

Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain

An oasis in the heart of the city — giving Sydney life!

Open: 7 am – sunset
Ph: 9231 8111; 24 hour emergency contact: 0419 270 279
www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au

Coming to the Royal Botanic Gardens — Train: Exit at St James, Martin Place or Circular Quay.

Ferry: Walk from Circular Quay.
Bus: Take the 441, 200 or Sydney Explorer bus. **Car:** Metered parking along Mrs Macquaries Road or Domain Parking Station.
Botanic Gardens Restaurant & Café: Palm Grove Centre. Ph: 9241 2419
Pavilion on the Park Restaurant, Café and Kiosk: Domain. Ph: 9232 1322

Palace Gate Café: Palace Garden Gate. Ph 9247 5058
Shop on the Hop: Mrs Macquaries Point.
Gardens Shop: Gifts, books, souvenirs. Open 7 days. Ph: 9231 8125
Trackless Train Gardens Tours: Operates daily (weather permitting) 9.30 am – 5 pm. \$10 adults, \$5 child/ conc.

Sydney Tropical Centre: Exotic and native plants from misty mountains and lowland forests. Entry: Family \$8.80, Adult \$4.40, Seniors \$3.30, Child/ Conc \$2.20. Free entry for Friends of The Gardens. Featuring the orchid & carnivorous plant exhibition, Sex & Death. Open: 10 am – 4 pm.

View west to the city



Sun 2 March
Sydney Harbour Swim Classic
 Community Swim event in Sydney Harbour incl. 1 km Mini Swim Classic and 2 km Swim Classic. **7 am – 11.30 am. QEII Gate. Go to www.sydneyharbourswim.com for more information.**

Tues 4 – Tues 25 March
Outdoor Oil Painting
 Take your easel around the Gardens and capture the moment with John Perkins **10 am – 4 pm (Tuesdays only) Education Centre. \$400. Enquiries: 9231 8134**

Thu 13 March
Plants Of The Bible
 An illustrated talk followed by a walk in the Gardens **10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Maiden Theatre. \$18 ★\$12 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182**

Thurs 20 March
From The Crown to the People
 Discover why the transition of land from the Governor's Private Domain to the Botanic Gardens more than doubled the size of the Gardens. **10.15 am. Maiden Theatre & Palace Gardens Precinct. \$11 ★\$10 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8134**



Thurs 3 April
Botanica 2008 Opening Night Party
 Join Australia's favourite cook Maggie Beer at this cocktail party opening of the Botanica exhibition.

6 pm – 8 pm. Lion Gate Lodge. \$45 ★\$35 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182

Fri 4 – Sun 20 April
Botanica 2008 — The Fruits of our Labour
 Over 100 paintings by leading botanical artists to enjoy and buy. **10 am – 4 pm daily, Thurs to 8pm. Lion Gate Lodge. Free Admission. Enquiries: 9231 8182**

Mon 7 April – Fri 20 June weekdays and selected weekends
Margaret Flockton Award Exhibition
 Scientific botanical illustration at its best in the Red Box Gallery, National Herbarium of NSW. **Open over the weekends 5 & 6 April and 12 & 13 April. Enquiries: 9231 8111**



2007 Winner, Lesley Randal

Sat 12 April
Friends Book Sale
 Purchase pre-loved books on horticulture, the environment, garden design and related topics. **10 am – 4 pm. Maiden Theatre. Free Admission. Enquiries: 9231 8182**

Sat 12 April
Growing Friends' Plant Sale
 An opportunity to purchase special plants. **9 am – 1 pm. Growing Friends Nursery. Free Admission. Enquiries: 9231 8182**

Mon 14 – Thurs 24 April
Spudz4Kidz
 Kids holiday activity program all about the humble potato — plant, harvest, sculpt mashed potato and join in potato games to celebrate the United Nations Year of the Potato. **10.30 am to 12 pm & 1 pm to 2.30 pm daily (Mon – Fri only). Education Centre. \$11 per child. Bookings: 9231 8134**

Tues 15 – Wed 16 April
The Beauty of Insects Illustration Course
 A short course designed to provide students with an introduction to acute attention to detail required in scientific illustration, taught by Barbara Duckworth. **10 am – 4 pm, Fridays. Education Centre. \$190 ★\$173. Bookings: 9231 8134**

