



KHS AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Hello Fellow Gardeners,

The Next Meeting and Speaker Evening is Monday 15th August, 7.30 pm

Our speaker is the magnificent mum and vivacious Henryka Benson. Her subject is 'Apothecary to Alchemy: the dark arts of plants in medicine, and why it's important for conservation'.

Henryka will look back into the history of how plants were used in our Western/Eastern traditions and how that knowledge is now being looked at here with our indigenous plants and the desire to record our traditional owner's knowledge of medicinal plants.

Henryka has lived in the Macedon Ranges since childhood, her family were the original tree-changers, but they were called hippies or alternative life stylers back then. Living in Cherokee without power in winter was "character building".

Henryka has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Bachelor of Pharmacy* (pending), Graduate Diploma in Education and Graduate Diploma in Geography.

Henryka works in community pharmacy, in the drug and alcohol area particularly opioid addiction and on the family blueberry farm (yes you can get some).

She has worked as an agronomist, in revegetation work, a teacher and was a contributing author to the 2008 Macedon Ranges Environmental Strategy. Henryka has significant interest in the effects of climate change on health in humans, animals and plants. She also has a keen interest in integrated pest management, boutique agriculture/horticulture and growing produce for self-sufficiency.

Her home garden in town has over 20 fruit trees, heaps of berries and grapes, spuds and other veggies. She is on a first name basis with the Parcel Postie – he just smiles and says "more plants Henryka".

In her spare time, she is in the garden or in the kitchen putting home produce to good use or planning her next trip to Europe. She is a mother of 5. For RnR she plays chess.... badly.

Monday 15th August 7.30pm Football club, Showgrounds, Mollison St
Kyneton

Our Speaker nights are opportunities to learn and share ideas. **Bring** friends (\$5 entry), contribution to supper if you can, and your sense of humour. Also a place to show off something from your garden and share surplus plants, cuttings or produce.

KHS SPRING FLOWER SHOW

ONLY **4** WEEKS TO GO! Here's some reminders

The Show is on the 3rd and 4th of September

This is the first Flower Show we have been able to hold for more than two years so please let's make it a fantastic one!

Join in, enter the friendly competition, or just please come. Tell your friends, bring your families and enjoy the experience. Members, please help promote our Show through your social media, facebook, instagram, etc..

And for something special we have a new category in the competition 'The Jubilee Section', to celebrate this year being the Queen's Jubilee. Have a go all you Royalists!

Please, if you can, pot up a few plants for the plant sale at the show. If you are lifting any of your perennials or grasses to refresh and divide, put a few divisions into pots, or if you have lots, wrap divisions in newspaper and then into a styrofoam box - easy, done! Don't forget, **black** pots please, and **label**. We have a box of black pots and bundles of labels at each meeting for you to use if you don't have any.

Please bring plant contributions to Watts Pavilion during these hours when it's open:

Friday morning 9 - 11.30am or afternoon 5 - 7pm

or early Saturday 8 - 10 am before judging the show begins.

Thankyou to all members who have volunteered to help. It will be fun and many hands make light work!

To enter, please go to our website and read the Schedule:
<https://www.khs1894.com/>

OTHER Gardeny bits and pieces - Plenty to do and see.

- GUMBO Garden shop has a closing down/ End of Lease Sale on right now, Open Thursday to Sunday 10 to 4.
- Mt Macedon Horticultural Society will be resuming their Plant Lovers Fair on 1st & 2nd October 2022 in the grounds of Bolobek.
- <https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/> has wealth of things to visit, learn about and experience, including their first open Garden for the new season being at Stephen Ryan's garden.
- Don't forget about our neighbouring Botanic Gardens are always inspiring places to visit, eg., Whitehills in Bendigo, Castlemaine, Wombat Hill Daylesford, Ballarat. and, our Shire's, Kyneton Malmsbury and Gisborne.
- Apologies, but our proposed **September Speaker evening has to be cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances. But you'll be happy to know that we have now re-booked Simon Griffiths with his Photographic Splendour for May '23.

WHAT TO DO IN THE FRUIT AND VEGIE GARDEN

Do have a read of Duncan's Edible Gardening newsletters. They're so inspiring even in this cold weather, and information packed! Subscribe.

www.leafrootandfruit.com.au



This photograph was taken of a Flower Show held in Kyneton Town Hall. Can you guess what year?

LOCAL GARDEN HISTORY

These articles are kindly researched and provided by our in-house historian Mal Closter. Thanks Mal.

KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW

As will be seen in a report in another column, the Horticultural Show, opened yesterday, is a decided success, and the promoters deserve credit for their public spirit in forming an association likely to prove so beneficial to the district. It is a pity there were not more entries but, no doubt, by the time of the next show there will be an improvement in this respect. Some of the flowers which were, of course, locally grown, would grace any show, and we may expect that by next year there will be larger number of local exhibits. The immediate effect of the show should be increased attention will be given to flower and vegetable gardens of the town and district. Very little land is required to produce flowers and vegetables, and the cultivation of both is desirable for obvious reasons. The show will be continued this evening, at it is to be hoped that the people of the district will mark their appreciation by attending in large numbers.

KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The committee of arrangements in connection with the above show, which is being held in the Mechanics' Institute under the auspices of the Kyneton Agricultural Society, have for a considerable time have been exerting themselves to ensure the success of the exhibition, which is the first of the kind that has been held in Kyneton apart from the agricultural show, without a shadow of doubt, will be attended with the most gratifying results. The entries numbered 259, distributed as follows: - Pot plants and cut flowers, 86; fruit, 37; vegetables, 71; roots, 31; and grain 34. In addition to the exhibits entered for competition there are a large number in the hall for exhibition purposes only. The majority of the exhibits are displayed on stalls erected down the middle of the hall, the remainder being arranged on the stage, along a portion of the northern wall, and in the south room. The collection in the main hall consists solely of flowers, plants, fruits, and foliage, and that in the south room of vegetables and cereals. On entering the hall the first display that greets the eye is one of dahlias on the cross table on the main stand. The first table on the left hand going west is loaded with fuchsias, pansies, cut flowers in holders, pot plants, and a rich variety of other flowers neatly arranged. The centre table is entirely occupied by fruit, the exhibits being varied and attractive. On the next table cut flowers largely predominate. At the corner table, and all along the other side coming east, a rich profusion of flowers, fruits, evergreens, and pot plants are arranged with faultless taste and order. The collection and arrangement of flowers and foliage on the stage, with fairy lamps interspersed amongst it, is an imposing picture, as is also the collection along a portion of the northern wall. The whole display looks brilliant, tasteful, and magnificent, and reflects credit on the stewards, on the arrangers, on Mrs, Hyndman and her daughters, who erected the stalls, and on Mr. W. Orames, who rendered good assistance in completing the arrangements. The most attractive exhibits in the main hall are amongst the cut flowers, which are varied and beautiful, the bridal bouquet of Miss Hyndman, and the numerous other bouquets, sprays, and epergnes receiving the full share of public attention to which they are justly entitled. The collection of vegetables and cereals is a very good one, the exhibits being of rare merit. They need to be inspected to be

admired. They have all been raised in Kyneton district, to which they do every credit. One of the pumpkins on view weighs 80lbs. – it is of the mammoth species, and is exhibited by Mr. A. E. Strachan.

Yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, Mr. D. Smith, J.P. (President of the Shire of Kyneton), opened the exhibition, remarking that he was highly gratified to see so large a display of exhibits, and the manner in which they were arranged. He then paid tribute to those who had brought about the show, which he felt would be crowned with success. The entries were very good for an inaugural exhibition of the kind, and there was no gainsaying the fact, by the interest shown in the matter, that next year's horticultural show would without doubt, be one of considerable dimensions – too large to hold in the Mechanics' Institute. In conclusion, he wished that every success would attend the show, which he had much pleasure in declaring open. (Applause.) The attendance at the opening ceremony was not large, but the threatening nature of the weather no doubt interfering with it. During the afternoon great interest was taken in the proceedings by the spectators. Pianoforte selections were rendered by Miss Dobinson, Miss Elliott, Miss Spencer, and Miss Carlisle. During the evening, although the weather was unpropitious, there was a large attendance from 8 o'clock until the closing hour, all present taking the deepest interest in the entertainment. The Phoenix Band at 7 o'clock played a programme of excellent music in the rotunda, and during the evening an orchestra (consisting of Messrs. Withers, Begg, and Lowther) played selections from the gallery, and Miss Carlisle, Miss Eva McDonald, and Miss Maud Hall contributed pianoforte selections – the whole going merrily as a marriage bell.

