

November - January calendar

Looking at Architecture with the National Trust Women's Committee

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We recommend low-heeled, comfortable shoes. Please do not wear stiletto heels. Visitors may be asked to remove their shoes indoors to protect property, especially in rainy weather. No cameras, video cameras or large bags may be taken onto private property or through the houses. Children under 12 years will not be admitted. The best kept secret of our House Inspections is the relaxed, uncrowded atmosphere of the afternoon sessions.

Enquiries: Sian Graham (02) 9363 2401

- Please visit properties in the order given on your ticket.
- Please note that tickets are not transferable.
- Please use only one payment for each group application (credit card or cheque).
- To avoid delays, please pay using credit card and fax your application to (02) 9328 2649.

Thank you for your co-operation and for your continued patronage of National Trust events.

Palm Beach Day

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

10.30AM – 12.30PM OR 1PM – 3PM

At the tip of the beautiful Barrenjoey Peninsula, Palm Beach continues to surprise with hidden treasures, spectacular sites and unusual houses reflecting the changing lifestyles of yesterday and today.

"Seawards" 44 Sunrise Road, Palm Beach

by courtesy of the owners.

130B Pacific Road, Palm Beach

by courtesy of Garry and Susan Rothwell.

"Wisteria Cottage" 810 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach

by courtesy of Mimi and Toby Forwood.

Cost: Members (only) \$28
Youth (12-18 years) \$18

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



130B Florida Rd, Palm Beach



Lindesay Christmas Fair

THURSDAY 19, FRIDAY 20 AND

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

10AM – 4PM

Lindesay, 1 Carthona Avenue, Darling Point (please enter from Lindsay Avenue)

The Fair is organised by the Special Events Panel of the Women's Committee to raise much-needed funds for the upkeep of Lindesay. Held in historic Lindesay and its charming gardens overlooking Sydney Harbour, this annual Fair is an opportunity to buy unusual Christmas gifts and gourmet foods for the Christmas season. With over 70 stalls and exhibits, there is something for everyone and every budget. The traditional Courtyard Kitchen will serve delicious lunches and home made morning and afternoon teas. **A complimentary bus service** will run each day between 10am and 4pm from the Edgecliff Railway Bus Interchange Stand H. Public transport by train to Edgecliff Station or 327 bus from Circular Quay. Further details on the website www.lindesaychristmasgiftfair.com.au.

Cost: \$5 per person, no booking required

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



Galah and Cockatoo birdbath, Willie Wildlife Sculptures at the Lindesay Christmas Fair



DIARY DATES 2009/10

10 NOVEMBER	Palm Beach Day
19 – 21 NOVEMBER	Lindesay Christmas Fair
Looking Ahead 2010	
9 MARCH	Pymble Day
13 APRIL	Queens Park Day
1 – 2 MAY	Country Weekend

Pymble Day

TUESDAY 9 MARCH

10.30AM – 12.30PM

OR 1PM – 3PM

In 1821 Robert Pymble, silk weaver, brought his family to the colony on the promise of a land grant. Selecting 600 acres on the hills of the upper North Shore, he cut and sold the tall native timber, then cultivated the land – growing the first orange orchards. When the railway came in the 1890s, well-to-do people from crowded Sydney town were able to move their families to the high land where there was space to build gracious houses in the then fashionable Queen Anne Federation style. Nowadays Pymble is a much sought-after suburb where glorious gardens grow on the fertile soils that once supported great stands of eucalypt and turpentine.

"Alister Brae", 24 King Edward Street, Pymble

By courtesy of the owners

Fitted snugly into the hillside below Church Street, Alister Brae, c1904, shows a strong Scottish influence in the interior joinery and decorative glass, and in the well-crafted timber of the wide return verandah. A picturesque turret above the corner bay brings an added dimension to the landmark slate roof of this gracious Queen Anne style house.

2 Taunton Street, Pymble

By courtesy of Chris and Annabelle Chapman

Built in 1920, this immensely private house has been renovated over the years, most recently by its architect owner Annabelle Chapman. Her studio has been fitted into the roof space of the original garage. The inspired garden design is by Peter Fudge.



Alister Brae, 24 King Street, Pymble. Photo J Harvey

Bridford Manor, 10 Church Street, Pymble

By courtesy of Diana & Peter Fallon

Well sited on the hillside above a large mature garden, this house was built about 1901 in the expansive, verandahed style of the time. It has had some alteration to suit a young family of today.

