

AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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COMING EVENTS

- September 11th** General meeting – 2 pm
Ken & Lesley Gillanders'
Willowbend Road, Kingston
“Dwarf Rhododendrons”
- September 29th** **Committee meeting** at Ken & Lesley Gillanders'
Dinner 6pm at Kingston Hotel
- 9th October** Picnic at Cascade Gardens, Hobart 1.00 pm, followed by visit to
Joy & Ted’s garden, 69 Jubilee Road, Cascades 2.00 pm
- October 23rd** Open Day at Kaye & Gordon Hagan’s
38 Kunama Drive, Kingston
- November 6th** Visit to Kerry & Harry Van Den Berg’s Woodbank Gardens,
2040 Huon Road, Longley
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General Meeting September 11th

Apologies
Minutes of the last general meeting
Matters arising from previous minutes
Correspondence
Treasurer’s Report
Question time - any problems in the garden?
Other business

Short Talk “My Favourite Rhododendron”
Main Talk “Dwarf Rhododendrons”

There will be the usual "blooms on display", raffle and auction. Please bring a contribution to help make these activities a success.



IN MY GARDEN by Lesley Gillanders

Unfortunately I may be relying on Ken to again type this little article up as I am having a few more days in hospital with an infected leg. When I got up early this morning and opened the curtains the sun was just casting its light into the garden. An acceptable mild temperature was better than the heavy frost of yesterday.

Our *Daphne bholua* has passed its best display of flowers and they are falling to create a carpet below the plant. Not far from the *Daphne* is a *Camellia reticulata*. This is about 1.5 meters high and covered with its large semi-double crimson flowers. In the rock garden we have the sweetest little daffodil called Ferdie with tiny 20 cent-size flowers. There seems to be flowers all through the bulb garden - *Galanthus*, *Lachenalia*, *Crocus*, *Anemone blanda* and a patch of *Tecophilaea* with the most intense deep blue flowers. These last are near a *Cyclamen libanoticum* making a pretty contrast of blue and pink.



Magnolia Star Wars has several large pink flowers open and behind it is *Magnolia Black Tulip* with intense blackish purple goblet-shaped blooms.



Up in the main rock garden Ken has lifted out all of the *Gentiana sino-ornata*. They have long thongs of roots and these can be separated into several new plants. We lost some during the drought this year and the patch needed a tidy up. The bed should look good later when the large blue and white flowers open. Nearby, our plant of *Daphne genkwa* is covered in lilac blue flower buds which will open soon.

Behind the trellis near the greenhouse is *Erica cerinthoides* with clusters of red and white flowers. This has been a favourite of mine for many years.

Now, mention of the greenhouse brings a story to tell. There is a passionfruit growing along the fence. It has covered itself with fruit but several fell off while green. Ken threw them away with visions of his first pavlova receding, then one of the fruit started to turn black. I reassured Ken that sometimes the fruit in the shops looks unripe, so several fruit sat on the windowsill in the warmth

and turned black all over and the typical crinkled look developed.

With a little advice, Ken next made his very first pavlova. This turned out so well he took a photo of it before we both tucked in and devoured it over the next two days. There will be many more made over the next few months as he harvests more fruits.



Two new bulbs have just flowered for us for the first time - *Iris winogradowii*, similar to *Iris reticulata* but with soft yellow flowers, and *Romulea monadelph*a, a South African plant with *Crocus*-like flowers of crimson red.



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Annual Membership is now due. This can be paid at the Annual General Meeting or by posting a cheque, made payable to **Australian Rhododendron Society Inc., Southern Tasmanian Branch**, and mailed to the Treasurer, Lorraine Grewcoe, Clarendon Vale House, Clarendon Vale Tas 7019.

Payment can also be made by Direct Deposit to **BSB: 067000 Account No. 28026437 Account Name:** Australian Rhododendron Society

Single Membership \$20.00 Family Membership \$25.00

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