

**AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

NEWSLETTER - 10 JUNE 2016



Dear South Australian Members!

BRANCH DIARY FOR 2016

- JUNE Saturday 18th 9.15am – 4.30pm
Recording gardens- [see information below]
- JULY Speaker Steve Hailstone [see information below]
- AUGUST Sunday 21st AGM [Put in your diary – more information to follow]
- SEPTEMBER Poltalloch Station and Pangarinda Arboretum [see information below]
- OCTOBER AGHS national conference Thursday 13th – Sunday 18th [See AGHS website]
- DECEMBER Sunday 4th Christmas party Carrick Hill [Details in future newsletters]

**STEVE HAILSTONE
presents
DESIGNING WITH PLANTS AT GREAT DIXTER**



**Wednesday 27th July 2016
6.30 – light refreshments
7PM - presentation
Coventry Library
Mt Barker Road, Stirling**

Steve Hailstone, garden designer and advocate sustainable living and gardening, will give a talk with photographs about his experiences at the Designing with Plants Symposium at Great Dixter, home of the late, great Christopher Lloyd in the UK.

Steve's talk will touch on the history of Great Dixter and then be mostly about the processes and techniques used in the mixed borders and the meadows by Fergus Garrett, protégé of Christopher Lloyd and now head gardener at Great Dixter.

Steve has studied Permaculture design with David Holmgren, graduated from the Educator programme for Holistic Management with Alan Savory in USA, and undertaken a master-class in design with Martha Schwartz. His first garden design was at the age of 17, and he has been landscaping professionally since 1979.

Steve's own garden "Niwajiri" in the Piccadilly Valley is where he lives and experiments with how to have a beautiful garden while enhancing the ecosystem and living well.

\$5.00 AGHS members/\$10 non-members

RSVP
Friday 22nd July 2016

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AGHS – SA Branch
VISIT TO POLTALLOCH STATION AND PANGARINDA ARBORETUM
SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016

This will be a wonderful day out, open to members and friends. A bus will depart Burnside Community Centre car park at approx. 9.00 AM returning at 5.30 PM.

The bus will travel through the Adelaide Hills to Langhorne Creek with a short stop at a winery prior to visiting the Pangarinda Arboretum. The River Murray will be crossed on the ferry at Wellington then onto Poltalloch Station for a BYO picnic lunch, guided tour of the homestead grounds & shearing shed, and afternoon tea.

The **Pangarinda Arboretum** in Wellington, South Australia near Lake Alexandrina and Tailem Bend on the Murray River is a vision that embraces conservation, education and tourism. The Arboretum is a link in a chain of endeavour to conserve Australia's threatened flora with emphasis on species from the highly modified drier agricultural regions of southern mainland Australia.

Poltalloch - A walk through living history

Back in 1839, an adventurous 13 year old boy called John Bowman and his younger brother brought a flock of 2,000 sheep to South Australia by boat, and the Bowman brothers became some of the earliest pastoral pioneers of the new colony. 1839 also saw the birth of Poltalloch Station, established by Neill Malcolm of Poltalloch Estate in Scotland. The station ran beef cattle by the lake in its early days. John Bowman purchased Poltalloch in the 1870's, and developed it into a thriving sheep station of up to 30,000 acres. In 1880, he married his brother's widow, Jane, and their descendents have lived at and farmed Poltalloch ever since. Today we farm Angus beef cattle and sheep, and have been welcoming guests to Poltalloch since 1974.



A flyer with a full program and cost will be circulated shortly – note the date in your diary now.

WORKSHOP

Saturday 18th June 2016

RECORDING GARDENS AND GREEN SPACES

There are still some places for this workshop. If interested, please contact the organisers immediately.

The Australian Garden History Society SA branch is conducting a one-day workshop -
Recording Gardens and Green Spaces.

The workshop aims to promote an interest in and the skills necessary to record garden stories/histories. All gardens and green spaces no matter the size, age or style have a story 'to tell' and there are many ways to capture and record this information.

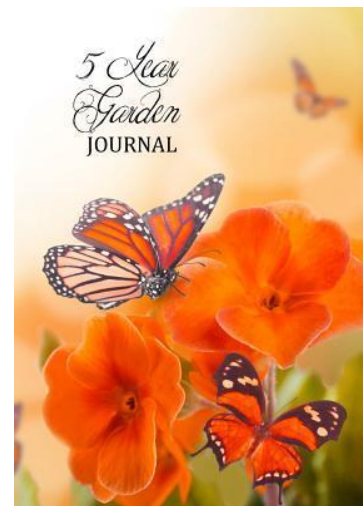


During the workshop there will be presentations, discussions and question times.

Topics will include

- Why it is important to record gardens – AGHS aims/policy
- How to record – diaries, plans, chronologies, scrapbooks, photo essays...
- Sources and referencing
- Photography and interpretation of old photographs
- Plant identification
- Sharing & lodging your garden story

(Detailed programme & presenters to be advised)



Venue – Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide

Time – 9.15 am to 4.30 pm

Cost - \$20 for AGHS members, \$25 for non-members, includes morning & afternoon tea, but not lunch.



Information/expression of interest - please contact

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ENDLESS PLEASURES EXHIBITION TO TRAVEL TO MOUNT GAMBIER

All SA members are invited to attend the opening of this exhibition at the Mt Gambier Gallery on Friday 1st July at 6pm. The show is supported by AGHS SA Branch. Please inform your friends in the Mount Gambier region about this exhibition and opening; better yet, plan to attend yourself.

World Heritage Agricultural Landscapes

On 28th April Professor Randy Stringer, Uni SA, addressed an interested crowd at University of Adelaide on the topic of World heritage Agricultural landscapes. His talk ranged from some examples of agricultural policies in the USA to the relationship between legislation and agriculture more broadly in the world and Australia.

The ongoing bid for recognition of Mt lofty Ranges and Fleurieu has been broadened to include the councils of Light and Clare; 8 councils are now involved in the bid. Of the world's 1031 heritage areas, 80% are cultural and 20% natural. Of the 25 agricultural landscapes so recognised most are vineyards.

The 'event' which the group is proposing is the 'Colonisation' of the area of the councils using the conduit of the Wakefield scheme of settlement.

Prof Stringer acknowledged that recent legislation in South Australia had assisted to rebalance the preservation of character and the protection of food production areas. The process for the bid will be an ongoing matter; after all, he humorously related, some areas have waited hundreds of years to achieve such recognition.

2 AGHS members attended to support this event.

David Inverarity

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