



Bayside U3A Gardening Group

Lockdown Pictorial Newsletter — October 2020

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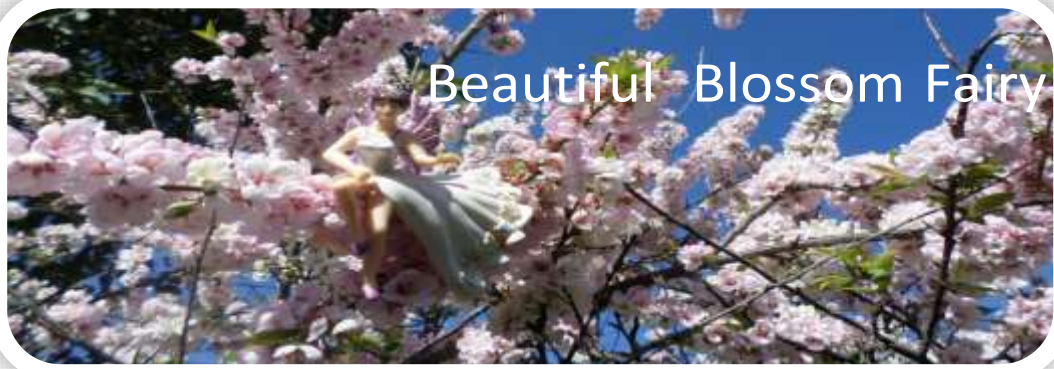
Spring has come to Curly Flat
 The swallow builds her nest of mud
 And in her breast the pitter-pat
 Of ancient music in her blood.
 And in the tiny hearts of bees
 The songs of many flowers are sung
 As love entwines upon the breeze
 With blossoms and the smell of dung.
 The soil is ready, warm and willing
 All the buds are bursting early
 Empty hearts at last are filling
 Life is good and sweet and curly.



My sincere thanks to the people listed below who provided me with a beautiful selection of photos from which to choose. I have tried to include as many as possible.
 My apologies if I have left anyone out.

Ann

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| Bonny Taylor | Sandra Stirling |
| Masae Machimami | Suzy McKellar |
| Meg Novacco | Brian Hanlon |
| Norma Vial | Anne Peterson & Alice Brothers |
| Jill Houghton | Kay Nordon |
| Eileen Ickeringill | Glenis Bateman |
| Jan Coutts | Alicia Fogarty |
| Barbara Brown | Cheryl Mayhew |
| Susan Harrison | Margaret Nickels |
| Judy Sime | |



Beautiful Blossom Fairy

Can you spot the Blossom Fairy? - Pic from Jill Houghton



Orchids from Eileen



Wonderful display of
flowering weeds !!
...and daisies etc from
Masae's garden.



