



TRANSITION TOWN
HERVEY BAY

Transition Town Hervey Bay Inc and Transition Town Gardeners
"The Cottage", 16 Peters Lane, Pialba

May 2011

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May Program:

The Cottage garden opens at 8.00 am with workshops usually starting at 8.30 am and finishing with morning tea. Feel free to bring something along to share for morning tea and the trade table. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Thursday and 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome!

Thursday 5th May

A morning in the garden

Saturday 14th May

A morning in the garden

Thursday 19th May

Seed saving workshop

Saturday 28th May

Make a scarecrow – come and join the fun to construct a scare crow for the Cottage garden! Ring Linda on 4124 2913 to see what materials could be used. Children welcome.



Torquay Markets

Plants that are popular on the stall at the market are the evergreen spinaches such as Brazilian, Ceylonese and warrigal greens plus strawberries and some herbs.

We have been concentrating on propagating these plus bunching onions, dragon fruits, basil, lemon grass, curry tree, water chestnuts, and others.

We are now doing the 2 markets a month as we have so much plant stock to share with the public.

Seeds from the seed bank also sell well.

The markets are the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. If you would like to help out for an hour or two, please let John know on 0428 980 019.

Edible Landscapes

Great little story in the Sunshine Coast paper about the bloke who started the community gardens at Peregian. Seems he's a finalist in a competition organised by Erin Brockovich. For more information visit

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2011/04/18/green-crusader-sows-seeds-of-change/>

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Annual membership is \$5 and provides public liability insurance coverage through the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Seed Savers News

This month at the Cottage we sorted out and packed the many seeds we have received over the last few months. We also had a lovely morning tea thanks to Jen and Irma. The seeds have been donated by the seed savers around the area or harvested from the Cottage garden.

We have received the following types of seeds:

Sunflower
Parisian pickling and Lebanese cucumber
green leaf lettuce and cos lettuce
climbing snake beans and cherokee wax bush beans
sweet and thai basil
coriander
dill
cobra melon
ceylon spinach
broccoli
jicama
Asian greens
English spinach
yellow cherry tomato
bell peppers
agapanthus
warrigal greens
jap pumpkin
agati
bitter melon
tarragon
trailing nasturtiums
rockmelon and watermelon
shallots



The trick to collecting seeds from fruits picked immature for the table such as cucumber and zucchini is to let them stay on the vine or bush until they reach full size plus another three weeks to allow the seeds to mature. Cucumbers will generally be yellow by this time. The cucumber is then split in half and the seeds scooped out. The seeds should be cleaned of pulp under running water. The clean seeds should then be dried for on a plate or kitchen paper for 10 days or so before storing in a sealed container.

Seed donations welcome - the seed bank is free to those depositing or donating seeds.



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