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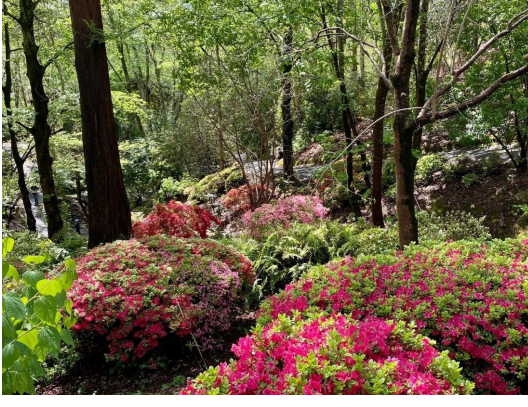


## October in the Botanic Gardens

Leaves are unfurling, flowers are blooming and spring is well and truly in the air.

To complement your nature experience, we have exciting after-dark events, art to inspire and workshops to keep you learning. See what's on below, and join us this spring.

Visit your local botanic garden



### In bloom

**Adelaide**  
If you visit soon, you may catch the last of the popular **wisteria** blooms. Explore the sunken garden for splashes of colour and to see **water lilies** in the 'hidden' pond. For some drama, feast your eyes on exotic orange **bird-of-paradise** throughout the garden.  
The kitchen garden **vegetables** provides heaps of inspiration on what you can grow.  
**Mount Lofty Rhododendron Gully** is in full bloom and a must-see this spring.  
**Bluebells** create a carpet of blue on the northwest side of the lake, and native wild **orchids** can be spotted throughout the garden.  
**Wardians** in fern gully look stunning, and **dogbane** in the woodland and near the lower carpark are sweetly scented.  
**Wittunga**  
Spring continues to impress with the terraced beds and **lyons** gardens painting a rainbow of colours. South African and Australian plants set the colourful scenes, with **leucodendrons**, **leucospermums** and **ericas** to name a few.



### Opera under the stars

What are you up to this weekend? Why not snap up the last of the tickets to see **Acis and Galatea**.  
The event is produced by Co-Opera, which shares opera in full, accessible performances. Perfect for operatic newcomers!  
Follow the much-loved Greek story in which two lovers are torn apart. It's a tale full of humour and sadness, warning of the changing nature of pleasure.  
Beautiful Adelaide Botanic Garden surrounds the stage in this unique outdoor performance of *exquisite* music.  
Make a night of it and pack a picnic to enjoy on the lawn - sales open at 6.30pm.  
**7.30pm - 9.30pm | 9 & 10 October | Conifer Lawn | Adelaide Botanic Garden | \$60 (\$30 concession/pension)**  
*Presented in partnership with Co-Opera and with generous support from SA Power Networks and Creative Entrepreneurial Australia & Plus! copogram*

Visitor information

Book tickets



### Into The Woods

Join your favourite fairytale characters for a night of laughter and intrigue under the stars.  
In this thrilling new musical production, follow familiar names from English folklore and the Brothers Grimm to find out what happens after 'happily ever after'!  
The event is suitable for primary school aged children and big kids alike, who will experience the magic of the garden after dark.  
Doors open at 6.30pm, so pack a picnic (or pre-purchase one from the **Gardens Cafe and Kiosk**) and soak up the natural ambience by relaxing on the lawns before the outdoor performance begins.  
**7.30pm - 10pm | Wed 4 - Sat 7 November | Plane Tree Lawn | Adelaide Botanic Garden | \$35 (\$30 concession)**  
*Presented by Elephant in the Room Productions and the Botanic Gardens of South Australia as part of the **Gardens Lumina program** with support from SA Power Networks*



### Free guided tours

Making a welcome return this month are the **FREE** guided tours, led by the **Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide**.  
Expert tour guides will take you on a meander through the garden, sharing their wealth of knowledge and interesting facts.  
The tours last for approximately 1.5 hours. No booking is necessary, however numbers will be limited to 15 people.  
**Adelaide Botanic Garden**: starting on 14 Oct, daily at 10.30am from the Visitor Information Centre.  
**Botanic Park**: weekly on Mondays from 19 Oct, 2pm from the Friends Gate.  
**Mount Lofty Botanic Garden**: weekly on Thursdays from 15 Oct, 10.30am from lower car park.  
**Wittunga Botanic Garden**: weekly on Tuesdays from 20 Oct, 10.30am at the car park.

Find out more and book

Guide me!



### Have your say

We want to hear your views on proposed enhancements to Adelaide Botanic Garden.  
The changes are outlined in the renewed **Adelaide Botanic Garden Masterplan 2020**, which will help guide future infrastructure investment.  
The suggested activities are designed to enrich your garden experience and protect the valuable botanical, cultural and architectural heritage within. They will also integrate the garden with the new Lot Fourteen hub, and make the garden more sustainable in the long term.  
You are invited to view all the changes and give your feedback via a short online survey or a discussion board at YourSAy.  
**Community engagement closes at 12.00am on Thursday 15 November 2020.**



### Learn from our experts

Join our friendly gardening community at relaxed and inspiring workshops.  
Whether you're a home gardener or a professional, our hands-on classes give you access to gardeners with heaps of experience.  
Maybe you're keen to expand and improve your vegetable patch? Or looking to design a garden from scratch? Perhaps you want to make the most of a small garden space.  
We have a range of workshops to help you this spring:  
**Parmarthall** | Thur 22 & 29 Oct  
**Joan Cuff** | Sun 25 Oct  
**Plants and Disease** | Sun 25 Oct  
**Unsprung with Plants** | Thur 5 Nov  
**How to keep bees** | Sun 15 Nov  
**South Australia's Green Walls** | Thur 26 Nov

Have your say

Learn more



### Coffee at Mount Lofty!

Between now and the end of November, you can get your coffee and nature fix in one!  
Local SA business, **Stapocoffee**, will park their refreshment bus at **Mount Lofty Botanic Garden** every weekend to keep you fed and refuelled on your visit.  
You can enjoy a range of hot and cold drinks, along with some delicious sweet and savoury offerings from **10am-3pm**. Perfect for picnics!  
Find the bus parked in the lower car park which is accessed via Lampert Road.



### Book and art sale

We're selling our books and art at a discounted price until 31 December (or until stocks last).  
Choose from a range of books, including a practical gardening guide, plants of the Adelaide Plains and Hills, and much more.  
For some coffee table winners, discover Adelaide Botanic Garden's rich history or drive into the Museum.  
Discover Helen Leitch's watercolour prints and decorate your walls with her whimsical art, featuring adorable Australian fauna characters and native flora.

Take me to the hills!

Books and art



### Unlemon

Explore a new exhibition by local artist **Alison Mitchell** at the **South Australia Museum of Economic Botany** from this October.  
In **Unlemon** - a meandering tale of citrus, Alison explores citrus through her beautiful still life works, inspired by ancient tales and modern threats to this humble fruit.  
**17 October 2020 - 10 January 2021 | 10am - 4pm | Wednesday - Sunday | Free entry**



### Visitor photo of the month

The Blue Nile Waterlily at Adelaide Botanic Garden was captured beautifully by @aifalco on Instagram recently. Thank you for sharing!  
Get snapping and please tag us in photos during your visit. Post them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).  
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Citrus art



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