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## The June meeting is coming up on

## Monday 20th

## Let's have a bumper rollup.

Members please bring a Plate


Two Red and White Beauties: Oki-No-Nami and Paul Jones Supreme

## JUNE REPORT

This month we welcome Dr Stephen Utick who will be outlining a number of topics from Camellia Ark Australia. Refer to the synopsis of his talk later in the newsletter.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, MAY 2022

A big thank you to Daniel Low for his discussion of photographing blooms last meeting. You would all agree, I am sure, that Daniel and Carolyn demonstrate their technique and success with the many photos they include in each Newsletter. Also, a thank you to our judges and scribes for the monthly bloom competition. The number of blooms tabled is starting to increase as we get towards the peak bloom season.

This coming monthly meeting on Monday $20^{\text {th }}$ June will feature a presentation by our Member, Dr Stephen Utick. Further details are given later in the Newsletter. This looks like being an interesting presentation explaining how Camellia Ark is
 progressing and the work at The Royal Botanical Gardens, Sydney. I encourage all members to attend. Preparation for the Annual Show at Ravenswood School on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July are well in hand. What is needed, is our members to step up as volunteers for the many tasks that help to make the Show a success. Please respond positively when the call goes out again for volunteers. We need your help; if the Society is to continue to flourish, we need active members for what is our key event of the year.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday $25^{\text {th }}$ July; we are hoping to arrange a visit to an expansive private garden in Castle Hill which includes many camellias and an arboretum. It is planned for a 10:30am start at the site. Further details once we have a confirmation.
If this visit to Castle Hill is confirmed, we will amend the July monthly meeting to the usual third Monday night on $18^{\text {th }}$ July.
Apologies for the resulting uncertainty for our program of events.
Bruce Walker
President


Julia France


Happy Higo


Hanafuki


San Dimas


Henry E. Huntington


Shikibu

PHOTOS: D. and C. LOW


Shibori Egao


Unryu Tsubaki

## NSW Camellia Research Society Inc Presents its



> At Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon

Saturday 9TH July 2022
1.30 pm to 4.30 pm
and
Sunday 10TH July 2022 10am to 4pm

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Ravenswood School for Girls and the Camellia Show are both COVID Safe and request all visitors to adhere to recommended NSW Health COVID Safe guidelines;

- If you are unwell, even with very mild symptoms, please stay at home and seek appropriate medical care.
- If anyone in your household or a close contact tests positive for COVID-19 do not attend.
* If anyone in your household or a close contact is being tested for COVID-19, please do not attend until a negative result has been returned.
* You are encouraged to wash your hands regularly and use the hand sanitiser provided.

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## CAMELLIAS-A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING-THE BEAUTY OF SIMPLICITY

## TEXT OF A TALK GIVEN TO IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL SYDNEY CHAPTER \#36

In the last 25 years as we have developed our garden my preference for more simple camellias has grown. Our garden already had very large trees of Cho Cho San and Hagoromo which embody the shape form and purity of colour that embody the elegance of simplicity.

Over the intervening years, I have fortunately been able to obtain smaller and simpler Japanese varieties Such as: Tama-No-Ura, Unryu Tsubaki, Kogane Yuri, Nokogiriba Tsubaki and Kingyo Tsubaki. A few of these were obtained from very generous growers in the Camellia Community.
Some of these are very intriguing not only for their colour but also for their perfume, unusual leaf shape and branching habit. As an example one of the most fascinating ones is Tama-No-Ura; which is not only the parent of a number of cross-breeding and seedling varieties but it is also the Official Symbol of Goto City, Nagasaki Prefecture in Japan and was to be the host city for the 2020 International Camellia Congress.


Cho Cho San


Unryu Tsubaki


Kogane Yuri


Tama-No-Ura


Hagoromo


Nokogiriba Tsubaki


Kingyo Tsubaki


Utticial Symbol of Goto City

In the talk we had a table of blooms many of which enabled them to see the great variety of shape and size within the genus and also to compare to the more simple Japanese forms. Examples of their use as a theme were seen in scrolls, paintings, kimono fabric, fabric and as the tea plant was shown in the morning tea.

## VALE: KATE STANLEY

Kate Stanley was a member of our Society from 2014 until poor health made it impossible for her to continue her active membership.
Kate had been keen on displaying her blooms both in the monthly meeting competition and at our annual show. In each show for some years she took on the onerous task of applying her calligraphy skill to the creation of the 300 plus prize certificates for the Annual Show.

With Paul she had been a contributor to the management of the Society through Committee membership. Kate was a driving force in the success of the National Show "North by Northwest" hosted by us in 2015.

From its inception, Kate had been an active member of Camellia Ark Australia, serving on its committee and as Editor of the "Ark Journal".
Kate was active in a number of other garden clubs and societies.
Our heartfelt thoughts and wishes go out to Paul and all of his family.