Bonney Taylor's lockdown
project





Ribbon bush — *Hypoestes aristata*

Ann's Garden



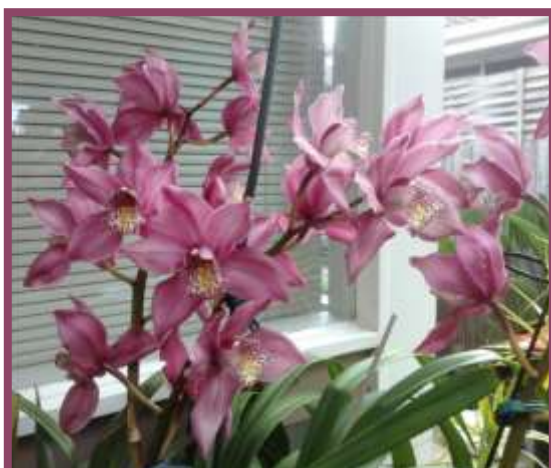
Osteospermums in my front garden



Buddleia and butterfly



Queen of the Night



Opium Poppy



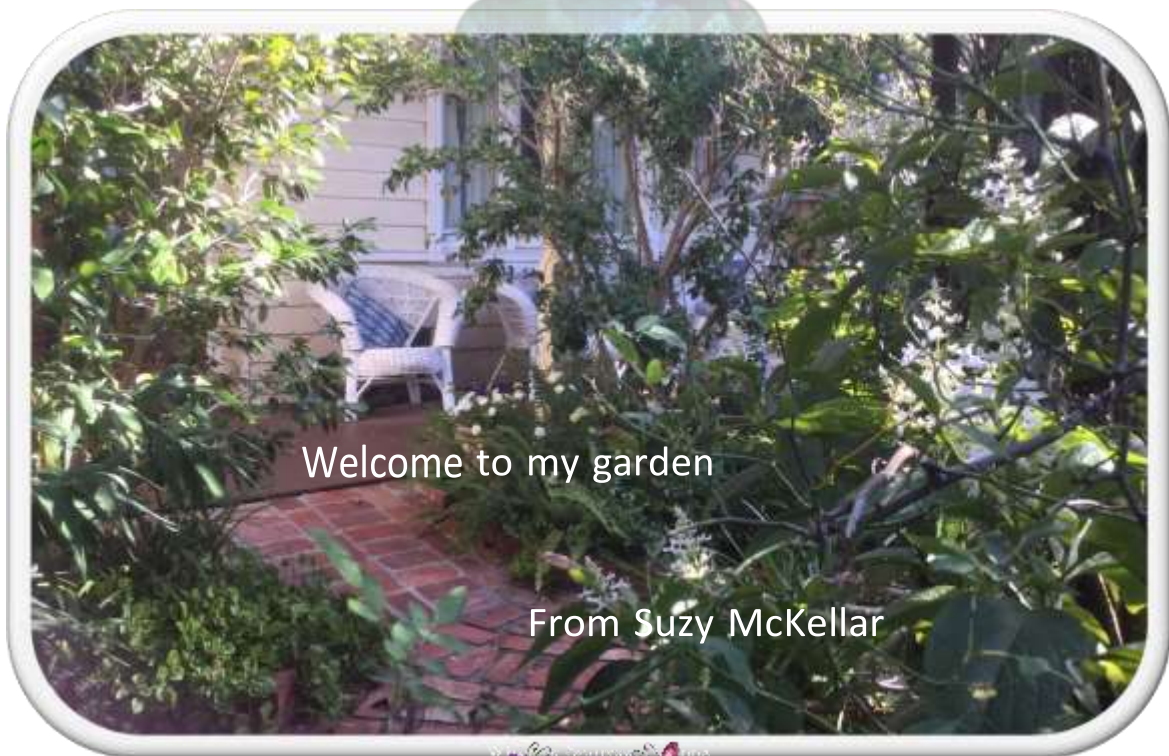
White Weeping Broom in
Jill Houghton's
front garden

