

Syllabus 2021

January	31	Summer picnic
February	23	No meeting
March	23	No meeting
April	27	Garden design: a new trend
May	25	Garden insects – good & bad
June	22	Indian hill stations: plants & gardens
July	9	(Friday) Midwinter luncheon
July	17	(Saturday) Rose pruning at Ivanhoe Park
July	27	Richgro products + samples
August	24	Some overseas cool climate gardens
September	28	Wildflowers at Wilsons Promontory
October	26	Begonias
November	23	End-of-year Dinner

Committee meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month; 11 May at Jane Moreton's; further meetings yet to be scheduled.

Ivanhoe Cuttings

IVANHOE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021



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115 years of growth, 1906-2021

Monthly meetings held at the BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE Cnr Banksia St & Oriel Rd Ivanhoe, 4th Tuesday of month 8.00 pm

Summer harvest (Maria Mitchell)



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BANYULE CITY COUNCIL

Supports Ivanhoe Garden Club through a Facilities Access Grant that pays for monthly meeting hall hire

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

We invite you to enter the monthly competitions. Entry is free. Any number of entries in any item is allowed. Camellia blooms are the exception where there is a maximum of 5 exhibits. Own containers may be used. **Three valuable prizes each month.**

Also, this year there are **two prizes** in the 'As You Like It' competition. First and second supplied by the club and awarded to entries chosen by a guest or visitor as the ones that most appeal. The flowers, etc., do not have to come from your garden. Borrow from friends or neighbours if you don't have anything.

COMPETITION CLASSES

Spike, bloom or truss

Container plant

Bunch of cut flowers and/or foliage

Floral art – own choice, own container

Fruit, vegetables & herbs – check requirements re display

'From my garden' – items for display only (not competition)

2021 COMPETITION for 'As You Like It' (Entry titles to be confirmed)

Note: Entries should be fairly small, that is, not more than 8 x 8", 20 x 20 cm.

February	25: No meeting
March	24: No meeting
April	27: An arrangement showing off the container
May	25: Autumn tones: an arrangement using leaves, hips, berries, etc.
June	22: 'All the greens': a nice mixture in a mug or cup
July	27: 'Grey is good': an arrangement utilising grey foliage
August	24: An arrangement highlighting a single colour
September	28: Spring flowers in a jug
October	26: A small table centrepiece, using any plant material
November	24: No competitions

Meetings held at **Bellfield Community Centre** Cnr Banksia St & Oriel Rd on the **fourth** Tuesday each month at **8.00 pm**. No meetings January & December. At most meetings a lecture, short topical talks, gardening questions are answered, and seasonal gardening jobs will be discussed. Monthly competitions, trading table, library, and supper are all available. Exhibits must be staged by 8.00 pm.

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IVANHOE GARDEN CLUB INC. – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

Either forward this slip along with payment to –

Membership Secretary: Mrs R MacDonald
69 Kenmare St, Watsonia, 3087

Please make cheques payable to Ivanhoe Garden Club

OR

EFT to BSB No. 063 141 Account No. 10066109 Reference (your surname)
Notify the Treasurer by email of the transfer, stating the type of membership, and any change of address or email.

Membership expires each year on 30 June

Part-of-year membership is available

Family membership	\$25.00	\$.....00
Single membership	\$22.00	\$.....00
Email membership	\$12.00	\$.....00
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IVANHOE CUTTINGS



SPEAKER FOR APRIL: Su Laird

We have had Su speak to us before, about traditional and formal French and Italian gardens. Su runs a garden design business, so this time she will talk to us and have images about a different style of garden she has developed. Briefly, this is how she describes it.

‘I am going to talk a bit about what The New Naturalism is and the design considerations, with lots of photos from a trip I did with Michael

McCoy. Then I will talk about some Australian examples, including my own garden. I will talk about suitable plants for Australia, plus some of the difficulties I have faced in designing gardens. The photo is of my own front garden, very different from what it was before.’

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APRIL 27 MEETING

Supper COVID-safe measures: There will be two locations for tea & coffee. Please remember to bring your own mug or cup and avoid queueing. A variety of biscuits will be available, served by a committee member using tongs. The trading table, competition/display table and ‘As you like it’ will be as before: please support these to enhance the interest of the evening. Prizes to be won!

MANY THANKS ...

To Maryanne and Gwyn Pritchard, Marg Stone and Joanne Colosimo for opening their gardens on 11 April – pity about the poor weather. The final open gardens for this season are on Saturday 1 May from 2.00–4.30 pm: Jane Moreton at 14 Cedric St, East Ivanhoe and Sylvia Isaac at 48 Swanston St, Heidelberg Heights. To Susan La Marca, for agreeing to provide a monthly ‘In the vegie patch’ item.

