

AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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COMING EVENTS

November 2nd/3rd Our Society would like to make an effort to promote the Rhododendron by entering a display in the Hobart Horticultural Show. (Rose, Iris and Floral Art Show). We are seeking members who are prepared to assist with this project. Please contact Joy Stones on 6223 2116 for more information.

November 11th **National Council meeting** - to be held at Kerry and Harry van den Berg's 'Woodbank Gardens' 2040 Huon Road, Longley
The National Council Meeting will be held prior to morning tea with delegates from Victoria and South Australia and our own delegates, Lesley Eaton and Kerry van den Berg.
10:30am - Members gather for morning tea and a chance to meet national representatives.
1:00pm - lunch, which is open to all, will be at My Slice of Pie 111 Dip Road, Grove
Following lunch you are welcome to return to Woodbank Gardens for a wander. The garden will be at its prime and well worth a visit. Members are asked to bring something for morning tea. Could you please RSVP to Kerry if you intend to be there for morning tea. (0448 007 525)

December 9th Our Christmas luncheon will be at Ted and Joy's "Jubilee Gardens", 69 Jubilee Road, Cascades
See page 4 for details.

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February 28th **Committee meeting**

SPECIAL NOTE

Tooth Garden visit - 11:00 am Friday 2nd November
16 Bracken Lane, Fern Tree

Several Members will be visiting the Tooth garden after they have completed setting up the rhododendron display at the Town Hall as part of the Hobart Horticultural Show. Members are welcome to join them for a wander through this lovely garden - it may well be your last chance. A BYO lunch is also an option to complete your visit.
PS - we have been asked to make sure the gates are closed when leaving.

IN MY GARDEN by Lesley Gillanders

Several sunny days have seen the garden burst into bloom. There is colour everywhere I look. The two specimens of *Prunus* 'Mt Fuji' outside the back door have been spectacular. The patio beneath them now is covered with white petals as the leaves replace the flowers. *Prunus pendula ascendens* planted near the gate has light pink flowers. *Weigela middendorffana* has a mass of creamy yellow blooms. At this time our plant is 1m high but will reach 1.5m over time.

Clematis paniculata from New Zealand is covered in masses of white flowers on the front wall of the house. *C.* 'Sweet Hart' also has white flowers. Our plant is only small now but eventually should cascade over the edge of a retaining wall. *Paeonia delavayi* has dark red flowers which light up when the sun shines through them. The foliage has a light bronze tint to it. *P. peregrina* has large single red flowers over brilliant green foliage. *Magnolia* 'Gold Star' is aptly named as the flowers open a lovely light gold fading to creamy white. Our plant in the garden has not grown as well as the spare one planted the other side of the creek in the old vegetable garden.

Gentiana angustifolia has large deep blue trumpets shaped flowers like *G. acaulis*, but holds its flowers on 8cm stems. *Uvularia grandiflora* has an unusual name. It is not generally well known but is an attractive herbaceous perennial with pendulous yellow flowers. Prostrate forms of *Phlox* have been flowering along the edges of the garden in full sun. They make a colourful carpet of rosy red, lavender blue, white, white with a red eye, to mention a few. The rosy red one is *Phlox subulata* 'Rosea' and the brilliant flowers shine in the sun. There is *Phlox bifida* in the rock garden. It makes a neat little blue bun and is so well behaved there is another one in a specials bed containing *Tecophylla*, *Fritillaria*, *Wahlenbergia*, *Lewisia* and *Dianthus*. The family of *Phlox* covers a wide range of heights according to the species from these prostrate species to large 1m high plants.

In the rock garden *Rhododendron* 'June Bee' has its white flowers open and *R.* 'Patty Bee' soft yellow flowers plus the almost flat golden flowers of *R.* 'Moth' are all at their best. I see *R.* 'Van Nes Sensation' has at last opened one truss. I have been watching the plant for several weeks to see it flowering. Back in 1954 we lived in Boronia in Victoria. A neighbour had a magnificent garden filled with *Rhododendron* and he invited us to come and see it. I came home with a bunch of *R.* 'Van Nes Sensation' and was hooked on it forever. We also have the first of the Mollis Azaleas in flower they have very vibrant colours in orange, red, gold and various shades of pink.

