

# NEWSLETTER (July 2024)



Elected AGM	09 March 2024
<b>Office Bearers 2024:</b>	
President:	Sandra Logue 0411 066 787
Vice President:	Ashley Haag
Vice President:	(2 positions to fill)
Treasurer:	Patrick Smith
Secretary:	Helen Farley 0498 205705
Committee:	Lenora Neuendorff, Tina Holland, Helen Reich, Michelle Brewer, Sandra Harvey, Colin Power
Assistant and Points Secretary:	Michelle Brewer
Stewards:	Ashley Haag Patrick Smith
Librarian:	Anita Dwyer
Raffle Convenor:	Patrick Smith/Colin Power
Afternoon Tea Convenor:	Veronika King/Tina Holland

*Welcome to the July 2024 Newsletter*

### Dates for your Diary:

27 July 8.30 – 4 p.m. 28 July 9.00 – 3 p.m.	John Oxley Orchid Society Winter Show – Mt Coot-tha Auditorium - \$4.00 admission
3 August 2024	Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Brisbane Inc. Friendship Day – Guest Speaker Elizabeth from Floral Art Society - entry 12.30 p.m. seated by 1 p.m. Albion Peace Centre – two members each club invited. Let me know and I will RSVP for you.
10 – 18 August 2024	Brisbane Ekka – QCGC have a display entitled “ <b>Balcony Gardening</b> ” in the Exhibition Hall. Make sure you have a look if you are going to the Show.
6 – 8 September 2024	Laidley Spring Festival
21 – 23 September 2024	Toowoomba Bromeliad & Succulent Society Inc. presents their spring sale, Sacred Hearts School Hall, Toowoomba, Tor & North Sts. \$4 entry adults (free plant for every child) (bring your own box). Sat & Sun. 8 – 4 Mon 8 – 2.
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Ipswich Garden Spectacular – Saturday 8.30 am – 3 pm, Sunday 9 am to 1 pm Silkstone State School \$5
28 & 29 September 2024	Gold Coast Rose Society Inc. presents their 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show, Saturday 11.30 to 4.30 Sunday 9 to 3 Robina Community Centre, 196 Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina Q 4226. Raffle and refreshments.
5 October 2024	Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. (Garden Club) Spring Show & Market Day / Photo Competition

12 October 2024	Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo
18 – 20 October	Buderim Garden Festival



1. Warmest welcome to our newest members: Leanne Field, Lakshmi Naidu, and Cheryl Kermond. Welcome ladies! We are so pleased to have you join us.
2. We also had visitors to our July meeting. – Margaret Dixon and Ellie Martin.
3. President Sandra was back with us from her overseas trip, looking relaxed and back in her rightful seat at the top job.
4. We had a lot of members unwell, being that time of year with all the coughs and colds going around. Hope you are all well and back with us before too long.
5. Lucky Door winner for our July meeting was Helen Reich. Congratulations Helen.
6. Raffle Winners for July were: Sandra Harvey, Lenora Neunendorff and Barbara Cush. Congratulations to those winners.
7. **Lucky Door** Roster for August – We have **Barbara Cush** bringing our lucky door prize.
8. **Pots** – I still have some black pots left and I'll bring those to each meeting – 10 for \$1.00 donation to the Club.
9. Judge's Comments – David Stephenson was our Judge for July, with Ashley stewarding (and Sandra Harvey familiarising herself with the task assisting). Our benches, despite member's absences, still put on a good display. Shaleshni brought some beautiful exhibits, and she will prove to be steep competition for Patrick and his gerberas.
10. Dawn Jones won best Miscellaneous Cut Flower with her Eucharist Lily. Shaleshni won the best cut flower and the best exhibit of show with her gorgeous red rose. Congratulations to those winners !!
11. The Judge had no critique to give and said all our pots were nice and clean and he thought we'd all done a good job.
12. **Floral Art** for our **August** meeting will be –
  - Vase of flowers (water only)
  - Red for Romance
  - Foliage with Style
  - Bowl of Flowers

13. Our Judges for August will be **Daphne Ludwig and Kevin Hamment**.

14. Our guest speaker for August will be **Helen Rattenbury** – Topic Geraniums/Pelargoniums. (Helen will bring plants to sell.)

**Guest speaker** for July Peter Starkey gave a comprehensive talk on Camellias and brought along gorgeous exhibits of the blooms produced on these lovely bushes/trees which were handed along to all members to admire.



**Camellia Sasanqua**, with the common name Sasanqua Camellia, is a species of Camellia native to Southern Japan. It is usually found growing up to an altitude of 900 m (3,000 ft).