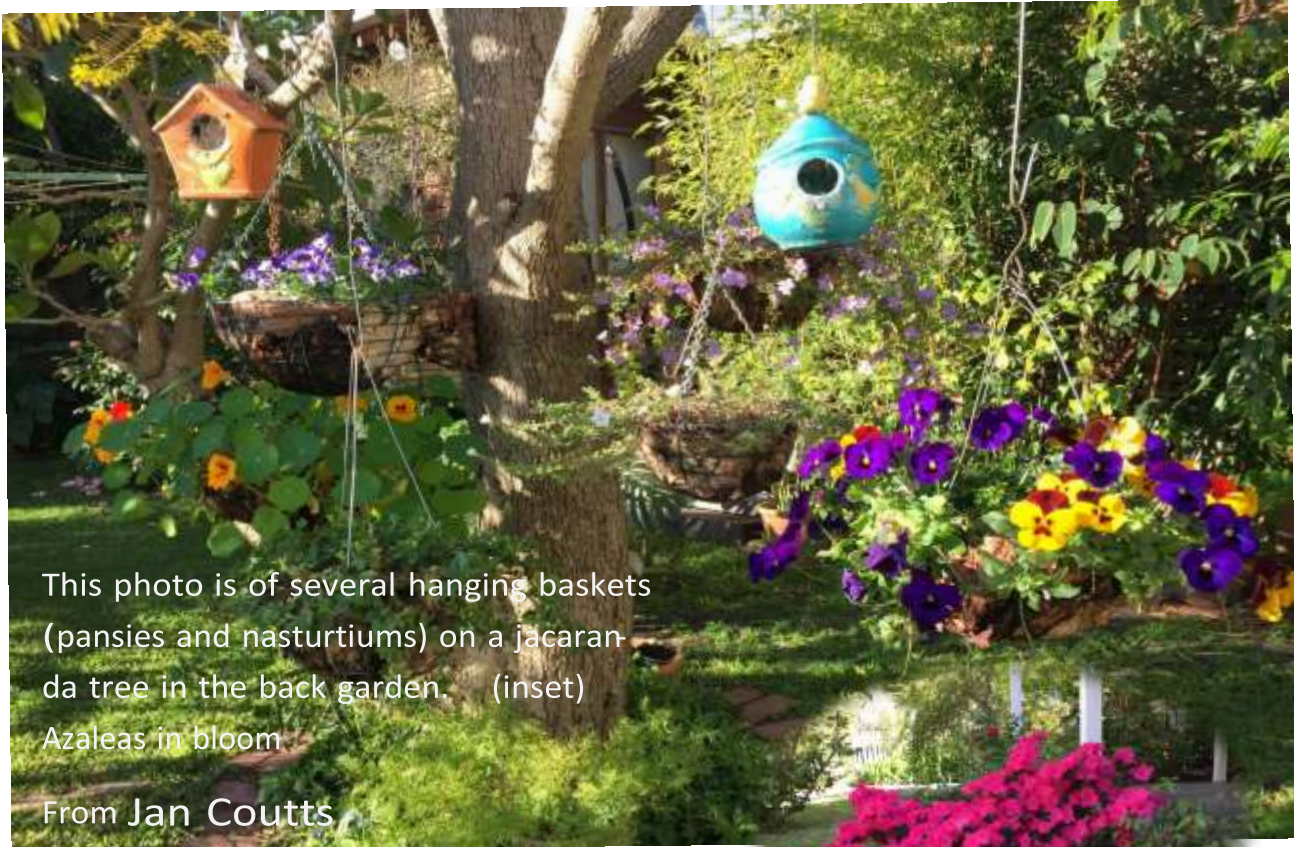


Sisyrinchium 'Devon Skies'



Zygo Cactus





This photo is of several hanging baskets
(pansies and nasturtiums) on a jacaran-
da tree in the back garden. (inset)

Azaleas in bloom

From Jan Coutts

Lovely floral arrangements of Helebores and
Dahlias from Cheryl Mayhew



Ann's Clivias

My succulents are full of the joys of spring – Or maybe they are just looking for someone to dance with?

Marigolds outside my kitchen window have boosted my spirits all winter long and still they keep flowering- Aren't they tired?

Judy sime



Glorious pots from Susan Harrison



Also Susan Harrison

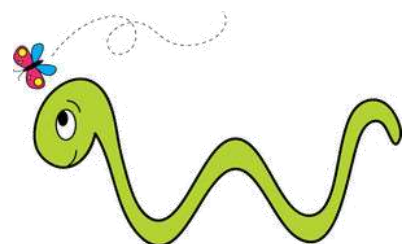




Here is a photo of my Tree peony. To bloom, this plant likes an open position, cold winters and a heavy feed of garden lime.

Margaret Nickels

Collage from
Brian Hanlon's garden





Alice Brothers and Anne Peterson

We have a courtyard garden and a very long drive with plantings on either side (see photos). My two neighbours joined Alice and me in replanting the driveway and we're happy with the result. My favourite flowers in my courtyard garden are the Vireyas and in the driveway the Hellebore patch. Alice loves the camellias and natives. We have lots of lovely camellias, too.



I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him "Are you the friar?" He replied "No, I'm the chip monk..."



Photos from my garden.

Meg Novacco

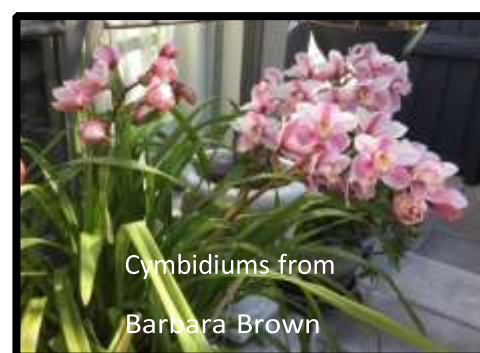


Colourful nature strip & clivias
From Norma Vial





Beautiful Japanese Maple—
from Glenis Batemans garden



From

Kay Norden



Alicia Fogarty's picturesque garden and furry pet Seamus



The Sunshine corner of yellow blooms



In Autumn Alica planted 50 Cyclamen in her front garden. They have been constantly in bloom.



And Finally

A message from Barbara Graf



BARBARA'S COURTYARD GARDEN

My garden wraps around three sides of our townhouse. We moved here just over 6 years ago and before we moved in I had all the old garden removed and this allowed me to choose my own choice of planting. The paved area outside our family room is home for potted annuals - pansies at present. We have a small herb patch growing mint, parsley, sage and others.

There is also a small strip of fake lawn for grandchildren to play and for the dog to lie in the sun. So what to plant?

I planted cuttings from the garden club such as:

salvias - 6 different varieties of hot lips flowers all year around and now I have 5 different colours of Abutilons and one in full flower - the honey eaters love them!

In addition I have a beautiful rose growing in my mother-in-law's old copper about 100 years old. It produces many pink flowers.

So from small garden or large gardens so much pleasure can be had at this unusual time of COVID lockdown.

Barbara Graf.



