

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

NEWSLETTER NO. 3

5 JULY 2011



Dear Fellow South Australian Members!

Just a short newsletter (apologies for the lack of interesting photographs) to bring the membership up-to-date with coming activities for the remainder of 2011. I hope that you will be able to attend some of these events, especially the Annual General Meeting.

As you know, we are looking for additional members for the state Branch Committee – please consider nominating for the Branch Committee. There will be nomination papers available at the AGM, but if you wish to know more about the Committee or to nominate yourself or someone else (please check with them in advance), contact any of the current committee members (listed at the end of this newsletter).

I look forward to meeting you at the next few meetings.

Cheers, Ray Choate
Branch President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TREVOR NOTTLE TO TALK ABOUT MARBLE HILL

If you missed the open days at Marble Hill at Norton Summit last April and May, you will want to attend this talk. At the open days, Trevor Nottle, well-known to all the Branch members, gave two talks – "The Planted Landscape at Marble Hill" (on 1 May) and "Conifers in Edwardian Gardens; and their consequences at Marble Hill" on 7 May. Trevor has very kindly agreed to consolidate these talks into a single presentation.

26th July 2011 (Tuesday)

7.00pm (followed by refreshments)

Barr Smith Library (Ira Raymond Room), the University of Adelaide

Cost is \$5 for members; \$10 for guests.

rsvp by Monday, 25th July to Ray Choate at 8303-4064, or ray.choate@adelaide.edu.au

Marble Hill was the Vice-Regal summer residence for the Governor of South Australia from 1880 until 1955, when it was gutted by bushfire. It has remained a ruin ever since. Patricia & Edwin Michell, who are long-standing members of the Garden History Society, bought the property from the state government in 2009. They plan to rebuild the ruin and re-establish the gardens. Patricia will provide some background information on Marble Hill and introduce Trevor Nottle, who will speak to us about his concept for the gardens.

Gentle Reminder re Email Addresses

As an experiment, this newsletter will be sent to every SA member with an email address – those who have not elected for email only, at this time, will also receive a print copy. The Branch Committee hopes that more people will elect to use email for the newsletter and other notices, as it is a very useful, inexpensive and speedy way for the Committee to let members know about last minute changes, etc.

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2010/2011 Annual General meeting will be held at Carrick Hill on

28th August 2011 (Sunday)

12.30pm for lunch; AGM at 1.30pm; Presentation at 2.00pm

See attached agenda and nomination form.

There will be a talk after the AGM on the developments of the Australian Museum of Gardening, which is being established at Carrick Hill and which is supported by the Branch. A featured speaker will be Richard Bird, known to those of you who attend AGHS Annual Conferences as the "The Old Mole". He is very generously making his collection available as the basis for the new museum of gardening, and is prepared to speak to us on his experiences in forming the collection over a number of years. His first-hand descriptions will be a fascinating way to be introduced to garden tools and other paraphernalia of garden history in Australia.

After the talks, members will want to take advantage of the exhibition in the Guest Wing Gallery of Carrick Hill – "*Spectacular Tree Stories of South Australia*" which will be on view from 3 August to 13 November 2011. Everyone has a tree story in their past or present marking and incident or important moment. Carrick Hill has a hundred acres (40 hectares) of trees and many fascinating stories to tell but the most urgent is the battle between endangered indigenous Grey Box (*Eucalyptus macrocarpa*) and the feral olive that infests the hillside woodlands. Other features of the exhibition are Linda Catchlove's whimsical botanical watercolours of 'trees and their critters' and a remarkable road trip involving artist Jeff Mincham AM and Mick Bradley, photographer, capturing seven trees with remarkable stories in South Australia.

Add to all of this the wonderful gardens at Carrick Hill, and it will be a very memorable day.

Cost is \$35 for members; \$45 for guests. This includes 2 course lunch (with wine, coffee and tea). rsvp by Thursday, 25th August (for catering purposes) to Ray Choate at 8303-4064, or ray.choate@adelaide.edu.au

OTHER EVENTS IN 2011

Place these in your diary, and please check future newsletters for details of times, rsvp, etc.

30th October 2011 (Sunday)

A garden visit to the Brown garden at Glenunga.

13th November 2011 (Sunday)

Visits to Strathalbyn gardens; bring a picnic lunch.

4th December 2011 (Sunday)

Christmas Party at the Joyner garden at Mannum. Use the opportunity to visit historic Mannum before the function (more information about historic Mannum in the next newsletter).

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South Australia Branch – Australian Garden History Society -- 2010/2011 Committee

Ray Choate, President

Richard Heathcote

Richard Nolan, Vice-President and NMC Representative

Jeff Jenkinson

Helen Livingston, Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Di Wilkins

**Annual General
Meeting of the AGHS – SA Branch**

Sunday 28th August 2011

Notice of the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the AGHS – SA Branch to be held on Sunday 28th August 2011 at 1:30pm. This will follow a sit-down 2-course lunch, at Carrick Hill, which will start at 12.30pm. A presentation by the Old Mole relating to the Museum of Gardening will follow the AGM.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last AGM held on 22nd August 2010, read and confirm
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report for 2010/2011
Motion: That the audited reports for the financial year 2010/2011 be accepted
6. Appointment of Auditor
Motion: That Mr Tim Cox be appointed Honorary Auditor for 2011/2012
7. State Representative's Report
8. Election of Committee members
9. Any other business

PRESENT COMMITTEE

Ray Choate – Chair/Treasurer
Richard Nolan – Vice-Chair/State Representative
Helen Livingston – Secretary and Newsletter Editor
Richard Heathcote
Jeff Jenkinson
Di Wilson

***NOMINATION FOR AGHS -- SA BRANCH COMMITTEE
2011-2012***

Nominee:

Nominated by:

Seconded by:

Signed: (Nominee)

Please detach and return form to Ray Choate, or hand to Ray on the day.

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY (SA)
2011 ANNUAL ESSAY PRIZE
'LOST GARDENS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'

The South Australian Branch of the Australian Garden History Society sponsors an annual award for an essay (including student papers) on the theme of lost gardens of Adelaide or South Australia. The Society is calling for submissions for the 2011 Prize.

Rules for the Prize

The award will be for \$1000.00; in addition the prize winner will receive a one-year membership to the Australian Garden History Society.

Applications for the prize are invited from all interested members of the public, Australia-wide. Student applicants are especially encouraged. *

The Branch has selected a special topic for the 2011 Essay Prize – 'Lost Gardens of South Australia'. Essays should be about Adelaide or South Australian gardens which no longer exist, due to urban development, subdivision, or for other reasons.

It is recommended that the paper be between 2500 and 4000 words. There are no limitations on the size or format of the paper or the medium of presentation, but it is expected that the content will advance knowledge about the subject, and be presented in a manner that allows for replication.

All submissions will be forwarded (as anonymous) to a panel of three who will judge the submissions, and determine whether a prize will be given or not.

The winner will be expected to present a talk on the award-winning paper at a meeting of the SA Branch of the AGHS. In addition, the prize-winning paper may be presented for consideration for publication in the AGHS journal ("Australian Garden History") or other suitable publication (eg. web-site of the AGHS).

The paper will be filed with the archives of the AGHS, SA Branch.

Submissions must be received by 4th October 2011, and the winner will be announced at the Branch Christmas Party.

- Note – the Judging Panel, and the President of the SA Branch are excluded from presenting essays.

If you wish to submit a paper for the 2011 Australian Garden History Society (SA) Annual Prize, please address correspondence to the Convenor of the selection panel (from whom additional information can be obtained) before the 4th October 2011. Please send submissions to:

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