

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY PLANT SHOW AND TELL

2 August 2021

Recognise this? Our meeting place, with the garden Jane started more than a year ago.



The Athenaeum



Plants flowering in the Athenaeum garden:

Left: *Leucojum vernum* (Snowflake)

Below: *Polygala virgata* (Purple Broom)

Right: *Felicia echinata*





Left: *Dietes iridioides* – smaller than the usual *D grandiflora*, and prefers dappled shade

Right: *Lachenalia bulbifera* (donated by the Scarrs)



Rondebosch Common
1 August 2021





Flowering on Rondebosch
Common now:

Right: *Babiana pygmaea*
Below right: *Babiana villosula*



Above: *Lachenalia*
quadricolor

Right: *Lampranthus filicaulis*





Arctopus echinatus male (above centre)
and female (above right)

Above left: *Oxalis versicolor*

Left: *Oxalis purpurea*

From Wilma's garden



Babiana odorata

A strongly scented species with spicy, violet scented purple flowers with markings on the lower petals which is often one of the first to flower around late April or early June.



Babiana ambigua

Another very strongly early flowering species from the Western Cape and could be confused with *B salteri*.



Lachenalia quadricolor in the background.



Oxalis namaquana

This Northern Cape species has lovely clear butter yellow flowers from early June to late July and also has narrow leaves but which are broader than *O glabra*.

Below: *Oxalis glabra*

This SW Cape species has shocking pink or white flowers and small narrowish leaves. It spreads quite rapidly and often grows in sheets in dampish places from June to early September. They make a stunning “posy” if grown in a round container.





Also known as Ifafa lilies, *Cyrtanthus* (an Eastern Cape to southern KZN species) grow from bulbs, are sweetly scented and have a long flowering spell. They produce many seeds which germinate readily if freshly sown and are easy to grow. *C mackenii* has yellow or red flowers, while *C bicolor* are always yellow with flowers ending in a pinkish tinge near the stem. They make a stunning display in a container.

Aloe maculata

Often (incorrectly) referred to as *A saponaria* and commonly called ‘soap aloes’ because leaves can be boiled to make a soapy mixture. They have a wide distribution range in milder parts of SA and variable flowering times for the branched inflorescence.

The low growing leaf rosettes have strong, barred or spotted leaves which are often dry toward the tips.

This lovely species suckers freely – a nice bonus!



***Stapelia/Orbea verrucosa* (left), not to be confused with *Stapelia/Orbea variegata* (right) – and note the different petal shapes. *S verrucosa* is an Eastern Cape endemic, while *S variegata* has a much wider distribution. Both flower about the beginning of July.**



Wilma says: "A clicking stream frog, I think. There are sometimes small buckets of sand standing around in my garden so I can top up pots etc. As I empty or scoop the soil out, one of these often leaps out. From early spring, through summer, they can be heard clicking away around the garden."



One of Anne Mackenzie's plants which she gave to the editor of The Muse (community magazine for Pinelands and Thornton) when she published an article about Anne many years ago. It was just a little over a quarter of the height it is now.

The editor is relocating and thought she'd give it to a good home, the Thorpes being the lucky recipients. We now need a name, please.