Cost: Members (only) \$28
Youth (12-18 years) \$18

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



25 Henry Street, Queens Park

Queens Park Day



TUESDAY 13 APRIL

10.30AM – 12.30PM

OR 1PM – 3PM

With Centennial Park, Queens Park forms the great open greenspace that has defined and enhanced the City of Sydney since the early days of the colony when this vast open space was set aside to protect the water supply for Sydney town. Lying to the east of Centennial Park, the suburb of Queens Park is ideally situated within a few minutes of the CBD, the ocean front at Bondi Beach and the travel hub that is Mascot.

32 HENRY STREET, QUEENS PARK

By courtesy of Howard and Mary Tanner

32 Henry Street is a late Victorian house, originally known as Rocklands, due to its position on a rock shelf overlooking Queens Park and the Centennial Parklands. By the 1980s, all its verandahs had been enclosed and the grounds were occupied by tradesmen's sheds. Architect Howard Tanner transformed the property for his own use around 1990, creating the book-lined library, the vaulted living room and the generous garden and swimming pool which exist today.

25 HENRY STREET, QUEENS PARK

By courtesy of Steve Gourlay

Designed by Luigi Rosselli, with Corrado Palleschi project architect, this contemporary house is a

successful blend of function and form with a naturalistic and curvaceous feel. Set in a garden of native plants, the house has spectacular views over Queens Park and Centennial Park to the city skyline.

28 QUEENS PARK ROAD, QUEENS PARK

By courtesy of Liane Rossler and Sam Marshall

Dynamic design has transformed the original brick cottage to become a two-storey home for a creative young family, with studio space for both owners – architect Sam Marshall and Liane Rossler, co-founder of Dinosaur Designs.

Cost: Members (only) \$28,00
Youth (12-18 years) \$18.00

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



25 Henry Street, Queens Park

National Trust Way day tours

Walking Tour of Cockatoo Island



TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Catch the Rivercat Ferry from Circular Quay, Wharf 5 at 9.50am

Cockatoo Island is an historic island with buildings dating from the convict era to the naval ship building times of the early 1900s. The island buildings are now being restored and new uses are being found for some. After the tour enjoy lunch of sandwiches with coffee, tea or a cool drink and a cake at the Muster Café.

Cost: \$39 includes lunch
Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet
Tour leader: Margaret Durham
P: (02) 9326 2963



Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour

Walsh Bay Walking Tour



THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

10AM – 11.45AM

Meet outside the Garrison Church in Argyle Place

The Walsh Bay precinct has become one of Sydney's most interesting cultural and residential areas. A special walking tour of the area has been arranged for National Trust members and friends. The refurbished wharves and maritime buildings of Walsh Bay have incorporated heritage elements with stylish new facilities. We will walk from Garrison Church through the historic residential streets of Millers Point to Walsh Bay. Morning tea is included.

Cost: \$40 includes private tour and morning tea
Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet
Tour leader: Loma Priddle
P: (02) 9412 2875

Holiday Tours 2010

See Trust News Australia magazine for more information on these Holiday Tours or visit www.nationaltrust.com.au

Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, 24 February – 12 March: Rob Lovell, Alumni Travel, License No. 2TA003088. **P:** (02) 9290 3856 or 1300 799 887

Channel Country, 16 April – 2 May: Richard Quilty, License No. 2TA6093. **P:** 0418 201 677.

Flinders ranges, Lake Eyre and the Cooper, 24 May – 9 June: Richard Quilty, License No. 2TA6093. **P:** 0418 201 677.

Bedourie Camel Races and Outback Tour, 2 – 18 July: Richard Quilty, License No. 2TA6093. **P:** 0418 201 677.

Highlands of Scotland and the Lakes District of England, 3 – 17 September: Beverley Cohen, Wentworth Travel. License No. 2TA001762 **P:** (02) 9387 4377.

Tour of the Southern States of the USA, 11 – 21 October: David Smith, Travelscene on Capri, License No. TA1091. **P:** 1800 679 066.

November 2009

7 Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Organic Gardening Workshops
 Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

A series of one day gardening workshops. Subjects include weed control, mulching, compost making, preparing vegetable and herb gardens, health and safety, organic pest control and tool selection and maintenance. The workshops will run on Saturday 7, 21 and 28 November, 12 and 19 December, 13 and 27 February, and 6 March. **Cost:** \$50. **Bookings:** essential. **P:** (02) 4751 1067.

