

AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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COMING EVENTS



September 10

General meeting

Barbara and Peter Davies, 1014 Pelverata Road, Pelverata (6239 6802)

Time: 1:30pm for 2:00pm meeting

There will also be:

- ◆ **Blooms competition** There are two sections (a) Rhododendrons and (b) Blooms other than Rhododendrons. You can bring up to three (3) blooms for each section. Blooms for the competition can be set up from 1:30 for to 2pm meeting. Please remember to bring your own vases/bottles and name your blooms if possible. Judges this month will be Ken and Joy.
- ◆ **Peoples Choice** - your selection from the competition blooms. There will be discussion about the winning bloom and/or other interesting specimens.
- ◆ **Meeting activity** - Peter and Barbara's Son Owen, has a passion for breeding and growing daffodils on a property next door and is happy to show us and talk about his collection. This entails a short walk and solid shoes or perhaps even gumboots are advisable, particularly if we have more inclement weather.
- ◆ **Auction** - plants for auction appreciated. **Raffle**

Directions:

From the Huon Highway (A6) at Sandfly take the Sandfly Road. Pelverata Road is the first turn right (just after you pass the red shop). Travel 10 ks on this windy road - don't turn off anywhere. Eventually you will find Peter and Barbara - waiting to help you park.

Parking at Peter and Barbara's is limited and we suggest you make a serious effort to car pool. Please contact Dorothy if you need a lift or let me know if you have a spare seat/s. There is room to leave cars at the Sandfly intersection on the side of the highway. Meet at 1:15pm at this intersection.

September 23

Bus trip - to Launceston for
Blooming Tasmania Flower and Garden Show in the Albert Hall
 For details see page 4.

September 28

Committee meeting
 7:30pm - Ken and Lesley's
 Dinner 6:00pm Harmony Chinese,
 Channel Court

October 8

John Tooth's garden
 Bracken Lane, Fern Tree
 More details in October newsletter.

August Blooms Competition

Joy Stones won the Rhododendron section

Karina Harris won Blooms other than Rhododendrons.

Joy Stones won Peoples Choice

Barbara Davies won the raffle which was 'Lockingtons Handsome Lad'

IN MY GARDEN by Lesley Gillanders

As I write these notes, I am enjoying an afternoon of partial sunshine on a cold 9 degree day with snow on the mountain. A good day to be inside and admire the garden while looking through the windows as the sun alternates with the showers of rain. It is obvious Spring is on the way as we can see many flowers in the garden.

In what we call the bulb garden near the greenhouse, the purple of *Iris reticulata*, blue of *I.r.* 'Harmony', and pale bluish-green *I.r.* 'Katherine Hodgkin' contrast with the white of our newest purchase of *I.r.* 'Natasha'. The general colour of *Crocus tommasinianus* is a soft pale blue sometimes a deeper blue. The corms readily increase by divisions but also with the copious amount of seed they set. There are many variations in colours produced from raising the seed. We have a tight group of *C.t.* alba which has made quite a bright white clump. A new purchase we have is *Crocus t.* 'Ruby Giant' with deep reddish blooms.

Tropaeolum brachyceris is a climber which belongs to the Nasturtium family but Ken has it in a large pot and it looks quite happy. The bright yellow flowers are prolific and the frosts we have experienced have not affected the growth. *Cyclamen coum* are at the peak of their flowering time with their dumpy little blooms of white, pink or red. At the front of the house is an unusual little bulb - *Scoliopsis bigelowii*. This little bulb belongs in the Lily family and is similar to a small *Trillium*. It has made a neat little clump of about 20cm high. The flowers with three pointed petals have brown longitudinal stripes giving them a starry effect. The leaves are an interesting feature of bright green with brown spots on them. Nearby is the creamy yellow flowers of *Anemone x seemanii* with typical daisy like blooms. It dies down each year in similar fashion to *Anemone nemorosa* which makes long horizontal roots.



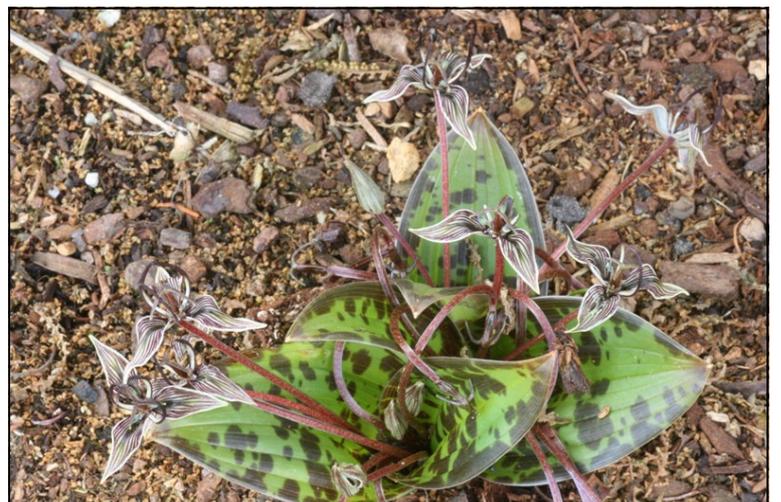
Top left: *Crocus tommasinianus* Ruby Giant

Top right: *Iris natascha*

Centre left: *Tropaeolum brachyceris*

Below left: *Adenandra uniflora*

Below right: *Scoliopsis bigelowii*



BUS TRIP TO LAUNCESTON

SATURDAY

23rd SEPTEMBER 2017

Blooming Tasmania Flower and Garden Show in the Albert Hall

Members will be subsidised by the Society and non members will have the cost of our annual subscription added and may participate in society activities until the end of August 2018. They will be most welcome to renew and continue as members if desired.

Cost: \$20 pp
\$40 single - non member
\$65 couple - non member

Departure

times: 6:30 Woodbridge High School
7:00 Kingston Floorcovering Warehouse
30 Mertonvale Circuit Kingston (near The Importers)
You can park at the back of the building closer to the shipping containers leaving room available for K9 employees. This replaces the Summerleas Road pick up point.
7:15 Campbell Street (beside Grand Chancellor)
7:45 Granada Tavern Claremont

Monies will be collected on the day.

Details: There are many exhibitors in the hall and in City Park.
Listed below are speakers who will be giving talks within our time span.

10:45-11:45 'Recipes for success' Jennifer Stackhouse
11:45- 12:45 'The genus *Lavandula*' Robert Ravens, Bridestowe
Lavender Farm
12:45- 1.45 'Growing fantastic container plants' Marcus Ragus, RTBG

Full details of Blooming Tasmania Flower and Garden Festival are available on the website. www.bloomingtasmania.com.au

Depending on the time taken to enjoy the garden show we may be able to partake in a mystery activity.

Food: Sample some of the delights from the Harvest Market on Saturday morning, light meals and refreshments available from Victoria Cafe.

Rotary Club of Launceston - sausage sizzle, hamburgers and egg and bacon rolls. Coffee and soft serve ice cream, all next to the Conservatory.

Booking: You may invite friends - see details above for costs.
Please RSVP to Dorothy by the **Wednesday 13th September**
I will need a **contact number** and **your pick up point**

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If we do not have sufficient numbers by the **13th** we will invite people from other garden clubs. Hope you can make it to our 'Fun day out with Fintan'.