



**BOTANIC NEWS**

**SPRING 1985**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and a very warm welcome to all our new members. It gives me great pleasure to announce our October 'Exhibition of Botanical Art' showing the work of Stan Kelly and Anita Podwyszynski. An invitation to Friends of the Gardens to attend an official opening and dinner is included as an insert in this issue of *Botanic News*, with an RSVP date of 8 October. We do hope you can come. Details about the exhibition are included opposite in the 'Activities' section. Also enclosed you will find a colour exhibition brochure which has been made possible by a generous donation from the South Yarra Project Pty Ltd. Do tell your friends about our exciting October botanical art exhibition and other activities. We look forward to a successful calendar of events with your support.

Frank Phillips

## NEW HERB GARDEN

The brickwork for the new herb garden, situated at the back of the nursery in the old medicinal plants area, is now complete, and planting of the area and its surrounds will begin this Spring. The garden has been designed as a formal sunken garden in a traditional pattern the shape of a wheel. The areas between the 'spokes' (paths) of the wheel will be planted with culinary herbs arranged according to botanical families. Around the garden will be sections of fragrant-flowered plants, medicinal plants, Australian herbs and fragrant-leaved plants. The Friends have donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of plants.

## FLORAL FESTIVAL & ROYAL VISIT

Victoria's 150th Anniversary Committee is planning a floral festival in the Gardens for early November. Fountain Island will be the venue for a large floral display which will be visited by their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales. (Tentative date: Sunday, 3 November).

## FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

### GEELONG BOTANIC GARDENS AND 'THE HEIGHTS' — BUS TRIP

On Wednesday, 18 September, at 9.30 a.m. at the National Herbarium, John Hawker, Project Officer for Provincial Botanic Gardens will tell us about the trees in the Geelong Botanic Gardens. *The bus will then depart for Geelong at 9.45 a.m.*

Between 11.15 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. we will visit 'The Heights' a National Trust property and will have a picnic lunch there (bring your own; coffee and tea will be provided). If the weather is unpleasant, we can eat indoors. Leaving 'The Heights' we will be met at the Geelong Botanic Gardens by the Director, Mr. Ian Rogers, at 1.10 p.m., after which some of our Voluntary Guides have kindly offered to take us around the Gardens. We depart for Melbourne at 2.45 p.m. arriving back at the Herbarium at about 4.15 p.m.

The Geelong Gardens, established in 1857, will provide an interesting contrast to our Gardens. 'The Heights', built in 1855, is a mansion of great charm and character, with extensive outbuildings.

Cost: \$11.00 All Welcome

RSVP by 11 September to The Ticket Secretary, Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, National Herbarium, Birdwood Ave, South Yarra, 3141 with cheque/money order made out to 'Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens' and enclosing stamped self-addressed envelope.

### HISTORY & TECHNIQUE OF NATURE PRINTING

Illustrated talk by Dr. Eric Hochberg, 1985 Science and Humanities Scholar, Museum of Victoria. Tuesday, 1 October at 5.30 p.m., The Astronomer's Residence, Birdwood Ave., South Yarra.

Due to special interest Dr. Hochberg has kindly agreed to speak a second time.

Wine & Cheese 5.30 p.m., Lecture 6.00 p.m.

RSVP

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Members ..... \$3.00

Non-Members ..... \$4.00

## EXHIBITION OF BOTANICAL ART

A public exhibition of work by the well known artist Stan Kelly and by the National Herbarium's Botanical Illustrator, Anita Podwyszynski; Saturday, 19 October to Tuesday, 22 October, 10.00 a.m. — 4.30 p.m. Herbarium Auditorium, Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra, 3141.

The Exhibition will feature a selection of the most outstanding water colours used in Stan Kelly's publication *Eucalypts*, together with examples of his more recent paintings depicting the Fungi of Victoria.

In addition, water colours and pen and ink drawings by Anita Podwyszynski, eventually destined for the Herbarium's ambitious publication the *Illustrated flora of Victoria*, will be on display. (When completed, the flora will cover all native and naturalised plants in the State).

Friends are invited to the Exhibition's official opening by the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands on Friday 18 October. Following the opening, dinner will be served in the Astronomer's Residence and this will provide a special opportunity to meet the artists. (Please see the enclosed brochure for further details).

To complement the Exhibition, there will be an illustrated lecture on Fungi by Bruce Fuhrer, Zoology Department, Monash University, on Tuesday, 22 October at 5.30 p.m. in the Herbarium Auditorium. (As this will be the final day of the Exhibition, the artwork will remain on public display until after the lecture). Bruce Fuhrer is an outstanding natural history photographer and author and his superb slides are not to be missed.

Tickets to the Exhibition and/or lecture \$2.00 at the door.

