

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY PLANT SHOW AND TELL

1 November 2021



The *Lampranthus* "Vygies" – in Wilma's garden have been spectacular again this year.



Close-up of



## Wilma's garden cont.

*Euphorbia xanti* from California – a tall shrub-like plant, mostly just bare stem with tiny leaves till it bursts into bloom sometime early in the year, but mostly around the end of September. The blooms stay for a long time, fade in colour and then just increase in length each year.



[www.californiagardens.com](http://www.californiagardens.com) says:

- Blooms nearly year round with a cloud of pink and white flowers.
- For containment, leave a large margin around the plant without irrigation.
- The sap is toxic.

Gillian's garden

Below: *Oxypetalum* – grown from seed; a lovely shade of blue.

Right: *Lachenalia contaminata* – a lovely late blooming *Lachenalia* from a bulb received from Jenny Scarr last year.



## Jean Sleigh's garden

In this narrow bed in a very small garden you will find:  
*Salvia leucantha*; white *Felicia*;  
various bulbs, lilies and a clump of  
*Kniphofia* "Red Hot Pokers" – not  
yet flowering; an old fashioned  
pink, super smelly rose; a few  
*Hemerocallis* "Day lilies" – deep  
red (starting to flower), yellow and  
orange; an Australian Lavender;  
a *Brunfelsia* "Yesterday, Today &  
Tomorrow"; *Salvia* "Hot Lips",  
which doesn't flower well,  
possibly from too much water;  
a clump of dark blue Irises; a blue  
*Felicia*, which is now 9 years old  
and going strong!



*Kalanchoe* "Tessa"  
Two varieties of  
*Pelargonium* grown from  
cuttings.



Jean says:

Left: This is my first *Cymbidium* spike ever! My Mom was a whizz at orchids... I'm terrible! She placed the pots halfway into the ground (semi-shade) and watered them with orchid food when needed. They performed beautifully and looked so natural with everything else.



Left: I have had this Iris for 3 years and this is the first time flowering.



Above: A sweet little plant that I've nearly lost twice due to summer heat. It really can't handle full sun. Gives sprays of the daintiest lilac coloured flowers that last for quite a while.

Name please.

Jean's garden cont.

## Nicolette's veggie garden



Left: Spinach seedlings bought from Harry Goemans are now beautiful plants growing in very large pots. Soil is a mixture of potting soil and compost. Watered with rainwater.

Right: Crop of spinach and peas.

Below: Nicky also has tomatoes growing in a pot, waiting to fruit.



## Jean Fillis' garden

Right: The *Mackaya bella* bushes are just starting to bloom now. This one is in filtered shade from a *Halleria lucida* and *Psychotria capensis* on one side and another *Psychotria* and *Viburnum* on the other. The flowers are white with pale mauve markings, supposedly a runway marking for pollinators.



Left: The *Ochna* is at least 15 years old but does not yet have the peeling bark that would identify it as *O. arborea*. It was sold as *O. serrulata* and then identified as *O. natalitia*, but it is too tall for them at about 5m. The beautiful yellow petals blew off in the wind in a week, but the fruits are numerous and the birds love them. The green berries should change later to black and, together with the red sepals, are supposed to look like Micky Mouse's face. This plant drops seeds everywhere but growth is extremely slow.



## Cherry's garden

*Leucospermum* "Spider". Far less common than other *Leucospermums*.

Cherry says: "I love the variation of colour between the young, mature and old flowers."

It grows on the outside slope, with only rain.





Left: *Convolvulus sabaticus*, with *Limonium perenzi* "Statice" above. It forms a wall of blue flowers every spring/summer which I cut back to expose the wall late autumn.

Below: *Aeonium sedifolium* "Dwarf Aeonium". Nothing but rain on very exposed deck. Sometimes looks half dead but then it flowers magnificently. Very attractive leaves, with a round, succulent shape.



Cherry's garden cont.

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Left: *Burchellia bubalina*  
"Wild pomegranate" – attracts birds.

Inside a rockery. Mostly rain but may get watered from adjacent plants. Has been pruned to prevent it getting straggly.

Right: *Lessertia frutescens*  
= *Sutherlandia frutescens*  
"Cancer bush". This annual sometimes just appears on a sandy gap between plants on the outside slope. It normally disappears after flowering and fruiting. Bare patches are less attractive, but wind-blown "chancers" need them!





Above: *Caesalpinia gilliesii* and  
*Dietes bicolor*  
Right: *Echinopsis chamaecereus*  
"Peanut Cactus"



Left and below: *Epiphyllum*

Right: *Lonicera* "Honeysuckle"





Sabina says: Arums have been very prolific this year. I guess it is all the rain we have had.

Our "Bonsai" Azalea has been in this Japanese pot for 10 years, ever since we potted it up from the pot it was in in Jo'burg. It is about 28 years old and has flowered very well this year, though later than usual.

Sabina's garden