Tues 15 April
The National Trust Heritage Festival — Celebrating Our Place
 Aboriginal Education Officer, Clarence Slockee will highlight the particular significance the Gardens has to the Cadigal people. **10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Maiden Theatre. \$18 ★\$12 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182**

Thurs 17 April
Personal Favourites — Plants of the Royal Botanic Gardens
 A selection of special plants chosen by the Gardens' Volunteer Guides will be the focus of this enjoyable walk. **10.15 am. Moore Room. \$11 ★\$10 ♡ Enquiries: 9231 8134**

Fri 18 April
Lucy Smith's Trip on the Endeavour
 Retrace the voyage of Capt. James Cook in the Endeavour replica with Lucy Smith, guest artist at Botanica 2008. **10.30 am – 11.30 am. Maiden Theatre. \$15 ★\$10. Bookings: 9231 8182**



Fri 25 – Sun 27 April
Ikebana
 Installation by the Sogetsu School of Ikebana. **Farm Cove. Free. Enquiries: 9231 8134**

Mon 28 April – Mon 23 June
Botanical Illustration Evening Course
 Learn the basics of botanical illustration with Catherine Wardrop. **6 pm – 9 pm Mondays. Education Centre. \$380 ★\$345. Bookings: 9231 8134**

Wed 7 May
Sensational Sicily
 The gardens, gastronomy, art and history to be experienced on the Friends October 2008 tour of Sicily. **10.30 am – 12 noon. Maiden Theatre. \$15 ★\$10 Bookings: 9231 8182**

Thurs 8 – Fri 9 May
Acrylic Still-life
 Learn to paint still-life with acrylics with Charlotte Thodey. **9.30 am – 4 pm. Friends Cottage. \$266 ★\$240 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182**

Thurs 15 May
Threatening Species: Australians behaving badly abroad and visitors displacing our locals

A short talk on the economic and biodiversity impacts of weeds will be followed by a walk in the Botanic Gardens to uncover some of these gremlins of the plant world. **10.15 am. Maiden Theatre. \$11 ★\$10 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8134**

Tues 20 – Fri 23 May
Botanical Painting Master Class
 A four-day workshop with Beverly Allen focusing on autumn (for experienced painters). **9.30 am – 4 pm. Friends Cottage. \$590 ★\$530 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182**

Thurs 29 May
Flannel Flower Forensics
 Murray Henwood, Senior Lecturer in plant systematics at Sydney Uni, will introduce you to the range of morphological and ecological variation in this fascinating genus. **12 noon – 1.30 pm. Maiden Theatre. \$18 ★\$12 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182**



ALL AUTUMN Free Guided Walks
 Led by trained, knowledgeable volunteers. **10.30 am daily (except public holidays). 1 pm Mon – Fri. Depart Gardens Shop.**

Flowers In Bloom



- ★ Friends' Discount
- ♡ Refreshments included
- E Free Event. Garden entry fee applies

Mount Tomah Botanic Garden

The mountain garden. Located 1000 metres above sea level in the northern Blue Mountains.

The Garden features plants of the Southern Hemisphere mountains, native birds, cascades and waterfalls.

Open: 10 am – 4 pm

Entry: Family \$8.80, Adult \$4.40,

Seniors \$3.30, Child/Conc \$2.20. Free entry for Friends of The Gardens.

Gardens Shop: Unique gifts including quality local artwork. Open 7 days. Ph: 4567 2154.

Guided Tours & Educational Services: Book a guided garden tour on 4567 3012. For school education programs call 4567 3015.

Botanic Gardens Restaurant: Modern Australian cuisine with stunning views. Available for weddings/functions. Daily 10 am – 4 pm. Ph: 4567 2060.

Picnic Facilities: Picnic & free barbecue facilities. Wheelchair accessible paths. Ph: 4567 2154.

Venue Hire: Outdoor & indoor venues. Ph: 4567 3012.

By car from Sydney: Take the M2 and M7 tollways. Turn off at Richmond Rd exit and continue until reaching Bells Line of Rd (35 mins from Richmond). Ph: 4567 2154.

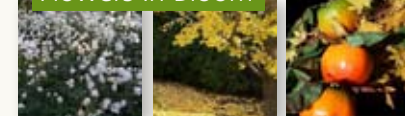
From Katoomba: Great Western Hwy to Mount Victoria. Turn right at traffic lights and follow signs to Mount Tomah Botanic Garden.



