



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

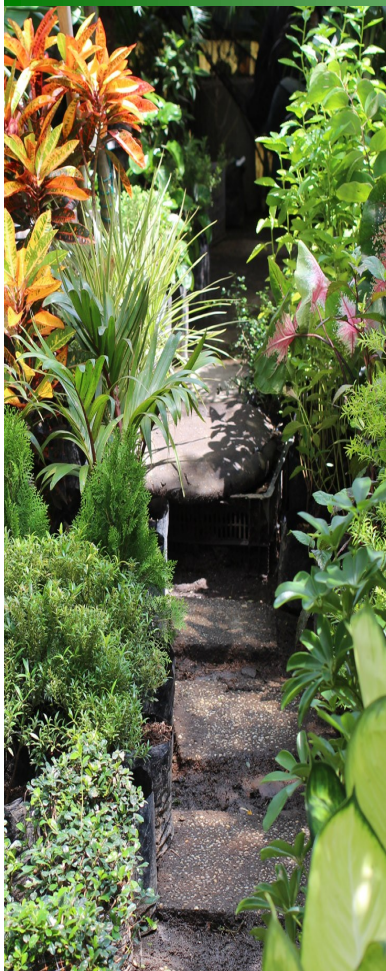
- September 19 - October 17 - November 21 - January 16 - February 20

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

After a dry start to Winter, we have finally received some decent rains in preparation for Spring. Our Autumn Show, even though our smallest of the year, highlighted produce and floral art. There were many positive comments made particularly with respect to our pumpkin and decorated jeans displays. Once again, the 1-metre display proved to be a success. Another highlight was the wonderful display of flowers on the stage – this is becoming a regular feature of our shows. Many thanks to all members who exhibited and assisted with the running of the show.

With approximately 50 members attending, Pat Wellington's farewell function was a success. Pat's contributions to the LHS over many years are acknowledged in this edition. Pat commented that she would continue to visit some of our shows. Many thanks to Jean Roper for organising this event and to all those who contributed.

From all reports the newly formed Cactus and Succulent Group has been very successful. Many thanks to Pam Bennell for organising this. On the topic of thankyou, I would like to make special mention of Dr. Patricia Corrie and Kai Johnson our Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Their tireless efforts and support over the past few months have been greatly appreciated.

Our Early Spring Show is fast approaching – members are reminded that we are moving to a two day show. I hope that this will allow more members to participate in both exhibiting and the running of the show.

Currently six Tas TAFE students are working on the LHS society's website. It should be up and running towards the end of the year.

Looking forward to a warmer Spring this year.
Happy gardening, Noel.



Spring Show Helpers

Early Spring Show Helpers - Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September

We are seeking additional helpers so please feel free to contact the following members to find out more and add your name to the rosters.

Door Roster :	Kay Maloney	04039066462
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	Sue McFarlane	0409145407

Show Calendar 2018/19

Early Spring 2018	Sept. 15 & 16
Late Spring 2018	Nov. 10 & 11
Summer 2019	Feb. 2 & 3
Autumn 2019	April 20 & 22
Early Spring 2019	Sept. 14 & 15
Late Spring 2019	Nov. 9 & 10

Guest Speakers

September 19 th	Mark Hay
October 17 th	Rosemary Verbeeten – Gardening in a dry climate
November 21 st	Matt Bendall & David Doukidis from Wychwood
January 16 th	Viv Strong – Beekeeping
February 20 th	Jane Tonkin – Rare bulbs & perennials

Blooming Tas Flower and Garden Festival 2018

After a successful event last year, the committee again decided to have a site in the Albert Hall. This will be held on September 22nd and 23rd (the weekend after our Early Spring Show). If you would like to help with the roster please contact Norma Purton on 63274304. Many thanks to Paul Dolan who suggested we issue 100 free show passes to encourage increased attendance. These will be given out at the site.

Flower of the Night

September :	Spring Bulb
October :	Primula
November :	Rose

Cacti & Succulent Group

This new group has some very keen growers, young and old. We meet to swap plants and share information, on these interesting and popular specimens. All members are welcome. Next meeting Wed. 26th September at 7.30pm. at Windmill Hill Hall (under). Enquiries to Pam Bennell 0427637208.

Bulb & Alpine Group

Next meeting Sat. 29th September at 2pm, at Windmill Hill Hall (under). All members interested in growing and learning about bulbs of all kinds and/or alpine and rockery plants, are most welcome to attend.

Enquiries to Jean Roper, 0407367409, or Norma Purton, 63274304.

