

HARDY'S ON ANGLESEY

OPEN 9 & 10 JULY

\$6 admission



A spectacular display of hundreds of cordylines, crotons and other vibrant shrubs grow vigorously under the gentle shade of tall eucalypts, part of a larger family garden. Beautiful stone-paved paths enable comfortable strolling. Ground-cover bromeliads add to the colour.

65 Anglesey Road, Girraween. LD Map 27 F2. Anglesey Rd runs between Girraween Rd and Pioneer Drv. Garden is 2.5km on left of Anglesey Rd from Girraween Rd.

A Pair of Palmerston Gardens

Two very different suburban gardens in Palmerston provide great ideas on how to make the most of a smaller block, without losing individuality.

OPEN 16 & 17 JULY \$6 admission each (\$10 for both)

SALMAGUNDI



Small block, big ideas. This delightful suburban garden is an inspiring demonstration of what can be achieved with a bit of energy and a lot of imagination. The garden starts at the front nature strip, and continues down the sides of the house to a very private back garden, complete with patio, pool, deck, tea house and workshed. Orchids, roses, bromeliads, grevilleas, cordylines and pandanus provide ongoing colour and interest, and a native *Peltophorum* tree grows happily in a back corner. And Salmagundi? It means a delicious mixture.

4 Bunda Court, Farrar, Palmerston. LD Map 21 F9. From Roystonea Ave in Palmerston turn into Inverway Circ, then into Bunda Crt beside Eric Asche Park. Look for signs.

BUSH 'N BUGS



The remnant original forest at the back of this block inspired the development of a suburban rainforest garden, featuring local and regional plants, vines and groundcovers. Butterfly host plants are cultivated, and the garden provides a safe haven for the colourful insects, including orange lacewing, leopard, glasswing and brown soldier butterflies. Stick insects are also an interest of the owners, and several fascinating varieties are at home in the shadehouse. Cycads feature, with more than 20 varieties growing in this garden.

6 Rosebery Drive, Rosebery, Palmerston. LD Map 23 B4. From Chung Wah Tce or the Stuart Hwy, turn into Lambrick Ave, then into Rosebery Drv. Look for signs.

ANTHILL GARDENS

OPEN 23 & 24 JULY

\$6 admission



Tall termite mounds frame the driveway into this large and well-known rural garden, opening again by popular request. Recent extensions mean there are around 10 acres of gardens to be explored, including specialist areas of succulents, natives, bamboos, gingers, vegetables and rare flowering trees and shrubs. Allow plenty of time to visit this stunning botanical wonderland.

445 Cox Peninsula Road, Berry Springs. LD Map 33 F3. From Darwin, turn onto Cox Peninsula Rd from Stuart Hwy (12 km after Arnhem Hwy turn-off). Garden is 4.5km on left.

JINGILI COMMUNITY GARDEN

OPEN 30 & 31 JULY

\$6 admission



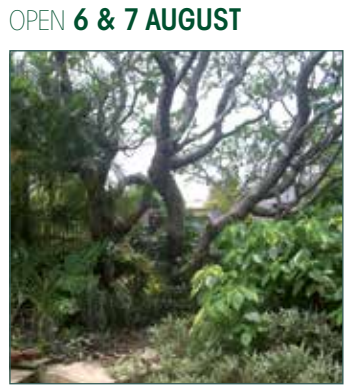
Darwin's original community garden was founded in 1996 as a non-profit sustainable garden to allow interested people to grow their own organic produce. It has around 30 separate individual garden beds, along with a communal area of fruit trees. A wide range of produce is grown year round, including many Asian vegetables and herbs along with the more usual crops of tomatoes, pumpkins, beans, basil, melons, zucchinis and eggplants. The garden occupies land provided by the Darwin City Council.

Freshwater Road, Jingili. LD Map 6 F6. Located adjacent to the Jingili Water Gardens on Freshwater Rd. Look for signs for parking and entry.

LILY PAD

OPEN 6 & 7 AUGUST

\$6 admission



Tropical rainforest out the front, edible garden out the back. This garden provides its owners and their B&B guests the opportunity to pick their own healthy vegetables, fruit and herbs, enjoy fresh eggs from the chooks, and local honey from the bee hive. A majestic *Ficus benjamina* shades the front of the house and protects a dark forest walk of shade-loving plants, while the pool garden with outdoor kitchen is more colourful and sun loving.

4 Waters Street, Rapid Creek, Darwin. LD Map 6 D6. Waters Street runs from Rapid Creek Rd to Francis St. Lily Pad is 230m on the left after Ryland Rd.

VALLEY OF THE GIANTS

OPEN 20 & 21 AUGUST

\$6 admission



Vibrantly healthy plants achieve their full potential in a garden where everything seems bigger and better. Tree ferns and palms frame the quaint cottage, shaded paths lead past gingers, palms and colourful flowering shrubs, and a bridge across a fish pond leads to an inviting swimming pool and waterfall. Highlight plants include birds' nest ferns, medinillas, a large pony tail and some splendid potted plants. A wonderful garden destination for an easy out-of-town drive.

