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Plant of the Month



Choisya ternata

A rounded, bushy plant with abundant shiny, rich green compound leaves with three leaflets about 4 to 8cms long. Clusters of small, very heavily scented, white flowers on branch tips appear in spring. Very tidy and dense, good in coastal settings. Slightly acid, humous rich and well drained soil. Fertilise in spring. Trim after flowering to keep tidy/shape.

What's Happening 2015

August SALA in Adelaide BG
August SALA Exhibn in North Lodge
Sundays in August SALA Walks
Tues 4 August General Meeting
Fri 21 August Morning Tea & Tour
Sun 23 August MLBG Plant Sale
Thurs 17 September DVD Morn Tea
Sun 27 September MLBG Plant Sale
Tues 29 September Twilight Talk
Sun 26 October MLBG Plant Sale
Wed 28 October Prof Maberley Talk
Tues 10 November Friends' AGM
November Bus Tour to Christies Environmental Centre
Sun 22 November MLBG Plant Sale

North Lodge Activities

Book Clubs 1st & 3rd Mon
1.30 – 3pm
Craft Group 4th Wednesday
10am – 1pm
Mah Jong Every Monday
10am – 1pm

FBGA General Meeting

Tuesday 4 August 2015 7.45pm
Noel Lothian Hall
(Rear State Herbarium, ABG)

Guest Speaker is Greg Johnston, who has a PhD in Biological Sciences. Dr Greg Johnston has spent the last 20 years studying Australian pelicans at Outer Harbour near Port Adelaide and researching the Pelicans of Lake Eyre. Pelican breeding colonies on Lake Eyre can be huge, containing up to 100,000 birds. How strange it is that fish-feeding birds we know well on the coast breed in the middle of the desert! Where do these birds go when the lake is dry?



From the President

Renowned botanist and writer Prof Maberley (Oxford University) will be talking about the precarious future of citrus in his fascinating lecture:

The Rise (and possibly the Fall) of Orange Juice

Wednesday October 28th
Time: **TBA** in Noel Lothian Hall
The Yellow Dragon Disease, also called citrus greening disease or HLB is one of many diseases that can befall citrus. Once a tree is infected, there is no cure.

During the next School Holidays 28 September – 10 October 2015 the Friends Craft Group will be involved in the BGSA School Holiday Program. They will hold 2 workshops for children to create craft items from natural materials such as seeds, seedpods, nuts, leaves etc.

If you have suitable small items that could be used please drop them off at the Friends' Office.
Bodo Jensen
President

Twilight Talk

Tuesday 29 September
5.30 – 7pm Noel Lothian Hall
(Rear State Herbarium, ABG)

Speaker: Pamela Rajkowski
Drinks & Nibbles at 5.30pm
Pamela will give a presentation on the Afghan Cameleers in South Australia.

In the mid-nineteenth century, Afghan camel-men played a critical role in opening up the vast Australian outback to Europeans. In these times, camel trains were a crucial life support system to outback communities. The cameleers came from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Turkish empire and their labour and skills in hot, dry arid conditions made possible a number of key projects. Cameleers were also vital to the early wool and mining industries. Some of the exploratory expeditions which traversed the most inhospitable parts of Australia largely survived due to the expertise and endurance of the cameleers in the hot and waterless land. Those explorers were also dependent upon the knowledge and skills of the Indigenous Australians.

Plant Sales Mt Lofty BG

Sunday 23 August 2015

10.30am–2.30pm

MLBG Lower Car Park (Lampert Rd, Piccadilly)

2015 Dates (4th Sundays)

23 August 27 September

25 October 22 November

See the Friends Website for lists of plants for sale.

Volunteer News

Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

Call Stephanie in the Office (8222 9367) if you wish to volunteer in the Visitor Information Centre

Botanical Art

The Botanical Art Group 2015 Program is available on the Web www.friendsbgadelaide.com or contact Cathy Veide 8382 6421

Tours

See *Attached Booking Form*

Also

UP COMING - See FBGA website Members page for further information

Friday 21st August - Morning Tea and a Guided tour of Herbarium and Library

Thursday 17th September - DVD Morning Tea and a short guided walk in the gardens

Informal Sketching Group - Botanical

This Group meets in North Lodge between 11am and 3.00pm on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Members of this sketching and painting group work independently, enjoying the botanical inspiration of the Garden in the company of Friends. Contact Christobel 0422 247059

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

As Friends of The Botanic Gardens of Adelaide our role is to support the Gardens. Many sub-Groups contribute financially and time-wise which enables us to assist funding various projects. This Financial Year we have made substantial contributions to some of these in addition to regular annual donations.

Support provided to Botanic Gardens & State Herbarium

Financial

Gwen Thomas Bursary, 1 Horticultural Staff Award	\$ 4,000
Donation to Foundation for Ridley Stripper	\$10,000
Donation to The Library	\$ 5,000
Digitising historical & cultural items to Library database	\$ 7,221
Traineeship	\$20,785
Mt Lofty Pavilion	\$25,000
Debbie Boyd – digitising slides	\$1,012
TOTAL	\$73,018

FBGA Merchandise at North Lodge

Bunya Cones, Nelumbo Pods, Aristeia Seed-heads Art Group Cards, FBGA coffee mugs, Posters, Plants, Photo-magnets & mouse-pads, lavender bags, little seed-critters.

**All monies raised will be used to fund projects within the Gardens.

Garden Guides

Celebrating Botanical Art and Artists, SALA August

Enjoy a guided walk through the wonderful Adelaide Botanic Garden –see the plant, appreciate the picture and hear about the Artist.



Sundays 2, 9, 16, 23 7 30 August at 11am

Meet at the **Visitor Information Centre, Schomburgk Pavilion, Adelaide Botanic Garden.**

Gold coin donation

Bookings required *only* for groups of 5 or more – Booking Officer 8226 8803.

SALA at ABG in North Lodge 1-31 August 2015

Jenny Berends – Photography
Beyond the Garden Gate in detail the hidden wonders of the natural environment.



Julia Townsend - Painting
Splendour of Abundance

Julia Townsend presents a series of abundance of beauty within botanical subjects.

Volunteering in North Lodge

If you would like to enjoy a relaxing morning or afternoon greeting visitors to North Lodge and promoting the work of the Friends you may like to consider volunteering in North Lodge. Contact Jackie Skilton on 0419 830493.

Bridge Club

Would you like to meet and play Bridge with other Friends in North Lodge?
If you are interested contact Helena 8326 0768 or helenaj@esc.net.au

Hands on Hort at Wittunga Botanic Garden

This group of willing helpers at Wittunga would welcome some extra Friends to join our band. We meet on Tuesday mornings 8.45 for a morning cuppa, then work to 12.30, with a break, of course, for chat and cuppa.

We do basic gardening, nothing too heavy, and have fun and great companionship.

Contact Helena on 8326 0768 or email helenaj@esc.net.au

Visit the FBGA Website:

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Logon to the **Members' Page** Password: **Friends**

