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BRANCH DIARY

22 FEBRUARY,
3.15PM

Visit to the National Portrait Gallery.

16 MARCH

Day bus trip to Crookwell/Goulburn

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Several more events are in the planning stages, but these are the confirmed dates

14 APRIL

National Trust Open Day, Lanyon

22 APRIL

Tuggeranong School House visit . joint event with National Trust for the Heritage Festival

14 JUNE

Evening lecture . Lisa Clausen on the recently published *Gruden Farm Garden Diaries+*

12 JULY

Evening lecture . Dr Greg Johnson . *Write Now: Gardening in Australia 1989-2038*

10 NOVEMBER

The much anticipated visit to the Jugiong district

NEXT EVENTS

An amble through the National Portrait Gallery

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY, 3.15PM

A guided visit to the National Portrait Gallery has been organised for our first event of 2018. It will include a talk about the construction and materials of the building, the outside landscape and some portraits of people who have been influential in botanical history. Refreshments will be served in the vicinity of the gallery after our tour.

Meet 3.00pm in the gallery foyer
Cost Members \$10, Non-members \$15 - including refreshments
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Please note bookings are required by Friday 16 February so that we can advise the NPG of numbers.

A Day Bus Trip to Crookwell and Goulburn

FRIDAY 16 MARCH
8.15AM . 6PM

This visit will include a stop in Goulburn, visit to Jennie Churchill's new garden *Spring Street Cottage* and lunch in Crookwell and a visit and afternoon tea at the historic Edna Walling garden *Markdale* at Binda. See the full details and booking form on pages 5-7

Canberra and Region Heritage Festival

WEDNESDAY 18 . SUNDAY 29 APRIL

This year AGHS will again be an active member of the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. This year's theme is *My Culture, My Story* and focuses on what makes a place special, encouraging us all to embrace the future by sharing the strength of our cultural identities. The extensive program will be released in print in early April, but will start to appear on the website (https://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage-and-the-community/heritage_festival) before that. Of particular interest to AGHS members are the National Trust Open Day and the visit to Tuggeranong School House that we are running with the National Trust.

National Trust Open Day: Lanyon Homestead

SATURDAY 14 APRIL, 10AM . 3PM

This year's Heritage Festival Open Day will be at Lanyon, and there will be a very generous program of events, including guided tours of the garden. AGHS will as usual have a stall.

**AGHS NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

**26-29 OCTOBER
2018**

AGHS National Conference
Southern Highlands:
*Gardens in time of peace
and conflict*

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Landscape of Learning – Old Tuggeranong School House

SUNDAY 22 APRIL, 2 . 4 PM

A Joint AGHS and National Trust ACT event

An opportunity to visit and learn about historic Tuggeranong Schoolhouse in Chisholm and in its developing gardens and neighbouring landscape. An important current project is the creation of suitable garden surrounds for this heritage property. The Schoolhouse opened as a public school for pioneer Tuggeranong families in 1880 and operated for nearly 60 years before closing in 1939.

A guided visit, followed by refreshments. \$10, children free.

Bookings will be needed for this event . we will circulate information when available.

WINTER LECTURES SERIES

More details in forthcoming newsletters

Thursday 14 June, joint event with the Friends of the NLA

Lisa Clausen will talk about the recently published *Cruden Farm Garden Diaries* which she co-authored with Michael Morrison, Dame Elizabeth Murdoch's gardener.

Thursday 12 July

Dr Greg Johnson . *Write Now: Gardening in Australia 1989-2038*

This will complete Greg's series of talks on garden writing and will cover the traditional modes of 'garden writing' of the period. It will also explore the new media and internet communication of gardening knowledge with a bit of future predicting to cover 2018-2038!

August . Annual Lecture and AGM - Date and speaker to be confirmed.

PAST EVENTS



A reminder of our visit to Vogelweide on November 17. A glimpse of Antje and Wolfgang's garden, with its hedge of Prunus Lusitanica and plantings of stone pines, cypress and Rugosa roses visible.

NEW MEMBERS

The committee would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter.

- Kathryn Smith, Canberra
- Adrian Benstead and Jennifer Ann Bell, Canberra
- Heather Macgregor, Canberra

OF INTEREST

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS
www.anbg.gov.au

Lectures on a variety of topics are offered by the Friends of the National Botanic Gardens at 12.30pm on most Thursdays. No bookings are required, entry by gold coin donation. For details and updates check the Friends website at www.friendsanbg.org.au.

