

# AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

## SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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### COMING EVENTS

**September 8th**

**General meeting** at Ken Gillander's  
1 Willowbend Road, Kingston

Ken is going to introduce us to making hypertufa pots. You will recall seeing many of these pots scattered throughout Ken's gardens, with colourful displays of cyclamens. They are ideal for smaller plants particularly rockery plants and those treasured bulbs that seem to disappear when planted in large garden beds.

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**September 26th**

**Committee meeting** at Ken's  
1 Willowbend Road, Kingston

**Time:** 3:00 pm



**October 5th & 6th**

**Plant Fair** to be held at Woodbank Gardens  
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**October 20th**

**General meeting**

Fintan Downham's garden  
369 Woodbridge Hill Road, Woodbridge

Joy is going to guide us through a practice run of how to select, prepare and set up blooms in readiness for the Rose and Iris show at the Town Hall on 8th and 9th November where a special section has been created for rhododendrons.

The 6 categories are:- 1- large leafed, 2 - small leafed, 3 - vireya, 4 - deciduous azaleas, 5 - fragrant and 6 - evergreen azaleas.

More details next newsletter.



**October 31st**

**Committee meeting** at Ken's  
1 Willowbend Road, Kingston

**Time:** TBA



**November 8th/9th**

**Rose and Iris Show**, Hobart Town Hall

**November 10th**

**General meeting**

Peter and Maruta Boyd's garden  
354 Summerleas Road, Kingston

**Time: 3:00 pm**

The time has been changed to allow Members (including Peter and Maruta) to attend the Woodbridge Garden Trail event.



Photos by  
Dorothy

**December**

Our Christmas function is currently being negotiated.

**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 Tasmania 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. Include your surname. Please send an email to Lorraine advising that you have made the payment. [lgrewcoe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lgrewcoe@bigpond.net.au)

**Single Membership \$20.00**

**Family Membership \$25.00**

## In My (Adopted) Garden by Jenny Skinner

First of all a follow up from last month's article. I've since realised that the cyclamen with the spots is in fact one that Karina has growing in her garden and which I now have in my garden because I bought it at the plant auction! It's *Cyclamen rhodium* ssp. *peloponnesiacum* so not a new cultivar!

In the past month the garden has gone from its 'bare branch' state to its 'bursting into life' state. One of the first trees to come into bloom was the hybrid flowering cherry *Prunus* 'Okame', with spectacular clusters of bright pink flowers. Some of the *Camellia reticulata* have been displaying their big frilly pink blooms but my favourite is the tiny *Camellia japonica* 'Tinsie' with its cluster of white petaloides in the centre of a gorgeous red flower. Then there's *Camellia x williamsii* 'Donation', arguably one of the best hybrid camellias ever bred (according to John Valder) and also one of the first ever *Camellia* hybrids. At Woodbank there are three of these plants (that I've so far discovered) all of which are covered in pink flowers that are adorned with a delicate pattern of deep pink veins that radiate across the petals.



Above: *Prunus* 'Okame'



Above right: *Camellia japonica* 'Tinsie'



Right: *Camellia x williamsii* 'Donation'

Far right: *Camellia x williamsii* 'Donation'





All photos by  
Jenny



Above: *Hamamelis x intermedia*  
'Diane'

Left: *Hamamelis mollis*

Above:  
*Chimonanthus praecox*



Names like witch hazel and wintersweet have always conjured up images of romantic English gardens but I'd not seen them growing until coming to Woodbank. There's the red flowered hybrid *Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Diane', a specimen that Ken grafted and the yellow flowered *H. mollis*. *Chimonanthus praecox*, or wintersweet, lives up to its name with the most delightful perfume. Now that we are coming into magnolia flowering time, I've been watching the buds on *Magnolia campbellii* 'Charles Raffill' gradually fill out and open, giving a spectacular display against a blue sky. *Magnolia* 'Star Wars', a hybrid between *M. campbellii* and *M. liliiflora* will not be far behind. Late winter to early spring is also the time for the yellow rhododendrons *R. chrysodoran* and *R. x chrysomanicum* (a hybrid of the former species) to bloom. I'm afraid I still haven't worked out which is which at Woodbank but nevertheless I can still appreciate the flowers! The first of the bulbs are emerging with *Narcissus cyclamineus* and the blue *Chionodoxa sp.* making a lovely picture. Of course there'll be a lot more from now on but that'll be for next month!

### GCA Plant Fair

October 5th and 6th 2019  
Woodbank Gardens - Longley

At the Plant Fair the Rhododendron Society will have an information display. Joy is co-ordinating this activity and has prepared the following information.

We will have 2 tables in the glasshouse.

Suggestions for the display include baskets of flowers and demonstrations of propagation using the Joy Box. Also our information leaflets. Other ideas are welcome.

We need people to man/person the stall. Volunteers are needed.

Times are 10 - 1 and 1 - 4 Saturday and Sunday with 2 people on each time.

Set up will be on Friday 4th between 12 - 4 only.

Name tags will be issued to all stallholders on Friday pm during setting up.

Please call Joy on **0419 351 002** with ideas or time you can be on the display. You need to inform Joy that you will be available to help before the **10th September** as the names have to be submitted to GCA so the name tags can be processed.

Also please note that (in case you intend making purchases on other stalls) that there will be no eftpos access available at the venue. Cash transactions ONLY.

Ps If you don't feel confident helping on a stall then Wendy Ebsworth may appreciate some help with morning and afternoon teas. Contact Joy as above.

## GENERAL MEETING - 8th September

**Venue:** Ken Gillanders, 1 Willowbend Road, Kingston

**Time:** 1:30 for 2:00 pm meeting - please bring something for afternoon tea.

We will have:

- ◆ **Ken will demonstrate 'How to make hypertufa pots'.**
- ◆ **Blooms competition:**  
You can bring up to 3 rhododendrons and three (3) companion plants. We are going to continue to have 3 companion plants for our blooms competition as we did before. Don't forget your own bottles/vases for setting up the blooms.
- ◆ **Peoples choice** - for the blooms competition  
Judges - Lorraine and Lesley
- ◆ **Auction** - please bring a contribution
- ◆ **Raffle**



Right:  
*Rhododendron chrysodoron*

Far right:  
*Narcissus cyclamens* and  
*Chionodoxa sp*



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