

2010-11 Calendar of events

Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens workshops and classes are a perfect way to learn about the world of nature and horticulture.

With an ever growing botanical collection and the majestic Friends Centre, your Botanic Gardens are a wonderful environment to learn about plants, gardens and gardening, photography, art and craft. Come and enjoy the expertise and experience of skilled presenters and learn a host of practical skills as well as practical knowledge.

The Friends of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens offer a range of leisure courses – from two-hour presentations, half or full day workshops and multiple day courses. Whether you want to develop basic gardening skills, learn about bush foods, discover plant identification techniques, or learn more about pruning, hedging or propagation, courses and workshops will provide an enjoyable learning experience. It may be the world of native bees, butterfly gardening or an armchair journey through gardens of the world that takes your fancy.



Topic (take home notes provided)	Date and Time	Fee (includes tea, coffee and biscuits)	Presenter/s
 Native bees of the Gold Coast	Wednesday 4 August 9.30am – 12pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Neil Morley and Gareth Davis
 Botanic Gardens of Scotland, Ireland, England and Wales	Wednesday 1 September 10am - 12.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Kate Heffernan and Alan Donaldson
 Organic vegetable gardening and home orchards – Part 1: Healthy Soil	Saturday 4 September 12.30pm – 4.30pm workshop	\$35	Gavin Bullock
 Organic vegetable gardening and home orchards – Part 2: The Organic Vegetable Garden	Saturday 11 September 12.30pm – 4.30pm workshop	\$35	Gavin Bullock
 Organic vegetable gardening and home orchards – Part 3: The Organic Orchard	Saturday 18 September 12.30pm – 4.30pm presentation	\$35	Gavin Bullock
 Flowers through the Outback - The Kimberleys and Pilbara	Thursday 23 September 10am – 12.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Lyn and Peter Reilly
Flowers through the Outback - The orchids of Western Australia	Saturday 2 October 2 – 4pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Lyn and Peter Reilly
Flowers through the Outback - Lake Eyre to Kata Tjuta and the Everlastings of Western Australia	Thursday 7 October 2pm – 4.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Lyn and Peter Reilly
 Birds in the Gardens	Saturday 9 October 10am – 12.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Neil Morley
 Pruning Australian native plants	Wednesday 13 October 9am – 12pm presentation and practical workshop Tools provided	\$15 \$10 Friends' members	Alan Donaldson
Garden design for home gardeners – Session 1: Why design? Measuring and analysing your site. What is the function of your garden? Preparing a base plan	Saturday 16 October 12pm – 4.30pm workshop	\$35 - maximum 10 people \$28 - Friends' members	Kate Heffernan

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Garden design for home gardeners - Session 2: Deciding on concepts and allocating space; the principles of design and the basics of drawing your own design	Saturday 23 October 12pm – 4.30pm workshop	\$35 - maximum 10 people \$28 Friends' members	Kate Heffernan
Garden design for home gardeners - Session 3: Plant selection and finishing your plan	Saturday 30 October 12pm – 4.30pm workshop	\$35 - maximum 10 participants \$28 Friends' members	Kate Heffernan
SMART Gardener ABC's of growing	Saturday 6 November 1pm – 3pm presentation	Free	Gareth Davis
The plant family SAPINDACEAE	Saturday 13 November 3pm – 5pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Graham McDonald
Garden history – a chronology of gardening	Tuesday 16 November 10am – 12.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Kate Heffernan
Identifying and controlling environmental weeds	Saturday 19 February 10am – 12.30pm presentation/workshop	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Diane Wagner
Plants and design	Saturday 26 February 12.30pm – 4pm presentation	\$15 \$10 Friends' members - maximum 10	Kate Heffernan
Identifying and controlling environmental weeds	Saturday 5 March 10am – 12.30pm presentation/workshop	\$10	Diane Wagner
Worm farming for beginners	Saturday 5 March 1pm – 5pm workshop	\$35 \$28 Friends' members	Kate Northey
Native plants for butterflies	Saturday 12 March 2pm – 4.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Graham McDonald
Flowers through the Outback - The amazing south west of Western Australia	Wednesday 16 March 10am – 12pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Lyn and Peter Reilly
Flowers through the Outback - The Kimberleys and Pilbara	Saturday 27 March 2pm – 4.30pm presentation	\$10 \$8 Friends' members	Lyn and Peter Reilly

Botanica Quest for the kids

Try something different these school holidays with the adventure themed Botanica Quest at the Botanic Gardens. Kids can follow the map, explore the gardens using their senses, solve the quests and collect their treasure.

Visit the website for dates, times and booking details.

Bookings are essential. Please contact the Friends on **0449 561 674**.

Further information

See Council's Gold Coast parks website, the Friends website or the Friends' Centre at the Gardens for more information. Proceeds contribute to Friends' projects at the Botanic Gardens including education, interpretation, Friends' nursery and the herbarium.

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