



Chairman's Comments

The RNZIH Education Trust Oral & Practical exam certificates were presented during the BGANZ (Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand) congress in Hamilton, held 11-14 October 2007.

Presented by our President Jack Hobbs, it was especially pleasing for the certificate ceremony to occur with representatives from the major New Zealand and Australian Botanic gardens present. It was gratifying to hear from the Australians that they regard the quality of NZ horticultural training very highly. It was also heartening, in a perverse way, that they face the same training issues that we do.

The national final of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition was held in Auckland on 9 November 2007. Once again we must thank Elenka Nikoloff for her excellent organisation of the YHOTY event this year. There were eight sector finalists and their biographies are included in this issue of the RNZIH Newsletter. The spirit of the competition and its organisation went very well and our congratulations to Emma Taylor from the viticulture sector for winning this year's competition. Congratulations also to the New Zealand

Gardens Trust and their designer Andrea Lett for winning a silver medal at the Ellerslie International Flower Show, held 14-18 November 2007.

Included in our latest issue of the RNZIH journal is a wealth of information on plant groups – traditional uses of our native flora, as well as articles on foxgloves and hebes, among others. This is an opportunity to refresh ourselves in some of the important ways that plants contribute to our everyday lives.

David Glenn has been working away at the Notable Trees Trust formation and is currently finalising the board members. Murray Dawson and I recently submitted an application to the Lotteries Commission to assist in the redevelopment of the Notable Trees website.

Heritage Trees – Our Future Heritage will be the theme of the 2008 RNZIH conference on 9 May 2008. We are planning to include topics such as understanding the value of our heritage trees in a global context, how to identify trees as having heritage status, recording our existing tree stock, national evaluation of tree condition, the future of



heritage trees, case studies in tree management and the role of the RNZIH Notable Trees Trust. We will be formally launching the Notable Trees Trust on the evening of the conference.

The venue for both the RNZIH and the 2008 New Zealand Gardens Trust Conference is the Duxton Hotel, 170 Wakefield Street, Wellington. Many NZGT gardens have heritage trees and also have the potential for holding the heritage trees of the future. We will host a Banks Memorial Lecturer on a related topic. Our thanks to Liz Morrow of the NZ Gardens Trust who has kindly agreed to help with coordinating the administrative side of this conference. The Heritage Trees conference will be of interest to the NZ Arboricultural Association, regional authorities, and all those who have an interest in protecting and conserving our living legacy.

**David Sole
Chairman RNZIH**

Notes on Ralph Ballinger

In our previous Newsletter (August 2007, No. 2, p. 14–17) we reprinted an article on “Historic Trees” (reproduced with permission from *Heritage Matters 11*: 44–45, 2007). Ralph Ballinger is not a “prominent Christchurch businessman” as stated in that article, but is a long-term and well known resident of Blenheim.

Mr Ballinger has recently published memoirs of his life, a book reviewed in the December 2007 issue of the RNZIH Journal (p. 29).

He was on the National Executive of the RNZIH from the mid 1960s and also involved with the setting of examination papers for the Certificate and Diploma in vegetable and flower growing for several years. He was then President of the RNZIH from 1983 to 1991 and has been Vice-Patron from then until this day. He received an

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OBE for services to horticulture in 1978 and the RNZIH awarded him an AHRIH in 1987.

Mr Ballinger has also been involved in the registration of many notable trees in Marlborough and as the article in the August 2007 Newsletter mentioned has closely followed the excellent work of the late Ron Flook in the promotion of the notable tree scheme. He remains a staunch supporter of this scheme.

Finance Report

Talking about Money (a nasty but necessary subject)

The financial situation of the Institute is delicately poised. The operating accounts as at 16 November 2007 stand at:

Achiever savings account	\$4,997
Current account	\$1,821

While the Trusts that operate under the umbrella of RNZIH are in good financial heart the Institute itself has been operating at near break-even or in some years a loss situation. With the plan to operate a small surplus each year our reserves should build up to the point that allows the Institute to undertake and implement new initiatives and improvements for the benefit of members.

Linda Sallabanks, our Office Administrator, has sent out subscriptions for next year and this should see our cash flow improve for the start of 2008.