The show will be continued today. As it is well worth a visit of inspection, those who have not yet seen it should not miss the opportunity of so doing before the occasion is lost. A concert by well-known local amateurs will be given in the evening.

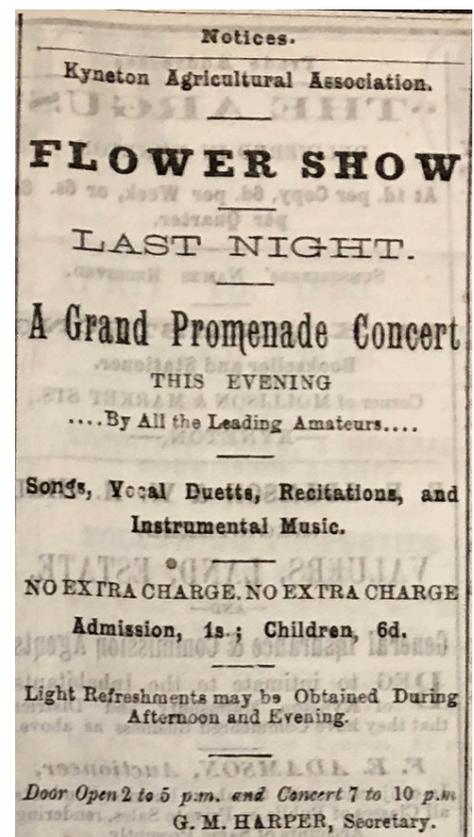
The following is a list of the gentlemen who acted as judges yesterday: - Pot plants and cut flowers, Mr. Smith, Eaglehawk; Mr. D. Evans, junr., Tylden. Vegetables and roots, Mr. Woodmason, Malvern. Grain, Messrs. E. Baldwin and N. Blencowe, Kyneton; The stewards include Mr. R. I. Argyle (president of the Agricultural Association), Mr. O. Brown, Mr. G. Laver, Mr. W. Murray, Mr. J. E. Andrews, and Mr. J. F. Crewther, all of whom, with secretary (Mr. G. M. Harper), worked hard yesterday in carrying out the arrangements to the satisfaction and comfort of all concerned. Mrs. Strachan, of the Coffee Palace, supplied afternoon and evening tea at a reasonable tariff.

Kyneton Guardian 13th April 1893.

The Best Gardening Radio Program Are you missing out?

Just in case you didn't see my previous rant, here's some info.

For over 25 years I have been involved with the Community Radio Gardening show, (3CR). I have learned so much from the presenters who, invariably, are committed 'Plant Nuts', just as I have become.



It is presented by volunteers from all aspects of horticulture, be they horticultural educators, plant breeders, propagators, nursery owners, wholesale growers and retailers, horticultural media, authors, staff from the Botanic gardens, revegetators, pest and weed experts, the Nursery and Garden Industry body, to name a few.

Every Sunday morning at least three of the presenters get up really early to travel from afar into Collingwood to the Radio station to talk about horticulture, for our pleasure and education. There are no sponsors or pay, they are all volunteering their time and expertise. There are no advertisements, just 'plant talk'. Every week the show is different according to what these presenters have brought to the table, and what questions that you, the listeners, may pose. They even do homework on our behalf if necessary. I think it is a hidden treasure!

Details: 3CR is Live on Sunday mornings 7.30 am to 9.15 am, 855 on the AM band (which is one station up from ABC 774 AM). However due to our distance from the station, the reception can be a bit hit and miss, so its' better if you can go online and listen. Two options: If you want to listen live., go to www.3cr.org.au, choose the gardening show, or, you can download a free radio app - eg. www.radio.net, which has excellent quality audio.

If you want to listen later at any time (so you could sleep in), 3CR have each show podcasted for 4 weeks. This enables you to listen to the program again in case you missed something. www.3cr.org.au Happy listening
Margot

