EVENT CALENDAR WINTER 2018

JUNE

Saturday 2nd June - Veggie Swap
Sunday 3rd June - Community Planting Day, Mt. Compass
Wednesday 6th June – Bird Field Trip - Scott Creek
Thursday 21st June - Bungala River Restoration Community Meeting

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Thursday 5th July—Gilbert’s Art Class
Thursday 12th July – Bandicoot Recovery Action Group, Deep Creek
Monday 16th July – Bird Field Trip
Thursday 26th July - Plastic Ocean Movie
Sunday 29th July – National Tree Planting Day

AUGUST

Thursday 2nd August—Gilbert’s Art Class
Thursday 16th August - Garden Group
Wednesday 22nd August - Bird Field Trip
Thank you to everyone who attended the Nursery visit at the end of May, the weather was beautiful and the nursery looked very productive. Corey Jackson, NRM Coastal Conservation Officer for the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula has set up a small community nursery at the Yankalilla Council Depot. The aim of the nursery is to be able to propagate enough plants in the future to supply many of the local groups who are revegetating.

If you would like to volunteer at the nursery please contact us on 8558 3644 to register your interest. We will be holding a working bee on Monday 2nd July to thin out some of the seedlings. It is hoped that in the future volunteers will be able to drop into the nursery at their convenience to help with propagation and ongoing maintenance of the plants.
Due to produce being seasonal we have decided to change the Veggie Swap format. Just like a veggie patch needs regular top ups of nutrients and compost, it is time to do the same with our monthly Veggie Swap.

From now on Veggie Swap will be held 4 times a year (on the first Saturday of each season) starting on Saturday 2nd June, then followed by 1st September & 1st December. At each swap expect to be entertained, fed and be prepared to learn. A newsletter will be sent out prior to each Veggie Swap with information about what to expect at the next swap. There will be interesting demonstrations, music and of course delicious morning tea. Growing mini succulents in champagne corks will be demonstrated on June 2nd as featured in the ABC Gardening Australia magazine.

Hope to see you all in June – same time, same place!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• DURING PLASTIC FREE JULY WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY HOME MADE PRODUCE BAGS AND WE NEED SOME HELP SEWING THEM. IT IS EASY, JUST A BIT TIME CONSUMING. SO IF YOU HAVE A BIT OF SPARE TIME WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE SOME HELP. YOU CAN DO IT AT THE CENTRE OR AT HOME.

• TO HELP OUR NEW COMMUNITY NURSERY AT THE COUNCIL DEPOT - SEE NURSERY ARTICLE
The South Coast Environment Centre and the Normanville Natural Resource Centre in conjunction with the Natural Resources Management Board are coordinating a volunteer group called the Bandicoot Recovery Action Group (BRAG) on the Fleurieu. Southern Brown Bandicoots are a nationally listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 as an endangered species. The recovery of the Southern Brown Bandicoot in the Mount Lofty Ranges relies on the reduction of threatening processes, the enhancement and protection of suitable habitat and the establishment of connections between patches of remnant vegetation.

On Thursday 12th July we will be holding our first field trip at Deep Creek Conservation Park to set up cameras in the area. This initial project will be helping the Department for Environment & Water’s Fire Management team who are keen to improve their understanding of the distribution of the Southern Brown Bandicoot in parks where prescribed burns are planned. While the primary objective of prescribed burning is typically to reduce the risk that bushfires pose to human life and assets, prescribed burns can also play a really important role in helping to manage habitat for native flora and fauna, and reduce the threat that bushfires present to them.

Improving knowledge about where bandicoots occur helps ensure that only small proportions of bandicoot habitat are burnt at any one time. It can also be used to help us better understand the habitat requirements of bandicoots and how quickly this habitat responds to fire. The Fire Ecology team and the Region’s Threatened Fauna Ecologist have undertaken some monitoring in the Adelaide Hills to answer these questions but more survey work is needed to ensure we are managing bandicoot habitat in a way that helps this species prosper.

While bandicoots are known to occur in Deep Creek Conservation Park, it’s not known how widespread they are. If you are interested in helping on Thursday 12th July from 10 am please contact Wendy on 8558 3644 or Gayl on 8552 9423. Lunch will be provided.
WANTED:
BANDICOOT DETECTIVES

Photo: K Abley

REWARD: HELPING OUR ENDANGERED NATIVE MAMMALS

First Training Day
Thursday 12 July at Deep Creek Conservation Park
10.00 start with lunch provided
Registration essential
Wear suitable warm/waterproof clothing and boots

A new volunteer group called BRAG (Bandicoot Recovery Action Group) has been formed to help monitor and understand the distribution of endangered Southern Brown Bandicoots within the Fleurieu Region, using cameras to identify them and other animals. Starting in Deep Creek Conservation Park, BRAG will assist the Department of Environment & Water’s Fire Management Team improve critical knowledge of bandicoot distribution within the Park to help with future planning.

Contact: South Coast Environment Centre 8552 9423
Normanville Natural Resources Centre 8558 3644 to become involved!
PLASTIC FREE JULY

Joining the challenge is quite simple...choose to refuse single-use plastic during July.

Plastic Free July aims to raise awareness of the problems with single-use disposable plastic and challenges people to do something about it.

More than 6 out of 10 of us are already refusing plastic shopping bags, avoiding pre-packed fruit and veg, picking up other people's litter and avoiding buying bottled water.

Choosing to be part of the solution, you can:-

• Avoid products in plastic packaging (choose alternatives)
• Reduce where possible (opt for refills, remember your reusable shopping bags)
• Refuse plastics that escape as litter (e.g. straws, takeaway cups, utensils, balloons)
• Recycle what cannot be avoided

You’ll be joining millions of people from 159 countries world-wide in making a difference.
GILBERT’S ART CLASSES

In conjunction with the Normanville Resource Centre, Gilbert Dashorst, a local and world renowned botanical illustrator, will be conducting monthly art workshops in the numerous fields of art.

On the first Thursday of each month, Gilbert will be running these workshops using different mediums and techniques to illustrate our natural treasures, specialising in botany. He has over 30 years of knowledge and skills as a botanical illustrator and wishes to share his experience.

These workshops will be run for artists or anyone with an interest and will be based around natural history – from rocks and skeletons, to shells, nests, plants and animals.

The sessions will start at 10 am and run until 3 or 4 pm depending on interest at the Annie O’Connor Centre at the Catholic Church, Main South Road. The cost is $40 per person with tea, coffee and Dutch biscuits and cake provided. It is suggested that each participant bring a plate to share for lunch.

To book please contact the Resource Centre on 8558 3644.

The program for the rest of the year:

- July – Thursday 5th – Extracting designs from plants – Any medium
- August – Thursday 2nd – Still life of native plants – Any medium
- September – Thursday 6th – Driftwood, rocks etc. – Lead pencil
- October – Thursday 4th – Your favourite fruit – Gouache/watercolour
- November – Thursday 1st – Sea Shells – Ink, watercolour
- December – Thursday 6th – Outdoors, maybe Second Valley – Charcoal

If there are any themes you would like in 2019 or for more info please contact Gilbert on 8558 4009 or 0432 372 235.
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