Saturday 17 March – Sunday 15 April

The 11th annual art exhibition will be held at the Visitor Centre, Australian National Botanic Gardens. All artworks will be original paintings, drawings and other related works of Australian native flora, focussing on threatened and endangered species. All works will be by artists from the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Botanic Art Groups. All works will be for sale

NATIONAL TRUST ACT

Members of our Branch are welcome to join with National Trust members for the following events:

Heritage Walks on the last Sunday of the month
Starting 9.30am for 1 ½ - 2 hours, cost \$7

- Sunday 25 February . Callum Brae Nature Reserve
- Sunday 25 March . Life in early hall
- Sunday 29 April . Yarralumla . from sheep to shrubs

For all events visit

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/> or phone 6230 0533

NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA
www.arboretumcanberra.org.au

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF CANBERRA
<http://www.hsoc.org.au/index.htm>

The Horticultural Society holds talks at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. For the program visit the HSOC website. On Monday 19 February the speaker will be Tony Gill from the Canberra Bonsai Society.

LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN GUARDIANS (LBGG)
<http://lakeburleygriffinguardians.org.au/>



INAUGURAL CONFERENCE – SYDNEY, 5 & 6 APRIL 2018
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

For the first time in Australia a conference that will address issues faced by private owners and independent managers of historic properties throughout Australia.

The conference is designed around lectures, panels and case studies. Delegates will hear from owners throughout the country, selected experts from here and overseas and heritage specialists.

For more information & to book visit www.historichousesconference.com
or contact 02 9252 5554

Major sponsor - Heritage Council of New South Wales
Bronze sponsor: Queensland Heritage Council



AGHS BOOKING SLIP

Booking slips need to be returned no later than one week prior to the event to assist committee with planning. It is easier for your voluntary committee to get payment in advance but if you have difficulties paying by cheque or EFT please send the booking slip or an email to our booking officer Helen Elliot at ellioth@bigpond.net.au (phone 6284 4749 home).

Names _____

Contact phone: (Evening/W/E) _____

Email: _____

Tick	Event	Cost	Numbers attending	Amount Incl \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	22 February – NPG visit	Members \$10 Non-members \$15	_____ _____	_____ _____
	16 March – visit to Crookwell/Goulburn	Details and booking form pages 5-7		

Payment options:

Cheques payable to **Australian Garden History Society**. Please return the cheque and payment form to The Treasurer, AGHS, P O Box 5008, Lyneham ACT 2602 or contact Helen Elliot at ellioth@bigpond.net.au (phone 6284 4749 home) and pay by EFT.

By EFT Account name: **AGHS**, BSB: **801009**, Account number: **001062165**

Please make sure you include the following reference information:
the date of the event (e.g 22 February) and your **family name**.

BUS TRIP TO CROOKWELL

Friday 16 March 2018

- 8.15am Boarding bus Angas Street, Ainslie (car park opposite Ainslie Football Club . free car parking available)
(7.30am . Also possible to board bus at the Deane Bus Depot, 11 Copper Crescent, Queanbeyan)
- 8.30am Bus departs Canberra
- 9.40am **Goulburn**
Rose viewing and morning tea stop . cold drink and biscuits provided (if you want a hot drink please bring your own in a thermos)
- 10.45 Depart Goulburn
- 11.30am **Spring Street Cottage, Crookwell**
After 35 years living in Kiloren, the 4 acre garden designed in 1951 by Edna Walling, Jennie and Rob Churchill purchased an 1880s bluestone cottage and former schoolhouse in downtown Crookwell in January 2010. They moved into the cottage in May 2016, but planting of the garden had commenced in March 2010.

The suburban lot was almost a blank canvas. Three months were spent designing the layout and planting before preparation began, which included the addition of 34 tonnes of new soil. A growing love of grasses, the desire for a more restricted palette and most importantly, a sunny plot (unlike increasingly shady Kiloren), allowed Jennie to create a design inspired by the American landscape team Oehme, van Sweden. Of course, Edna Walling also had a



huge influence, including ensuring the entire garden couldn't be seen in one glance and inserting an architectural backbone . here, gabion walls built from local basalt.

Unlike most Crookwell gardens, Spring Street peaks in summer and autumn, with the grasses, sedums and other perennial heads carrying right through Crookwell's very cold winters. Jennie and Rob love birds and planted accordingly, and now enjoy sharing the garden with feathered visitors of all sizes.