Nature's fireworks: see Mount Tomah erupt in autumn

Bees Buzzabout Adventure Quest
 Buzz about the garden & help Beatie & Beatrix Bee find who is killing the bees! Along the way find out how many sorts of native bees there are and how bees make honey. This family self-guided adventure takes about an hour to complete. **10 am – 4 pm. \$3 pp plus Garden entry fee. Enquiries 4567 2154**

Flowers In Bloom



Sat 23 Feb – Sun 2 March
Plants With Bite — Carnivorous Plant Fair
 A celebration of carnivorous plants, the nine day festival will include talks and a carnivorous plant fair. For talk times visit our website.

Visitor Centre E Enquiries: 4567 2154

Wed 12 March
Seniors Day
 To coincide with Seniors week — free volunteer guided walks and people mover tours. **10 am – 5 pm. Free entry for senior card holders. Enquiries: 4567 2154**

Sat 19 & Sun 20 April
Fire Your Fruits! Botanical Illustration Course
 Barbara Duckworth will give you the opportunity to discover and develop your skills as she fires up your fruits with the colour of autumn over this two-day workshop. **10 am – 4 pm. Wollemi Room. \$160 ★\$144. Bookings: 4567 3014**

Sat 3 May
Autumn Harvest Food & Wine Fair
 A must for foodies featuring fresh produce from the famous orchards of Bilpin, cooking demonstrations, wine tasting from Mudgee, guided walks and a gourmet sausage sizzle. **9 am – 4 pm. Formal Garden E Enquiries: 4567 2154**

Thurs 8 May
Day Trip to Mount Tomah
 Friends' day trip to Mount Tomah to enjoy spectacular autumn colour. **8.30 am – 6 pm. Departs from Central Station \$55 ★\$45 Details with booking confirmation Ph: 9231 8182**

Wed 14 May
Creating Country Gardens

 Gardening columnist Fiona Ogilvie will describe how gardens have influenced her ideas for design and planning. **10.30 am – 12 noon. Wollemi Room. \$18 ★\$12 ♡ Bookings: 9231 8182**

Thurs 15 May to Thurs 19 June
Greening the Silver City: Seeds of Bush Regeneration
 The travelling Powerhouse exhibition highlights the collaboration between community and industry in creating one of the first bush regeneration sites in Australia at Broken Hill. **10 am – 4 pm. Visitors Centre. Enquiries: 4567 2154**

All Autumn
Touching Time Audio Tour
 Garden's audio tour tells the story of the evolution of Australian flora. Hire an MP3 player from the Visitor Centre to guide you through important sections of the Garden which illustrate this evolution. **10 am – 4 pm. \$5.50 pp plus Garden entry fee. Enquiries: 4567 2154**

Mount Annan Botanic Garden

Australian plant garden situated at the gateway to the Southern Highlands.

The Garden features 416 hectares of native plants, birds, mammals and reptiles and over 30 km of walking and cycling tracks.

Open: 10 am – 4 pm
Entry: Family \$8.80, Adult \$4.40, Seniors \$3.30, Child/Conc \$2.20.

Free entry for Friends of The Gardens.

Guided Tours and Educational Services: Large range of tours available including the Wollemi Walk of Discovery. Free guided tours of the central loop every other day. School tours also available. Ph: 4634 7935
Gardens Shop: Large range of Australian, botanically-inspired giftware and native plants.

Botanic Gardens Restaurant: Modern Australian cuisine. Open lunch daily, breakfast Sat & Sun, dinner Fri and Sun. Ph: 4647 1363

Facilities: picnic, shelters & free BBQ facilities. Wheelchair accessible paths.

Weddings and Venue Hire: Magnificent locations for wedding ceremonies and photography. State-of-the-art conference facility. Great locations for your next corporate, social

picnic or team-building day.

Ph: 4634 7903

By car from Sydney: M5 Motorway to the 2nd Campbelltown exit (Narellan Road). Follow the exit signs to Camden and turn left at the 3rd set of lights after the exit.