65 Manton Valley Road, Manton River. LD Map 34 E9. From Darwin drive 65km south on the Stuart Hwy, look for Byers Rd on the left, and follow signs.

RAINFOREST POOL

OPEN 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER

\$6 admission



Fabulous 'lawn-free' garden developed over many years. A canopy of native trees and palms shelters understorey plantings of ferns, bromeliads, anthuriums, aglaonemas, calathea, gingers, cycads and climbers of many sorts. A large pond with fish and lilies takes pride of place in the front yard and a secluded courtyard is a focal point in the back garden.

15 Wells Street, Ludmilla, Darwin. LD Map 10 D6. Head north on Bagot Rd, turn left into Wells St just after the fly-over, and look for signs.

Special Event

DARWIN PLANT WHOLESALERS

OPEN 24 & 25 SEPTEMBER

\$7 admission



Opening for the first time to the general public is one of northern Australia's largest tropical nurseries, encompassing some 35 acres. It supplies plants to

outlets all over Australia, regularly sends stock to the Middle East and has introduced many new varieties to the Northern Territory, with a recent focus on frangipanis. Nursery owners Daryl South and Teena Sandford will be on hand to provide gardening advice throughout the weekend and will also welcome visitors to their private garden area, home to Teena's favourite fruit trees. A great finish to our 2011 Open Garden season!

Alphatonia Road, Lambells Lagoon. Take the turnoff to the Arnhem Hwy from the Stuart Hwy, drive 19km and look for the signs on the left.

Northern Territory 2011 Season

Date	Garden	Location
APRIL	9 & 10	The Pocket Garden Albert's Place
	16 & 17	Bismarckia Falls
MAY	7 & 8	Tropiculture Weekend
	21 & 22	Dovies' Nest
	28 & 29	Pathways
JUNE	11 & 12	Lillibrook
	25 & 26	Crocs, Rocks & Pots
JULY	2 & 3	A Garden Gift
	9 & 10	Hardy's on Anglesey
	16 & 17	Salmagundi Bush 'n Bugs
	23 & 24	Anthill Gardens
	30 & 31	Jingili Community Garden
AUGUST	6 & 7	Lily Pad
	20 & 21	Valley of the Giants
SEPTEMBER	17 & 18	Rainforest Pool
	24 & 25	Darwin Plant Wholesalers

Australia's Open Garden Scheme is a not for profit organisation founded in 1987. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and pleasure of gardens and gardening across Australia by opening inspiring gardens to the public. Each year the Scheme opens around 600 private gardens across every geographical region. The first Northern Territory gardens opened in 2000, and since then more than 160 Territory gardens have opened their gates to visitors.

The Open Garden Scheme is totally self-funding, with entry fees divided as follows: 35% of the gate fee is returned to the garden owner or to a charity of their choice and 65% covers the Scheme's operating costs, with surplus funds returned to the community via our Community Grants program. To date, more than \$5 million has been given to around 430 community projects across Australia under this program. The Scheme has also established a perpetual Garden Renewal Fund which supports past and current Open Gardens damaged by natural events such as floods, bushfires or cyclones.

Charities have also benefited to the tune of more than \$4 million thanks to the generosity of garden owners donating their gate share and proceeds from refreshment sales and stalls. Last year, NT garden owners donated more than \$25,000 to charity from their openings.

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Visit our website - www.opengarden.org.au - to find out about Open Gardens across Australia. For local information, including updates on Northern Territory gardens, call the NT Co-ordinator -

Sue Dibbs: ph 08 8932 9922, nt@opengarden.org.au

Cover: Valley of the Giants, opening in Manton Valley on 20 & 21 August.

Map references: LD - Local Directories 2010/2011 edition.

Opening for the first time Wheelchair accessible Strollers OK Teas
 Food Toilets Plants for sale Water caution

Creative Courtyards

Two courtyards on the fringe of the Darwin CBD demonstrate the great possibilities of small and very personal garden spaces.

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THE POCKET GARDEN



This elegant courtyard is a peaceful retreat in a busy harbourside suburb. Pots are home to bromeliads, boundary walls are utilised for more planting, and massed ground covers, monstera and tree ferns provide contrast and interest. Selected artefacts add to the tropical feel. A shaded spa retreat offers total seclusion, and the spacious deck gives an overview of the garden.

9/9 Dinah Court, Tipperary Waters, Darwin. LD Map 17 C2. From Frances Bay Drv, which runs parallel to Tiger Brennan Drv, turn into Dinah Court and look for signs.

