

# Newsletter of the ARSV



## Renewal of Subscriptions for 2019/20

Just a reminder for those who haven't done so yet renewals are due. For those who only receive the newsletter by post the renewal form was posted to you. If you get the email version, with or without the printed version, the renewal form has been emailed to you already. Life members, honorary members and those paid through 2018/19 will not receive a renewal form but could you inform the newsletter editor if your contact details have changed.

## Garden visits

Garden visits are being arranged for October and details will be presented in the October newsletter.

## Yunnan trip 2020

A reminder of the trip to Yunnan being arranged for 2020.

This trip is organised by ARSV member Ben Wallace who has had great experience running trips to Yunnan tailored for plant enthusiasts. We will travel to Cangshan, the Salween Gorge, Dulong Valley, Lake Ximatan and Jiaozi Snowy Mountain to explore the plant diversity and local culture.

**Dates:** April 8th to 27th 2020. The timing is to enable us to get to the Dulong Valley before the monsoon hits.

**Departure city:** Depending upon the home towns of the participants, departure will be from Melbourne, Sydney or Adelaide.

**Cost** of the trip is approximately \$6000 depending upon numbers of participants. This includes airfares from the departure city, all accommodation and meals, all travel and permits. Participants have to find their own way to the departure city. The cost includes travel insurance but if you arrange your own a discount of \$180 will apply.

A moderate level of fitness is required for this trip.

Spaces are limited, so don't delay in sending your expression of interest to me. I will then pass that on to Ben who will continue correspondence with you.



Lisu & Nu village of Wuli on a confluence delta at the upstream end of the Salween Gorge

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## Rhododendron in focus: *Rhododendron austrinum*

Subsection Pentanthera

This American deciduous azalea comes from Florida and is the most southerly of the native species. Some of our hybridists thought this would be a good parent for heat-tolerant crosses, but the results have been generally disappointing. The Western Azalea, *R. occidentale*, from California, has proved to be more robust in Melbourne gardens and I have not had much success with *R. austrinum*. Fortunately, it does exceptionally well at Olinda and produces masses of small bright orange flowers every year. We have several plants in the main rockery which flower in late October (see photo).

**Alan Kepert**



## Other coming events

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** Waverley Garden Club and Camellias Victoria - Annual Camellia, Garden & Floral Art Show 2019 Sat 1pm - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 4:30 pm. Location Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley. Entry: \$5 for adults with free admission to children. Pay at the door or on <https://www.trybooking.com/480600>

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August** 26th Annual Melbourne Orchid Spectacular. 9am - 4 pm daily. Adults \$10 , Children U15 free. Location Boxhall Pavillion, KCC Park, 655 Western Port Hwy Skye. <https://oscov.asn.au/>

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September** 63rd Leongatha Daffodil & Floral Show. Friday 1:30pm - 5:00 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost Adults \$5, Children free. Location Leongatha Memorial Hall, Michael Place, Leongatha. Contact <https://www.visitpromcountry.com.au/event/63rd-leongatha-daffodil-and-floral-show>

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** APS (Australian Plant Society) Wilson Park Berwick Annual Plant Sale. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Held in conjunction with the Casey Garden Expo. Gold coin entry. Location 668 Princes Hwy, Berwick. <https://www.facebook.com/PSWilsonParkBerwick/>

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September** Kyneton Horticultural Society Flower Show. Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Entry \$4. Watts Pavilion at Showgrounds, Mollison Street, Kyneton. <https://www.khs1894.com/khs-spring-flower-show>