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Newsletter - September 2011

WEST AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new members who have joined our branch. We hope to see you at an event soon. This is a quick newsletter to outline events until our Christmas newsletter, which will be more comprehensive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Horticultural uses of glass: talk by John Viska

2.30pm Sunday 18 September

Halliday House, 114 King William Street, Bayswater

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members RSVP to John Viska

by Thursday 15 September.

Here is your chance to see and hear about a little of John Viska's extraordinary glass collection. John will demonstrate the past uses of glass implements in horticulture. Cost includes afternoon tea.

National Annual General Meeting and *The botany behind the garden* forum, University of Melbourne, 22-23 October 2011

Due to the early date of the annual conference in Maryborough Qld, the 2011 AGM and forum will be held in Melbourne on 22 October with an optional trip to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens on 23 October. Please see the AGHS website for more information.

***Historic Gardens of Perth* exhibition reprise Saturday 12th to Friday 25th November, 9am-5pm.**

This year the City of Perth's Heritage Days will be held on 12-13 November. There will be a reprise of AGHS WA's exhibition in the foyer of Council House. For information about opening hours and other Heritage Days events, visit <http://heritageperth.com.au/heritage-perth-heritage-days-2011>.

RECENT EVENT

Annual General Meeting: Gooseberry Hill Hall, Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill

2pm Sunday 7 August.

Presentation: *The Restoration of the Gardens at Biddulph Grange* by Richard Offen

On a fine day in the Perth Hills 42 members and guests attended our 2011 AGM. We presented Gillian Lilleyman, our outgoing treasurer, and Lisa Williams, our exhibition curating expert, with gifts as they retired from the committee, and welcomed Ruth Morgan into the role of treasurer, and Andrea Whitely as our new media expert. We thoroughly enjoyed having Richard Offen talk to us about the history of the English National Trust, the strong characters involved in its origins in 1895: Miss Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley, its remarkable independence from the British Government, and its achievement in restoring and conserving so many important and well-loved properties in England. The slides of Biddulph Grange were wonderful and left many in the audience wishing to pay a visit. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea. Many thanks to those who helped clean up the kitchen and hall!

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Blackwood Country Gardens Festival: prelude 7-9 October, main festival 3-6 November

For more information visit <http://www.countrygardens-australia.com>

At *The Frontier Museums Australia* conference 14-18 November Perth

For more information visit <http://www.atthefrontier2011.com.au/index.html>

WA Branch committee: Caroline Grant (chair), Theresa Putland (minute secretary), Joy Hill (membership secretary), John Viska (chair of exhibition subcommittee), Ruth Morgan (incoming treasurer), Carmel O'Halloran and Andrea Whitely.

To catch up on what other branches are doing, and on National Office information, visit the Australian Garden History Society web site at www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au.