



IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. GARDEN CLUB
(founded 1866)

Welcome to the August 2024 Edition.

Elected AGM	09 March 2024
Office Bearers 2024:	
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:	Sandra Logue/Charmaine Wilson
Stewards:	Ashley Haag Patrick Smith Sandra Harvey
Librarian:	Anita Dwyer
Raffle Convenor:	Patrick Smith/Colin Power
Afternoon Tea Convenor:	Veronika King/Tina Holland

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



25 August 2024	BOGI Organic Fair – 8 am – 2 pm Albion Peace Centre, 102 McDonald Road, Windsor
31 August 2024	Glebe Garden Club Ipswich – Plant Stall (Cnr. Glebe & Green Street, Booval 8 am – 12 pm (all very reasonably priced). This is a good stall to go to if you like a bargain plant.
31 August 2024	Native Plants Qld. Having a market day at Belmont Shooting Complex Saturday 9 am to 3 pm, no entry fee
6 & 7 September 2024	Laidley Spring Festival – Friday 8 am to 4 pm Saturday 8 am to 4 pm, Large variety of plants and products – start at the Laidley Cultural Centre and dotted around the town of Laidley
7 & 8 September 2024	Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 58 th Spring Show Saturday 8.30 am to 4 pm Sunday 8.30 am to 2 pm Belmont Shooting Complex \$4.00 (Under 14 free)

8 September 2024 (Sunday)	1 pm. committee/agenda meeting Plantations (Booval). All members are invited to attend our committee meetings.
14 September 2024	IHSI Garden Club next Meeting
28 September 2024 (8.30 am – 3 pm) 29 September 2024 (9am to 1 pm)	Ipswich Garden Spectacular, Silkstone State School, (Orchids, Bromeliads, and many other stalls) \$5.00
28 & 29 September 2024 Saturday 11.30 am – 4.30 pm Sunday 9 am – 3 pm	24 th Annual Rose Show – Robina Community Centre – 196 Robina Town Centre Drive Robina 4226 Admission \$5.00
5 October 2024	IHSI – Our Spring Show & Market Day – market from 7.30 am – Hall Judging from 9.30 am.
12 October 2024	Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo 8 am to 3 pm \$5.00 entry

(The proposed Rotary Spring Garden event for this year has been cancelled due to lack of support.)



Welcome to our newest member:

Lynette Rose. Welcome Lynette – we truly hope you enjoy our Club/events and make many new gardening friends.

To members absent at our last meeting due to illness, we wish you all the best for a speedy recovery and hope to have you back with us again soon.



Lucky Door winners were: Ann Evans (a visitor) and Tina Holland.

Raffle Winners were: 1. Sandra Harvey; 2. Ann Evans; 3. Cheryl Kermond; 4. Helen Murray.

(Thanks to Brian for adding the lovely bunches of stocks to our prize pool.)

(Our trade table this month saw loads of free strawberry plants for members and black pots also free – Thank you Tina.)

For September we have Lenora bringing the Lucky Door prize to the meeting.

Judges' Comments/Selection: (Daphne Ludwig & Kevin Hamment were our Judges)

- Kevin said that the quality at our club was always consistently high, and it was a wonderful display. He said that a lot of the entries on our benches on the day could easily have won. He did volunteer that we were he and Daphne's favourite club to Judge (but we didn't need to let that get out!). The Judges chose as the overall winners:

Helen Murray -

- Best Miscellaneous Cut Flower and Best Cut flower with a perfect white Camelia. Congratulations Helen.

Ashley Haag –

- Best exhibit of show with a collection of vegetables.

Floral Art for September meeting will be:

1	Vase of flowers
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2	Spring is here
3	Float Bowl
4	Split level using two containers

Judges for September will be:

Noel & Heather Prior.

Our Guest Speaker for **September** will be **Rob Wilson (aka Mountain Man)** Honorary Member of our Garden Club. Topic: **Subtropical Rainforest Plants**.

MEMBER NEWS

Every newsletter I ask if any members have news or anything they'd like to share with other members in our newsletter. It can be anything – even if you have some plants at home you wish to sell, anything, give away, or if you know of an event, we might be interested in.

- This month Shaleshni wants to share with you all her Facebook Page and if you go to FB and search for “Shal’s Gardening Australia” you can follow/share her gardening page/story.
- I read an interesting article in the latest edition of Gardening Australia I'd like to share - about our canine friends with their incredible sense of smell and we know they are used at airports to sniff out drugs and increasingly are used to detect illnesses in people. They are now also being trained to “sniff” out endangered flora and fauna species. (Page 19 of the latest edition.)

To those celebrating a birthday in August/September, many happy returns. For those celebrating in August your native birth flower is the beautiful Banksia and for those having a September birthday, your native birth flower is the Geraldton Wax, also called “Wax Flower”.



IHSI Garden Club, Spring Show and Market Day

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024 – set up in our hall Friday 4 October 2024, from 4 p.m. Sticker method again to be used. Class at the top – Exhibitor number at the bottom of the sticker. Sandra will have loads for these on 4 October at set up.

