



Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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It was wonderful to see so many members and visitors brave the cold for our June meeting to listen to Lynne Chapman's wonderful talk on New Zealand Gardens. Her talk was enthralling and the photos unbelievable – the richness of the plant growth due to the cool and wet climate compared to our hot and dry climate was obvious. A review and photos of Lynne's talk further in the newsletter.

Our next meeting is on **SUNDAY 14th JULY** –

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At Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie

'A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEDICINAL USES OF ROSES'

By

KAREN DAVEY

(Lunch to follow)

"A few months ago, I was asked by the Herb Society to give a talk on Heritage Roses. My brief was to answer their question: "Why should we grow Heritage Roses?" Knowing quite a bit about the history and medicinal uses of old roses, I thought I would answer this from that medicinal point of view, given that my audience mainly planted "useful" plants. The knowledge I already had, had to be put into a chronological order. Beginning with the wonderful *Rosa Damascena* of course, the history spanned from 5000 BCE, from Egypt, India, Anatolia, Middle East, China, The Roman Era, Persia, Syria, Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece. Many polymaths agreed about the benefits of rose products. What is a polymath and what uses did they find for our beloved old roses? I would love to share my research with you. I assure you it is really interesting." *Karen Davey*

HRIa NATIONAL ROSE BOOK

A new Rose Book which has been produced by the National HRIa 'Heritage Roses in our Gardens', similar to a previous book they produced, but this time with a cream background, easier to read, and photographs of more beautiful heritage roses. It is available to purchase for \$10.00 at Falls Farm and for sale at events.

'PRUNING AND SOUP DAY No.1' (LUNCH)

WEDNESDAY 31st JULY from 9.00am onwards

One of our most popular days!!

Everyone is welcome (and needed!) for our annual pruning of the roses at Falls Farm.

You do NOT need to be an experienced pruner. If you know absolutely nothing or very little about pruning heritage roses, come along as there is always someone on hand to help you on how to prune a heritage rose.

It's wonderful practice because then you can tackle your own roses with greater knowledge!

Remember these are heritage roses and therefore are not pruned in the same style as a hybrid tea. Watch someone who is experienced first and then give it a go. Ask as many questions as you need to.

It really is a day full of fun and at the same time achieving a 'must do' task without hassle.

The roses last spring looked absolutely beautiful after we pruned all of them in winter.

WHAT TO BRING:

Your lovely clean and ever so sharp secateurs and hardy gloves (a broom or rake can also come in handy) and you're ready to go.

If you really don't want to prune (and some of us don't), 'rouseabouts' are always most welcome to rake up and dispose of the prunings and do a little weeding along the way.

Also, don't forget your sunhat and suntan lotion (it may be winter but the sun can still have an affect on the skin).

After all that exhausting work, it's then time for our SOUP LUNCH.

Tina is our wonderful lady in charge of organizing our Soup lunch. She would very much appreciate it if you could contact her and let her know if you are bringing a soup (and what type) or something to go with the soups - bread, cheeses, cake etc

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FUNDRAISER – OPEN GARDEN

JAN EASTMAN'S GARDEN

Sunday 27th October

This year as something different, Jan's garden will be open to the public to raise money for HRiA Perth.

On the day we will require volunteers to assist with various activities (admission, teas, stall, etc). Jan has the recipes for the cakes that we will be providing at Morning and Afternoon teas. If you would like to bake a cake (or two) – just ask Jan for the recipe/s.

We would also like to have "rose themed" items to sell and would appreciate it if you, our members, could contribute – i.e. rose petal jams, strike roses and companion plants to sell, cards etc.

Now is the time to start thinking about (and doing) what you think are good ideas to contribute. Maybe you have a good idea but can't 'do' what you're thinking of, suggest it anyway and perhaps another person is able to do it.

If you have any suggestions, please contact Jan perthregionhria@gmail.com

It was decided at the recent Committee meeting that gate takings will be divided 50/50 between Cancer Research and the Perth region. Entry to the garden will be \$5.00. All other takings, Morning/Afternoon teas, sales etc. will be for HRiA Perth.

SPRINGTIME OVERNIGHT TRIP DOWN SOUTH
OVERNIGHTING IN PEMBERTON
THURSDAY 14th AND FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Time is running out to book yourself a place on our trip down south this coming November.

We will be visiting 'Mostly Roses' in Kirup, a 'must see' this wonderful garden full of heritage and modern roses, plus visit the Bridgetown nursery, and Susan Ronk's heritage rose garden in Quinninup. On the last day we will visit a garden in Kangaroo Gully, just out of Bridgetown called "Mattamattup". On the way home we call into Rustic French Living to unwind with retail therapy then home. The Bus is booked and we need to book our Overnight Hotel Accommodation in Pemberton in the very near future as the area is extremely popular in Springtime. Those who have given me your names I have advised the Hotel so that is confirmed. We are just waiting on the final costing of the bus and then I can start to put together the cost for each person which covers the bus and driver, hotel accommodation and entry to 3 gardens. The final cost depends on the amount of people that come so the more the merrier.

