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The Launceston Landscape

Welcome to your newsletter!

We value your contributions and invite members to send in items of interest. For all newsletter submissions please send through to email address: launcestonhs@gmail.com as first preference. Alternatively items can be collected at monthly meetings.

Society Meetings

A reminder that our regular monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 8:00pm at Windmill Hill Hall (next to the Launceston Aquatic Centre). These meetings include a trade table, *Flower of the Month*, guest speakers, general business and raffles. Members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share with others at the end of the meeting.

Meeting Dates

-18th April -16th May -20th June -18th July -15th August
Guests and new members welcome!



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Message from the Newsletter Editor

Thankyou everyone who contributed articles and photos for this edition of The Launceston Landscape. A reminder to please check if there are any copyright conditions of any articles before submitting. Hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to receiving and publishing your contributions in future newsletters.



Happy gardening from Harley

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President's Report

Welcome to another edition of our Landscape. A very dry, hot summer has again tested our commitment to our gardens. The task of watering has been exhausting and mulching has become an essential element of survival for both plants and gardeners! Fortunately, the harsh weather did not affect our Summer Show. This would have to be – without a doubt – one of the best shows I have seen in years. The quality of flowers, floral art and produce was outstanding. Many of the exhibits would win prizes anywhere in Australia, if not beyond. Our interstate dahlia judge, Yvonne Tracey, who has judged all over Australia stated, “this is one of the best flower shows I have seen.”

Congratulations in particular must go to the following exhibitors:

Champion Gladioli: R & K Jaffrey

Champion Dahlia: C & L Smith

Champion Liliium: N & I Jordan

Champion Begonia: G & M Tuthill

Our Produce judge, Les Hodge, made special mention of the basket of fruit and vegetables as the best he has seen. Well done, Warren Prewer.

The stage display featuring magnificent delphiniums and begonias was an absolute picture (photo on following page). Once again, thanks must go to Bob Cherry and Neil, and Irene Jordan for this. It is unfortunate that only a small portion of the community realise just how good our shows are. We need to spread the word!

Our upcoming Autumn Show is on 21st and 22nd April. This is a difficult time to fill the hall, particularly with flowers, so we need your support please. Produce, floral art and the one metre displays are the main features. **A new section is a vase of 3 flowers of the same colour** – hopefully something many of us will be able to achieve.

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Lastly, I would like to welcome our new committee for 2018. In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Patricia Corrie and Kai Johnson for accepting the positions of Minutes Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Can you help with suggestions for:

Garden visits

Guest Speakers

Plant Profiles and Garden information for our general meetings.

Looking forward to some Autumn rain – happy gardening.

Noel



Please note: Subscriptions are now due and fall on 1st January as the LHS membership works on a calendar year.



Summer show stage display

Summer Show Helpers

Our Autumn Show is on **Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd** April and any additional helpers would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help out, please feel free to contact the following members:

Door Roster	Kay Maloney	0403906462
Raffle Roster	Ian & Dorothy Denman	63301786
Plant Stall	Suzanne MacDonald	63431308
Refreshments	Norma Purton	63274304
Setting up/packing up	Michael MacDonald	63431308
Stewarding	Jean Roper	0407367409

Novelty sections in our April show

biggest pumpkin biggest marrow biggest onion plus others

Show Calendar 2018

Autumn Show	April 21st and 22nd
Early Spring Show	September 15th and 16th
Late Spring Show	November 9th and 10th

Guest Speakers

April 18th	Neil Jordan (lewisias and delphiniums)
May 16th	Paul Swiatkowski (pleoines) - note this is different from peonies !!!!

June, July and August to be announced

Bulb and Alpine Meeting dates for 2018

28th April

21st July

18th August

Contact Pat Wellington on 63442259

2018 Lilium Bulb Sale at Latrobe Memorial Hall – Sunday 3rd June

11 am to 1 pm. Australia's broadest range from easily grown garden liliiums to the latest Australian hybrids and rare species.

Entally House Peony Day Tuesday 15th May 2018

Peony Workshop with Leslie Crowden of Kaydale Lodge

\$25 pp per session. Morning: 10 – 11.30am (includes morning tea) Afternoon: 1.30 – 3pm (includes afternoon tea)

Cash sales of Kaydale peonies and specialty bulbs available

RSVP by Monday 7th May 2018 to Judy – 0408649409 of Lyn - 0439639731

If you have an interest in cacti and succulent or shade loving plants and would like to be part of a new group contact Pam Bennell on 0427 637 208

The **WHO FLUNG DUNG** mulch will be distributed at our April General Meeting. Cost: \$18 per bale. Please bring correct money.