Upcoming Events

- The Claremont Flower Show Group is holding a Daffodil, Camellia & Spring Flower Show at the Claremont Memorial Hall on the 1st & 2nd of September. Saturday from 1 to 5 pm and Sunday from 10am until 3.45pm. Entry is \$2.
- Hobart Horticultural Society is holding their Daffodil, Camellia & Floral Art Show in Hobart Town Hall on the 7th & 8th of September. Friday from 1 to 6pm and Saturday from 10am to 4.30pm.
- The Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden is holding its 'Spring Opening' on the 8th of September from 9am until 5pm.
- Branxholm Flower Show is being held on the 15th September with a schedule available. As well as plenty of plant classes to enter they will have arts & crafts, cooking, photography, and a Trash and Treasure stall. Another flower show is held in February as well.
- National Gardening Week is being held from the 7th to the 13th of October. The theme is 'Dig in and Celebrate'. It is hoped that we can organise some gardens to open up to GCA clubs and their members.
- The Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden is holding its 'Cherry Blossom Celebration' on the 20th of October.
- The Longford Garden Club is holding its 50th Spring Flower Show on the 17 & 18 November at the Longford Town Hall. Saturday from 1.30 to 5pm and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Entry is \$2.
- Launceston Orchid Society Show 21, 22 & 23 September. Entry \$5.
- Blooming Tasmania Flower & Garden Festival 22 (9-5) & 23 (9-4) September. Entry fee applies.
- Table Cape Tulip Farm Open Days, 9-5, 9 Sept. to 14 Oct. Entry fee applies.

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- Blooming Tulips Festival, Wynyard on October 13. Phone 6443 8320.
- Woodbridge Nursery Open Days at Longley, 10-5, 27 & 28 October, phone 0448 007 525.
- Crawleighwood Nursery and Garden, 10-4.30, 27 & 28 October. Entry \$8.

Contributed by Anne Masciantonio

The 10 Commandments for a Successful Society

Speak to people, there is nothing as nice as a cheerful greeting.

Smile, it takes 72 muscles to frown & only 14 to smile.

Call people by name, everyone is pleased when you remember their name

Be friendly & helpful, and others will respond in a like manner.

Speak & act, as if everything you do was a genuine pleasure.

Be genuinely interested in people.

Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

Be considerate with the feelings of others – it will be appreciated.

Be thoughtful of the opinions of others – there are three sides to any controversy, yours, the other person's and the right one.

Be willing to give service, what most counts in life is what you do for others.

Circulated at the Dahlia Conference, Devonport. June 2018. Contributed by Norma Purton

Best thing about sharing a ride ...

I'm sure we are all aware that Pat Wellington took great pride in looking after the Dahlia Beds and the Dutch Garden at City Park. Along with occasional and intermittent help from LHS members.

In June, The Dahlia Society kindly invited members of the LHS to attend their conference at Devonport, as a result, Tony Dennett, Liz Atkins and I shared a car to attend. The conversation inevitably swung to the dahlia beds at City Park and I asked Tony if he would be interested in helping maintain them, to which he readily agreed. We made an appointment with Dale Pope (Head Gardener) and he soon had us agreeing not only to do the dahlias but also to work in the Dutch Garden. The bonus of this meeting was that we got to see where the monkeys are fed and housed at night. There are lots of interesting things going on behind the scenes that we just take for granted. I can assure you the monkeys are very well fed.

The first thing Tony managed to do in the Dutch Garden was attack the climbing roses attached to wires between the Design Centre and the garden. The dead wood in them had to be seen to be believed and with every branch removed I could see the roses breathing a sigh of relief. They have now had a nice feed of liquid fertilizer and I think we can look forward to some revitalised plants.

Noel Button has picked up the dahlia tubers from Charlie Smith (St Helens) to go into the beds in another month or so. Hopefully we can carry on Pat's work and benefit the community as a whole.

Contributed by Norma Purton

Hello, my name is Anne Masciantonio ...

... and members that know me will be aware of my obsession with liliiums. I love everything about them. I've recently started to grow orchids with the idea that I'd just buy a few. One and a half years down the track and my mother and I have over 160 orchids of all shapes and sizes! An obsession...maybe!? Anyway, I'd have to say I'm into anything to do with gardening and plants.

I am the current Zone Co-ordinator for the North and North East of Tasmania for the Garden Clubs of Australia. My role as a Volunteer Zone Co-ordinator is to encourage and promote gardening and friendship throughout this special part of the state. I will endeavour to keep members up to date with gardening events being held around Tasmania and anything of gardening interest.

