

## October

**September-December 2010**, open every day from 10am-4pm**Springwood Olympus – Myths, Legends and Gods****Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge**

New exhibition at Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

Featuring Norman Lindsay's art, inspired by the fauns, nymphs, satyrs and the gods of Greek mythology. **Cost:** included with normal admission. **Enquiries:** P: (02) 4751 1067.

**Sunday 31 October, 2.30pm****A talk on Heritage and Planning****Hunters Hill RSL Hall, 56 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill**

Prominent urban planner, John Mant, will talk about recent changes to the NSW Heritage Act and the integrity of planning in New South Wales. **Cost:** \$10. includes refreshments.

**Enquiries:** P: (02) 9816 1794. E: jabirch@bigpond.com

**Sunday 31 October, 7.45pm-10.30pm****Halloween Ghost Night at Old Government House****Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta (Pitt Street entrance)**

The governors and their households left Parramatta in 1855 but their presence still haunts the house. Join us for a particularly creepy Halloween Ghost Night as we explore this 210 year old Georgian mansion by candlelight and hear strange tales from the site's long history, revisit the scene of a tragic accident and witness places within the house where psychics and guides have had ghostly encounters. Reflect on your own experiences over supper. **Cost:** \$28 per person, includes guided tour and refreshments. **Bookings:** essential. P: (02) 9635 8149 or see www.friendsofogh.com. **Enquiries only:** Peter Crittenden M: 0415 187 402.

## November

**From Monday 1 November to Friday 19 November, 10.30am-4pm****Artists without Studios, and Open Garden****Harper's Mansion, 9 Wilkinson Street, Berrima**

An exhibition of recent paintings by local artists, held as part of the Days of Wine, Art & Roses Festival in the Southern Highlands. Historic Harper's Mansion, gardens and maze will be open for inspection and the National Trust shop will be open for all your special Christmas purchases, gardening and Bridge materials. **Cost:** free to National Trust members, adults \$7, conc \$6, family \$15. **Enquiries** (after 5pm): Sue Maude P: (02) 4861 5753.

E: suemaude@hinet.com.au

**Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 November, 10.30am - 3.30pm****Wine + Nosh****Harper's Mansion, 9 Wilkinson Street, Berrima**

A chance to sample gourmet produce while viewing the Artists without Studios' exhibition and historic Harper's Mansion and gardens during the Days of Wine, Art & Roses Festival. Top wine and food producers will showcase the best of their products in the garden at Harper's Mansion. Food and drinks will be on sale. **Cost:** includes entry to exhibition: free to National Trust members, adults \$7, conc \$6, family \$15. **Enquiries:** Clare P: (02) 4871 1252.

E: info@highlandsfoodiegroup.com.au

**Saturday 6 November, 6pm (gates open at 5pm)****Pizza and All That Jazz****Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge**

This is the first time ever that the pizzeria will come to the garden at the Gallery, and the Friends have combined this with live jazz and some other genres for a warm spring night of music and pizza. **Cost:** As a new event, tickets are only \$15 for National Trust members and Friends of the Gallery. Non-members \$20 each. 10 inch pizzas for just \$12 each and our usual coffee vendor will be on site. Just bring your favourite Lambrusco, friends and a deck chair. **Bookings:** tickets on sale from the Gallery, P: (02) 4751 1067.

**Tuesday 9 November, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm****Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's Committee****Cooper Park Day – house inspections**

See page 18 for more details.