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MAY MEETING AND BLOOM COMPETITION RESULTS

| MONTH | MEMBER | PTS | SAS | SPR/ <br> MINS | RETICS | GRADE | TOTAL/ <br> MNTH |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | J.McGill |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 |
|  | C. \& D. Low | 16 | 3 | 5 |  | 0 | 24 |
|  | B. Walker | 18 | 5 |  |  | N | 23 |
|  | E. Fuller | 3 | 3 | 1 |  | 0 | 7 |
|  | R. Griffiths | 22 |  | 6 | 5 | 0 | 33 |
|  | B. Fleming |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 |
|  | J. Muras | 2 |  |  | 1 | 0 | 3 |



Novice Champion B. Walker Maiden Lane


Open Champion,
R. Griffiths Lasca Beauty


Collection
R. Griffiths


Miniature D\&C. Low


Japonica/Single
E. Fuller


Novice Class 8, B. Walker


Novice Class 6, B. Walker


Open Class 8, R. Griffiths


Class 8


Open Class 15, D\&C. Low


Open Class 9, R. Griffiths

## BLOOM COMPETITION AND RULES 2022

| Class | Description | Jun | Jul | Aug |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | Sasanqua any form | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| 5 | Japonica/Hybrid Single | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 6 | Japonica/Hybrid Semi-double | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 6 A | Japonica / Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 7 | Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 8 | Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 9 | Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 10 | Japonica/Hybrid Miniature | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| 12 | Reticulatas \& their hybrids | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 15 | Other not listed | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 16 | Clusters \& sprays of multi-flowered species \& hybrids | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| 17 | New seedling or sport (1 to 3 blooms) | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| C2 | Collection: Any camellia, any form, 3 blooms |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |

## Classes

Classes 1 to 15:
Classes C1 \& C2:
one bloom, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves
a collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

## Competition

A 'Novice' exhibitor has not won the annual 'Novice' championship, nor have they scored 20 points in a monthly 'Open' competition. The competition year starts in March, and a 'Novice' in March remains so to the end of that year. A bloom exhibited by a 'Novice' can win in 'Open' classes.

## Points

'Open' and 'Novice' Classes 1 to 16: $\quad 1^{\text {st }}=3$ points; $2^{\text {nd }}=2$ points; $3^{\text {rd }}=1$ point (if required) 'Open’ and 'Novice’ Collections Classes C1 to C2: $1^{\text {st }}=6$ points; $2^{\text {nd }}=4$ points; $3^{\text {rd }}=1$ point (if required) 'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points.

## Some Blooms for June



Julia France


Ace Of Hearts


Henry E. Huntington


Elegans


Brushfield's Yellow


Jazz


Eliza Lockley


DHDF Magalhaes


R L Wheeler V.


Imperial Splendor


Drama Girl


The Czar

## MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2022 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

| June 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Monday 20th | NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker: Dr Stephen Utick "Progress of Camellia Ark Australia: the connections to collections". |
| July 2022 |  |
| Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th | NSW CRS Annual Show. Details to follow |
| Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th | Illawarra Annual Show |
| Monday 18th | NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Deferred for Show Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA |
| Sunday 24th | Lisgar Gardens Open Day Camellia Gala Day, 11.00am-3.00pm. Bring blooms for the NSWCRS Display Tables |
| Monday 25th | Visit to Castle Hill Details to follow |
| August 2022 |  |
| Monday 15th | NSWCRS Monthly Meeting(Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms. Speaker TBA |
| September 2022 |  |
| Thursday $1^{\text {stS }}$ Sunday $4^{\text {th }}$ | National Congress, Hobart. Details available from Bruce or Helen or Joe jneuschwanger@optusnet.com.au |
| Monday 19th | NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA |
| October 2022 |  |
| Monday 17th | NSWCRS AGM 7.30pm. Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon. |
| November 2022 |  |
|  | Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and Location TBA |

## NSWCRS COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS 2020-2021

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| National <br> Councillors: | Yet to be nominated |  |
| ABN: | 16 873 158 367 | Y17693-47 |

## MORE JUNE BLOOMS

It Is coincidental that so often when we receive our journals from California and The American Society that we always seem to find some we have here in Sydney. This month l'll say, "Hi to Brad in California".

'High Fragrance’

‘Minato-No-Akebono’

‘Kogane Yuri'

## WHAT'S ON AT ERYLDENE



1 July 2022
Fridays in the Garden
Want to see what goes on in the Eryldene garden between open days?
3 July 2022
Art on Sundays
Hear and learn from artists currently practising across the wider Sydney community.

## 5 August 2022

Fridays in the Garden
Want to see what goes on in the Eryldene garden between open days?

## 7 August 2022

Music on Sundays
Join us at Eryldene for live music from 1.00 till 5.00 pm.
2 September 2022

## Fridays in the Garden

Want to see what goes on in the Eryldene garden between open days?

## 4 September 2022

Art on Sundays
Hear and learn from artists currently practising across the wider Sydney community.

## 7 October 2022

## Fridays in the Garden

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## 9 October 2022

Music on Sundays
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## 4 November 2022

Fridays in the Garden
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6 November 2022

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## PROGRESS OF CAMELLIA ARK AUSTRALIA: THE CONNECTIONS TO COLLECTIONS...

Over the past 3 years, and despite lockdowns, Camellia Ark Australia has made impressive progress in conserving rare camellias through access to a wide range of collections. This presentation will look at some of these developments including links to the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, and at Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens.
Also in his capacity as Visiting Curator of Theaceae at Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, Dr Utick will update on progress with the opening up of its camellia collections in preparation for the 200 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the first planting of a collection of camellias in the Southern Hemisphere there in 1823.

## YES ITS ON AGAIN, LISGAR GARDENS OPEN DAY, CAMELLIA GALA DAY

 SUNDAY 24TH JULY, 11.00AM-3.00PMFriends of Lisgar Gardens are holding their Open Day again and our Society is helping by having Camellia Display Tables, You can assist by bringing Blooms with Labels, Volunteering to answer camellia related enquiries and promoting membership in our society.
Bruce or Richie will work out a roster for those who can make it on the day.

## SHOW PROGRAM DETAILS BY RICHIE GRIFFITHS, MANAGER

This meeting Richie will outline show tasks and he would like members to sign up for where, when and how they might help.


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