The Garden Clubs of Australia has an annual photo competition open to all members and free. There are several categories and you can send or email the photo with your entry form. You enter as a member of your club. Entries close on the 1st of October. The entry form can be downloaded from the GCA website at www.gardenclubs.org.au. You can email to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au or write to Paul Lucas at 64 Timbertop Drive, Rowville, Victoria, 3178. Give it a try!

For members who don't know the GCA holds a biennial Convention over five days. This is run in partnership with a host garden club in a particular area. The AGM is held as part of it. Submissions are sent by interested clubs and an announcement is made at the convention being held that year. Tasmania is looking to put forward a submission to hold the convention in 2021 in the north of the state. It has never been held here and may sound a little overwhelming but I'd love to see it become a reality. This will require the participation of many people and clubs throughout the north and north east. It is an opportunity to showcase Tasmanian gardens and the people who dedicate their time and effort into developing them. Gardening is a true passion! I will keep you up to date with any new developments on this endeavour. The next GCA Convention will be held from the 14th to the 18th of October in 2019 and is being hosted by the Norfolk Island Garden Club. This should be a fascinating convention and hopefully members will give consideration to attending what is a unique garden event. It has been timed to coincide with the Norfolk Island Royal A&H Show. Travel packages will be announced in

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late October. National Gardening Week is being held from the 7th to the 13th of October. It is hoped that we can organise some gardens to open up to GCA clubs and their members. The dates being considered are Sunday the 7th or Saturday the 13th. This is dependent on being able to arrange enough gardens to make it worthwhile. If anyone can help by opening up their garden or knows of someone who may could you please email me at northernliliums@gmail.com or phone 0488 573 380.

Happy Gardening!

Contributed by Anne Masciantonio

Farewell letter from Pat Wellington

To The president and Members of Launceston Horticultural Society

A note of thanks for organising a very pleasant farewell afternoon.

The huon pine box is something I'll always treasure which represents my home state and L.H.S.

The Society has always been very special for me and was a means of pursuing my love of growing plants.

I guess over 40 years is a long time to be involved with a society but I've enjoyed it all.

May the society continue to prosper.

All the best.

Pat Wellington



Farewell Speech for Pat Wellington

On behalf of the LHS I would like to welcome everyone to our farewell for Pat Wellington OAM.

Present today are representatives of the Launceston City Council, Tas. TAFE, Tasmanian Daffodil and Camelia societies and of course, past and present members of the LHS, including 3 life members, of whom Pat is one. Firstly, I will invite the Mayor, Albert van Zetten, to speak of Pat's involvement with the Launceston City Council and City Park then Nick Millington, horticultural lecturer from TAFE and Les Hodge, retired horticulturalist and senior officer at the Launceston City Park, followed by Joe Neuschwanger, (past National President of the Camelia Society), representing the Tasmanian Camellia society who would like to make a presentation on their behalf and finally I will make a presentation to Pat from the LHS.

Pat joined the LHS in 1972 and 20 years later became the first and only female LHS president. I have been fortunate enough to gain access to submissions put forward for Pat's OAM in 2011. This was awarded for her services to the LHS. The late Dr. Mike Temple Smith summed up many of Pat's contributions when he wrote these words: "Through her significant roles in the LHS over many years, Pat Wellington has provided meritorious service to the Launceston community by ensuring that:

The LHS has a significant input into the ongoing maintenance and future development of City Park

LHS members and the public have access to information and education on various horticultural matters and

The community has access to four spectacular flower shows each year."

Mike goes on to say : "Pat's service to the LHS and Launceston community is unique. Her leadership as president has certainly opened the LHS to the community and her initiative and vision have added value to the Launceston community.

I also know from working closely with Pat, in her role as Show Director, how passionate and diligent she is in ensuring that exhibitors and the public alike have a great experience at LHS Flower shows."

Other points mentioned in the submission by other members were:

In 1988 Pat was one of the committee which organised the garden spectacular in the Albert Hall to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the continuous existence of the society.

Pat initiated and headed a committee to erect a bronze statue of the society's founding president, Ronald Campbell Gunn, which now stands in City Park. The sum of \$70,000 was raised for this project.

To celebrate the society's 175th Anniversary Pat liaised with an eminent historian to write and publish the society's history.