**Saturday 13, Sunday 14 November, 9.30am-4pm****Cool climate Garden Lecture Series****Leura Golf Course**

Beautiful all year round, Everglades gardens in late spring are at their absolute best. To complement the magic of Everglades, our inaugural Cool Climate Lecture Series will be held over the weekend. Three experts will speak each day on a diverse range of garden topics. After a light lunch we will visit three impressive gardens. For details of gardens to visit, speakers and topics, see page 5. **Cost:** \$150 per person (National Trust members only) for both days, non members \$175 per person for both days, \$100 per person for one day. **Enquiries:** Scott. P: (02) 4784 1938. E: evergladesgarden@bigpond.com

**Saturday 13 November, 10.30am-11.30am****Parramatta Lecture Series: A Journey among Women****Seminar Room, 3 Northcott Conference and Function Centre, 1 Fennel Street, Parramatta**

A lecture series on the life of Governor Macquarie from 1810-1821, presented throughout the year by the National Trust and Friends of Old Government House to celebrate the Macquarie Bicentenary. Here, Robin Walsh will examine the life of Elizabeth Macquarie and a selection of her female contemporaries. **Cost:** National Trust members \$10, non-members \$15. Includes morning tea. **Bookings:** essential. P: 9635 8149.

**Sunday 14 November, 1pm-4pm****The wardrobes of Florence, Ella and Hazel Porter****Miss Porter's House, 434 King Street, Newcastle West**

Florence Porter and her daughters Ella and Hazel were fine needleworkers and enjoyed making and wearing clothes. Much of their clothing from across the twentieth century is in the collection at Miss Porter's House and will be on display on this occasion. **Cost:** free to National Trust members and children under five, non-members \$7 adults, \$5 conc and children five years and over. **Enquiries:** Roland Bannister. P: (02) 4927 2020.

**Thursday 18, Friday 19 & Saturday 20 November (not Sunday)****10am-4pm****Lindesay Christmas Fair****Lindesay, 1 Carthona Avenue, Darling Point (please enter via Lindsay Avenue)**

See page 19 for more details.

**Thursday 18 November, 9am****Bus Trip to Lindesay Christmas Fair**

Travel by bus from the Blue Mountains to the Fair, held in the gardens of the National Trust's historic Darling Point property. We will stop on the way for morning tea. Lunch and other refreshments can be purchased from the Lindesay Courtyard Kitchen. **Cost:** \$25, includes morning tea. **Bookings:** essential. Please send your cheque, made out to the Blue Mountains Branch to Diana Nelson, 4 Yanko Avenue, Wentworth Falls, NSW 2782, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Enquiries and departure details:** Diana Nelson. P: (02) 4757 1033.

**Friday 19 November, 7pm****Vienna Cottage Annual Dinner****Hunters Hill RSL Hall, 56 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill**

A sumptuous three course sit-down meal, with champagne on arrival, BYO (no corkage) and a Spanish classical guitar musical interlude. **Cost:** \$45. BYO. **Bookings:** essential.

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**Saturday 20 November, 10am-4pm****Visit Woodford Academy, Woodford**

This historic property is thought to be the oldest building complex in the Blue Mountains, with parts of it dating back to the 1830s. Among its many uses, the Academy has been the Woodman Inn, the King's Arms, Buss's Inn, a gentleman's residence, a school for young gentlemen (from whence it took its current name), day school for local children, guest house, boarding house and private residence. Enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea and perhaps a guided tour. **Costs:** entry - National Trust members free. Non-members \$5 adults, \$3 children. Devonshire tea \$5. **Enquiries:** Marilyn. P: (02) 4758 7809. E: woodfordacad@gmail.com

**Sunday 21 November, 9.30am****Historic Glenbrook Walk****Meet in the park, opposite 33 Moore Street, Glenbrook**

Join the Blue Mountains branch on a walk through the historic environs of Glenbrook. Our route will take in the Glenbrook Lagoon, down Mitchells Pass with its convict-built Lennox Bridge, the oldest stone bridge on the mainland, past an original milestone carved into the cutting, to Whitton Park and thence back to Moore Street. This is a medium intensity walk (with a few harder parts and some steps) which will take around 2 1/2 hours. **Cost:** \$10, includes tea and biscuits. **Enquiries and registration of names:** John Dikeman. P: (02) 4739 2480.

