



# NT Open Gardens 2019

OPEN GARDENS  
NORTHERN TERRITORY



## SYMBIONT

OPEN 6 & 7 APRIL



\$7 admission



A wonderful start to our Territory 2019 season. Fabulous rural garden featuring an inspiring combination of native, productive and exotic plants, along with winding pathways, ponds and a spacious deck from which to enjoy some delicious refreshments while admiring the peaceful outlook. A great range of ornamental items, perfect for younger visitors, along with chickens and a large aviary.

**28 Alyxia Court, Virginia.** From the Stuart Highway turn on to Virginia Rd or Bees Creek Rd and continue to Lowther Rd. Turn into Goodenia Drv and look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## RIVENDELL GARDENS

OPEN 13 & 14 APRIL



\$7 admission



A magical country garden with a large 45-year old oasis rainforest, complete with a majestic banyan (*Ficus virens*) and many exotic palms and cycads, sits in the centre of a flower

and mangosteen hobby farm. A wide variety of heliconias and gingers, along with many fruit trees, offers plenty of space for visiting children to explore. Two water features add to the ambience and create a welcome place to sit and relax.

**75 Pioneer Drive, Girraween.** From Girraween Rd turn right into Power Rd, then left into Pioneer Drv and look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## BELLA'S RETREAT

OPEN 27 & 28 APRIL



\$7 admission



Delightful suburban garden featuring a variety of established tropical trees, shrubs and flowers set in manicured lawns. Great garden outlook from the cool sitting area under the elevated house.

**2 Shady Court, Leanyer.** From Vanderlin Drv into Leanyer Drv, then Parkside Crs. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## BATCHELOR GARDENS

OPEN 11 & 12 MAY



\$10 admission for 3 gardens



Three separate gardens open on Mothers Day weekend. One in the delightful Batchelor township, and two enjoying rural views and spacious gardens on the township fringes.

All three gardens will be open for a total cost of just \$10. Visitors will receive wrist bands at the first garden visited, and these will enable admission to the other gardens over the weekend.

The Batchelor Markets will be held on Sunday from 8am to 1pm.

The township garden is a calm oasis surrounding the elevated home, with palms, water lilies and lush lawns.

**17 Pinaroo Crescent, Batchelor.**

Sweeping views from the expansive terrace across neighbouring fields.

**Denmar Downs, 41 Miles Road, Eva Valley.**

A country garden packed with interesting and intriguing plants and decorative items.

**405 Litchfield Park Road, Rum Jungle.**

Batchelor is 97km south of Darwin on the Stuart Highway. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## FOOD GARDEN

OPEN 18 & 19 MAY



\$7 admission



Practically an orchard growing citrus and tropical fruit trees, this garden has been beautifully and thoughtfully landscaped over 16 years. NT natives fill in the gaps and reduce water usage. Chooks roam freely, there are ponds for frogs, an outdoor shower and

a shady basketball court. A must see for all age groups.

**20 Clarke Crescent, Rapid Creek.** Runs between Ryland Rd and Chapman Rd. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## ANNA'S GARDEN

OPEN 25 & 26 MAY



\$7 admission



Stunning range of thriving potted plants, shade-loving – aglaonemas, bat plants, desert roses and heaps more. The owner will give desert rose grafting demonstrations during the weekend and is happy to share many useful hints on growing these desirable and popular plants.

**1 Margaritis Street, Wanguri.** From Lee Point Rd into Tambling Tce, left into Wanguri Tce. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## HEATHER'S HAVEN

OPEN 1 & 2 JUNE



\$7 admission



This garden spills out on to the nature strip and the adjacent park with massed plantings of flowering and foliage shrubs, perennials and ground covers. Under the elevated house, shade-loving plants – ferns, begonias, spathiphyllums and many more – thrive in

beds and baskets, and provide a tropical view for the owners' very special cats in their comfortable cages.

**5 Gager Way, Gunn.** From Chung Wah Tce turn into Lakeview Blvd, then right into Bryant Tce and left into Gager Way. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## GARDEN GERAGHTY

OPEN 15 & 16 JUNE



\$7 admission



Brilliant Darwin garden offering a private and cool ambience wonderfully shielded from its busy street corner location. A great range of thriving tropical plants occupies every space, high and low, in the ground, in pots, baskets and on trees. And every plant in the back garden area is edible!

**3 Lee Point Road, Moil.** On the corner of McMillans and Lee Point Rds. Enter via service road off Rothdale Rd. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

# Open Gardens NT 2019 Season

Date		Garden	Location
APRIL	6 & 7	SymbioNT	Virginia
	13 & 14	Rivendell Gardens	Girraween
	27 & 28	Bella's Retreat	Leanyer
MAY	11 & 12	Batchelor Gardens	Batchelor
	18 & 19	Food Garden	Rapid Creek
	25 & 26	Anna's Garden	Wanguri
JUNE	1 & 2	Heather's Haven	Gunn
	15 & 16	Garden Geraghty	Moil
	22 & 23	Koponio's Garden	Karama
	29 & 30	All My Own Work	Durack
	13 & 14	Ester's Garden	Humpty Doo
JULY	20 & 21	Post-Marcus Magic	Ludmilla
	10 & 11	Abby's Place	Howard Springs
AUGUST	17	The Art of Growing Communities	Darwin
	31 Aug & 1 Sept	Ed's Fruit Oasis	Anula
SEPTEMBER	7 & 8	Ming's Kingdom	Nakara

Open Gardens NT is a not for profit organisation founded in 2018. It owes its success to the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers who made up the nationally-run Open Garden Scheme that ran in the Territory from 1987 to 2014 and the volunteers who have now launched the Northern Territory (NT) Open Garden Scheme.

