

*Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Western
Australia Inc.*

MINUTES OF MEETING

held in the Guide Hall, Kitchener Road, Melville
at 1040am on Monday 19 October, 2020

Chairperson Faye welcomed members. She reminded members to park correctly and to make sure they had signed in.

Apologies Nicole Elliott, Anne Cottrill, Meg Geyer, Jessie Jones, Thelma Tanner, Susannah Umbras, Peter Delle Coste

Apologies can also be sent via mail@gapswa.org.au if more convenient for you.

Minutes Minutes of our last meeting of 21 September 2020 were electronically distributed. That they be received, moved by Elizabeth MacColl, seconded by Marion Hood, carried.

Committee Meeting There was a committee meeting at the end of September meeting. Chairperson asked Wendy Antonovsky (librarian) to attend meeting. Wendy Antonovsky was elected to the Committee, moved by Karen Hopkins and seconded by Kathy Lowry.

Correspondence Letter from The Western Australian Horticultural Council Inc. received 21 October, 2020. This letter was forwarded to all members on 23 October,

2020 as they were asking if we were selling at the Fair. We will be selling at the Plant Fair and members comments regarding physical distancing have been forwarded.

White Willow Bark Powder Mary Matsoucas has donated a box full of small bags of white willow bark powder. This is a natural rooting hormone that some members use to help with rooting cuttings. Each small bag is \$2 and the proceeds are donated to gapswa. As it is usually sold in 1 kg bags and only a tiny amount is used, it is very kind of Mary to donate this powder and enable any members interested to try it out for the small cost of \$2. Thank you Mary Matsoucas.

November Meeting Judi Grant and Kathy Lowry will be presenting their demonstration on how to make Christmas foods incorporating geraniums and pelargoniums. Pudding, cake, geranium decoration for cake, drinks made from geraniums etc. The recipes are simple and there will be a handout of the recipes for you to try at home.

December Meeting is the Christmas meeting.

January Meeting Sabrina Hahn will be our guest speaker.

Lunch at Bentley Pines TAFE Tuesday 24 November

Members attending Bentley Pines, Hayman Road, Bentley, are reminded to be there at 1130am for a 1200 noon start. If you have special dietary requirements please contact

the restaurant before the day. Their phone number is 926 77219. There is free parking.

The WA Horticultural Council Inc. The South Perth Community Centre is booked for 20 & 21 February 2021 Societies' Fair.

COVID-19 social distancing restrictions will be in place. More information will be released as it becomes available. Members wishing to sell to contact Jane. Ernie Laidlaw reported on the last meeting of the Horticultural Council.

Wish List Book on entrance table. For people wishing to buy plants and people selling plants.

Library books are on display at each meeting now. Wendy, our librarian will be near the table if you have any questions.

Plant selling outside Plant selling has gone well this meeting. Members are happy for plant sales to stay outside the building.

People selling plants at November meeting are Karen Hopkins, Kathy Lowry, Carol Buchanan. Karen is happy to provide tables for people selling plants. Thank you to Karen Hopkins for providing tables for plant selling. This is most helpful to the society as the tables inside the Hall are not to be taken outside.

Talk on hybridising and growing pelargoniums and geraniums from seed by Kate Spencer

Kate Spencer has given a comprehensive talk with diagrams and examples of her own hybridisations. This was a wonderfully informative talk and everyone was able to ask Kate lots of questions. Thank you Kate for an illuminating talk. The talk has been transcribed and will be attached to the gapswa notes. These notes will be sent out before the November meeting.

Showettes Kate Spencer identified Red Sybil, a rosebud ivy, which opens up like a perfect little rose. This would be a good plant to hybridise from however you would have to wait until the flower completely opened and look for the correct parts to breed from.

The next plant was P. Carnosum a species pelargonium and grows with a thick succulent stem. Lady Charlotte, beautiful dark zone on leaf. Thornlands Marble has big, fan shaped rosebud type flowers. Edwards Cameo, big bright rounded flowers. Everyone was delighted that zonartic Lara Happy was identified as this was thought to have disappeared from Western Australia. There were three other pelargoniums whose names were unknown. Thank you everyone who brought along a showette. It was such a beautiful educational segment. The photos of these plants and flowers will be included in the gapswa notes this month. Thanks to Kate.

Swallowtail Garden Seeds Marti McAlister mentioned that Swallowtail Garden seeds in America sell geranium seeds. The zonal and ivy seeds are classified as annual geraniums and there are two geraniums under the perennials.

Admission of new members The members decided that there be no new members until the social distancing laws are changed.

Morning Tea for November meeting Kate Spencer and Marti McAlister and Jane Fletcher will contribute to the morning tea table. Thank you to the members who provided food for the morning tea. It is a highlight of the meeting and greatly appreciated by all.

Clearing the Hall The Chairperson asked if members would like to stay at the end of the meeting to clear the hall. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Raffle Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the raffle table.

The next meeting is 1030am 16 November, 2020. Plants for sale from 1000am-1030am before meeting.
The next committee meeting is after the 16 November, 2020 meeting.

Meeting closed 1135am

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Chairperson.....
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