Floral Art Workshops with Gayle Carroll:

These are conducted on a Saturday from 1.30pm. to 4.00pm. at the Glenara Lakes Lifestyle Village Community Rooms. If you would like to attend please give me a ring and I will tell you all about what we are doing and how to get there, etc. My phone number is 6344 9953. The next workshops, following our April Show, will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, 19th May 2018

Saturday, 23rd June 2018

Saturday, 21st July 2018

Life membership awarded to Ron Camplin

Ron has been a member since 1991 or 1992. Ron has always been interested in camellias and rhododendrons and when the Rhododendron Society folded he decided to come along to the LHS meeting having no idea that it was the AGM. Ray Hawkins promptly nominated him for the committee and he has served there up until 2016. Ron has served as President on 2 occasions and during that time also served as Secretary for several months.

Over such a long period of time Ron has been there for the “ups and downs” of our Society. He witnessed the increased popularity of our shows when plant stalls were introduced back in 2000 which in turn increased our revenue from the shows. Two major achievements during this time were the commissioning of the statue of RC Gunn, first president of the LHS, situated in City Park and publishing the history of this society by noted historian, Gwenda Sheridan. The statue is much admired by visitors to City Park and the book proved to be a worthwhile exercise. Both are lasting reminders of the LHS’s place in the history of Launceston.

Ron’s main interest has been camellias but in recent years has branched out into others areas. He has been a steward at most shows and for many years acted as Publicity Officer. Always a willing volunteer.

Congratulations Ron, enjoy your Life Membership.

Contributed by Pat Wellington



The Flowers Garden Party

Let's have a garden party on old mill green
We'll invite all our friends and think of a theme.
We'll meet by the fountain, It'll be lots of fun
to watch the dragonflies dance in the sun.
Let's invite Ivy, Rosemary and Daffodil,
You know the ones from Old Oak Tree Hill
Rose and Daphne and Sweetpea too
and Gladdy and Poppy and what about Rue?
We could have dew drops drinks and seasol cakes.
Some of those mulch bickies Alium makes.
Chinese Lantern for a festive air
With lanterns wafting about with flair.
Bluebell could play us a merry tune,
Sage, like Sinatra, sing a croon.
We're all bound to have so much fun
Let's get together at half past one.

Contributed by Marilyn Donald

Flower of the night

April	Variegated foliage
May	Autumn foliage
June	Shrub (flowering or non-flowering)
July	Camellia
August	Hellebore
September	Spring bulb
October	Primula family (eg auricular, polyanthus)

Lilium Cultivation

Whenever liliiums are on view at shows there are always admiring gardeners around them. General opinion seems to be that they are lovely but far too difficult for the average gardener to grow. That may be true in isolated cases, but if more were known and understood about liliiums they would surely be more welcome in the garden.

There are three important conditions for successful lilium growing. **Firstly**, they need a place where their roots can be kept cool in summer but where their flowers can enjoy the sun. **Secondly**, they need a soil, which is rich in organic matter, which will hold water and not dry out too much in summer. **Thirdly**, they must have perfect drainage, especially in winter.

To find a place where the lilium roots will be in the shade but their heads in the sun is not quite as difficult as it appears because the bulbs can be planted amongst shrubs or perennials that will shade them at the base. Liliiums prefer a slightly acid soil with little or no lime in it. Supplying plenty of humus can be done with the aid of sawdust if nothing else is available and as an extra even when leaf mould and compost are at hand. Sawdust takes a long time to really decay and should be helped along the way by being exposed to rain and having some blood and bone worked through it. If it is very fresh it can be used better as a mulch on the surface after the bulbs are planted.

Horse manure makes great mulch for liliiums, but never dug in where it may make contact with the roots. Place it on the surface, where the rain or irrigation can wash the natural goodness found in the horse manure down to the roots in a diluted form. Liliiums simply love it. The horse manure acts as a food source as well as keeping the moisture during the summer.

Good drainage can be achieved by deep digging, adding really course sand to the soil and choosing a place on a slope to build up a raised bed. But make sure no water can lie around the bulbs during winter. The three conditions mentioned don't offer really insufferable difficulties. Next time I will discuss lilium propagation.