Pat supported the bulb and alpine group

Initiated a propagation group

Organised welcome meetings for new members

Organised visits to gardens and events

Arranged for growers and other specialists to have stalls at our show

Arranged for mainland speakers

Set up a TAFE Scholarship for Horticulture Students

Plus more !

Several years ago, on her retirement as president, some of our members wrote the following:

Sue McFarland: "Pat and I enjoy the same love of small bulbs and rock and alpine plants and I have always loved going to her house to the Rock and Alpine Group that she started all those years ago. Everyone learns so much at her after-noons."

Jean Roper: "Pat has been both friend and mentor to me, especially during my time as LHS secretary. I am always amazed at the wealth of her horticultural knowledge and even more so at the way she has her finger on every aspect of the LHS. Her guidance and gentle reminders saved my bacon on more than one occasion."

Norma Purton: Anyone with a need to phone Pat would soon realise the best time to call would be breakfast, lunch or dinner. Otherwise, she's most likely out

in the garden.

A couple of years ago I thought around seven would be a good time to catch her.

The phone rang and her husband, Hugh, answered. I asked if Pat was available.

The response was “Goodness no, it’s not dark yet!”

As a plants person, there are few locals who have the depth of knowledge that Pat carried. “Do you know what this is?” is a question often asked of her. From my experience, we would have to work very hard to stump her.

On behalf of the LHS I wish Pat well in her new home and garden. I hope you continue to be interested in what we are up to and inform us of what you are doing in the foothills of Adelaide. Personally, I would be very keen to compare gardening in Adelaide to Tasmania. I’ll be cheeky here and suggest that you forward updates on this to our Landscape and thus keep in contact.

In conclusion, the LHS thank you Pat for your innumerable contributions and would like you to accept this gift.

Noel Button



Lewisia

The genus *Lewisia* is a part of the family *Portulacaceae* and comprises some 19 species, all of which are from western North America.

Whilst most of these are in cultivation and frequently cherished by alpine & rock garden enthusiasts, they are not widely grown here.

The name *Lewisia* was named for Captain Meriwether Lewis who collected specimens during the celebrated Lewis and Clark expedition that made the first European crossing of America from the eastern states to the Pacific.

My focus here is on *Lewisia cotyledon*, the most widely grown species and by far the easiest to grow. This species derives from mountain crevices at high altitudes in the Sierra Nevada mountains behind Oregon & California.


Although it is a succulent, and contrary to much of the published advice, it should not be treated as for the majority of succulents. In nature it frequents mountain rock crevices where the daily fluctuations in temperature produce condensation on the rocks, which *Lewisias* are able to harvest via a good root system.

Lewisias became reasonably popular in Tasmania around the 1980s when the intrepid Ken & Lesley Gillanders made the introduction for many of us. A couple of specimens survived on total neglect in our garden for some 20 years, although their performance was in steady decline.

We really didn't understand them. All published information suggested that, like all succulents, they should be kept dry.

About a decade ago, I saw some seed available from a European source and decided it was time we had another attempt to grow these very interesting plants. They grew readily from seed and we had a good crop sitting around in 3 inch tubes.

At that time we had a spare hanging basket of the water well variety. Not being happy to see a good pot unemployed, Irene decided to try a *Lewisia*. We had nothing to lose.
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The result was incredible. That particular *Lewisia* grew about three times the size of any *Lewisia* we had seen before and had many more, larger flowers.

Suddenly we had discovered an improved method for growing *Lewisias*...

...The important thing about *Lewisias* is that they hate being watered over the foliage. They will tolerate some rain, or even my fixed microspray system, but if you top-water with a hose or watering can, the water will collect in the centre of the rosette, and they will rot away.

We have since grown and sold several thousand of these plants. All of which are watered from below. They have thrived, and we now have a range of colours and styles that appears to be far superior to anything I can buy in seed from overseas merchants...

...*Lewisia* seed is best sown as the temperatures begin to drop in autumn. It needs only very light cover and grows away quickly at that time. As with delphiniums, the sooner they are pricked out the better.

They have very low need for nutrients. I usually suggest about 1/3 of what you use elsewhere in your garden. Too much will make them more prone to rot...


...*Lewisias* will grow satisfactorily in the open garden with a little understanding. They do best on a slope. They should be planted slightly high and surrounded with a mulch of fine blue metal or grit, keeping the leaves well drained. They may also be planted horizontally in rock walls.

They will always do better in the “water well” pots, but they are also very attractive in a rock garden...

...Although the published literature tells us that they should flower in October & November, we enjoy them flowering all year.

Lewisias are truly amazing performers as many Tasmanians are now finding.