**Sunday 21 November, 12.30pm-3.30pm****Between the Wars: a presentation by Cavalcade****Everglades House, 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura 2780**

A fascinating historical presentation by The Cavalcade of History and Fashion. The

presentation highlights the amazing changes in fashion that occurred between the First and Second World Wars, moving from a time when it was shocking to see a mere glimpse of a stocking to the Ragtime jazz world of the flapper era. Fashion items from the era will be shown. **Cost:** \$40, includes lunch. **Bookings:** essential. **Contact:** Scott. **P:** (02) 4784 1938. **E:** evergladesgarden@bigpond.com

### Sunday 21 November, 2pm-3pm

#### Garden Tour and Talk

##### Harper's Mansion, 9 Wilkinson Street, Berrima

Enjoy an inspiring talk and tour of the wonderful garden at Harper's Mansion in the Southern Highlands, with its newly planted heritage roses. **Cost:** includes free entry to historic Harper's Mansion, garden and maze: free to National Trust members, non-members \$7, conc \$6, family \$15. **Enquiries:** Clive West. **P:** (02) 4877 1508. **E:** sawwest@bigpond.net.au

### Sunday 21 November, 7.30am-6pm

#### Wollombi Wander

##### Meet at Gordon railway station

Travel by coach to historic Wollombi and enjoy a day of wine tastings and lunch. **Cost:** \$75, includes lunch. **Bookings:** essential. See Ticket Application Sheet. **Enquiries:** Pat Woodhead. **P:** 9476 1804. **E:** tricia435@bigpond.com. Sue Middleton **P:** 9451 1897.

**E:** suemiddleton@optusnet.com.au



### Saturday 27 November, 8am-6pm

#### Day trip to Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage

##### Join the coach at Miss Porter's House, 434 King Street, Newcastle West at 8am or at Energy Australia Stadium's car park at 8.15am

Enjoy a full day excursion with guided tours to Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage. Morning tea and lunch are available at Lachlan's Restaurant, in Old Government House; otherwise bring a picnic. **Cost:** \$40 per person (bus trip only). Admission to properties is free to National Trust members (remember to bring your membership card). For non-members, admission including both properties is \$13 adult, \$9 conc. Meals are not included. **Bookings:** essential. Mail payment to: Secretary, Miss Porter's House Management Committee, Geoff Farris, P O Box 2358, Dangar NSW 2309. **Enquiries:** Roland Bannister. **P:** (02) 4927 2020.

## December

### Friday 3 December, 6-9pm – official opening and refreshments

#### Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December, 10-4pm

##### Vienna Cottage Christmas Boutique

##### Vienna Cottage, 38 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill

A wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts, cards and decorations, as well as jewellery, soft furnishings, scented candles, embroidery and household goods from a wide range of local artisans. Free admission to Vienna Cottage. Everyone is welcome. **Enquiries:** (02) 9816 1794. **E:** jabirch@bigpond.com

### Saturday 4 December, 6.30pm-9pm

#### Carols by Candlelight

##### Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta (Pitt Street entrance)

Come and join us for an evening of traditional carols and well known Christmas songs performed by The New South Wales Police Band and The Kings School Choir. Enjoy a BBQ and a visit from Santa Claus. **Cost:** gold coin donation. Sausage sizzle and drinks for sale, or bring your own picnic. **Bookings:** not needed. **Enquiries:** Old Government House. **P:** (02) 9635 8149.

### Friday 10 December, 6.30pm

#### Christmas Celebration

##### Woodford Academy, 90-95 Great Western Highway, Woodford 2778

The Blue Mountains branch will hold their annual Christmas celebrations at the very atmospheric National Trust property, Woodford Academy. Delicious finger snacks will be served from the BBQ, with drinks and appropriate seasonal music. We will again be selling our special Christmas goodies. **Cost:** \$25. **Bookings:** essential. Please send your cheque, made out to the Blue Mountains Branch, to Diana Nelson, 4 Yanko Avenue, Wentworth Falls, NSW 2780, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Enquiries:** Diana Nelson. **P:** (02) 4757 1033.