Sabina's display of
Scadoxus puniceus



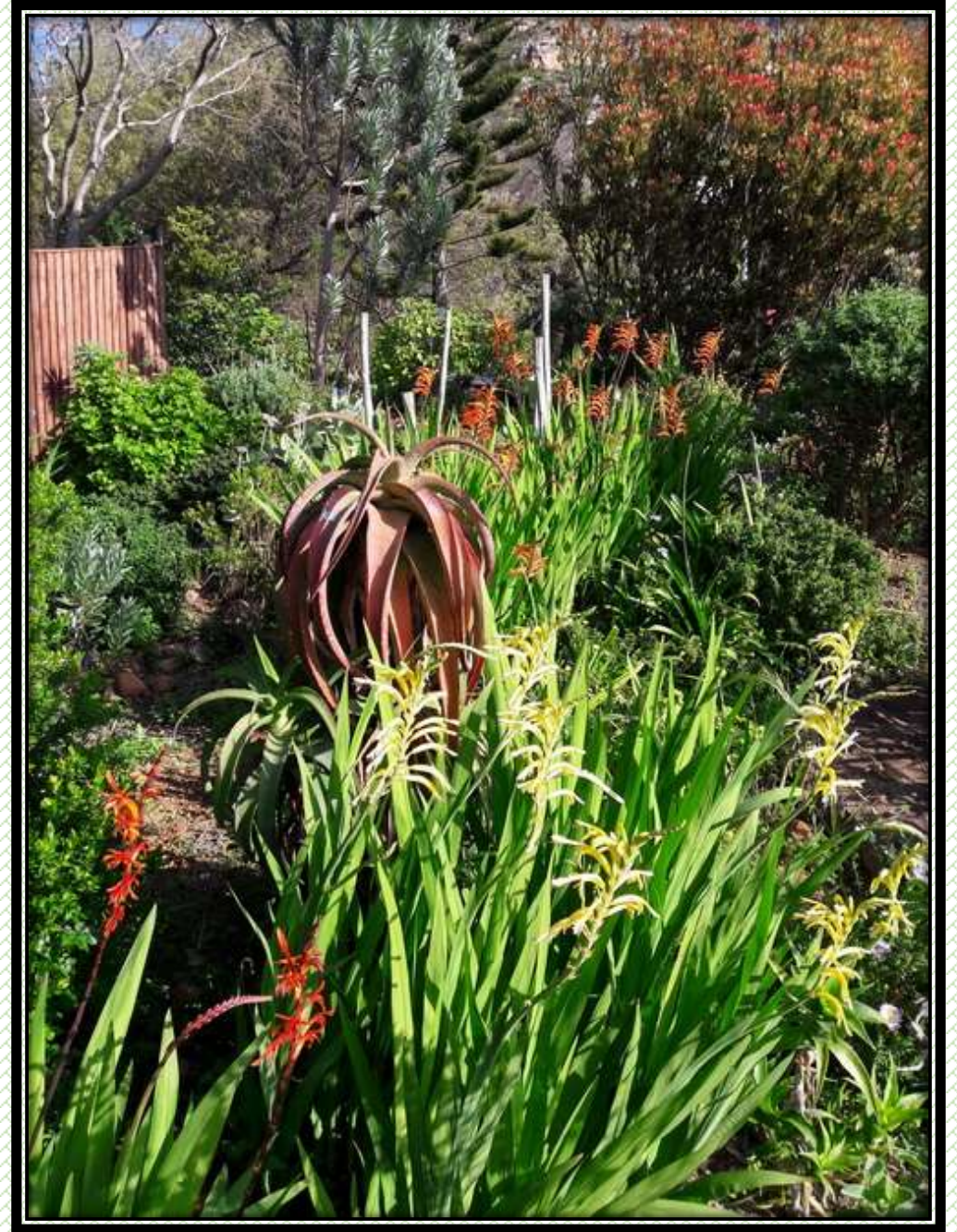
Chasmanthe display in Jenny's Pinelands garden (left) and Cherry's Lakeside garden (right)

Below: *C floribunda* (behind)
and *C bicolor* (front)



Right: *C floribunda*
var. *ducketii* (yellow)
and *C floribunda* (the
common orange)
surrounding *Aloe*
thraskii in the centre.

The Chasmanthes are
very popular with
birds.



The north-facing slope outside is coming to life. Looking from the bottom of the slope, a *Euphorbia tirucalli* "Firesticks" towards the centre and 3 *Leucadendrons* – *L argenteum*, 'Safari Sunset' and 'Tickled Pink' at the top of the slope (see next slide).

Middle of the slope has *Salvia africa-lutea* (left) *Coleonema* and *Stoebe plumosa*(right) in the foreground.



***Leucadendron* 'Safari Sunset' (left), a star performer any time of the year and particularly beautiful in late spring and summer. Lasts for ages in the vase.**

***Leucadendron* 'Tickled Pink' (right), looks washed out now. Almost cream-coloured from a distance but transforms into a beautiful pink in late spring.**



Cherry says: "A possible ID for the protea that came up on my verge (shown in July) – *Protea aurea* (shuttlecock protea). Note the very long bud.

This photo has the bud, the flower and the spent flower."





Right: *Calceolaria sp.*

This came into my garden via a pot from a friend, with another plant growing in it. It popped up in the pot and flowered and then seeded itself in several places in my garden. I love it when this happens with a nice plant. It's an annual, but I think the hybridized ones are sold as house plants.

From Lyn's garden:

Left: *Kalanchoe sp* – doing very well in quite a small pot in morning sun. It would be great if anyone has the species name, please.



Lyn says:

“I have tried to grow *Scilla peruviana* in the garden for ages and finally dug up some of the dormant bulbs and replanted them in a terracotta pot. The other day, I was amazed to see that one of them has a bud – hooray!”