Contributed by Les Hodge

Behind the Garden Shed

At the bottom of our garden is a shed. This is a ladies shed and is where I store my green bottles for flower shows, garden pots in a variety of sizes, rakes, forks, spades, garden tools in all shapes and sizes. I also store a variety of manures, potting mixes the mulcher and the wheel barrow.

Actually it's not what's in the shed but what goes on behind the shed I want to tell you about. For years this is where the compost bins have been hidden from view. I'm not the best at regularly turning the material and most of it just rots down. I also have a mulch heap and one year my son arrived with a load of fowl-ing off the bottom of a boat he was working on, oysters and the like. I've still got plenty of shells that haven't broken down. From time to time the carcass of road kill from near the front gate has been added to this patch so the soil there is not a bad brew. Every year we have a marvellous crop of tomatoes and pumpkins which just arrive from where the compost bins have been moved.

Last year I had to put in a new lemon tree and thought I'd straighten this spot out and create a new garden bed. I popped in heaps of things and had a real show, especially with the miniature dahlias, that was until the pumpkins and tomatoes took over again. Anyway there was this plant that grew (a mile into the sky), at first I thought it was a tall growing coreopsis but instead of flowering when my other coreopsis flowered it just kept growing, must have got to about twelve feet before it produced this daisy like yellow flowers. In the mean time I had taken a trip to Scottsdale and saw a patch of this very same plant growing in a farm garden, my husband offered the opinion that it was a weed.



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The other night we had our first frost for the season and I thought I'd better harvest the pumpkins of which there were more than half a dozen fine specimens. I unearthed the lemon tree, chrysanthemums and dianthus and thought it was time for that tall thing with the undesirable flowers to go. I cut off the branches and got the fork under the root, it came away ever so easily and here to my surprise was this great root of jerusalem artichoke. Obviously I had disposed of some unwanted tubers in the mulch bin last year and they just loved the environment. So if anyone is wanting tubers, just let me know.



Contributed by Norma Purton

Summer Show photos



Right: Vera Masciantonio with one of her lilliums from the January meeting.
Photos supplied by Kay Maloney



“My Brunsvigia”

I found these 2 photos of my Brunsvigia, also known as the Josephine lily, and thought you may like them for the next Landscape, which will be published very soon.

Brunning’s “The Australian Gardener” has the following description :-

“This plant has an enormous bulb (weighing 4-6lbs), and a stout stem 18 inches high carrying a bold candelabra-head of many narrow bright cerise-red trumpets, 2 inches across the mouth. Leaves appear after flowers have died down. Plant shallowly from January till March, from separated bulbs, in warm light, rich soil.”



My Brunsvigia has just flowered and it has been a real picture!

Contributed by Jocelyn Watson

Facebook page

Do you have any pictures or articles you wish to have put onto the LHS Facebook page? If you do please send these items to Kim Morgan at kim.mor01@bigpond.com.au. If members could please send a bit of information as to the pictures and their names so as this can be included also.

Photos from Summer Show



Above: Les Hodge, Neil and Irene Jordan and Bob Cherry



Above: Noah and Alex Bullock



Above: Pauline Torrents, Rosie McCullagh and Harley Allen



Above: Robert and Kay Jaffray

Photos from Summer Show



Above: Yvonne Tracey and Patricia Corrie



Above: Brian Smith and Jeanette Ashdown



Above: Charlie Smith, Jean Roper and Christine Lim



Above: Dorothy and Ian Denman



Above: G and M Tuthill

Photos supplied by Noel Button and Kay Maloney

Launceston Horticultural Society Inc.

Annual Report 2017 – 2018

It gives me much pleasure to report on the activities of the Launceston Horticultural Society for 2017 - 2018.

The main objectives of the LHS are to promote, stimulate, expand and foster interest in horticulture in all its aspects and to encourage and improve methods and products. These can be achieved by, amongst other things :

- the promotion of shows and meetings
- production of The Launceston Landscape

With these in mind, this has been a challenging yet productive year and it is encouraging to look back and reflect on what we have achieved.

Our four seasonal shows continue to be a great attraction for the public and the positive comments and happy faces are encouraging for the society. As you are all too aware, the success of these shows is dependent on the tireless work of our members and contributions made by the wider community. I sincerely thank all those who contributed in any way and especially our show secretary, Sarah Katarzynski for her hard work in this area. I personally did not realise just how much is involved.

In addition I must thank the following show convenors Kay Maloney (door), Ian and Dorothy Denman (raffle), Suzanne MacDonald (plant stall), Norma Purton (refreshments), Michael MacDonald (setting up and packing up) and Jean Roper / Sue McFarlane (stewarding).