A new Friends' greeting card featuring *Grevillea repens*, Creeping Grevillea, painted by Anita Podwyszynski, has been printed to mark the Exhibition and will be on sale.

We are delighted to welcome the South Yarra Project Pty Ltd, a member of the Jack Chia Group of Companies, as a sponsor at the Exhibition and thank them for their generous donation.

## CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT PICNIC AND WALK

Friends are invited to meet at the Kiosk at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11 December to go on guided walks by Voluntary Guides between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. and then to join in a picnic tea (bring your own). Do make a note of the date and join us in our pre-Christmas get-together.

RSVP

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## KEY OFFICE-BEARERS 1985-86

**President:** Frank Phillips

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For enquiries please contact Joan Nesbit on 211 8979

## CAN YOU HELP?

*Art Exhibition.* Help is needed with security for the October Exhibition of Botanical Art. If you have the time and would like to assist please contact Eve Brunner on 818 5954

*The Friends' Shop.* Volunteers will be needed later in the year to staff our Information Desk/Shop. Tenders have closed and the Friends' shop will soon be a reality. We will also be seeking help with furnishings, such as a second-hand set of map drawers, a till in good working order, a carpet square and floor standing storage cupboards. Please contact Brenda Owen on 560 4414 if you can help either as a volunteer or with furnishings.

## GOODS FOR SALE

Friends' postcards and greeting cards, as detailed in the Winter issue of *Botanic News* can be purchased from the Herbarium Office. The 'Children's Package' is available by post only for \$4.70. Later in the year these items will be available from the Friends' Information Desk at the Kiosk.

## PRESSED ON PAPER

An Exhibition 'Pressed on Paper', 23 September to 4 November from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the Science & Technology Museum, Swanston St., Melbourne. This is a large exhibition put together for the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, comprising a number of different subjects, including plants.

## GARDENS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

A series of four lectures on 'The state of the garden' is being offered to the public in 1986, and will be held on consecutive Wednesdays 19 and 26 February and 5 and 12 March from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

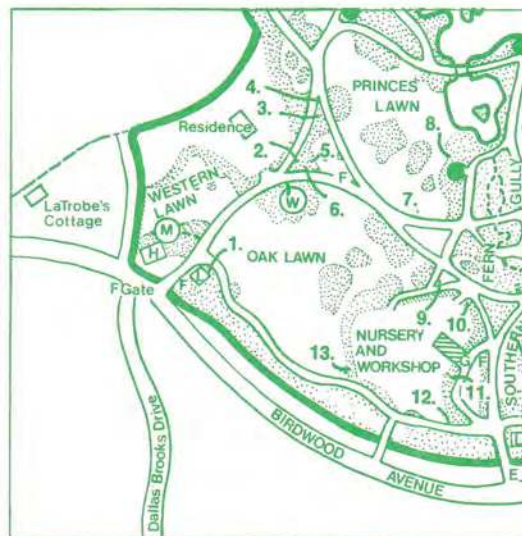
Topics of interest will include ornamental horticulture, science and conservation, history and landscaping. The lectures will be given by staff of the Botanic Gardens and other noted specialists. The Summer issue of *Botanic News* will give further details.

## SPRING IN THE GARDENS

Spring is here and our Gardens are alive with new colour. Some flowering plants are the 13 species listed below with the corresponding numbering on the map. There are many large groups of plants in flower such as the Flowering Peaches and Japanese Flowering Cherries (*Prunus* cvs.), Lilacs (*Syringa* cvs.) and *Viburnum* spp. It is also worth a visit to the Bulb Bed and the Magnolia Bed in early Spring.

1. *Grevillea robusta* (Nov.) — "Silky Oak"
2. *Clytostoma callistegioides* (Nov.) — "Argentine Trumpet Vine"
3. *Mimusops obovatus* (Nov.) — "Milkwood"
4. *Kolkwitzia amabilis* (Oct.) — "Beauty Bush"
5. *Bomarea multiflora* (Oct.) — (vine from Venezuela)
6. *Fuchsia corymbiflora* (Oct.) — (native to Ecuador and Peru)
7. *Paulownia fortunei* (Sept.) — "Princess Tree"
8. *Jovellana violacea* (Oct.) — "Spotted Slipperwort"
9. *Loropetalum chinense* (Sept.) — "Fringe Flower"
10. *Streptosolen jamesonii* (Sept.) — "Firebush"
11. *Stachyurus chinensis* (Oct.) — "Spiketail"
12. *Erythrina secundiflora* (Oct.) — "Scarlet Coral Bush"
13. *Iochroma coccinea* (Oct.) — "Scarlet Long-tubes"

John Beetham  
Botanic Gardens



*'The Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne has been formed to stimulate further interest in the Gardens and National Herbarium and to support and assist them wherever possible.'*