

NEWSLETTER

Spring is here at last and all our gardens including the Botanical Gardens are burgeoning forth.

News From the Gardens

Terry O'Sullivan, the curator, reports that the Staff are continuing with the ongoing removal and replacement of the dangerous large trees on the perimeter of the gardens, under the guidance of a consultant arborist. The planting of annuals has been delayed by the extremely wet winter and early spring, so the staff are working extremely hard to catch up with their program.

Open Garden

"ROSEMOUNT"

Open Garden - November 28 - 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

"Rosemount", built in 1855 and added to in 1865 has been classified by the National Trust. In the 1870s William Guilfoyle was asked to design the gardens which have been delightfully maintained by the present owners Grant and Beryl Warnock (descendant of the original owners).

A stall of quality Christmas gifts and numerous plants including roses will be available as well as delicious Devonshire Tea.

BRAUER COLLEGE BAND will entertain during the day.

The garden at "Rosemount" was planted during the 1880s. Although the name, Baron Von Mueller has come down through the family, it is thought that William Guilfoyle had a hand in the design. The sweeping carriageway and the planting of mainly evergreen trees seems to indicate this.

The herb garden with it's box hedges still remains, and almost all of the original trees are still in existence. These include a magnolia grandiflora, two enormous holly trees, a blue Atlas cedar and two Indian cedars, a Morton Bay fig and two Norfolk pines. There are several lilly-pillies, one a fine specimen and the feature of the garden is the enormous clipped Monterey Cyprus which has been classified by the National Trust. It houses the garden tools. At this time of year, the herbaceous borders are bright with pelargoniums, delphiniums, fuschias and impatiens. The garden is bounded on the east by a driveway flanked with an avenue of elms.

We will once again be raffling a Jean Fitzpatrick work of art. An embroidery on felt with wool and silk ribbon - Title: Grampians Heath. \$1.00 per ticket at Rosemount on November 28.

WE NEED HELP! - Plants and gifts - Please ring Lorraine Richardson, Ph. 65 1217. Any number of small plants in pots would be appreciated.

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