8 Sunday, 10am – 3pm
Frog Day
 Werrimbirra Sanctuary, 3105 Remembrance Drive, Bargo

A fun and educational day for the whole family. Hands-on frog shows with renowned wildlife expert Anthony Stimson from Australian Wildlife Displays, local community stalls, activities, displays, plenty of food available all day. Free event, donations are appreciated. **P:** (02) 4684 1112 or www.werrimbirra.com.au.

8 Sunday, 10am – 5pm
Cirquinox
 Everglades House & Gardens, Leura

The magic and colour of the circus comes to Everglades. Step inside the gardens and into the world of Cirquinox, the Blue Mountains' very own circus festival showcasing the talent of local circus and physical theatre performers and community groups. While performers roam the grounds, there will be stage shows, aerial acts, circus stalls, workshops and face painting throughout the day. Food and drinks available or byo picnic. **Cost:** adults \$10, children \$6, family of four \$25. **Bookings:** Everglades. **P:** (02) 4784 1938.

8 Sunday
Newcastle and Tomago Coach Trip
 Depart from Gordon Railway Station at 7.30am, return by 6.30pm

Join us on a luxury coach for a trip to Newcastle. We will stop for morning tea at the Hunter Regional Botanic gardens then on to Tomago House for a tour of the house and lunch. After lunch we will visit Miss Porter's House in Newcastle then travel to Catherine Hill Bay where we will partake of afternoon tea before returning to Gordon Station. Both Tomago House and Miss Porter's House are National Trust properties. **Cost:** \$75. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** 0418 112 018 Ron Bottrill.

10 Tuesday
Women's Committee Palm Beach Day House Inspections
 Please see page 17 for more information.

11 Wednesday, 7.30pm
Tavantinsuyu Ensemble - violin, viola, clarinet & piano
 Brough House, Church Street, Maitland

Tavantinsuyu, 'four corners of the earth' is an apt description of the variety of music played by this ensemble. Tavantinsuyu not only performs music by the great classical composers but the programme is spiced with the flavours of folk and jazz-influenced music of other cultures. Violin: Ronald Woodcock, viola: Louise Woodcock, clarinet: Graham Evans, piano: Lillian Camphausen. **Cost:** NT members \$20, non-members \$25. **Bookings:** Grossmann House. **P:** (02) 4933 6452.

13 Friday, 7.50pm
Friday the 13th Ghostly Night
 Old Government House, Parramatta Park

The Governors and their households left Parramatta in 1855, but their presence still haunts Old Government House. Explore this 210 year old Georgian mansion by candlelight, hear strange tales from the site's long history, revisit the scene of a tragic accident and witness places within the house where psychics have had ghostly encounters. Reflect on your own experiences over supper and wine. **Cost:** \$28. **Bookings:** Peter Crittenden. **P:** 0415 187 402 or www.friendsofogh.com.

14 Saturday 14 November - Sunday 20 December
Nora Heysen: Light and Life exhibition
 S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Sydney

Please see Exhibitions on page 21 for more information.

14 Saturday, 3.30pm – 6pm
Opera at Golden Vale
 Golden Vale, Sutton Forest

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) proudly presents 'Opera at Golden Vale'. This unique event will be held for the first time in the grounds of this immaculate property 'Golden Vale'. With Golden Vale closed to the public, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to come and discover a hidden treasure of the Southern Highlands. With performances from Pacific Opera, guests are invited to take in this amazing estate at dusk, enjoy local food and wines, take part in silent auctions and raffles all while supporting the important work of the National Trust of Australia (NSW). This is truly an event not to be missed. **Cost:** \$75 VIP (limited to 50 spots), \$45 National Trust/ concession, \$50 non-members, \$100 family (2 adults + 2 children). **Bookings:** Natalie Gross, Events Manger. **P:** (02) 9258 0181.

15 Sunday, 2.30pm
Talk on Thistle Harris by Dr Joan Webb
 RSL Hall, 56 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill

Dr Thistle Harris (1902 – 1990) spent her life as an advocate for the natural environment. Author of Wild Flowers of Australia (1938) and Naturecraft in Australia (1956), in the early 1960s she established Werrimbirra, the flora and fauna sanctuary at Bargo, now a National Trust property. Dr Joan Webb followed in the footsteps of Thistle Harris as an environmental lecturer and is author of the 1998 biography of Thistle Harris. Entry by donation. **P:** (02) 9816 1794 or jabirch@bigpond.com.

17 Tuesday
Walking Tour of Cockatoo Island
 Please see page 18 for more information.

19–21 Thursday – Saturday
Lindesay Christmas Fair
 Please see page 17 for more information.

