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## Newsletter September 2008

### WEST AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

#### **JOINT FUNCTION WITH HERITAGE ROSES IN AUSTRALIA MARGARET MOORE'S GARDEN**

**DATE: Sunday 21 September 2008**

**TIME: 10:30 am-1:00 pm**

**VENUE: 55 Stocker Road, Roleystone**

**COST: FREE**

**RSVP: Joy Hill on 9386-7438 or email [joyhill@bigpond.net.au](mailto:joyhill@bigpond.net.au)**

Australia Garden History WA joins with Heritage Roses in Australia for a tour of Margaret Moore's Garden. The 0.250-hectare garden features deciduous trees and roses in a "friends" cottage garden setting. Many of Margaret's friends have provided cuttings for this interesting garden. You're invited to bring your picnic lunch to have in the gardens. Tea and coffee will be supplied. Members may like to go on to Araluen Botanic Park, or visit Mia Flora Nursery where there is a small restaurant (reservations essential 9-397-5518). Wildflowers should be on show along Chevin Road.

#### **AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDEN SCHEME: TOUR OF JOHN VISKA'S GARDEN**

On Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 August close to two hundred people explored John's fascinating city garden and plant collector's piece of paradise. John generously donated his percentage of the entry takings to the AGHS WA Branch. This along with the sale of items including citrus, marmalades and plants donated by members totalled more than five hundred dollars for the branch. Many thanks to John and all those who helped make the event a success.

#### **JOHN VISKA PRIZE**

In 2009, the West Australian Branch of the Australian Garden History Society will be offering a prize of \$500, one year's membership to the Society, and a potential opportunity for publication in the national journal, *Australian Garden History*. The prize, named for John Viska, founding chairman of the West Australia Branch of the Australian Garden History Society, will be given for a completed research paper contributing to the knowledge and/or management of Western Australia's garden heritage. Prize details and applications can be obtained from the Committee and from the national website. Members are encouraged to be involved with this interesting and worthwhile project.

#### **NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The meeting was held by conferlink on 4 August (NMC representative Sue Monger). Points from the report:

John Dwyer suggested an amendment to Objectives of the Society, in relation to the Kindred Spirits Fund, to include "scientific". Clause 5 would read: "That the fund be used to foster education and the scientific, literary and artistic aspects of the AGHS for the benefit of the Australian community". This change will be voted on at the National Annual General Meeting.

Practical Assistance to Historic Gardens: It is acceptable for branches to approach other organizations such as the National Trust and municipal councils for financial assistance with projects and to match dollar for dollar with NMC and branch funding.

Treasurer: The Society is in a sound financial position, with a surplus of \$65,053 (the last conference generated \$32,443 and autumn tour \$16,840)

Launceston, Tasmania was confirmed as the 2010 national conference location and dates 7-9 November.

Lost Gardens of Sydney: There has been good media coverage of this exhibition. The Society is recognized with signage. Six gratis copies of the book were provided and Richard Aiken will give a curatorial tour next year. Seventy-two copies of the book have been allocated for discounted sale to Australian Garden History Society members.

The National Chair, Colleen Morris, commended the branches on the variety of functions offered to members. The current national membership is 1505.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VISIT TO ANZAC COTTAGE

**DATE: Sunday 2 November 2008**

**TIME: 2.00 pm**

**VENUE: 38 Kalgoorlie Street, Mount Hawthorn**

**COST: \$5.00**

**RSVP: Caroline Grant by email: [grantspc@inet.net.au](mailto:grantspc@inet.net.au)**

As a part of community spirit, the cottage was built in a day on 12 April 1916 for return soldier Private John Porter. Find out more about this interesting cottage and learn from Linda Green how in 2001 she developed a landscape plan for the garden. The cottage is currently a museum in the hands of Vietnam Veterans. Following this John Viska will lead an "Over the Garden Gate" walk in the area.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY 2008

**Sunday December 14 at 4:00 pm. Please mark your diaries!**

Ros and Max Stewart have very kindly offered us their delightful garden as the venue. The Branch will celebrate its 20th anniversary on that day with a number of fun activities. Details will be provided closer to the date.

### ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, *From Wilderness to Pleasure Ground*, Bowral, New South Wales, 10-12 October 2008, 13 October the optional tour date. Registration brochure was sent in the May/June issue of the journal. The 2009 conference will be hosted by the Victorian Branch in Geelong, 16 to 18 October. The 2010 conference will be in Tasmania, and in Queensland in 2011.

## FUNCTIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST

### JOHN VISKA'S TALK ON DESIGN FOR HERITAGE GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES IN PERTH

Bayswater Library has asked John to give a talk about designing and conserving heritage gardens in Perth. The Library is at 25 King William Street Bayswater and the talk is from 10.30 to 11.30 am, 24 September 2008. RSVP to the library 9271 2340.

**FESTIVAL OF COUNTRY GARDENS FOR SPRING** in beautiful Bridgetown and surrounding district. Prelude 11, 12 October, Main Festival 28, 29, 30 21 October. For information: [www.countrygardens.com.au](http://www.countrygardens.com.au) or phone Peta Townsing 1800 001 357

### LOST GARDENS OF SYDNEY

9 August to 30 November at the Museum of Sydney This colourful exhibition explores the rise and fall of a number of Sydney gardens and garden styles and features paintings, drawings, photographs, floral albums and botanical images. For more information see:

[http://www.hht.net.au/whats\\_on/exhibitions/exhibitions/lost\\_gardens\\_of\\_sydney](http://www.hht.net.au/whats_on/exhibitions/exhibitions/lost_gardens_of_sydney). There was an item on ABC Radio National's programme 'By Design' 3 September 08 which can be downloaded:

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/bydesign/default.htm>.

See [www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au) for additional information about the Australian Garden History Society including the West Australia Branch and activities of other state branches.

#### WA BRANCH COMMITTEE

**Chair: Caroline Grant**

**Secretary: Sue Monger**

**Treasurer: Gillian Lilleyman**

**Newsletter Editor: Mary Maxwell**

**General Committee: Theresa Putland, Geraldine Hart, Joy Hill, John Viska**