

## *Saturday Speakers*

**Carol CARRUTHERS** is a professional historian and an active member of the Hawkesbury Historical Society. She will speak on the interesting early history of the Hawkesbury region.

**Judyth McLEOD** will be giving an illustrated lecture on medieval gardens titled, *In a Unicorn's Garden*. Much of the research for her talk comes from her soon to be published book on the subject. Judyth's previous books include *Our Heritage Old Roses*, *Lavender Sweet Lavender* and *Heritage Gardening*.

**Colleen MORRIS** is a Sydney based landscape heritage consultant and national chair of the AGHS. She will speak about the highs and lows of the garden heritage movement in recent years, an appropriate subject as the Society this year celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## *Sunday Speakers*

**Judy FAKES** is Head of Arboriculture at the Ryde School of Horticulture. She will talk about the care and management of old trees, a subject which has led to much public debate in recent times. Judy's considered opinions will certainly make you question your ideas about trees in the landscape.

**Greg HANSELL** is one of the nations leading artists and is a Fellow of the Royal Art Society. Greg will talk about some of the landscape artists who were attracted to the Hawkesbury region to paint in the past.

**John PEARMAN** is a retired academic with an interest in the life and work of architect Hardy Wilson, a designer best known for *Eryldene* in Gordon. John's talk will be on Hardy Wilson's little known (but eccentric) plans for a new town at Kurrajong.

Cover image: *Hawkesbury Landscape*  
By William Lister Lister (1858-1943)  
Watercolour on linen (private collection)

## *The Venue*

The venue for this year's seminar is the Hawkesbury Conference Centre, located in the beautiful grounds of the University of Western Sydney's Hawkesbury campus near Richmond. The quiet weekend peace of this beautiful campus makes it an ideal spot for this year's AGHS seminar. The Hawkesbury Conference Centre is in the grounds of the old Hawkesbury Agricultural College which dates from 1891. Initial student numbers were 285 while today the campus has over 3,000 students studying tourism, nursing, medical science as well as agriculture and horticulture. The campus is one of the most beautiful in Australia and we recommend attendees take time to walk around the site designed by William Guilfoyle.

**Richmond** is a pretty old town close to the Blue Mountains and the Hawkesbury River. The town's shopping centre has plenty of eating places for our lunch break & is only a few minutes drive by car from the venue. The 3½ star Hawkesbury Conference Centre Motel is located right next to the seminar venue. For Motel reservations call (02) 4570 1202. Other accommodation options can be found on the web at:

[www.hawkesburytourism.com.au](http://www.hawkesburytourism.com.au)



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# *Hawkesbury Heritage Landscape Seminar*



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*University of Western  
Sydney, Richmond  
13 & 14 May 2006*

## About the seminar

Following the success of last years Blue Mountains Seminar, the Sydney and Northern NSW branch of the Australian Garden History Society is hosting a seminar in the Hawkesbury region during the second weekend of May. The event will include a range of interesting illustrated talks that will explore landscape and garden history related themes. The event will be centred on the Hawkesbury Conference Centre in the grounds of the Hawkesbury Campus of the University of Western Sydney.

Talks will be presented in the mornings of both days and there will be private garden visits in the afternoons. On Saturday the open gardens will be in Windsor and the Grose Vale area, while on Sunday the open gardens will be in the beautiful mountain village of Kurrajong Heights. All afternoon gardens are within 20 minutes drive of the venue. The seminar program and cost has been designed to appeal to a broad range of people, be they gardeners, students, botanists or historians.

Half of the profits from this event will be directed to the local branches, **Garden Conservation Fund**. We are currently funding repairs to 19<sup>th</sup> century garden books in the library of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney. Other recent projects include the conservation of a garden urn made by artist, Norman Lindsay and garden furniture at *Eryldene*, designed by Hardy Wilson

## Why not join the Society

If you share a love of old gardens and plants why not join the Australian Garden History Society. The Society has three active branches in NSW. Members receive a subscription to *Australian Garden History* and local branch newsletters. For more information refer to the AGHS website: [www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au)

### Booking Form (can be photocopied)

I would like to register for the 2006 AGHS  
**Hawkesbury Heritage Landscape Seminar**  
I would like to book ( ) tickets:

#### Full package tickets

\* **Standard 2 day ticket \$ 125.00** ( )

Price includes all talks, garden visits and morning tea – BYO lunch

\* **AGHS member 2 day ticket \$ 110.00** ( )

Price includes all talks, garden visits and teas - BYO lunch

#### One day package tickets

\* **Standard day ticket \$ 80.00** ( )

Price includes all talks, garden visits and morning tea – BYO lunch

Please tick nominated day: Sat ( ) or Sun ( )

\* **AGHS member 1 day ticket \$ 70.00** ( )

Price includes all talks garden visits and morning tea. – BYO lunch. Please tick nominated day: Sat ( ) or Sun ( )

#### **Please Note: Self drive transport to gardens**

(Directions/maps supplied after booking)

No refunds for minor changes in the speaker/open garden programme. 50% cancellation fee after 7 May 2006

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Email:.....

Phone:.....

Please send this form & cheque payable to

AGHS to: Peter Cousens, 93 Lennox St,  
Newtown 2042

For **booking enquiries** call Peter on 9550 3809

**General event enquiries** should be directed to  
Silas Clifford-Smith on 9569 3417  
or via e-mail at: [scliff@bigpond.net.au](mailto:scliff@bigpond.net.au)

## Seminar Gardens

### Saturday afternoon

Gardens include *Sunnybrae*, in Windsor owned by the same family since being built in 1875; and a house and garden tour of *Belmont Park* at Grose Vale (1892). Both sites are rarely opened to the public.

### Sunday afternoon

Gardens are both in the lower Blue Mountains village of Kurrajong Heights: Beautiful perennials and sublime views can be found at *St Clements* and the inspiring *Fernbrook* garden will appeal to all. This property includes a botanical art gallery and visitors will be able to see works by several award winning botanical artists including, Elaine Musgrave.



*Belmont Park* at Grose vale

*Suggestion:* While in the Grose Vale area include a visit to the Honeysuckle Nursery at Bowen Mountain owned by Judyth & Keith McLeod

**Please wear sturdy walking shoes during garden visits.**