ALBERT'S PLACE



This courtyard garden has emerged from a cramped yard packed with impenetrable carpentaria palms to a garden wrapping three sides of an end unit in just a few years. The garden comprises three separate and quite distinct zones. The Spiky Garden at the entrance has an array of sharp plants, the Native Garden has an emphasis on local species, and the rear Tropical Garden is soft, lush and filled with colour.

12/11 Geranium Street, The Gardens, Darwin. LD Map 16 F1. Turn into Geranium St from the Stuart Highway at Stuart Park, then left into Gardens Hill Crescent. Look for signs.

BISMARCKIA FALLS



OPEN 16 & 17 APRIL

\$6 admission



Carefully crafted and professionally designed rural garden offers verdant views from broad verandahs over lawns to beds of flourishing trees, palms, bamboos and shrubs. Massed heliconias and gingers screen fencelines, and a large rock pool and waterfall welcome visitors.

8 Beasley Road, Virginia. LD Map 26 D1. From Darwin, turn from Stuart Hwy into Morgan Rd on 2nd right after Howard Springs turn-off, continue to 2nd left - Beasley Rd.

All gardens are open from 10am to 4.30pm.
We are committed to the gardeners of the future:
Children under 18 are admitted free to all our Open Gardens.

Special Event



TROPICULTURE WEEKEND

OPEN 7 & 8 MAY

\$10 admission



This long-established Top End nursery and orchard specialises in all aspects of tropical fruit tree and food plant cultivation. It produces hundreds of fruit varieties including citrus, mangos, figs, avocados, bananas, bamboos, guavas and rambutans, and has developed a number of cultivars, fertilisers and production methods. Vegetable

and herb plants and seedlings suitable for local conditions are also produced. Owner Chris Nathanael will be on hand to provide expert advice, and Leonie Norrington from 'Gardening Australia' will be among knowledgeable guests providing a weekend program of workshops and cooking demonstrations using local produce. For program details call 8932 9922.

110 Horne Road, Bees Creek. LD Map 27 A6. From Darwin, turn right into Bees Creek Rd at Freds Pass Reserve, drive 6.5km to Horne Rd on the right and look for signs.

DOVIES' NEST



OPEN 21 & 22 MAY

\$6 admission



Delightful suburban garden is packed with plants collected over many years. Bromeliads by the score thrive on logs and tree trunks, and the glowing leaves of cordylines and caladiums light up every corner, along with gingers, ferns and spathiphyllums. Tropical orchids fill the side garden, and flow out to the fenceline. Hanging baskets complete the picture.

33 Mueller Road, Malak, Darwin. LD Map 8 C9. Mueller Rd runs between McMillans Rd and Vanderlin Drv. Dovies' Nest is 450m on the left from McMillans Rd.

PATHWAYS



OPEN 28 & 29 MAY

\$6 admission



When the owners moved from a larger rural block, their garden changed from 5 acres of work to 2 acres of relaxation, with pathways meandering through the bush to beds of cycads, bamboos, heliconias, gingers, ornamental plantings, bromeliads, native plants and vegetables. Wander, sit and relax, watch the birds, lizards and wildlife, enjoy the ever-changing bush.

44 Price Road, Girraween. LD Map 25 C8. From Darwin, turn left into Girraween Rd at Coolalinga. Turn left at Hicks Rd, right at Watling Rd, left at Little John Rd, right at Price Rd.

LILLIBROOK



OPEN 11 & 12 JUNE

\$6 admission



Rural garden combines colourful flowering and foliage shrubs with curving lawns, clumps of sheltering palms and bamboos. Multi-layered planting makes for added interest from ground level to tree canopy. Caladiums, dracaenas, heliconias, gingers, bromeliads, orchids and cordylines galore. An excellent range of tropical plants.

40 Shrike Lane, Humpty Doo. LD Map 28 A4. Turn into the Arnhem Hwy from the Stuart Hwy, travel 4.9km, turn left into Produce Rd, then right into Shrike Lane.

CROCS, ROCKS & POTS



OPEN 25 & 26 JUNE

\$6 admission



The country garden of a couple of professional horticulturists shows their passion for plants. Native and exotic trees and palms shelter tropical understorey plantings, and bushland merges with a colourful pool area. Freshwater crocodiles enjoy their own secure and landscaped pond and enclosure.

30 Mango Road, Girraween. LD Map 27 E1. From Darwin, turn left into Girraween Rd at Coolalinga. Drive 6km to Mango Rd on the right. Look for signs.

A GARDEN GIFT



OPEN 2 & 3 JULY

\$6 admission



The owner of this native garden took the major decision only 18 months ago to clear the block of palms and introduced trees, and replant with local native species. With advice and acquisitions from local experts and friends, the new garden has developed quickly, and now provides its owner with her own patch of native bushland in the suburbs. A great 'how to' garden example.

18 Pott Street, Moil, Darwin. LD Map 7 C6. From Rothdale Rd heading north, turn right into Boyle St, right into Thornton Cresc, left into Pott St. Look for signs.