The Autumn Show highlighted produce, floral work and one metre displays. The road side stall really set the scene. Due to a late season, our Spring Show saw a smaller number of cut flowers displayed. The stage displays at our Late Spring and Summer shows were a real highlight. A big thankyou to Bob Cherry and Neil and Irene Jordan for these. Our Summer Show was outstanding, one of which we can all be proud. The hall was jam packed with a high standard of flowers and produce.

No doubt members are aware the committee, plus others, have evaluated and, where necessary, modified show schedules. Constructive suggestions to the committee are always welcomed. Prize money has now been increased to take into account the changing times. The specialist stall holders continue to provide added interest to our shows.

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No one could have failed to notice that the floral art group has really pulled out all the stops this year. Regular meetings and workshops have resulted in amazing arrangements filling the centre of the hall, shown to advantage with new backdrops. A big thankyou to Gayle Carroll and her team. The LHS display created by this group and others at the Blooming Tasmania Flower Show was very well received. The feedback shown by the public justified the committee's decision to exhibit a second time. This is an excellent PR opportunity for the society.

With 50 to 60 members regularly attending our monthly general meetings, our four competitions have been well supported. The presentation of some unusual exhibits has certainly stimulated lively discussion and it is pleasing to see new members taking part. The number of members arriving early to help set up is much appreciated. In addition, I must thank Ray Hawkins for setting up the PA system and Ian and Dorothy Denman for our monthly raffles. The newly introduced plant profile segment and trade table are proving to be very popular. I'm sure you will agree our guest speakers have presented informative, varied and thought provoking presentations. A thankyou to Erroll Imlach for organising these.

Garden visits have perhaps taken a backseat partly due to members having such a wide choice of horticultural events from which to choose. In March, some of our members visited the Melbourne Flower Show as part of a four day tour. During National Gardening Week members visited Bonnie Banks Garden. The October trip to Highfield was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, despite the wind! November saw small groups of hardy souls visit the Bonsai Centre, Freshwater Point Homestead and Bill and Pauline Torrents' garden despite the inclement weather. Peter Bugg kindly opened his begonia collection to members in February. The Bulb and Alpine Group has continued to pursue their mutual interest and enthusiasm thanks to Pat Wellington's commitment.

Again the society has made available two scholarships to support Tas Tafe students studying horticulture. This year only one of these has been accepted. Congratulations go to Mahalah Dodson a Cert. 111 student who has \$500 to help her pursue her interest in plant propagation. Unfortunately, the \$1000 scholarship was offered to a student completing a diploma course but this student has since withdrawn.

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Financially, the society has completed the year on favourable terms. I must thank Lyn Stuart for her tireless work as Treasurer and also Jocelyn Watson for her work and support following Lyn's resignation in January. One of our biggest tasks has been sorting out the storage area under the stage at St Ailbe's. This has resulted in an organized and uncluttered space, hopefully free of mould.

Once again, the Christmas dinner at Steve's Grill provided a sociable, pleasant wind up for the year. Thankyou Kay Maloney for organising this. I must also thank Harley Allen, our Landscape editor, for her efforts over the year. The many positive comments made about the new format and content suggest we are on the right track. In addition, all contributors of the many interesting and informative articles must be thanked and I look forward to more members becoming involved. Thanks must also go to Kim Morgan for her continual updating of our Facebook site.

This year, the committee has been able to conduct meetings in comfortable surroundings thanks to the efforts of John Stuart in pursuing our submission with the L.C.C. The society now has a secure committee meeting room which in future can be used by various groups within the society and others. Finally, I must thank all those committee members who have attended lengthy meetings over the year. Their commitment to the society is greatly appreciated. Thankyou must go to Alice Imlach, our Minutes' Secretary, and also to Peter Bugg, our vice president, for always willing to step up when needed.

In conclusion, I feel we have addressed a number of the objectives stated in the society's constitution. This year our membership has grown to 217 - so hopefully we are doing something right and can take this as a healthy indication of the society's future prospects.