Contributed by Neil Jordan



Photos from Pat Wellington's Farewell



Phyllis Von Stieglitz, Sarah Katarzynski , Suzanne MacDonald & Susan Prewer



Pat Wellington and Vicki McCormack



Pat Wellington, Ray Hawkins and Clare Warring
(Three of the four LHS Life Members)



Norma Purton and Kai Johnson



Anne Masciantonio and Joan Hawkins



Mayor Albert Van Zetten and Michael MacDonald

Photos supplied by Noel Button

Photos from Pat Wellington's Farewell



Nick Millington and Rachel Holland (Tastafe)



Joe Neuchwanger, Les Hodge & Vicki Cowles



Trish Corrie & Ian McLean



Harley Russell & Liz Atkins



Pip Williams, Feneke Kolkert & Helen Connor

Photos supplied by Noel Button

Photos from Autumn Show



Photos supplied by Kai Johnson and Noel Button

**RESULTS OF THE LAUNCESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
AUTUMN SHOW – 21st April 2018**

SASANQUA CAMELLIAS

BEST EXHIBIT –

Winner: R. & J. Hawkins Flower Name: White sasanqua

FREE CHOICE SECTION

1ST – OPEN – Free Choice - Winner: N. & L. Button

2ND – OPEN – Free Choice - Winner: E. & S. Imlach

1ST – INTERMEDIATE – Free Choice - Winner: Suzanne MacDonald

2ND – INTERMEDIATE – Free Choice - Winner: Marilyn Donald

CUT FLOWER SECTION

BEST EXHIBIT OPEN SECTION

Winner: Pauline Torrents Flower Name: Rose “Gruss an Aachen”

BEST EXHIBIT INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Winner: S. MacDonald Flower Name: 3 distinct flowers of same colour

1st prize for container of 3 different species of flowers of the same colour: Sarah Katarzynski

2nd prize winner: Sarah Katarzynski

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

BEST EXHIBIT – OPEN - Winner: L. Button Plant Name: Container of succulents

BEST EXHIBIT – INTERMEDIATE - Winner: Jeanette Ashdown Plant Name: Cactus

VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND NUTS

BEST EXHIBIT – VEGETABLE – Winner: Noel Button - Vegetable: Baby squash - pumpkin

LARGEST PUMPKIN - Winner: Warren Prewer

UGLIEST VEGETABLE OR FRUIT - Winner: Trevor Davis Vegetable/Fruit: Carrot

BEST EXHIBIT FRUIT/NUTS - Winner: Bill Torrents Fruit/Nuts: Apples

BEST EXHIBIT BASKET OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES - Winner: Noel Button

LARGEST VEGETABLE

Potato – Winner: Noel Button

Beetroot – Winner: Warren Prewer

Carrot – Winner: Warren Prewer

Marrow – Winner: Trevor Davis

Onion – Winner: Michael Webster

Largest any other vegetable – Winner: Noel Button - Parsnip

FLORAL ART

OPEN TO ALL— “Bloomin’ Jeans”

1st: Jannine Walker

2nd: Suzanne Bullock

3rd: Vicki McCormack

OPEN FLORAL ART

JOAN WARD TROPHY AWARDED TO MOST OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT IN OPEN FLORAL ART — Winner: Gayle Carroll For: Modern Cascade

A modern cascade

1st: Gayle Carroll

2nd: Sarah Katarzynski

Stones and vegetation

1st: Sarah Katarzynski

2nd: Gayle Carroll

INTERMEDIATE FLORAL ART

MYRTLE BURROWS’ TROPHY AWARDED TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT IN INTERMEDIATE FLORAL ART— Winner: Rosie McCullagh For: Modern Cascade

A Modern cascade

1st: Rosie McCullagh

2nd: Vicki McCormack

Autumn foliage, succulents and weathered wood— 1st Suzanne Bullock 2nd: Marilyn Donald

JUNIOR FLORAL ART SECTIONS

BEST EXHIBIT IN CHILDREN’S SECTION— Winner: Noah Bullock for: “Bloomin’ Jeans” 6 Years and Under

Necklace of flowers

1st: Mabel Skinner

2nd: Audrey Standage

Autumn colours in a cup

1st: Mabel Skinner

2nd: Audrey Standage

7-10 years

“Bloomin’ kids jeans

1st: Noah Bullock

2nd: Alex Bullock

Mothers Day posy

1st: Skylar Capodici
Hon. Mention: Alex Bullock

2nd: Noah Bullock