Eddie Wullems
Finance & Administration Portfolio

RNZIH Education Trust update

Oral and Practical exams

The exams for amenity sector candidates were held at the Auckland Botanic Gardens on the 30 August 2007. The one day exam consisted of questions on spraying, tree staking, plant identification, pests & diseases, irrigation, tractor use, annual beds, tools/machinery, fertiliser, and turf management. Each question takes on average 30 minutes to answer. The questions are relevant to day to day activities that a 3rd year apprentice would be expected to accomplish in their area of horticultural work, and are selected from a question bank that has been compiled by horticulturists for each sector.



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day including the botanic gardens staff. Ten candidates attended and all passed, eight with merit and two with distinction. Most candidates

were presented with their certificates at the BGANZ (Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand) congress held October 2007 in Hamilton, by the RNZIH President Jack Hobbs. The 2007 results are:

Name	Employer	Grade
Sean Lawrence	Castlecorp, Rotorua	Merit
Mark Fielder	Auckland Botanic Gardens	Merit
Kerry Gillbanks	Auckland Botanic Gardens	Merit
Shaun Trevan	Cornwall Park, Auckland	Merit
Russell van Wijngaarden	Cornwall Park, Auckland	Distinction
Glen MacRae	Cornwall Park, Auckland	Distinction
Joanne Alder	Cornwall Park, Auckland	Merit
Andrea Short	Taupo District Council	Merit
Paul Ward	Hamilton City Council	Merit
Teresa Parry	Hamilton City Council	Merit

A Distinction grade is more than 85%, and Merit is between 65% and 84%.

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NZ Horticultural ITO

The Trust is in the process of negotiating the 2008 contract with HITO. This will include moderation and accreditation of providers and managing the YHOTY competition. Dave Puflett will carry out the moderation and accreditation services as usual and there are also likely to be other contracts to provide similar services to other organizations. This

year the Trust did some work for the Sports Turf ITO which looks like a possibility again for 2008. Elenka Nikoloff has agreed to continue to manage the YHOTY competition through 2008.

NZ Horticulture ITO Young Horticulturist of the Year competition

Congratulations to **Emma Taylor** for winning this year's competition during the national final on 9 November 2007 in Auckland. Her biography is included below, followed by those of the sector finalists. As always the budget for the competition is tight – a total estimated cost of \$154,000 with little margin for error. Interest in the competition grows each year and has stimulated lots of action in the regions where some sector groups have been running quite extensive competitions to select their candidate for the national final. One challenge for the Education Trust for 2008 is to secure long-term major sponsorship to create a more solid base of funding.

Winner of the 2007 Young Horticulturist of the Year:

Viticulturist Emma Taylor, of Napier

Emma Taylor (30) is the company viticulturist with Villa Maria, Napier. Presently on maternity leave looking after her five-month-old daughter, Emma will return to the company in February.

Originally from Mt Wellington, Auckland, Emma went to Otago University where she completed a bachelor of science and geography and followed that up with a masters in physical geography. Sponsored by the Wine Institute, she chose to study the impact of copper fungicide on soils for her thesis.

Emma took up a position as a technical officer with Villa Maria in 2000 and after undertaking a cadet programme, she became a research viticulturist with the company. After spending time overseas she came back to head up the viticulturist department.

With a staff of 50, Emma's responsibilities included travelling around the country dealing with contract growers and company vineyard managers. Also within her role she visited Canada on promotional tours for Villa Maria.

Emma says the best thing about her job is the variety it offers. She talks of working in an industry that is young, energetic and very receptive to new ideas. In future she would like to visit grape growing areas in Chile, the country she sees as being one of NZ's biggest competitors in the wine industry. Her biggest challenge ahead, however, will be to balance family responsibilities with work.

Finalists:

Nursery and Garden Industry finalist Meredith Guy, of Napier

Meredith Guy, (25), is group technical manager for the Pacific Wide Group, the Christchurch-based mother company of a group of exporters producing sustainable growing media, for example, sphagnum moss and orchid bark. She is also acting manager of a member of the group, Pacific Bark, a Napier bark processing plant.

Meredith says she loves plants. She comes from a farming background, ran her own nursery business to get through university and completed a bachelor of science in plant biology and plant protection. She was then approached by Pacific Wide who was looking for someone to do post graduate work in growing media. Meredith took up the opportunity and has been with the company for five years.

Ultimately Meredith would like to do more overseas consultancy and New Zealand grower work promoting sustainable growing. She also wants to finish the book she is writing – a young person's guide to gardening.

Meredith describes herself as being 'very hands on'; she can fix a chain saw, chop down a tree and 'knows how to grow'. In her spare time she plays netball and is a passionate darts player.