Noel Button
President

Dahlia, Gladioli & Lilium Show 2018

GLADIOLI SECTION

Grand Champion Gladioli Bloom	Winner: R. & K. Jaffray
Open Champion Gladioli	Winner: R. & K. Jaffray
Intermediate Champion Gladioli	Winner: Arthur Sowell
Class 1 Gladioli – 3 Spikes Distinct	Winner: R. & K. Jaffray

DAHLIA SECTION

Grand Champion Dahlia - Miss M Lowe Perpetual Award	
Winner: C. & L. Smith	Flower Name: "Perbeck Lydia"
Reserve Champion Dahlia	
Winner: Leo Hunter	
Open Champion Dahlia	
Winner: C. & L. Smith	Flower Name: "Perbeck Lydia"
Intermediate Champion Dahlia	
Winner: Leo Hunter	
Novice Champion Dahlia	
Winner: Paul & Melinda Corney	Flower Name: "Formby Elite"

Class 18 – 9 Distinct Dahlias. The Launceston Examiner Dahlia Championship
1st: B. & K. Smith 2nd: C. & L. Smith 3rd: C. & L. Smith

Class 19 - The Launceston Dahlia Championship for Tasmanian raised varieties
Winner: Karon & Brian Smith

Class 20 – 6 Distinct Blooms - Decorative Dahlia
Winner: C. & L. Smith

Class 22 - "Bracken Sarah" Challenge
Winner: K. & B. Smith 2nd: K. & B. Smith

Class 23 – THE FORMBY CHALLENGE
Winner: C. & L. Smith 2nd: Leo Hunter

Don Room Encouragement Awards for the most points in Intermediate and Novice Sections

Winner – Intermediate Section: Leo Hunter
Winner – Novice Section: Joyann Bramich

Best Vase of 3

Winner: C. & L. Smith Flower Name: "Devon Toledo"

LILIUM SECTION

Grand Champion Lilium

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan

Flower Name: Lilium speciosum NZLPI x
("Album Novum" x f. Vestale)

Best Open Lilium

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan

Flower Name: As above

FLOWERING TUBEROUS BEGONIA SECTION

Grand Champion Begonia

Winner: G. & M. Tuthill

Flower Name: Bicolour begonia

Best Open Begonia

Winner: G. & M. Tuthill

Flower Name: Bicolour begonia

CUT FLOWERS SECTION

Best Exhibit – Open Cut Flower Section -

Winner: Peter Bugg

Flower Name: Sunflower

Best Exhibit – Intermediate Cut flower Section

Winner: Donna Miller

Flower Name: Roses

Best Exhibit – Fuchsia

Winner: Ray Hawkins

Best Exhibit – Rock and Alpine Section

Winner: Norma Purton

Best Exhibit Hydrangea

Winner: Rob & Kaye Jaffray

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS SECTION

Best Exhibit – Open Section -

Winner: Louise Button

For: Potted succulent

Best Exhibit – Intermediate Section

Winner: Sarah Katarzynski

Flower Name: Potted fuchsia

Best Exhibit – Hanging Basket

Winner: Peter Bugg

Flower Name: Flowering begonia

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SECTION

Best Exhibit in the Fruit Section

Winner: Noel Button

For: Berries

Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Section

Winner: Suzanne & Michael MacDonald

For: Garlic

Best Exhibit in the Fruit and/or Vegetable Basket Section

Winner: Warren Prewer

Longest Bean

Winner: G. & M. Tuthill

Largest Zucchini

Winner: Noel Button

Best Tomato Exhibit

Winner: Noel Button

FLORAL ART SECTION

Open Section

Joan Ward Award for the most Outstanding Exhibit in Open Floral Art:-

Winner: Gayle Carroll For: "Cool and Glacial"

Hogarth curve

1st: Sarah Katarzynski 2nd: Kath Tole

"Frame it"

1st: Gayle Carroll 2nd: Kath Tole

"Cool and Glacial"

1st: Gayle Carroll 2nd: Kath Tole

Myrtle Burrows Certificate for Most Outstanding Exhibit in Intermediate Floral Art –

Winner: Jannine Walker For: "Colour me Green"

"Colour me Green"

1st: Jannine Walker 2nd: Helene Wheeldon

Hogarth Curve

1st: Marilyn Donald 2nd: Jannine Walker

The essence of summer in a traditional bowl – accessories not allowed.

1st: Rosie McCullagh 2nd: Suzanne Bullock

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Best Exhibit overall in the entire Children's Section:

Winner: Noah Bullock For: Summer flowers in a terracotta pot

6 years and under:

Zac, the funky zucchini 1st: Audrey Standage

7 - 10 years:

Summer flowers in small terracotta pot

1st: Noah Bullock 2nd: Alex Bullock

A dish garden not to exceed 30cm.

1st: Noah Bullock 2nd: Alex Bullock