



The Gardens are turning 50. The Friends are turning 30. Celebrate throughout 2020!

2020 marks 50 years since the Gardens opened to the public and to celebrate this milestone the Gardens and Friends are hosting an array of community events, exhibitions and programs

A snapshot of celebratory events 2020

For more details on all these events see:

Gardens website – <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/botanic-garden> and the Friends website – <http://friendsanbg.org.au>

COMMENCING PRE-CHRISTMAS 2019

21 November 2019 – 11 January 2020: **Sunset Cinema**

14 December 2019 - 12 January 2020: **Native Wildlife**, Friends' Botanic Art Group Exhibition

JANUARY 2020

12 January: **Grow This in Canberra (Summer)**, take a walk with Growing Friends guide

13 – 19 January: **Snakes Alive!** See snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs and more

17 January – 1 March: **Promiscuous Provenance**, an exhibition at the Visitor Centre by artist Anna Glynn

18 January – 2 February: **Summer Sounds 2020**, relax and enjoy music on the Eucalypt Lawn on six evenings

FEBRUARY 2020

6 February: **Thursday Talks commence**, talks in 2020 will showcase the ANBG's science and conservation programs. See the Thursday Talks program in each issue of *Fronde* and on the Friends website.

28 February – 1 March: **Bonsai Exhibition of Australian Native Plants**

MARCH 2020

March: **Enlighten Festival, Luminous Botanicus V**, experience the Gardens at night

5 March – 12 April: **Seeds in the Bank**, an exhibition at the Visitor Centre. A glimpse into the collection of the National Seed Bank and the seeds collected to support the conservation of our native flora.

15 March: **Grow This in Canberra (Autumn)**, take a walk with Growing Friends guide

21 March: **Australian Native Plant Society Autumn Plant Sale**

23 March: **National Eucalypt Day**, enjoy walks and workshops

28 March: **Growing Friends Plant Sale**, purchase a selection of native plants propagated from Gardens' stock

APRIL 2020

3 April: **Sundial Afternoon**, lecture, picnic, and visits to the ANBG and Mt Stromlo sundials

5 – 9 April: **Australasian Seed Science Conference**, hosted by the ANBG

5 April: **Workshop – Introduction to Digital Photography** offered by the Photographic Group for Friends' members

10 – 13 April: **Easter Bilby Trail** at the Gardens

18 April – 17 May: **Botanic Art Group Banksias**, an exhibition at the Visitor Centre. Beautiful botanical paintings and drawings dedicated to *Banksias*. Artworks for sale

24 April – 3 May: **Banksia Festival**, a week-long celebration of all things *Banksia*, & Banksia Garden Grand Opening

28 April: **Friends Bubbles and Banksias**, an evening event with special guests, food and wine

MAY 2020

1 May: **Canberra International Music Festival Concert** at the Gardens. Hear the new work by percussionist Bree van Reyk, commissioned by the Gardens, to celebrate the anniversary year and the opening of the new Banksia Garden

20 May – 14 June: **Paradise Lost – Solander**, an art exhibition at the Visitor Centre commemorating the legacy of the Swedish botanist Daniel Solander. Presented by the Embassy of Sweden in Canberra and the Solander Gallery in Wellington

20 May – 14 June: Walk with a Gardens Guide to see plants collected by Banks and Solander

31 May: **Botanic Gardens Day**, Gardens around Australia and New Zealand celebrate the wonders of Botanic Gardens.

JUNE 2020

Mid-June: **Grow This in Canberra (Winter)**, take a walk with Growing Friends guide

17 June – 12 July: **Detritus**, a beautiful display of glassworks and drawings at the Visitor Centre

JULY 2020

15 July – 9 August: **Talking with Trees**, a special photographic exhibition at the Visitor Centre, complemented by public programs in the Gardens.

AUGUST 2020

14 August – 13 September: **Native Plants Through Visitors' Eyes**, at the Visitor Centre, a joint exhibition between the Korean Botanical Art Group and the Friends Botanic Art Groups, illustrating the importance of Gardens and why they attract visitors from all over the world.

SEPTEMBER 2020

1 September: **Wattle Week walks**, celebrate our national floral emblem

16 September – 25 October: **50th Anniversary**, at the Visitor Centre. See how the Gardens have transformed over the last 50 years in a special Anniversary exhibition, featuring Australian botanical artworks as part of the GLAM Arts Trail

September – October: **Wake up with the Birds**, join our expert birding guides in a morning bird walk

OCTOBER 2020

17 October: **Australian Native Plant Society Spring Plant Sale**

Mid-October: **Grow This in Canberra (Spring)**, take a walk with Growing Friends guide

18 October: **The Garden Party**, everyone is invited to the Gardens' birthday party!

22 October: **Anniversary Dinner**, Gardens' Golden Anniversary Dinner

October: Friends birthday party and AGM

28 October – 15 November: **24th Annual Friends School Photographic Competition**, exhibition at the Visitor Centre

NOVEMBER 2020

14 November: **Growing Friends Spring Plant Sale**, purchase a selection of native plants propagated from Gardens' stock

19 November – 6 December: **Competition and Exhibition– Reflections**. To commemorate the anniversary events in 2020 and 250 years since Joseph Banks visited Australia, the Friends of ANBG Photographic Group will organise a photographic competition as part of the Group's annual photographic exhibition at the Visitor Centre

19 November – 9 January 2021: **Sunset Cinema**