- 12.30pm **Lunch** . Jennie has invited us to remain in her garden . lunch will be provided.
- 1.15pm Leave Crookwell

2pm **Markdale** Located near Binda on the Southern Tablelands, Markdale is a working sheep station of more than 6,300 acres. The property is rich in history, and features a 5 acre award-winning garden.

Begun in the 1920s, the garden was redesigned in 1947 by the pioneer of Australian landscape gardening, Edna Walling. It has featured in many publications over the years and is acknowledged as one of Australia's great country gardens.

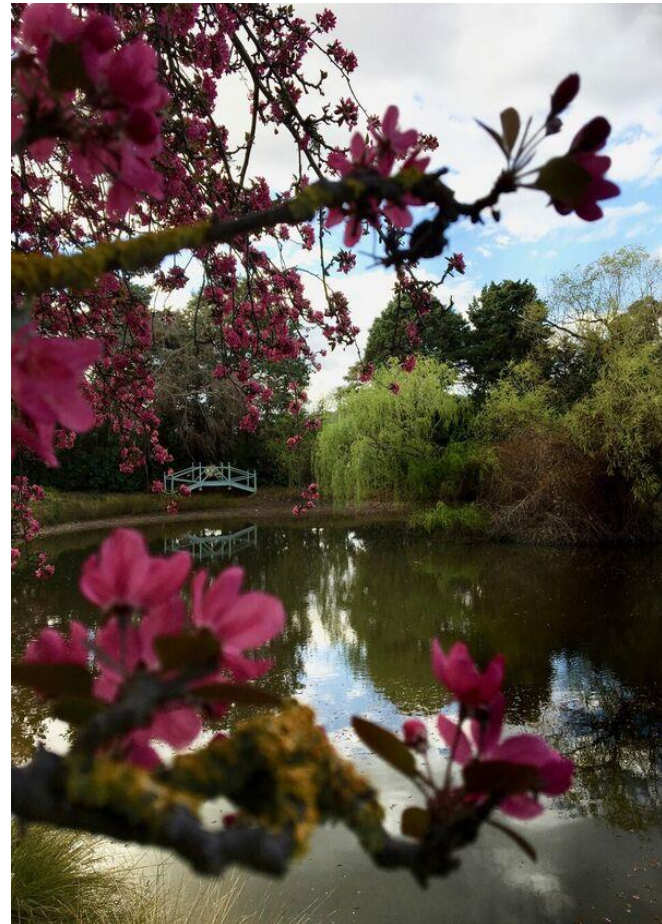
The garden has changed little in its outline but a great deal of replanting has gone on in all existing beds, with an emphasis on design and colour. It remains substantially as Edna Walling planned. Characteristic of Walling's work are the dry stone walls by E. R. Hammond, the sweeping lawns merging with mown paddock, and informal curving paths leading the eye onward to the enchanting hidden depths of the garden and hills beyond.

Markdale Garden is open by appointment and also offers farmstay accommodation. Guests can stay in the two original 1850s 'Stone Houses' and 'Shearers Quarters'.

During our visit the head horticulturalist will talk to us and then we will be welcome to explore the garden at our leisure before enjoying a sitdown afternoon tea in the garden.

4pm Leave Markdale

6pm Arrive back in Canberra (and on to Queanbeyan for those who boarded the bus there)



Costs: Members \$75, non-members \$85 (includes bus travel, visits, teas and lunch)

Prepayment required to secure a place

As the branch is committed to the various costs associated with the trip any cancellations after Friday 23 February or non-arrivals on the day will be non-refundable. Bookings may be transferred to another person without penalty.

Enquiries and mobile number on the day

Judy Pearce, judy.pearce@netspeed.com.au, phone 0417 250 058

Bookings - Please use the form on page 7

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Names	Member
_____	Yes/No
_____	Yes/No
_____	Yes/No

Total Payment: \$ _____**Contact** email _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Any special requirements (including diet) _____Names of people catching bus from Queanbeyan
_____**Please return booking form asap to:**

AGHS, P O Box 5008, Lyneham ACT 2602, or

scan and email to Helen Elliot at ellieth@bigpond.net.au**Payment options**

- Cheques** payable to **Australian Garden History Society OR**
- EFT** Account name: **AGHS**, BSB: **801009**, Account number: **001062165**
Please make sure you include the following reference information: **Crookwell trip** and your **family name**.