

**THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB**  
**Leura Gardens Festival**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2013**

Approximate Itinerary

7.45sharp	Leave UNSW (just inside Gate 14, Barker St)
9.15-10.00	Morning tea at McDonalds Blaxland (own expense)
10.45-12.30	Visits to 4 private gardens (may vary on the day depending on timing)
12.45-1.45	Lunch at Wentworth Falls Country Club
2.00-3.00	Free Time at Leura Mall Village Fair
3.00-4.00	Afternoon tea at Bygone Beauty's (walking distance from The Mall)
6.30 approx	Arrive UNSW

**Rustlings Private Garden**



As you enter the garden through its wisteria covered front gate, you will be lured towards the house by a formal gravel path. Resist! Instead take the path to the right, past the Buddha and go towards a bed of Japanese maples, each one a different elegant specimen. The path leads towards the conifer forest underplanted with rhododendrons, camellias, woodland plants and ground covers. The huge sequoiadendron tree here is eighty years old. A rustic wooden bridge over the dry creek bed beckons you towards a grove of dramatic tree ferns, and architectural birds- nest ferns, underplanted with hellebores, azaleas and plectranthus.

Journey onwards on a stone path past the irises, and you are in a serene place-the Japanese meditation garden with its beautiful tea house and ponds. From here, the path winds around and across the lawn towards the house past massed planting of bulbs, Dutch iris, daffodils, bluebells, sparaxis, anemones, and of course, stately tulips. The bed under the "Star Wars" magnolia is planted with different tulips every year, and to the left is a re-designed bed featuring a "cloud pruned" tree surrounded by elegant grasses and feature rocks.

**Brabourne Private Garden**



The most colourful part of the garden is above you when you enter from Woodford Street. Here the tulip terraces, are enclosed at one end by a pink flowering cherry tree, and at the other, by a recently planted maple. The colours are mainly pink and carmine interspersed with highlights of red, orange and the pretty green of new foliage.

Take the steps up toward the house, and follow the path around beside the retaining wall. Vividly coloured tulips and fragrant hyacinths in pots greet you, and your narrow path will open out onto the spectacular view of the emerald lawns on the east side. Large established conifers and maples border these lawns on their north side, beyond which you might see the pink and white flower-laden cherry trees lining Megalong Street.

Admire the magnificent trees that demand attention at the upper and lower lawns. Closest to the house is the colossal pin oak, reaching out over the Sorensen pool and stone walls; look up at its canopy, and marvel at nature.

Two equally impressive liquidambers frame the lower lawn, and are complemented by one of the most beautiful copper beeches, whilst at the bottom of the garden a pink- flowering dogwood, a huge linden, a tulip tree and rhodendrons form an impressive border.

### **Wai-lla Private Gardens**



*Wai-lla* is named after the Yellowtailed Black Cockatoos that feed on the garden's many Banksias in summer. A mature Atlas Cedar protects the entrance driveway where Kanzan and Mt Fuji flowering cherries lead to an enchanting gravel court, which is sheltered by viburnums and a large Deodar. Along the camellia and fuchsia lined eastern side, a gravel path leads past purple ajuga and white clematis to a paved patio between an intriguing vegetable garden pavilion and a pebbled herb bed.

The back garden has been transformed over the last ten years. It combines creative ideas with clever planning and interesting planting combinations, whilst taking full advantage of the natural contours of the half-acre block. Blends of cool climate exotics and Australian native plants in a series of 'garden rooms' have been the result with pleasant surprises at every turn of the rear garden's meandering pathway.

Wander up the main path past prolific waratahs, rhododendrons and azaleas to a cool tree fern grove, then on to a native woodland area containing an interesting variety of grasses back-dropped by spectacular purple mint bushes. The striking natural architecture of an Old Man Banksia is enhanced by a small Japanese style garden featuring a gravel banksia ring, miniature moss lawn and Kurume azaleas. There are interesting side paths to cleverly located seats where you may enjoy the vistas throughout the garden.

Returning to the main lawn past a folly, take the Birdfeeder Path beside daffodils, waratahs, tree ferns and an interesting collection of Tasmanian plants and shrubs. Follow the path to the front of the house where eyes and camera are led to a brilliant bank of Kurume azaleas on the western boundary flanked by beds of red and gold tulips.

### **Tandella Private Garden**



"Tandella" was first established in the mid 1950's as attested by the mature trees which are a feature of this property covering an acre of land. Over the last eight years the owners have worked towards reconstructing a park-like calming garden.

As you enter the property a small area is dedicated to mostly native plants above the dry-stone wall. To the left, two standard weeping Japanese maples book-end the flowering beds along the driveway. In the front garden bed, behind a hedge of camellia sansaquas you will find a profusion of hellibores, fuschias, azaleas and lacecap hydrangeas. You will also notice the two elegant standard weeping elms.

Further along the northern fence the owners have created a flowing garden bed which holds many new plantings replacing the previously invading agapanthus. The soil in that area has been enriched and now offers ideal conditions for many varieties of bulbs, perennials and shrubs.

Towards the end of this expanse you will observe the splendid Sequoia. Beyond the expanse of lawn is the work area and composting site. Above the stone steps is an extended lawn reclaimed over blackberry bushes and which is bordered by a bank of azaleas on one side and a rose bed along the driveway. Along the driveway as you walk back towards the gate more agapanthus have been cleared and dead eucalypts removed. Plantings are progressively taking place in the new garden beds along the southern fences to regain privacy. There are a few seating benches throughout the garden, so do take time to enjoy the serenity of the space and observe the bird life.

### **Lunch at Wentworth Falls Country Club**

Lunch consisting of main and dessert – including tea/coffee will be served.

### **Leura Mall Village Fair**

Leura Village Fair: A profusion of stalls and entertainment fills the village centre. You will have the opportunity to have some free time to inspect the stalls and enjoy the entertainment.

### **Bygone Beauty's Tea Room**



Located in the picturesque village of Leura, Bygone Beauty's houses the largest private collection of teapots in the world. Over 3000 teapots, from the old to the new, elegant to outrageous, miniatures to large teapots, are beautifully displayed in an antique emporium. Take a trip down memory lane and browse the impressive selection of antiques, jewellery and collectables before relaxing with a traditional afternoon tea served in fine bone china.

Cost including: transportation from & to UNSW, Visit to Leura Mall Village Fair, visits to 4 spring gardens (depending on timing), Lunch, afternoon tea:

Members (and one guest): \$65 each  
Children (school age): \$25  
Guests: \$75 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds.

For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 9385-3652 or n.withers@unsw.edu.au Deadline: Friday, 27/9/2013

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Name : -----

Address/School ----- Mobile No/Extn. No. -----

Email Address: ----- Home No. -----

Lunch at Wentworth Falls Country Club:

**Please choose for each person:** Children's menu: same but smaller serving)

**Main: (choose one)**

Chicken Schnitzel, Chips & Salad **OR**

Rump Steak, Chips & Salad **OR**

Fish, Chips & Salad

**Dessert: (choose one)**

New York Cheesecake with berry coulis **OR**

Chocolate brownie served with ice cream

----- places at \$65 each (max. 2) \$-----

----- places at \$25 each - School age Children \$-----

----- places at \$75 each \$-----

Total \$-----

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed.