

MAKING A GARDEN ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Recently I went to Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens, to the Plant Fair held there annually.

I was really pleased that I made the effort to go. Generally, it gives you a good idea of all the plants that we can grow in this part of the world, with a little bit of modification for gardening on Tamborine Mountain.

One of the plants that caught my eye was a whole table of different Medinillas of all shapes and sizes.



We grow, very well, two types of Medinillas in our Botanic Gardens. One is several metres tall and is called Medinilla magnifica. Now, magnifica usually has very showy pink bracts behind the clusters of pink flowers which ours doesn't. Nevertheless it still may be named correctly. Our other plant is much less showy but is often commented on by more observant visitors. Many people assume that it is a begonia, but I believe that it is Medinilla alata. It is a little less than 2 metres with canes bearing narrow leaves and when flowering has long slim stalks bearing delicate clusters of flowers. Both of these plants are flowering now.

I was speaking to a plant collector who has been going to warm/hot climates from Cairns and Townsville Botanic Gardens collecting new plants for us in Australia. I was asking him about accredited quarantine stations available to him when bringing in plants from overseas. He said that there was only one station available to him as others have been forced to close due to high government charges, making the costs of storage and caring for plants for collectors and the nursery industry very expensive. It would be a great shame to see this avenue for new plants, closed.

As for my new patch. Some large overgrown Hibiscus have been removed along with a rampant Dietes. Two very large Buddleia have been reduced by two thirds and are now making a great recovery. Generally, I am not a "red" plant person but I have inherited in part of the garden, on a western wall, a patch growing a very robust red Pelargonium, a red Iresine and a healthy red and yellow Alstroemeria, there is also some purple flowering Osteospermum.



I think I will add a yellow Kniphofia for winter and yellow Coreopsis for summer. I know Coreopsis grows wild in cemeteries, but thankfully they are bringing out some interesting varieties which make them quite respectable.



Now that it is cool, we can rug up and plant something.

Ellie P.

Yellow kniphofia and Yellow coreopsis



NEWSLETTER

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THAT WEDDING

As keen gardeners and with many talented florists among our membership, I'm sure you watched the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle with a lot of interest in the floral displays. There were three main areas of interest.



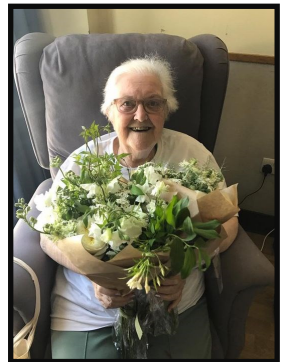
The Brides Bouquet - while small, was rich in significance – the arrangement was comprised of scented sweet peas, lily of the valley, astilbe, jasmine, astrantia and several flowers hand-picked by Harry from the couple's private garden at Kensington Palace. Also included were forget-me-nots (Princess Diana's favourite) and sprig of myrtle – a tradition for royal brides since the time of Queen Victoria. The closest thing I can find to it is our own lemon-myrtle. Many of us can grow sweet peas, jasmine and forget-me-nots. We are growing astilbe and astrantia in our garden at Eagle Heights but so far have had no success with Lily of the Valley. After the wedding the bouquet was taken to Westminster Abbey and laid on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

The Cake - A team of six bakers spend five days making the cake and used a total of 200 lemons, 500 organic eggs, 20kg each of butter, flour and sugar and 10 bottles of Sandringham elderflower cordial.

The swiss meringue buttercream icing was decorated with 150 fresh flowers including roses and peonies.



The chapel decorations - included branches of beech, birch and hornbeam, white roses, peonies and foxgloves. Afterwards the flowers were made into bouquets and presented to patients at St. Joseph's Hospice.



Today's Speaker—lan Wintle—many would have visited lan's "Giving Garden" at Birkdale.

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JULY MEETING

Tuesday July 10th at 9.30 am
 Vonda Youngman Community Centre
 Main Street, North Tamborine

Guest Speaker—

Dale Arvidsson - Curator
 Brisbane Botanic Gardens.

COMPETITION TABLE

- A flowering native
- An exotic tree or shrub
- A flowering Bulb or Corm
- A magnolia flower
- A winter bouquet
- A Vegetable
- A citrus fruit



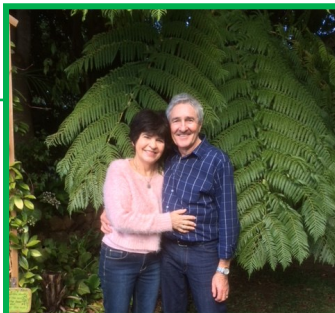
Specimen Table

Bring along a specimen; unusual, interesting, beautiful, unknown.
 Include a question if you like.
 Question and answer segment. Get the answers you need for your gardening questions, Use your experience to help someone else.

July Morning Tea Roster:
Stephanie Cox and Leonie Steinfort

June Garden Visit: Tuesday 19th June
 Aloe-Aloe Nursery (Car Pooling)
 333 Tamborine Mountain Road
 TAMBORINE.

Our garden visit for May was to the beautiful garden of Anne and Kerry Jones...so many new additions and surprises around every corner, plus the immaculate hedges, great job Kerry. On a glorious Autumn day we enjoyed morning tea with a spectacular view of the Gold Coast. Thanks Anne and Kerry— Lorraine Millar



PRESIDENTS REPORT: Leonie Rowe

Last month's Biggest Morning Tea raised \$549.65 for the Cancer Council of Queensland. I would like to thank all who contributed a plate, a donation and those who helped set up and clean up. And I would especially like to thank Phil Dudman who was a most entertaining and informative speaker.

We are now at the halfway point in the year and I am happy to report that with our new members, this now brings our current financial membership up to 98. We thank those members who have introduced their friends keep up the good work.

However, we still have some members, who have not renewed their membership this year so if you are in that category, I would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you do not wish to renew, please let us know so that we can keep our records up to date.

I can be contacted by phone at 5545 4353 or email at leoniejon@netspace.net.au.

Those of you that we have a current email address for would have received an email from the club recently regarding our **Christmas in July** function to be held on **Thursday 26th July** at The Manor on Long Road. If you have not received this email please let us know so that we can update our records as soon as possible. We are giving you a hard copy of the email today. We would hate for you to be left out of any planned functions that we are going to have. We are accepting bookings and payments today as well as our next meeting on July 10th.

Cheers
 Leonie

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Queensland Camellia Society Annual Show	Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	Sunday 24th June 9 am-3pm.
Lindmar Open Garden and Plant Lovers Fair	130 Blewers Road. Morayfield	23-24th June 9.30am-4. pm
Esk Garden and Lifestyle Fair	Old Esk Railway Station Pipeliner Park Esk-Hampton Road . Esk	Saturday 26th June 8 am-3pm
North Moreton Orchid Society Charity Orchid Show	Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium	Saturday June 30th 830am-3.30pm Sunday 1st July 8.30am-3pm
Nambour Garden Expo	Nambour Showgrounds	Friday 13th July Saturday 14th July Sunday 15th July

BOOK REVIEW by Noel Laurensen (member and keen vegie grower)

Paradise in your Garden-Smart permaculture design
By Jenny Allen

A great book which is relevant to our climate and area. This book is a must read for any gardener setting out a new or renewing an existing garden to incorporate permaculture design in northern NSW and southeast QLD .

The book provides the reader with an excellent introduction to permaculture design principles, creativity, how to learn from your land, design to attract beneficial predators and parasites to control pests. How to use the micro climates in the garden to grow a variety of both edible and ornamental plants.

There is also a large selection of exotic fruit trees and plants I found this book very enlightening on gardening in this area.