Floristry finalist Louise Heller, of Christchurch

Romance plays a large part in Louise's Heller's life. As the owner of Bloom, a home-based business that specialises in providing flowers for weddings Louise, (27), spends every week from September to the end of summer advising Christchurch brides on flower choice and composition. She will also decorate the church and reception venue.

Louise grew up on a Taranaki dairy farm and started in the flower business working for free in a local florist's shop. She loved it and so abandoned plans to study interior design. Moving to Christchurch she worked for several high profile florists until her son was born. Bloom was then established and Louise has concentrated on weddings ever since. She works alone, but is looking to employ a part-timer this summer.

Louise says her orders can be very small, for example, the bride who wanted one bouquet and a single button hole, or the very spectacular – the bride who has asked for 1000 peonies for a December wedding.

Louise, who also tutors floral design at the Academy New Zealand, loves all flowers but says hydrangeas are her favourites when creating arrangements. An opportunity to work with the famous New York floral designer Preston Bailey tops her wish list.

Fruit Sector of Horticulture NZ finalist Robert Humphries, of Te Puke

Robert, (27), is an assistant site manager for Seeka Kiwifruit Industries Limited on the Te Puke company's largest pack-house site. His responsibilities revolve around the pack-house, the cool store and the company's post harvest requirements. Seeka is New Zealand's largest kiwifruit supply company, operating up to 24 hours a day, six days a week during April, May and June. Robert says managing staff during the high season is his biggest challenge, although he says this challenge is also the best part of the job.

Before moving to the Bay of Plenty, Robert lived in Te Anau where his father is a horticultural contractor. Growing up with the amenity side of things prompted Robert to seek another direction so he went to Otago Polytechnic to study the kiwi fruit industry. He now holds a national certificate in horticulture (level 4) and a diploma in horticulture (level 6). He is currently studying extramurally for a degree in applied science.

Robert lists rugby, kayaking and mountain biking as leisure pursuits away from all those kiwifruit. His ambitions are to either own his own company or get to the top of any company he is working for.

Landscape finalist Gavin Lodge, of Te Awamutu

Gavin Lodge, (21), works for Ground FX, a small landscape planning and garden development firm in Te Awamutu. He is in the third and last year of his apprenticeship, which has also involved studying for a national certificate in horticulture (landscape).

Gavin says he is a 'hands-on' landscaper, rather than a designer and loves nothing better than operating landscape construction equipment. It is the variety of the project work that motivates Gavin and he lists paving, irrigation, planting, concreting and installing water features as everyday tasks.

Gavin says most of the company's work is done in private gardens, although they do some commercial work. Personally he prefers contemporary gardens that use art and sculpture as stand-out features and likes a 'tidy' landscape look.

Both at work and at play Gavin loves the outdoor life. Every weekend sees him mountain biking, rock climbing or white water kayaking. He also coaches gymnastics.

Initially he wants to stay with Ground FX, citing a good crew and a good boss as reasons for not wanting to leave, but in the future international travel is an option.

Arboriculture finalist Elena O'Neill, of Dunedin

Elena O'Neill, (30), is the Park Officer – Trees, with the Dunedin City Council.

She is responsible for managing the contractors that keep Dunedin's street and reserve trees safe and in good growing condition, while maintaining the look and feel of the city's landscape. She describes her role as one of asset management, especially when it concerns Dunedin's significant tree list and she is often called upon to give consent to pruning and removal.

Elena has a certificate in horticulture and arboriculture from Waikato Polytechnic. She has worked as an arborist for eight years and spent two years lecturing in arboriculture at Otago Polytechnic. Her responsibilities are very seasonal. In winter there is the pruning and planting of street trees as well as wind and snow damage repair work and in the summer the reserve trees receive her attention.

Elena admits she knows just about every tree in Dunedin. As a competitive tree climber in her spare time she looks at trees with more than just a professional eye, rating trees for their 'climbability'. Elena was the 2006 Women's World Champion Tree Climber and came fifth in a field of 19 at the 2007 World Tree Climbing Championships held recently in Hawaii. At this year's event she set a world record in the Footlock event, climbing 12 metres up a rope into a tree in 17.74 seconds.

Elena lives at Seacliffe, near an exotic and native tree reserve, which she calls a 'climbers paradise'. Other pastimes include mountain biking, snowboarding and tramping.