21 Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Woodford Academy Open Day
 Woodford Academy, Great Western Highway, Woodford

The Woodford Academy is the oldest existing building in the Blue Mountains. Starting life as an inn in the 1830s, it was at times a guest house, a private residence and a school. **Cost:** members free, non-members \$5. **P:** (02) 4758 7809 Marilyn Wright.

20–22 Friday – Sunday
Vienna Cottage Christmas Boutique
 Vienna Cottage, Hunters Hill

The annual Vienna boutique always has a great range of gift ideas including linen, lace, wool embroidery, pottery, decorative glass, hand crafted jewellery, homewares and children's clothes. There will also be a range of jams, preserves, cakes, puddings, and Christmas decorations and cards. Also available are National Trust products and publications. The Boutique will open from 6pm on Friday evening, and will be open from 10am – 4pm over the weekend. **P:** (02) 9816 1794 or jabirch@bigpond.com

26 Thursday
Walsh Bay Walking Tour
 Please see page 18 for more information.

28–29 Saturday – Sunday, 10am - 4pm
Eryldene Christmas Fair
 Eryldene House and Garden, 17 McIntosh St, Gordon

Enjoy making your Christmas gift selections at the Eryldene Christmas Fair. Enjoy a wide selection of unusual and quality gifts from over 45 stallholders including jewellery, antiques, Christmas hampers, cakes and puddings, silkware, garden ornaments, plants, homewares, children's and women's clothing, pearls, paper products and more. **Cost:** adults \$5, children free. **P:** (02) 9498 2271.

December

4 Friday, 6.30pm for 7pm
Blue Mountains Branch Christmas Party
 Woodford Academy, Great Western Highway, Woodford

Woodford Academy will be decorated for an old fashioned Christmas, and a very pleasant start to the festive season. There will be good food, homemade Christmas goodies for sale, and our strolling minstrel, David Robinson. **Cost:** adults \$22, children \$12. **Bookings:** send your details and cheques made out to Blue Mountains Branch, to Diana Nelson, 4 Yanko Ave, Wentworth Falls, 2782 with self-addressed stamped envelope. **P:** (02) 4757 1033.



MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 Friday, 6.30pm – 9.30pm
S.H. Ervin Gallery Christmas Party
S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Sydney

Join us for our end of year celebration in the new revamped S.H. Ervin Gallery. There will be an art auction, fantastic raffle prizes, live music, special guests, wine from Westend Estate and affordable Christmas shopping at our Gallery Shop. **Cost:** members \$15, non-members \$20. **Bookings:** Tickets available from the Gallery in November. **P:** (02) 9258 0173.

5 Saturday, 6.30pm – 9.30pm
Carols by Candlelight
Old Government House, Parramatta Park

Carols by Candlelight is organised by the National Trust and Friends of Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage. Visitors can sit in the grounds of this gracious Georgian Colonial mansion, among trees festooned with fairy lights, and enjoy an evening of Christmas music and good cheer. The music will range from traditional religious favourites like Silent Night to perennial favourites such as White Christmas and Jingle Bells. Santa Claus and his elves will also make a special guest appearance. BBQ, tea, coffee and drinks will be available, and candles will be sold on the night. Limited grass space or BYO seating for non-grassed areas. **Cost:** Gold coin donation. **P:** (02) 9635 8149.

5-6 Saturday 10am – 4pm & Sunday 12 – 4pm
The Night before Christmas
Woodford Academy, Great Western Highway, Woodford

Join us for an early Australian Christmas at the Blue Mountains oldest building – Woodford Academy. Santa's Workshop will be found in the old schoolroom, where children can make a bag of goodies to take home. Homemade seasonal goodies will be available for sale.

Cost: members free, non-members \$5. **P:** (02) 4758 7809 Marilyn Wright.

12 Saturday, 3pm – 5pm
Christmas with the After Hours Committee and Ryde Historical Society
Willandra House, 770 Victoria Road, Ryde

Enjoy the hospitality of the members of the Ryde Historical Society as we join with them to celebrate the festive season, enjoy a glass of wine and a plate of delicious food. Take in the sights from the verandah of Willandra, an archetypal colonial two storey quality built Georgian house with an encircling ground floor verandah. Tours of the house can be arranged or you can just relax and enjoy the balmy summer day. **Cost:** \$30. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** 0418 112 018 Ron Bottrill.



12 Saturday, 8.30am – 3pm
Christmas Street Stall, Leura Mall, Leura

Looking for some sweet treats for the family for Christmas, or looking for that special Christmas Gift? Come shop with the Friends of Everglades and pick up some homemade cakes, sweets, plants and more. **P:** (02) 4784 1938.

