years we have had it and lost it but alas it is not to be found these days. Unfortunately we left them behind when we moved. A friend had a few and she generously insisted on presenting us with 4 bulbs. Their lovely golden yellow goblets are one of the most eye catching flowers at this time of year. The colour is a bright contrast to the intense deep blue of the perennial *Salvia patens*. We also have a larger growing *Salvia* called *S. 'Limelight'* reaching to one and a half metres. The 20cm long lime green panicles of bracts from which the deep blue flowers emerge are quite elegant after the flowers drop off and I have seen a large brown honeyeater swaying on the numerous branches getting nectar. Unfortunately some of the branches tend to snap off in strong winds.

Cynoglossum amabile made a spectacular sight in China with drifts of flowers on the high mountain plains. In our gardens it is better behaved with intense blue flowers but beware the seeds, as they have tiny hooks on the edge of the round seeds and attach themselves to any passing socks or herds of yaks which fortunately we do not have.



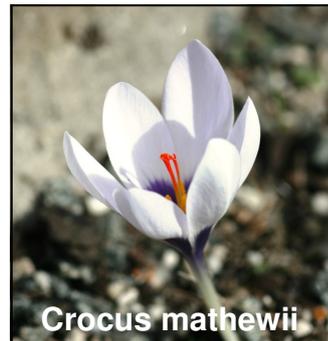
Cynoglossum amabile



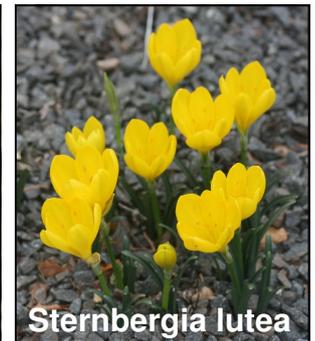
Cyclamen graecum



Cyclamen mirabile leaves



Crocus mathewii



Sternbergia lutea



Lardizabala biternata

Cyclamen mirabile has a few pink flowers in one of our troughs. The leaves are variable but the renowned pink dusting or sometimes spots or speckling on the young leaves in some forms is quite desirable. *C. graecum* not only has a large number of pink flowers open in a trough and in a bed near the greenhouse but the leaves are spectacularly marbled and have a velvety appearance. The garden opposite the back door, which was created to eliminate the steep steps, is being changed again. Not that the blackbirds have won but the few plants grown under the Cherries did not come on well and we have lost a few bulbs due to the roots of the trees. It will now be replanted with *Cyclamen hederifolium* and *C. coum*. There will

still be *Anemone blanda*, some *Galanthus* and *Trillium* left in place but the overall picture envisaged will be the *Cyclamen*.

I thought all our *Lilium* species had finished flowering but *L. philippinense* from the Philippines, is standing tall to one and a half metres high with large pendulous buds ready to open. There is a pinkish magenta stripe on the reverse of the petals and the flowers are opening to a lovely creamy white trumpet with a light greenish throat.

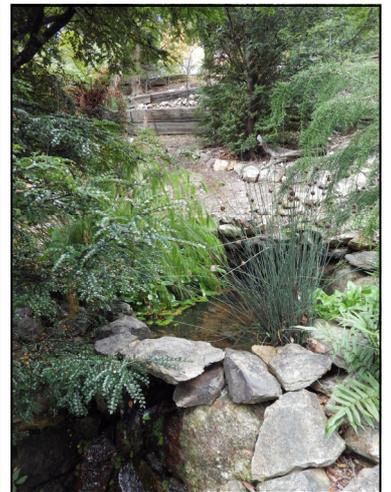
The *Paulownia kawakamii* which was planted 18 months ago has surprised us with vigorous growth to about 4 metres high. The normal sequence for growing it is one single stem the first year planted, second year it branches and third year it will produce flowers. The ends of the branches on our young plant have flower buds coming. We hope they open before the frosts come as it is normally spring flowering. A friend likens the tree to the Magic Faraway Tree in the Enid Blyton stories. We are watching for the little people who live in it.

JOHN'S GARDEN

On the 6th April a sizeable group (including an overseas visitor) visited John Tooth's garden in Fern Tree and as could be expected we were not disappointed. What a delightful garden this is in any season. Impeccably manicured, with fresh, clear colours of Autumn around every corner. It is true that the majority of us made it right to the very depths of the garden and returned - well who was going to miss that scrumptious afternoon tea!



John was well prepared and had the room suitably arranged for our meeting and other activities. The topic for Gill's *short talk* was R. Christmas Cheer which unfortunately had not produced flowers for the occasion. However Gill did discover she had another variety which she believes definitely has Christmas Cheer in it's breeding. It is known as R. Christmas Baubles!
A very enjoyable afternoon - thank you John.
Pics in John's garden by Dorothy



GARDEN GATHERING 11TH MAY 2014

'Greenslades' is the garden of Wyn and Rupert Manners at 4685 Channel Highway - 2 kms south of Middleton shop on the left hand side.

Time: 2pm. Please bring something for afternoon tea.

There will **not** be a meeting or any of our usual activities but we will have a **raffle**.

This is a large garden with a view of the d'Entrecasteaux Channel, showcasing a wide variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and more. It is well worth a visit. Wyn and Rupert have advised that parking would be best outside the property.

MEETING AND GARDEN GATHERING 8TH JUNE 2014

- ◆ **Meeting**
- ◆ **Blooms competition**
- ◆ **Short talk** by Lesley Eaton
- ◆ Since it is June and possibly too cold for garden viewing, we will have a DVD provided by Lorraine Grewcoe - *A Season at Lambley* - David Glenn's nursery and garden near Ballarat in Victoria.
There will also be, **problems in the garden**, **raffle** and an **auction**. Please consider bringing a contribution for the auction.

MID-YEAR LUNCHEON 13TH JULY 2014

Venue: Southern Lights
19 Kingston View Drive, Kingston (opposite Kingborough Sports Centre)

Time: 12.00 noon

RSVP: In order to provide management with numbers attending would you please contact Debbie Farmilo on 6229 3001 by **Tuesday 8th July**
Friends/partners are most welcome but please let us know.

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