### **Camellia**

Today there are discovered all the evergreen shrub or Theaceae. Its



produce tea. Camellia Japonica and Camellia Sasanquas are both Camellias, but with different qualities. Japonica's are what most people think of when they think Camellia, with large flowers that bloom in winter and early spring whereas Sasanqua's have smaller flowers and bloom in about March to May. Camellias prefer an acidic soil and do take a few years to establish. Sasanquas can be grown in part shade or full sun, but do best with protection from the hot afternoon sun. Most grow 3 to 6 m high and 4 m wide, however, given there are so many types and cultivars always check the plant label for plant dimensions. Peter says they are not too difficult to grow bearing in mind the three rules: aspect, soil & drainage.



*Peter giving his talk*

Japonica Camellias like partial shade all day or only gentle morning sun. Peter said the Japonicas grow best in dappled shade. They like to have cool roots and mulch is a very useful tool in the home garden for this purpose. He suggests the use of lucerne mulch. He demonstrated how to twist off the blooms from their bloom stands to enable them to be used in float bowls. They also make an excellent tree to bonsai. Not too many camellias are scented. They can be propagated with slips and also air layering. It was clear that Peter was very passionate about his love of Camellias, and he had left over plants from the Camelia Show for sale.

### 15. **Happy Birthday Wishes**

Your native birth flowers for July is bush) – native to the south coast of and for August we have Correa or Native Birthday members.



Adenthos (Woolly Western Australia – Fuchsia. Happy

### 16. **2024 Ipswich Spring Gardening Competition.**

This event will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Ipswich City. There are several categories with generous monetary prizes for the winning gardens. The Judges of the competition will be David Le Goode and Dane McQueen. Flyers were handed out to members at our last meeting. If you would like a flyer and weren't at the last meeting let me know and I'll arrange to get one to you.

### 17. **Ipswich Plant and Lifestyle Fair.**

The lovely Chelsea Allen, the heart behind Trevallan Lifestyle Centre in Brassall (and if you haven't been there do yourself an absolute favour and visit) is hosting the event this year on **2 November 2024** in the Nicholas Street Precinct, Ipswich. So, mark your diaries members to celebrate the diversity and creativity of this gardening and lifestyle community. Chelsea says whether you're looking to beautify your living space or seeking inspiration for sustainable living, the fair promises something special for everyone. Let's cultivate a space where our passions for green living can flourish together. See you at the fair!

Stay tuned to hear all about what stallholders are bringing and of course what food trucks are coming!!

18. **QCGC Fashion Parade – 28 August**, Mt Coot-tha Auditorium. \$20.00 - Doors open at 9.15 am for browsing the fashions (and accessories) by Portofino and modelled by garden club members. A delicious morning tea is provided as well. Please join other IHSI club members going along this year. It really is a fun morning. Let me know if you'd like to attend. I will ask for final numbers at the next meeting and payment is due on 16 August. **Direct deposit: BSB 034 063 Account number: 238783. Please use our club name as your reference. "Ipswich Hort Society Inc"**. If you are paying by cheque post to **QCGC Secretary PO BOX 5455 Stafford Heights 4053**. Again, write your club name on the back of the cheque for ease of reference. (There will be spare seats in my car if you'd like a lift.)

19. **IHSI (Spring Show)/Market Day – 5 October** – This year we are trialling an open photo competition – with two categories – Category 1: "*Spring in the Garden*" – Category 2: "*Visitors in the Garden*". Anyone can enter as with our Spring Show, it's an open show. The photos need to be printed – 8" x 6" – and mounted to the display boards the afternoon before at set up<sup>1</sup>. There will be a first prize in each category - \$10.00 and the competition will be judged by a tutor hopefully from U3A. Why not have a go! We all have visitors to the garden, whether wanted or not and we all have phones with us these days for happy snaps.

20. QCGC proposed bus trip to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers – 16 September (Monday). \$40 - \$50 will be the approximate cost with two pickups thus far, the closest to us Mt Ommaney, but if there is sufficient interest from our Club, perhaps the bus would pick up from our club house. The RSVP date is 31 July for numbers of interested clubs. Please let me know if you are interested so I can let Anne know.

21. **Name Badges**. If you'd like a badge, you can order one through Treasurer Patrick, at a cost of \$13.50.

22. If you have anything of interest you'd like to share with members, or an event is happening you'd like to share, please let me know and I can share for you in our newsletter. Don't forget our club is a club for everyone. If you have any ideas or things you'd like incorporated into our meetings/newsletters, let us know and the Committee can have a chat about it for you.

23. Please continue to promote our club to like minded friends and family and anyone you think may be interested in joining our club, or coming along just to see what we do. We'd also like to see a few more men join our club.

24. Our next meeting **10 August 2024**.

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<sup>1</sup> Write your name on the back in pencil, so the Judge knows whose photo is chosen and also so you get your photos back at the end of the day.



Keep safe and Happy Gardening. Helen (F).

Photos to follow.



1 Ashley with Dawn's winning entry (Eucharist Lily) and also Shaleshni's winning rose.



Camellias above -S Peter brought to hand around, some of Ashley's produce and more exhibits below. The colours of the blooms Peter brought - just gorgeous.