Some people call *Daphne cneorum* - *D.* "Snorum" but with the "c" being silent it is correctly pronounced "neorum" A bit tricky to grow over the years but the plant we have seems to be happy and has a strong sweet perfume. *Daphne burkwoodii* has variegated leaves and sweetly scented pink and white clusters of flowers. This is a shrub which will reach at least 1m in a sunny position. *Deutzia crenata* 'Nakaiana' is covered in white flowers. We brought this little shrub back from Japan in 1984 after a trip there. It only grows to 45cm. We sold it under the name given to it in Japan but eventually the Horticulture trade in Australia marketed it as *Deutzia* 'Nikko'.

Ranunculus cortusifolius has its shining golden yellow flowers open. The leaves are quite rough and heavily veined. We consider it as a giant Buttercup. A bulb from Ecuador is *Phaedranassa cineria* Ken raised from seed has tubular hanging red flowers tipped green.



1. Clematis paniculata
2. Paeonia peregrine
3. Phlox bifida
4. Phlox subulata rosea
5. Uvularia grandiflora



- 6. Deutzia nakaiana
- 7. Phaedranassa cineria
- 8. R. Moth
- 9. R. Van Nes Sensation

Photos by Ken



CRAWLEIGHWOOD GARDEN VISIT Sunday 14th October 2018

What a fabulous day for a spring visit. In recent times we had visited in Autumn but this was something special. The garden has matured so much and has moved on to another level - quite amazing. And there is more to come. Pav has built new dams and water courses around which many, many more rhododendrons have been planted together with more trees, shrubs and perennials. We had good numbers attend and I'm positive they were not disappointed. We look forward to our next visit.

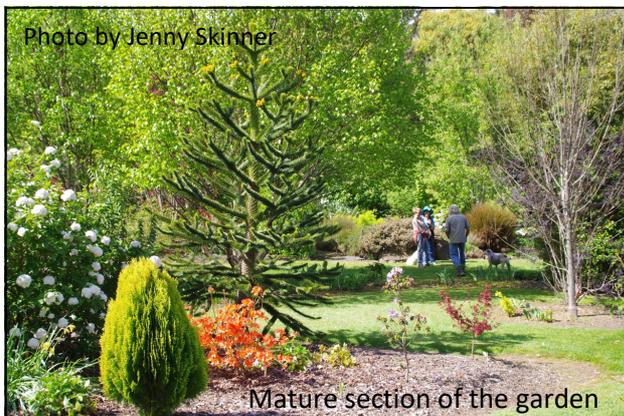


Photo by Jenny Skinner

Mature section of the garden



Photo by Dorothy

A recently landscaped section

OTHER EVENTS 2018

Hobart Horticultural Society - 2nd and 3rd November - Rose, Iris & Floral Art Show and where you will also see a display of **rhododendrons** skilfully arranged by several of our Members.

REMINDER - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP is now due. This can be paid at the Annual General Meeting or by posting a cheque, made payable to **Australian Rhododendron Society Inc. Southern Tasmania Branch** and mailed to the Treasurer, Lorraine Grewcoe, Clarendon Vale House, Clarendon Vale Tas 7019

Payment can also be made by Direct Deposit to **BSB: 067000 Account No. 28026437**
Account Name: Australian Rhododendron Society


CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

 Sunday 9th December

Venue: Ted and Joy's 'Jubilee Gardens',
69 Jubilee Road, Cascades

Time: **11:30 am** allowing time to view the garden before lunch at **12:30**.
Members are asked to bring a **main course, salad or dessert**. Some of you may like to bring some nibbles. BYO preferred beverages. Tea and coffee will be available.
Partners welcome.

There will also be:

A **Blooms Competition** (as a separate identity from our usual monthly competition) with a small reward for the winner.

Just one special bloom is required. It doesn't have to be a rhododendron. Some thing different perhaps, or big and showy, or petite and perfect. You will need your own vase/container too.

Auction - you can always guarantee there will be some unusual and even 'rare' plants available at our auction. Makes for feisty bidding.

Raffle

Presentation of shields

These were originally awarded at our prestigious annual Rhododendron Shows, the main shield for the Grand Champion Rhododendron and the Essie Huxley Memorial Shield was awarded for the Best Bulb, Perennial or Shrub exhibit. At our monthly Blooms Competition scores have been allocated for each bloom submitted, the criteria being: (1) quality of bloom (2) degree of difficulty in growing conditions and rarity of the particular genus. Scores for the year are tallied to determine the winners.

Please **RSVP** by Wednesday **5th December** (so that we have an idea of numbers). Also could you please note whether you are bringing a **main meal, salad or dessert**.

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Please park in Marlyn Road. No shoes inside, thank you.

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