The mission of Open Gardens NT is to promote the knowledge and pleasure of gardens and gardening across the Northern Territory by opening inspiring private gardens to the public.

The objects and purposes of the organisation are:

- To facilitate the opening of gardens in the Northern Territory for public viewing.
- To promote the enjoyment and benefits of gardening and gardens.
- To encourage community engagement in gardening by promoting horticultural education, garden design, ecological sustainability and other activities.
- To cooperate with, and to participate in activities with, other organisations which have similar objects.

All Open Gardens are open from 10am to 4pm unless noted otherwise

We are committed to the gardeners of the future: Children under 18 are admitted free to all our Open Gardens.

Cover: Garden Geraghty, opening in Moil on 15 & 16 June.

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

## KOPONIO'S GARDEN

OPEN 22 & 23 JUNE



\$7 admission



Welcoming suburban garden named for the owner's mother. Features a selection of colourful tropical exotics as well as an intriguing range of cacti, food plants and

herbs and spices including cardamom, bananas, pawpaws and the latest plant – a cocoa tree (*Theobroma cacao*).

**20 Calytrix Road, Karama.** Runs between Vanderlin Dr and Mueller Rd. Look for Open Gardens signs.

## ALL MY OWN WORK

OPEN 29 & 30 JUNE



\$7 admission



This garden's owner has created a very personal outlook over the past eight years. A limited budget, and limited space, combined with a bad back, often saw her working in the cool of the evening to create her tranquil haven overlooking a serene lake. She discovered recycling and made many garden items from bits she was given, found or discovered at the tip shop. Thanks to the internet she learnt how to build, fix, repair and create. Today her garden is home to

an inspired collection of plants, stands and containers – and there'll always be room for more!

**15 Piper Court, Durack.** From Kirkland Rd turn into Woodlake Blvd, then right into Majestic Dr. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## ESTER'S GARDEN

OPEN 13 & 14 JULY



\$7 admission



Rural garden with a focus on edible plants and herbs and bromeliads, complete with a waterlily filled dam. The owners also grow scented tuberose flowers for local markets and will prepare some special drinks and traditional Asian food from their produce.

**92 Bunday Road, Humpty Doo.** From Arnhem Hwy or Pioneer Drv turn into Wanderrie Rd and then into Bunday Rd. Look for Open Gardens NT signs.

## POST-MARCUS MAGIC

OPEN 20 & 21 JULY



\$7 admission



From a shaded rainforest retreat, this garden has undergone a transformation into a more light-filled space after Cyclone Marcus in March 2018 saw the demise of several large trees. Gingers are powering ahead, self-sown plants are thriving and the owners are loving their new-look garden!

**17 Porter Street, Ludmilla.** From Hudson Fysh Ave turn left into Porter St. Look for Open Garden NT signs.

## ABBY'S PLACE

OPEN 10 & 11 AUGUST



\$7 admission



Secluded rural block featuring native and exotic plantings. Birdlife and other rural critters abound. There will be guided tours of the block, and information and talks on native plant propagation from Top End Native Plants Society members, along with sales of local plants supplied by TENPS and Territory Native Plants nursery.

**5 Sunbird Court, Howard Springs.** From Whitewood Rd turn left past Howard Springs School into Hamilton Rd, right into Thornbill Rd, left into Currawong Rd, right into Corella Rd, right into Heron Crd and right into Sunbird Crd.

## THE ART OF GROWING COMMUNITIES

OPEN SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

Visit three community gardens in one day and see how these gardens grow food and community, each a little differently.

Take a garden tour or three, create art from the garden, learn about native beekeeping, pick up some vegetable and herb seedlings – and then take time to enjoy a cuppa.

Keep an eye out on our Open Gardens NT website and Facebook page for more details closer to the opening date.

**Jingili Community Garden – Freshwater Road, Jingili 9–4**

**The Mulch Pit – Cummins Street, Rapid Creek 9–12**

**Lakeside Drive Community Garden, Alawa 12–4**



## ED'S FRUIT OASIS

OPEN 31 AUGUST & 1 SEPTEMBER



\$7 admission



Ed's Dried Fruit stall was a fixture at the Nightcliff Markets for nearly 20 years and now Ed is opening his garden to visitors. You'll find bananas, paw paws, pineapples and jakfruit growing. Desert roses, begonias and bromeliads also feature along with chooks, fish ponds, vegetables and herbs. Birds, lizards, goannas and tree frogs abound.

**15 Howley Crescent, Anula.** Howley Crs runs between Union Tce and Yanyula Dr. Look for Open Gardens signs.

## MING'S KINGDOM

OPEN 7 & 8 SEPTEMBER



\$7 admission



A very special and private garden, full of interesting plants and unusual decorative items. Paved paths wind past fascinating corners and plant groupings. Look up, look down – there's lots to see in this delightful space and always new sights to be found. Welcoming patios and decks on both sides of the house provide great garden

viewpoints. Brilliant mosaics and decorative items are a feature in this perennially-popular garden.

**46 Witherden Street, Nakara.** From Dripstone Rd turn into Goodman St, right into Kilfoyle Crs and look for Open Gardens NT signs.

