

*Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Western Australia Inc.*

**Minutes of meeting  
held in Melville Guide Hall, Kitchener Road, Melville  
1030am Monday 16 November, 2020**

**Our Society aims** to provide information and encouragement on growing genera of the Geraniaceae family as well as creating a happy and welcoming atmosphere.

**Office Bearers:** Chairperson Faye Ward, Secretary Jane Fletcher, Treasurer Nicole Elliott

**Chairperson** welcomed all members and explained the reason for signing the attendance sheet (for insurance purposes) and the \$2.00 door entry fee, which pays for our morning tea. The Raffle table is generously donated by the members.

**Apologies** were received from Rob Gibbons, Diana Hewison, Audrey Holland, Anne Cottrill, Mary Matsoucas, Betty Blakeway, Kate Spencer, Gwen Cherry, Lara-Kate Rubina, Meg Geyer, Carol Buchanan, Margaret Bone, Jeanine Grieve-Murray. Apologies may be sent via mail@gapswa.org.au if more convenient for you.

**Minutes** of our last meeting 19 October, 2020 were electronically distributed. That they be approved, moved by Elizabeth MacColl, Seconded by Wendy Antonovsky, carried.

**Financial Report** Nicole Elliott, treasurer, presented the financial update from March 2020 until 31 October, 2020

<b>Term Deposit</b>	Opening Nil	Closing \$20,000
<b>Account 155487 Members Account</b>	Opening \$2,317.55	Closing \$2,865.29
<b>Account 293 839 Society Account</b>	Opening \$25,797.93	Closing \$5,959.33

**Committee Meeting** There will be a committee meeting today.

**Post Office Box** There has been no mail received this month.

**Secretary** requested to take Minute Book home for one month. All in favour.

**Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair** The dates for this event are 20 & 21 February 2021

**Correspondence:** A letter from Helen Martin-Beck, The WA Horticultural Council Inc. Executive Office was received 21 October, 2020 requesting our Society's interest in the upcoming Plant Fair in February 2021. The letter was forwarded electronically to all members and it was noted that we have enough growers who want to sell at the Plant Fair. A letter to Helen Martin-Beck advised her that we would definitely want to sell plants at the Plant Fair February 2021. Suggestions from our members, for social distancing, were also included in the letter as requested by Helen.

**Letter from Rosemary Parker, President, York Garden Club Inc.:** A letter inviting a member from our Society to come and talk to them about geraniums and pelargoniums was received. They would like advice on soil, habitat and varieties. They would pay \$50 and provide lunch. Members were asked if anyone was able to go to York for this and Marti McAlister and Jane Fletcher volunteered. The date has since been set for 3 March 2021.

**Several items of correspondence** were received regarding the website and will be part of the Committee meeting discussion.

**Bentley Pines Lunch Tuesday 24 November, 2020** Members going to Bentley Pines restaurant were reminded to be there by 1130 for a 1200 start. If you have special dietary requirements please contact them directly before the day.

**Karen Hopkins Sale Day** Karen has offered to have a sale day at her home in Mandurah on Monday 30 November. An email will be sent to all members with information about this opportunity.

**January Meeting** Sabrina Hahn will be our guest speaker for the January meeting. Marion Hood will be buying two bottles of wine for Sabrina. We would like to give Sabrina two plants as well. Suggestions for these two plants please contact the Secretary asap.

**December Meeting** The Christmas Meeting is a social meeting. Please bring a SMALL plate to share. We will be selling plants at the December meeting.

**Hints and Tricks in the Garden** Faye Ward said Anne Vaughan described a three year cycle with pelargoniums. The first year is growing from the cutting. The second year is an established plant. The third year the plant is the Mother plant and can provide cuttings. However, Faye went on to mention that some of her own plants are twenty years old!! (Much laughter!)

Karen Hopkins said that now is the right time to start deadheading your regals. If you want to take cuttings in February/March you must do this cutting back now so that new growth is stimulated and from that new growth, then that will be your cutting. If you don't take the old flowers off there will be no new growth.

**Website** The Committee will further discuss the website today.

**Library Books** Wendy our Librarian has provided a table display near the signing in table. Wendy has started a chapter named Our Bookshelf in the monthly gapswa notes. Each month two books will be highlighted and a precis provided for them. These books will then be on the display table for members to explore further and perhaps borrow. There is a \$5 refundable borrowing fee. Wendy is collecting suggestions for books to buy for the Society. A special request from the members was that the books be for Australian growing conditions. Please make your suggestions to Wendy.

**Sale of Plants at November meeting** Plants continue to be sold outside the building before the meeting. There have been good sales today. Thank you to Karen Hopkins for providing the tables for these plant sales. December meeting sellers are Marti McAlister, Kathy Lowry, and Jane Fletcher.

**Parading the Pelargoniums** Kathy Lowry and Judi Grant gave a lovely and colourful demonstration on how to make beautiful tasty Christmas food using geraniums and pelargoniums as some of the ingredients. Photographs and recipes for these dishes will be included in the gapswa notes this month. Thank you Kathy and Judi for presenting this and letting us eat the lovely food afterwards.

**Showette** Lila Patten and Lois Sharpe talked about the various showettes members brought in today. Blooms were provided by Lila Patten, Karen Hopkins, Faye Ward, Kathy Lowry, Theresa Davis, Elizabeth MacColl, and Joyce Rowe. Plants shown were Rhonda - Ivy, Blue Bird - Regal, Ashkam - Regal, Patricia - Rosebud Ivy, a mauve regal, Beauty of Jersey - Ivy and one unknown. Photos of the showettes will be placed in the gapswa notes this month. Chocolates were given out to the judges and the showette contributors.

**Clearing the Hall** A gentle reminder to all members that it would be great if lots of people could help clear the hall at the end of today's meeting. Also, the hall needs to be set up and this starts when the doors open at 930am. Many hands do make light work of this big job. Thank you to everyone who helps with the hall preparation.

**Morning Tea** A big thank you to Margaret Sojan for setting up the tea and coffee table and preparing the food table. Thank you to Dorothy Walling for helping with food preparation today. Thank you to Marti McAlister, Rae Dunstan and Jane Fletcher for food for the table and also to Kathy Lowry and Judi Grant for letting us eat their Christmas fare. Next meeting is our Christmas meeting. Can everyone please bring a SMALL plate of food to be shared.

**Raffle Table** Thank you to all those who contributed items to the Raffle Table. Thank you for your donation and it is a wonderful way to add to our gardens.

**Next meeting is Monday 21st December.** There was a good show of hands of members who plan to attend the Christmas meeting.

**Meeting closed at 1145 am.**

**Signed Chairperson.....Date.....**