The cost does NOT cover lunches on Thursday and Friday, Evening meal on Thursday. *Jan*

If you are interested in going on this trip – please contact Jan as soon as possible by email – perthregion@gmail.com or (m) 0400 013 885



NEW HRiA PERTH NAME TAGS

We have new nametags designed and printed by Melisa – thank you!!

They were given to members present at the June meeting and are much improved on the previous ones.

The nametags are clearer and much easier to read, the person's first name has been enlarged and made more prominent so one can read it from a distance without having to peer closely at it. The surname and HRiA remain on the nametag.

The nametags are available at meetings at Falls Farm, please collect your one.

A REVIEW OF OUR JUNE MEETING

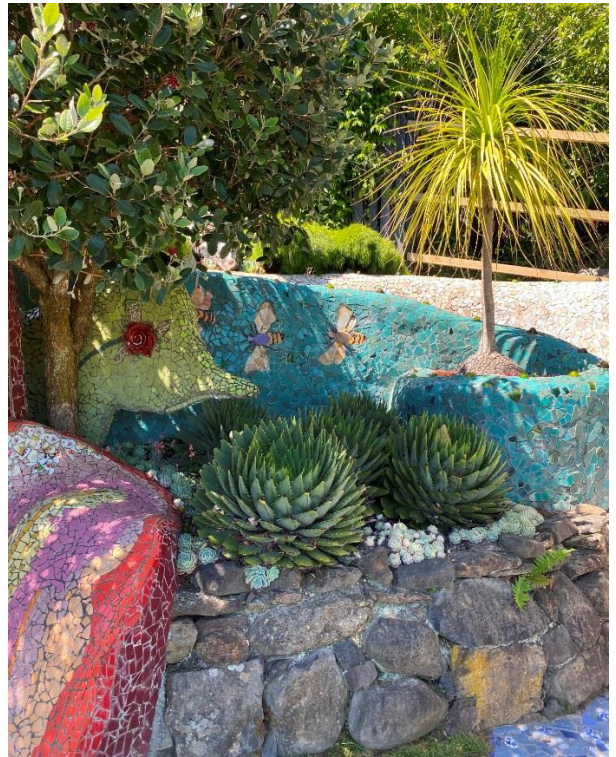
A look at some New Zealand Gardens with Lynne Chapman

Lynne showed us some of the gardens she enjoyed in New Zealand in November 2023 on Deryn Thorpe's Travelrite Tour of the South Island. Although this wasn't a rose tour, there were plenty of roses to be seen and the tour started in the Heritage Rose section of the Christchurch Botanic Garden. There Lynne also showed us Flora and Otto, a large mosaic chair and ottoman made by a group of artists from china broken during the devastating 2011 earthquakes which had such an impact on the area.

The gardens, large and small, all had their own individual style and most were designed to take advantage of the stunning scenery. One highlight was a large country garden where the owner showed how the garden had changed, along with her ideas, over the past fifty years. In contrast, another standout was a smaller, fairly new garden which blends into the surrounding landscape and uses hardy plants that receive minimal intervention. The trend towards using plants native to New Zealand was very evident, as was the passion of the garden owners, making this a truly memorable trip.

Photos of Flora and Otto and of some of the gardens seen on the tour below:





If you look carefully the chair and footstool are not covered in fabric, but mosaics!

Now for some rose photos –



'Rambling Rector'



Climbing 'Cecile Brunner'



'Alister Stella Gray'

PERTH HRIA EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR 2024

All meetings will be at Falls Farm and begin at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

There is a charge of \$5.00 entry at all meetings, unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 14th July at 11.00am

'A Brief History of Medicinal Uses of Roses' - talk
by Karen Davey

**Wednesday 31st July at 9.00am
onwards**

Pruning and 'Soup Day No.1'

Sunday 18th August at 11.00am

'Soup Day No.2'
'Talking about Heritage Roses' – Round Table
(we will choose a rose grown at Falls Farm prior
to the meeting to give a brief information on)

Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th September

Garden Clubs and Societies Fair - Volunteers
required

- Sunday 18th September** 'Roses of Italy and London' Talk by Jan Eastman & Janet Rowe
- Saturday 12th/Sunday 13th October** WA Rose Society Spring Fair – Volunteers required
- Sunday 20th October** Visit to Kate Walker's garden in Brookton (drive yourself). More details later
- Sunday 27th October** Fundraiser 'Open Garden' at Jan Eastman's garden
- Thursday 14th/Friday 15th November** Overnight Trip down South visiting Gardens. More details later
- 8th December** Lunch – Christmas Celebration – more details later

Kind regards

The Committee



Heritage Roses in Australia Inc

HRiA was formed in 1979 and is a fellowship of those people whose aims are to advance the preservation, cultivation, distribution and study of old garden roses, roses no longer in general commercial cultivation, roses of historical importance, species roses and their hybrids.

The organization was formed to bring together people who love and collect old roses, the roses of antiquity and the survivors from Australian colonial gardens.