Vege sector of Horticulture NZ finalist Jeff van Rijen, of Ohaupo

Jeff van Rijen, (26), is the production manager and co-director of the tomato growing company Rembrandt van Rijen, at Ohaupo, 16kms south of Hamilton.

With his co-director and brother Frank, Jeff purchased the company from father Tony two years ago and today employs eight full-time staff working on 1.3 hectares of green houses. It was inevitable Jeff would carry on the family business. He was introduced to growing vegetables when he was five years old and says he learnt everything about the horticulture industry from his father.

Rembrandt van Rijen is one of the few New Zealand tomato producers who grow throughout the winter and plant in the summer. Jeff explains that their crop suits the domestic market, unlike those who grow in summer to meet the export market.

According to Jeff getting tomatoes to do what you want them to can be a big challenge. Not only does he face the technical issues of the green houses, but he is also at the whimsy of the weather which influences the type of pest he has to battle.

Jeff describes his tomatoes as being of high quality; his company building its reputation on consistency and he believes the NZ tomato growing industry has a very strong future.

Away from the tomato plants, Jeff's hobbies include golf, squash and table tennis.

Amenity finalist Chris Vork, of New Plymouth

Chris, (30), is a horticulture co-ordinator at Pukekura Park, which comes under the auspices of the New Plymouth City Council. Chris has a supervisory role that entails working with his team of four in the more formal areas of the Park.

Chris says his main responsibility is to make sure everything looks good for visitors. This involves general maintenance, new planting, pruning and weeding. He is also available to answer queries from visitors about the park's history, attractions and bird life.

Six years ago Chris took a break from studying for a degree in landscape

architecture and left Auckland to return to New Plymouth for practical experience. He has been at Pukekura ever since. While he intends to finish his degree, he is now completing his advanced certificate in horticulture (amenities).

Chris keeps up his fitness practising martial arts and playing soccer. He says he loves the

outdoor life and especially loves Pukekura. "Although it is in the middle of town, once you walk in, it is just a world of its own. It is so calm. It is my favourite place in the world".

David Pufflett and Andrew Maloy
RNZIH Education Trust

Gardens Trust update

Subscriptions

The 2007/2008 subscriptions for membership to the NZGT have been sent out. The NZGT is now registered for GST and therefore this has now been added to the base subscription level.

2007 Garden Assessments

Gordon Collier and Bev McConnell have been busy arranging their 2007 itinerary with fellow assessors. Their first excursion was to Waiheke Island to assess Te Whau Garden, the first in a list of 26 new garden applications with more than 20 to reassess. With so much territory to cover in a short time frame (from Mangonui in the far north to Dunedin) it was necessary to invite two more assessors onto the panel. It is with much pleasure that the Trustees welcome Carolyn Ferraby of Barewood Garden in Marlborough and Richard Hart of Mt. Maunganui.

Garden Assessments continue to improve

The trustees have studied the garden assessment system, in collaboration with the assessors – and have also taken on board several constructive comments and feedback received from owners over the past year. The outcome is a refined approach to the existing assessment process – which will provide NZGT garden owners with better information and, equally importantly, a much clearer understanding for garden visitors as to the style and prominence of each garden

listed on our website. Further information on the refined process will be circulated by Liz Morrow in the Trust's December newsletter.

Taranaki Rhododendron and Garden Festival

In early 2007 the Trust's garden assessors assessed several Taranaki gardens for inclusion in the Taranaki Rhododendron and Garden Festival (TRGF), held between 26 October and 4 November. NZGT has enjoyed a professional relationship with the festival organizers for three consecutive years.

Bryan Gould, the Chairman, represented the Trust at the launch of the Taranaki Arts Festival Trust 2007 TRGF – which includes 43 NZGT gardens as the mainstay of the festival. The event attracts a large number of local and regional/national visitors and is the largest garden festival in New Zealand. At the TRGF's opening Garden Party event, the NZGT hosted a display highlighting the objectives of the Trust.

Ellerslie International Flower Show

The NZGT won a silver medal during the Show, held 14–18 November. The credit for this goes to our designer this year, Andrea Lett. Andrea, who is Managing Director of Hillview Nursery Ltd in Katikati, brought her high quality trees and shrubs to create an outstanding display.

Special thanks to Andrea for her sponsorship

and of course to Rob Lahood of *Weekend Gardener* magazine for his support.