### Saturday 11 December, 9am-4pm

#### Everglades Christmas Stall

##### Leura Mall, Leura 2780

This is the place to buy those special food items for Christmas presents – or for your family. Wonderful home-cooked Christmas cakes, puddings and much, much more. **Enquiries:** Scott. **P:** (02) 4784 1938. **E:** evergladesgarden@bigpond.com

### Saturday 11 December, 2pm-4pm

#### Christmas at Willandra

##### Willandra, cnr Victoria and Ryde Roads, Ryde

Celebrate Christmas with the After Hours Committee and Friends of Willandra, at the beautiful historic mansion overlooking the Parramatta River and environs. **Cost:** \$30. **Bookings:** essential. See Ticket Application Sheet. **Enquiries:** Tony Bastow. **M:** 0404 292 208.



### Sunday 12 December, 1pm-4pm

#### Christmas at the Porters

##### Miss Porter's House, 434 King Street, Newcastle West

Get into the Christmas mood with this special exhibition of Christmas memorabilia owned by the Porter family. Enjoy decorations, postcards from various times in the lives of the Porters, and a historic Christmas dinner table setting. **Cost:** National Trust members and children under five free, non-members \$7 adults, \$5 conc and children under five years. **Enquiries:** Roland Bannister. **P:** (02) 4927 0202.

## January

### Monday 3 to Thursday 6 January, 9am-1pm

#### Life Drawing School 2011 – beginners

#### Monday 10 to Thursday 13 January, 9am-1pm

#### Life Drawing School 2011 – advanced

##### Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

Tuition, models, easels and morning tea. **Cost:** all inclusive. \$250 for four days.

**Bookings:** essential. **P:** (02) 4751 1067.

### Saturday 15 January, 10am-4pm

#### Visit Woodford Academy, Woodford

This historic property is thought to be the oldest building complex in the Blue Mountains, with parts of it dating back to the 1830s. Enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea and perhaps a guided tour. **Costs:** entry - National Trust members free. Non-members \$5 adults, \$3 children. Devonshire tea \$5. **Enquiries:** Marilyn. **P:** (02) 4758 7809. **E:** woodfordacad@gmail.com

### Sunday 16 January, 1pm

#### Summer Buffet at the home of the National Trust

##### National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill, Sydney

Join the After Hours Committee for a relaxed afternoon, starting with great food at our summer buffet, a glass of wine and fabulous conversation. Later, wander through the S.H. Ervin Gallery and enjoy the current exhibition. **Cost:** \$35. **Bookings:** essential. **Enquiries:** Pat Woodhead **P:** 9476 1804. **E:** tricia435@bigpond.com. Sue Middleton. **P:** 9451 1897.

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### Friday 28 and Saturday 29 January

#### Shakespeare at the Gallery

##### Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

Enjoy A Midsummer Night's Dream in the magical grounds of the Norman Lindsay Gallery. The play will be performed by Sport for Jove Theatre, who filled Everglades Gardens to capacity during January 2010. **Enquiries:** for details regarding cost, times and bookings, please call 4751 1067.

## Looking Ahead – a sample of what is to come

### February 2010

#### Jazz in the Garden

##### Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

Don't miss this hugely popular annual event. More details in the next issue of the magazine, or ring (02) 4751 1067 for more information.

### Sunday 27 February 2010, 1.30pm

#### Watsons Bay Walkabout

##### Meet at Watsons Bay Wharf

Join Janine from the After Hours Committee for a walk around Watsons Bay and discover all sorts of fascinating things. Wear your favourite walking shoes! **Cost:** \$30 includes afternoon tea. **Bookings:** essential. **Enquiries:** Tony Bastow. **M:** 0404 292 208



### Sunday 6 March 2010

#### Opera in the Courtyard - Die Fledermaus (Strauss)

##### Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta (Pitt Street entrance)

A night of fine dining and opera in the courtyard of Old Government House. **Cost:** premium tickets \$99, includes three course meal. Standard tickets \$35 – BYO picnic. **Bookings:** essential. Please phone (02) 9635 8149.

### Tuesday 8 March, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm

#### Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's

##### Committee – house inspections, Glebe Day

See page 19 for more details.

### Tuesday 12 April, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm

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