Judging will commence 9.30 am on 5 October.

Tell your friends and family and everyone to come along to support our Market Day and enjoy our show. This year we also have a Photo Competition, photos also to be attached to the photo board the afternoon before at set up. 8” x 6” - No limit to entries. **Anyone can enter.**

- **Spring in the Garden;**
- **Visitors in the Garden.**

Sandra would love to see all members put something(s) on the benches for display and the public will be invited to peruse the hall to enjoy the displays, as well as encourage new members to our Club. October is fast approached. It will be the last fund raiser for our Club for this year, so let's all get potting up bits and pieces as spring approaches to make this a successful event. I will again be working on a raffle and have started asking sponsors for support for our raffle. People ask me what we do with the money raised?¹ We do lots. We pay rent on our hall, insurance, affiliation fees to various bodies, maintenance to our equipment, stationery, fuel/travel money to Judges/Guest speakers, raffle prizes and so it goes on, trophies are replaced and engraved each year, prize money is allocated at both yearly shows.

¹ In particular one gentleman on the floor where I work whose name I won't mention – enquired “*What does a garden club need to raise money for? Do you buy Sherry with it for the meetings?*”

We have one more meeting before the Spring Show. Two of our Judges are travelling from Stanthorpe for the Spring Show – Brian and Mary Burnell, and we have a third Judge Lee Thornycroft. So, let's fill those benches – The Committee are excited with the level of enthusiasm from our new members, and we'll welcome all input from them to our show benches.

Web Page

Colin Power has volunteered his expertise and will begin working on a Web Page for our Club. This will be of huge benefit to our Club in keeping the public updated and informed and in the promotion of our Club continuing to grow and attract members. Thanks Colin.

The Club has purchased a second smaller hanging basket stand as well, with the increase in new memberships for the monthly meetings – so bring your hanging baskets along to the shows – there's more hanging space.

Show Schedule – If you weren't at the last meeting, Sandra asked for suggestions to streamline/update the monthly schedules. If you have any suggestions, please let us know – email one of us or let someone know via phone etc. We can then put all the ideas together.

18 October 2024 - Proposed Trip to Pohlman's Nursery (Gatton) then on to Adare Nursery just down the road (Adare is CASH ONLY). There was sufficient interest from members at the last meeting and a booking has been made for 17 people for the Pohlman's Day (train trip of their 60 acre establishment). \$6.00 per person (pay on the day - cash). Please arrive before 10 am. and the train will be waiting for us – departing at 10 am for the tour. Not limited to Club members, bring your sister, friend, neighbour, whoever. The more the merrier, we can car-pool for this day out. The tour takes one hour, ask as many questions as you like. Pohlman's have no facility for tea/coffee. We'll check out their retail outlet, then on down to Adare's and then a venue to coffee/lunch thereafter to be decided.



If you were not at the meeting want to join us on the day let me know and I shall add your name(s) to the list.

(Helen Rattenbury our booked guest speaker was unable to make the August meeting, recovering from surgery.)

GUEST SPEAKER – JONATHAN GREGORY

Fortunately for us, Jonathan Gregory was able to fill in at very short notice as our guest speaker². Jonathan is a Landscape Architect and has worked as such here and overseas for over 20 years. He lives in Denmark Hill and presented a wonderful talk on Sustainability and Biodiversity using his own garden as an example. He asked us to start by imaging an old Queenslander on a block of land with one mango tree and one very old Camelia, and that was his starting point when he bought in Denmark Hill. Jonathan said biodiversity starts with the SOIL. He started with large trees as a frame and for shade for the plants and shrubs to be planted understory. It's important to have the right tree in the right spot. He is delighted that over the years he has encouraged the local wildlife back to his garden and he now proudly boasts a mating

² Thanks to Sandra for organising Jonathan to visit.

pair of kingfishers (Sandra has posted Jonathan's wildlife photos of our FB page if you wanted to go back and have a look). He has double bars and small finches that all use the understory of the native grasses and smaller spikey plantings and groundcovers for protection. He has incorporated a frog pond, and his bromeliads provide a nesting ground now for the frogs. He uses no chemicals, and his garden is now host to lots of butterflies, skinks and a large carpet python. He spoke of joining one of the many bush care groups around the Ipswich area and also the benefits of the Ipswich City Council's Habitat for Gardens Partnership which entitles members to more free plants per year than just the ones available to us all with our Rate Notices. He gave a great talk, we all enjoyed it and we are all very keen to have a visit to his Garden, which I believe Sandra is organising with Jonathan for our Club to visit.

Jonathan says he enjoyed his visit with us and will attend our Spring Show and Market Day.

Jonathan giving his talk.



Photos from the Show.



Helen's stunning Camelia.







Members, in our library helpfully, we have a copy of the Australian Horticultural Show & Judges Manual, kindly donated by Helen Murray. In there you will find all the things the Judges are looking for in the various classes. You are welcome to borrow, have a read, and return.