Conference 2008

The Trust will hold its 2008 annual conference 9–11 May at the Duxton Hotel, Wellington – with garden visits to memorable

properties planned around the city and the Wairarapa region. Check for further details in Liz Morrow's December NZGT newsletter.

Liz Morrow
NZGT Executive Officer

Notable Trees news

Establishment of a Notable Trees Trust has continued to attract considerable interest from different regions throughout New Zealand.

An article on historic trees was published by *Heritage Matters* magazine, reproduced in the last RNZIH Newsletter, and both were well received.

Ursula Mensen, a Bachelor of Photographic Design graduate at Massey University, has for her year long research project been looking at the heritage listed trees of Wellington. Her photographic collection was displayed at the "Traces of Place" exhibition held 20–26 October 2007 at the Thistle Hall Gallery in Wellington.

The NZ Arboricultural Association nominated four people for the new Notable

Trees Trust. They are Kent Thwaites (Northland), Brett Souter (Waihi), Bryan Gould (New Plymouth), and Brad Cadwallader (Nelson). We held our first meeting during the NZAA conference in Christchurch, 22–24 November 2007.

It is excellent to have the support of such interested people to assist with notable trees, and we are currently filling the last few places on the Trust. We are currently considering filling these places by offering them to interested organizations. One of the first challenges we have is to attract funding and support.

I have received five new registrations this quarter.

David Glenn
Notable Trees Registrar

Request for plant images

The latest issue of our Journal contains an article on new interactive plant identification keys (*New Zealand Garden Journal*, Dec 2007, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp. 22–23).

The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) key is for the identification of plants on the NPPA list, their close relatives and similar species. The NPPA list currently includes about 140 specified species that are banned from propagation, sale, and distribution within New Zealand. The key will help avoid confusion between closely-related and look-alike species.

The key developers are presently gathering digital images to be considered for inclusion. They


require images of all the species (see lists below), covering a range of vegetative and floral characters. Those providing images used in the final key will be fully acknowledged. Their requirements are:

- Images of reliably identified material.
- Single species per image.

Preferably high resolution JPG format with the file name matching the species name (we also have capacity to scan slides and prints).

Please contact Murray Dawson (dawsonm@landcareresearch.co.nz) if you can

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The Pohutukawa Tree

I drunk you as a love potion
as you hung from rafters
superb
though I knew nothing
of Maori weapons grapels or fence posts
but your Honey and Mead was delicious

Crimson flowers filled my dreams
as I gazed
watching ship rats eating your lavish buds
or agreeable children playing pretend sheep
below red flowers in a wool shed pen

With even shifts of wind
your flowers flutter
the blossoms incite frenzied feeding for honey bees
leaves inflammable essential oils
branches are cylindrical
scarcely compressed
brownish covered
with short white matted hair

Your capsules open, releasing new seeds
catching the soft breezes
a minute lot
stop
stick
germinate in cracks or crevices

You a boat builder's dream for knees and elbows
your elongated cells have travelled the seas

Your massive roots are craggy
creeping over exposed rocks
penetrating
reaching down
they cling

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help. If you are providing several images they are best sent as CDs or DVDs by post to:

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National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) species

Please see the NPPA manual or <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-diseases/plants/accord.htm> for the full list. We welcome images of all NPPA species, but below is a short list of those that we are particularly lacking:

Cardiospermum grandiflorum
Cardiospermum halicacabum
x*Carpophyma* (*Carpobrotus edulis* x *Disphyma australe*)
Cestrum parqui
Egeria densa
Equisetum fluviatile
Eragrostis curvula
Hieracium argillaceum group
Hieracium aurantiacum subsp. *carpathicola*
Hieracium murorum
Hieracium pollichiae
Hieracium sabaudum
Megathyrsus maximus (syn. *Panicum maximum*)
Menyanthes trifoliata
Myrica faya
Pennisetum alopecuroides
Pennisetum latifolium
Pennisetum purpureum
Pittosporum undulatum
Potamogeton perfoliatus
Sagittaria montevidensis
Utricularia arenaria
Utricularia livida
Utricularia sandersonii
Vallisneria gigantea

