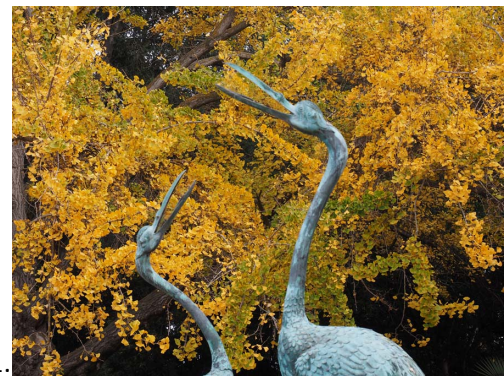


Garden Highlights, May 2017

1. The **Maiden Hair Tree** *Ginkgo biloba* puts on a golden display as the weather becomes cooler. This is one of the oldest trees in these gardens, having been planted in 1859. It may also be the oldest Ginkgo in Australia. In their native China and Japan there are trees thought to be more than 1,000 years old. Ginkgoes are available in the Friends Nursery.



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2. Visit the **Camellia Walk** in the cooler months for the display of Camellia flowers. As Japanese gardeners began breeding *Camellia sasanqua* around 1700, there are now many cultivars, with flowers differing in colour, flowering time and whether they are single or double. Look out for the *Camellia* plant that has been shaped by Japanese cloud pruning. The leaves of some species of *Camellia* are used to make tea and the seeds have been used to make tea seed oil, for lighting, lubrication, cooking and cosmetic purposes. Camellia varieties may be available in the Friends' Nursery.



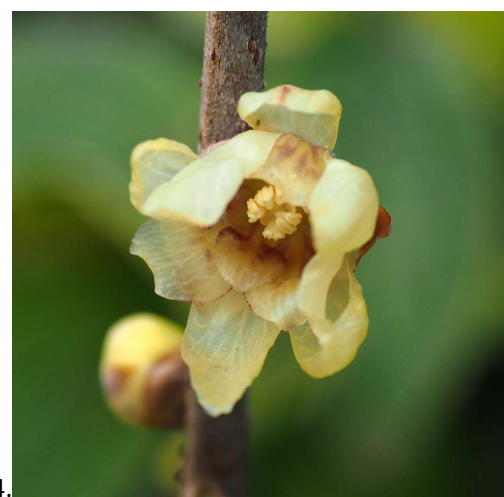
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3. **Rose hips** develop from flowers that have been pollinated. The Heritage roses growing in the lower rose beds produce more hips than the more recent breeds in the beds up higher. Rose hips are used to make jellies and a range of drinks including rose hip tea, either on their own or in blends with other fruits, and in Cockta, the national soft drink of Slovakia. The rose hip in the photo was bred in France, c1879, and named **Rosa 'Honorine de Brabant'**.



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4. **Wintersweet** *Chimonanthus praecox* has been cultivated in its native China for 1,000 years. It is valued for the sweet fragrance of its small flowers. You can't miss the perfume on a calm cool day when the bush is in full bloom. In China, prunings are dried and kept to perfume linen cupboards. This plant is listed as Vulnerable to becoming extinct in the wild.



4.

What's on in May 2017 (More details on Friends website)

Discovery Walk '**Walk the Eastern Park**' Sunday 14 May 2:00 pm.
Gold coin donation

Discovery Table, Sunday 21 May 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Prof. Mardie Townsend will speak on

The therapeutic value of gardens, Monday 29 May 5:30 for 6:00 pm,
\$8.00 (\$5.00 members). RSVP to the Friends office.

Free Guided Walks, each Sunday 2:00pm, Wednesday 11:00am.

The **Friends' Nursery is open** on Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm.

This Nursery has some new plants available for purchase.

They were propagated from the Silver Border and elsewhere in these gardens.

The **Curiosity Cabinet** is displaying Arid Environments.

The **Tea House** is open every day.



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