12 Saturday, 7pm
A Bush Christmas
Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, 3105 Remembrance Drive, Bargo

Enjoy a true-blue Aussie Christmas with the Wollondilly Country Music Club, in the beautiful bush surrounds of Wirrimbirra Sanctuary. Christmas music, giant Christmas raffle, plenty of food available, and Santa will be popping in with treats for the kids. Free event, donations are appreciated. **P:** (02) 4684 1112 or www.wirrimbirra.com.au.

January 2010

16 Saturday 16 January – Sunday 14 March
Nicholas Harding: Drawn to Paint exhibition
S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Sydney

Please see exhibitions on page 21 for more information.

17 Sunday, 1pm – 4pm
Summer BBQ at the Home of the National Trust
National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill, Sydney

Join the After Hours Committee for a BBQ lunch at the headquarters of the National Trust. Enjoy the balmy summer weather, a glass of wine and some entertainment with your lunch. Then wander through the S.H. Ervin Gallery and enjoy the current exhibition and talk of Nicholas Harding's work. **Cost:** \$35. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** 0418 112 018 Ron Bottrill.



20 Wednesday – 22 Friday
Summer School Holiday Art Workshops for children
S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Sydney

The S.H. Ervin Gallery will be holding art workshops during the last week of the school holidays for little ones. The workshops will coincide with the Nicholas Harding: Drawn to Paint exhibition at the Gallery. Visit www.nationaltrust.com.au closer to the date for more details. **P:** (02) 9258 0122 or evenables@nationaltrust.com.au.

26 Tuesday
Australia Day Celebrations

Many National Trust properties across NSW will be open with special celebrations. Visit your local property and join in the festivities. Visit www.nationaltrust.com.au closer to the date for more details.

Looking Ahead

14 February, 6.30pm
Valentine's Night Dinner Party
Everglades House and Garden, Leura

Bring your partner or prospective partner along to Everglades for our extremely popular Valentine's night dinner. You will be treated to a delicious three course home cooked dinner, followed by coffee and sweet nibbles. **BYOG. Cost:** \$65 per person. **Bookings:** essential. **P:** (02) 4784 1938 or evergladesgarden@bigpond.com.

19 February, 7.50pm
A Ghostly Night
 Please see event on 13 November for details.

20 February, 5pm (gates open 4pm)
Jazz in the Garden
Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

Every year in February the Friends of Norman Lindsay Gallery host this popular Jazz in the Garden event attracting 800 jazz lovers from all over New South Wales. Four hours of sensational live jazz performed from the Gallery verandah. Bring your picnic basket and chair, family or plan to meet your friends in the garden. **Cost:** NT and Friends members \$25, non-members \$28. **Bookings:** Tickets available from Norman Lindsay Gallery **P:** (02) 4751 1067.

20 February, 11am
Fruit bottling workshop
Eryldene House & Garden, 17 McIntosh St, Gordon

Extend the tastes of summer into the cooler months. Learn how to bottle summer fruit with experienced country cooks and enjoy summer fruits all year. **Cost:** \$10. **Bookings:** essential. **P:** (02) 9498 2271.

20 February, 7pm
Reliance Evening Cruise
Meet at Commissioners' Steps at Circular Quay
(opposite Cadman's Cottage) at 6.30pm - 6.45pm

Cruise around beautiful Sydney Harbour with the After Hours Committee on the Reliance – a 1910 restored launch. Enjoy the best of the day as well as the lights of our beautiful city. Relax and enjoy good food, a glass of wine, good music and company. Places are limited so please book early. **Cost:** \$69. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** 0418 112 018 Ron Bottrill.



28 February, 6.30pm, gates open 5pm
Opera in the Courtyard
Courtyard at Old Government House, Parramatta Park

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Lachlan Macquarie's investiture as governor in NSW, The Very Small Opera Company will present Fidelio, Beethoven's only opera. It will be set in colonial NSW, and tells the tale of a political prisoner set free by his faithful wife. It encompasses the themes of justice, prisoner rights and freedom. The performance will be sung in English. **Cost:** Premium tickets \$99 includes a three course meal, Standard tickets \$35 byo picnic. Gift certificates available. **Bookings:** Old Government House. **P:** (02) 9635 8149.

9 March
Women's Committee Pymble Day House Inspections
 Please see page 17 for more information.



13 April
Women's Committee Queens Park Day House Inspections
 Please see page 18 for more information.