Public Transport: Only available on Sundays. Book the shuttle bus from Campbelltown Station. Bookings essential: 4634 7935

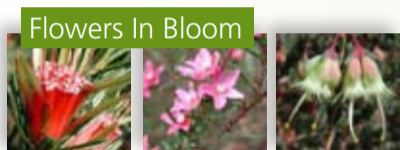


Fri 29 Feb, Sun 2 March, Fri 7 Mar
Gastronomical Star Nights

Enjoy grazing on sumptuous food from our restaurant while learning about the heavens. **7 pm dinner 8:30 pm star gazing. The Gardens Restaurant. \$51 ★\$46. Bookings: 4647 1363**

Wed 12 March, 2 April & 7 May

NSW Seed bank Guided Tours
Discover seed banking for conservation.



11am. Visitor Centre. \$10 pp. E
Bookings: 4634 7935

Sat 15/Sun 16 March

Autumn Plant Sale
Guest speakers include Gardening Australia's Angus Stewart & Garden Guru's Deane Boone. **10 am – 4 pm each day. Main Carpark. E Enquiries: 4634 7935**

Sun 16 March

Harvest Food and Wine Fair
Try the local fare from the Macarthur Region. **10 am – 3 pm. Lakeside. E Enquiries: 4634 7935**

Sun 6 April

Bushwalking Basics
Learn to bushwalk in safety and with experienced guides. Morning and afternoon walks available.
10.15 am – 3.45 pm. Meet at central carpark. \$10 pp. Min. age 8 yrs must be accompanied by adult. Bookings essential: 4634 7935

Wed 9 April

Seniors Free for All
Free entry, free yoga and morning tea for Seniors. **10 am – 4 pm. Enquiries: 4634 7935**

Mon 21 – Fri 25 April

School Holiday Activities
Orienteering, craft and bushwalking for kids. **9 am – 4 pm. Education Centre. \$25/child/day or \$110/child/week ★\$22.50/child/day or \$100/child/week. Bookings: 4634 7935**

Sat & Sun 3 & 4 May

Camp Class 101
Always wanted to go camping? We'll teach you how. **2 pm Sat – 11 am Sun; Central Carpark \$50/child, \$80/adult (incl. 2 meals, tuition and equipment) Bookings essential: 4634 7935**

Sun 18 May

Watering Sydney
Tour of historic water canals **9.30 am – 11.30 am; Visitor Centre Carpark. \$25, ★\$15 Bookings: 9231 8182**

Sun 11 May

Landcom Mothers Day
Loads of entertainment for mum and the family. Free plant for the first 500 mums to the Visitor Centre. **11 am – 3 pm. Lakeside; E Enquiries: 4634 7935**

There are many ways you can support the Botanic Gardens Trust's work to conserve and protect plants for the future.

Adopt a Tree and watch it grow through the generations. Adopting an iconic tree from one of our botanic gardens or the Wollemi Pine Conservation Collection at Mount Annan Botanic Garden is a memorable way to celebrate a significant event or form a lasting tribute to a loved one.

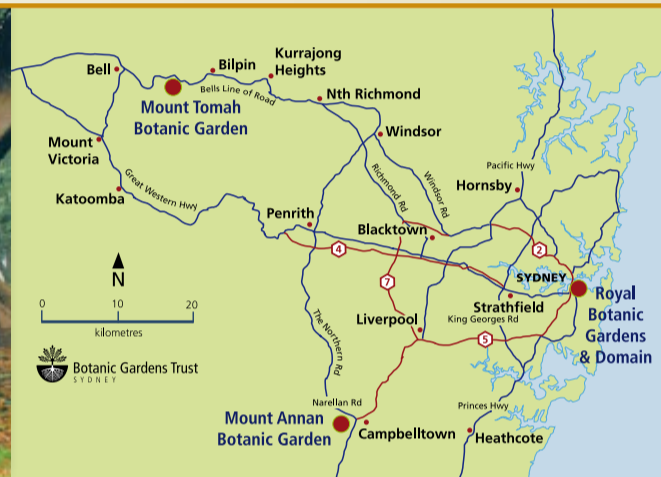
Dedicate a Bench to take in your favourite view — available at each botanic garden.

Foster a Tree for a year — a wonderful gift to yourself or a special person and a unique way to conserve and protect our environment.

Contact: Royal Botanic Gardens Paula Found 9231 8022, paula.found@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au; **Mount Annan** Rebecca Moutia 4634 7903; **Mount Tomah** Kate Faithorn 4767 3014.

Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation — become a **Foundation Fellow** or **support a special project** of the Foundation.

Contact: Pauline Markwell, 9231 8308, pauline.markwell@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au



Palm House

Royal Botanic Gardens
10 am – 4 pm. Free entry

Thurs 28 Feb – Mon 10 March

Tropical Sojourn/ Neighbourhoods

Two art exhibitions depicting lush themes from the tropics and inspired urban landscapes. **10 am – 4 pm. Free. Enquiries: 9415 6349**

jhildebrandt@bigpond.com

Thurs 13 – Mon 24 March

Autumn Equinox Art Salon 2008

Group Art Exhibition. Drawings, paintings,

artists' prints, ceramics, photography, plant fibre weavings and mixed media. 5% of sales donated to Friends of The Gardens. **10 am – 4 pm. Free. Enquiries: 0425 211 040**
www.EquinoxArt.org.au



Sun 30 Mar – Thurs 10 April

For Love of Trees

A painted celebration of trees and nature in oils and watercolours. **10 am – 4 pm. Free. Enquiries: 4341 6004**
Marijkegreenway@mac.com

Thurs 8 – Wed 21 May

Luncheon on the Grass

A visual picnic where a group of artists take pleasure in the Gardens setting with a varied response in media **10 am – 4 pm. Free. Enquiries: 9332 1408, franklittewood@bigpond.com**

MARGARET FLOCKTON AWARD EXHIBITION

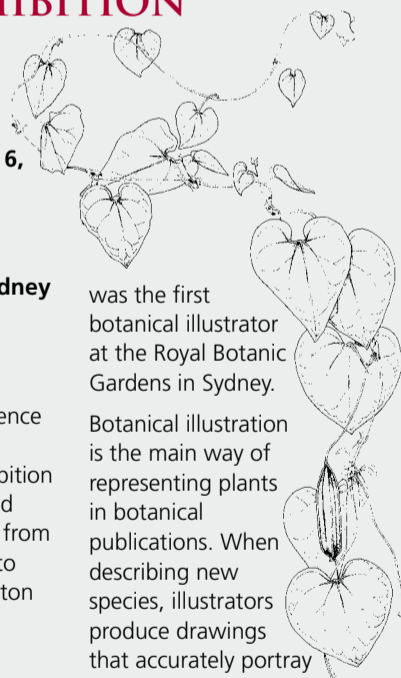
Fri 4 – Fri 20 April
10 am – 4 pm. Free

Special viewings
Sat 5, 12 April and Sun 6, 13 April 10 am – 4 pm

Red Box Gallery
Royal Botanic Gardens
Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney
(enter via Reception)
Enquiries: 9231 8111

Pop in and view artworks deemed to portray excellence in scientific botanical illustration. This free exhibition will showcase winners and selected entries by artists from Australia and overseas into this year's Margaret Flockton competition.

The award, sponsored by the Friends of The Gardens, honours Margaret Flockton who



was the first botanical illustrator at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney.

Botanical illustration is the main way of representing plants in botanical publications. When describing new species, illustrators produce drawings that accurately portray features of plants not achievable by photography.

Botanical Illustration WEEKEND COURSE

Glowing Tones

Perfect pencil technique with Catherine Wardrop and Lesley Elkan

Sat 15 – Sun 16 March
10 am – 4 pm
Education Centre
Royal Botanic Gardens
\$190 pp ★\$173 pp
Bookings: 9231 8134

You might be inspired to become a botanical illustrator yourself. Botanical illustrations at the Gardens began with the establishment of the Herbarium in 1901, a place where over a million plants have been described.

Come along and benefit from the guidance provided by award-winning professional tutors.

Autumn Gardening Tips

- Feed and mulch garden beds after a wet summer
- Enjoy the fragrance of Frangipani and Murraya on warm March evenings
- Plant sweet peas on St Patricks Day (17 March)
- Add raked leaves, chopped

Planting

- green plant clippings and blood & bone to your compost heap
- Plant new shrubs and trees in May, selecting drought tolerant and native bird-friendly species — see [Plants for Gardens](#) on our website.



Royal Botanic Gardens, the Domain, Mount Annan Botanic Garden and Mount Tomah Botanic Garden

AUTUMN CALENDAR

March – May 2008