Similar and related species to those in the NPPA list

Alisma lanceolatum
Alisma plantago-aquatica
Alternanthera denticulata
Alternanthera reineckii
Alternanthera sessilis
Asparagus densiflorus 'Meyersii' (syn. *A. densiflorus* 'Myers', *A. meyerii*, *A. meyers*, *A. meyeri*)
Asparagus officinalis
Asparagus setaceus
Austrostipa nitida
Austrostipa nodosa
Austrostipa scabra
Austrostipa stipoides
Baloskion tetraphyllum
Berberis glaucocarpa
Berberis xstenophylla – and its cultivars
Calluna vulgaris – double flowered cultivars (e.g., *C. vulgaris* 'County Wicklow', *C. vulgaris* 'HE Beale', *C.*

vulgaris 'Kinlochruel')
Calystegia sepium
Carpobrotus aequilaterus
Carpobrotus aequilaterus x *Disphyma australe*
Carpobrotus chilensis
Cestrum xcultum (*C. elegans* x *C. parqui*)
Cestrum fasciculatum 'Newellii'
Cestrum nocturnum
Cinnamomum camphora
Clematis flammula
Clematis montana
Clematis paniculata
Cortaderia fulvida
Cortaderia richardii
Cortaderia splendens
Cortaderia toetoe
Cortaderia turbaria
Cotoneaster franchetii
Cotoneaster frigidus 'Cornubia'
Cotoneaster glaucophyllus
Cotoneaster pannosus
Crassula lactea
Crassula sarmentosa
Crassula spathulata
Crepis capillaris
Disphyma australe
Drosera arcturi
Elegia capensis
Elodea canadensis
Erica carnea
Euonymus europaeus
Festuca novae-zelandiae
Ficus macrophylla
Fuchsia denticulata
Fuchsia fulgens
Fuchsia triphylla
Gunnera manicata
Heracleum sphondylium
Hedychium coccineum
Homalanthus polyandrus
Hypericum calycinum
Hypericum henryi
Hypericum kouytchense
Hypericum xinodorum
Hypochaeris radicata
Ipomoea cairica
Ipomoea purpurea
Iris ensata
Iris laevigata
Jasminum mesnyi
Juglans ailantifolia
Kennedia rubicunda
Lamium maculatum
Lantana montevidensis
Leontodon taraxacoides
Libertia formosa
Ligustrum ovalifolium
Lilium regale
Lonicera xamericana
Lonicera periclymenum
Ludwigia peploides
Lythrum virgatum – and its cultivars (e.g., *L. virgatum* 'Dropmore Purple', *L. virgatum* 'Rose Queen')
Microseris scapigera
Myoporum laetum
Myrica pensylvanica
Myriophyllum robustum

Nephrolepis exaltata
Nephrolepis exaltata 'Maasii'
Nephrolepis falcata
Nephrolepis flexuosa
Nestegis cunninghamii
Nymphaea alba
Nymphaea 'Escarboucle'
Nymphaea – hardy cultivars and hybrids with yellow flowers (e.g., *N.* 'Marliacea Chromatella', *N.* 'Sulphurea')
Ottelia ovalifolia
Panicum dichotomiflorum
Panicum schinzii
Passiflora edulis
Passiflora pinnatistipula
Passiflora xrosea
Pennisetum clandestinum
Pennisetum glaucum
Petasites fragrans
Pinus mugo
Pinus nigra
Pinus radiata
Pinus sylvestris
Pittosporum eugenioides
Plectranthus ecklonii
Plectranthus grandis
Plectranthus oertendahlii
Plectranthus purpuratus
Pleioblastus chino
Pleioblastus hindsi
Pleioblastus simonii
Polygala xdelmesiana 'Grandiflora'
Pontederia cordata
Potamogeton cheesemanii

Pseudosasa japonica
Pyracantha crenatoserrata
Pyracantha crenulata
Pyracantha coccinea
Pyracantha cultivars with orange fruit (e.g., *P.* 'Orange Glow', *P.* 'Shawnee')
Rheum palmatum
Salix xreichardtii
Salix alba var. *vitellina*
Sanguinaria canadensis
Sanguinaria canadensis 'Plena'
Saururus cernuus
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
Sechium edule
Semiarundinaria fastuosa
Senecio angulatus
Setaria italica
Setaria viridis
Sicyos angulatus
Syzygium australe
Tamarix chinensis
Taraxacum magellanicum
Tecomanthe speciosa
Teucrium scorodonia
Tradescantia albiflora
Tropaeolum pentaphyllum
Typha laxmannii
Typha orientalis
Utricularia australis
Utricularia geminiscapa
Veronica americana
Zantedeschia aethiopica – as distinct from *Z.* 'Green Goddess'

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

The Executive would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.