CLUB WALK: FRIDAY 14 MAY (rescheduled)

Wilson Reserve, Ivanhoe – reserve with wetlands and forests along the Yarra – all in the middle of suburbia! Be at the car park at the end of Irvine Road at 10.00 am. Coffee and tea will be provided, so please bring a cup/mug with you. Contact Anna Burley on 0401 279 592 or leave a message if you wish to attend.

FEES OUTSTANDING? This will be the final *Cuttings* for all those who have failed to pay the current 6-month subscription. Please pay at the April meeting or send to the Membership Secretary before the middle of May.

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WHAT’S LOOKING GOOD IN OUR GARDENS

Crucifix orchid (epidendrum) – Reita MacDonald

This orchid is easy to grow in Melbourne, although it comes from tropical and subtropical areas of South America. It likes a warm, sun/part shade place, and grown in any free draining soil or mix. Can get to one metre high, and comes in orange (very common), yellow, red, pink and mauve.



Dahlia – Pat Munro

In favour again in recent years, the dahlia comes in many forms, is easy to grow, and doesn’t mind summer heat. It originated in Central America and Mexico, being the national flower of the latter, where the tubers are used for food, and the flowers used to treat epilepsy. It has been cultivated in Europe for about two hundred years.

Abutilon (Chinese Lantern) – Helen Zervopoulos

Growing from .5 to 3 m, there are about 200 wild forms of abutilon, coming from the Americas, Africa, Asia and Australia. Most have yellow or orange flowers, but some can be red or pinkish. There are also some hybrids and cultivars, making good garden plants. They respond well to pruning and shaping, generally flowering in warm weather.



Pink statice (Limonium roseum) – Susan La Marca

This is a wonderful evergreen dwarf shrub that flowers in all the warmer months of the year. The shrub has leathery green leaves. It is an excellent plant for dry areas and by the seaside: height to 60 cm and width to 60 cm, and will grow in full sun or part shade, and is frost and drought tolerant.

Miltonia (pansy) orchid – Adriana Smith

This orchid originated in mountainous areas of Central and South America, a number of hybrids and cultivars now being available. They can be grown in a general bark or an orchid mix and kept moist year-round, though need more water in summer. Keep out of direct sun light, such as under shade cloth, and feed with a liquid fertiliser.



WALKING ON THE WILD SIDE



Some of the people who were at Falls Creek (as mentioned in March *Cuttings*) more recently explored park areas on the Mornington Peninsula. State and National Parks there are quite fragmented, owing to earlier patterns of land clearing, agriculture and tourist development. One of the larger parks in the Arthur's Seat area includes the Kings Falls Circuit walk. This was taken, along with a walk some kilometres away in Greens Bush. Being autumn, few plants were in flower, though a banksia was conspicuous.

A number of native clematis could be seen, some with their white, woolly seedheads. In the drier parts of Greens Bush, grass trees (xanthorrhoea) stood out. These notably regrow and flower after bushfires. In the cooler gullies there were clumps of fern. A local guide said that the butt of one of these had been carbon dated back a thousand years – a possible relic plant (as pictured).

Several kinds of butterfly were numerous, but only one – the sword grass brown – lingered long enough for a photograph. Trees comprised three forms of eucalypt, and also the scented paperbark, whose bark was used by First Nations Australians for wrapping babies, blankets, bandaging and for roofing.



APHIDS

(From David Attenborough's program *Kingdom of Plants* – courtesy Jeff Leaney)

Aphids can reproduce at a staggering speed. Female aphids mate and lay eggs like other insects, but they also produce clones i.e., babies that hatch from unfertilised eggs. And the clones themselves, even before they leave the females body, are already pregnant with other clones. Such telescopic generations engage apace to infest a whole plant in a matter of hours.

But aphids are themselves food for others. Among the most voracious are the many kinds of ladybird beetles and their larvae. These larvae virtually eat nothing but mealy bugs and aphids. So be careful not to remove these larvae. Different species of ladybird have different looking larvae. Keep an eye out for them and do not think they are harmful.

Aphids are often 'farmed' by ants. They will place them on a plant, then extract the sticky sweet substance the exudes from the aphid. So, to control aphid, you need to also control the ants. Hosing off aphids works quite well for control.



Different ladybirds have different looking larvae

IN THE VEGIE PATCH (from Susan La Marca)

If removing summer crops, feed the soil with compost or old animal manure. It's not too late to plant some brassicas – seedlings of broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale. They are fodder for the white cabbage moth, so cover with wire cages or netting. Check bought seedlings for caterpillars or eggs. Also for planting: leeks, onion and silverbeet. There are also plenty of other crops that will appreciate warm soil to get started, with direct seed sowing of year-round crops like beetroot, carrots, radish, lettuce and spinach.

This is the season for planting broadbeans and garlic. Broadbeans can grow to a metre: there are a few dwarf varieties. Think how you will support them. As mentioned by Millie Ross on *Gardening Australia*, the next few months are good for planting garlic. She advised buying cloves for planting from a garden centre, rather than what is sold for use, as it is often imported and fumigated.