Sources of Old Fashioned Plants and Garden Furniture in NSW and Australia

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a) Sources of information on period plantings (see separate References list)

The Aussie Plant Finder 2003, Margaret Hibbert, Florilegium Publishers, lists plants available by species and by state, an excellent resource to track down material

Old nursery/ trade catalogues (eg: Searl's/ Anderson's/ Bunning's, Hazelwood's)

1920s-60s- popular magazines - Australian Home Beautiful, The Garden Lover, Garden Gossip, Australian Women's Weekly

Australian Garden History Society, 100 Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne Vic 3000, ph 1800 678 446/ 03 9650 5043, www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au, publish an excellent journal Australian Garden History 6x/year, run talks, visits and events in each state (two NSW branches, plus ACT), and an annual national conference

National Trust of Australia (NSW), HQ is Observatory Hill, Sydney, ph. 9258 0123, fax 9251 1110, www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au - shops in Double Bay, Killara, Observatory Hill, have specialist advice available on historic parks and gardens, landscapes, bush regeneration and historic cemeteries. Have published a valuable guideline book on "Interwar Gardens" in NSW, 1918-39 period; available from the Trust for $30:00.

NSW Historic Houses Trust library/conservation resource centre, Megan Martin, ph 9692 8366/ 1300 653 777, www.hht.nsw.gov.au - have a specialist book & magazine collection on historic gardens (Lyndhurst, 61 Darghan St., Glebe) - website has links, Trust run 13 house museums including highly significant historic gardens, Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta; Rouse Hill House, Rouse Hill; Vaucluse House, Vaucluse; Government House, City etc

Bronte House, Bronte Road, Bronte, open days see www.bronte-house.com
b) Roses

Con’s Rose Nursery, 140 Oaks Road, Thirlmere 2572, grows old roses

Gretchen’s Old Fashioned Roses, Richmond, ph 4578 2994

Heritage Roses in Australia - species, old hybrids, Australian cultivars (Alistair Clark etc), National Secretary Suzanne Kingsford, ‘Navaka, 208 Curramore Road, Jambooro 2533, ph. 4326 0423/ fax 4326 0417;

suekingsford@bigpond.com.au For the contact details of your local regional coordinator email George Davies: georgedavies@iinet.net.au (Heritage Rose journal published 4x/year - to join - Treasurer, HRA, PO Box 77, Armadale WA 6992 (membership $33)

(VIC) Hilltop Rose Gardens & Nursery, PO Box 53, Guildford 3451, ph./fx. 03 5473 4275

Honeysuckle Cottage nursery, Lot 35 Bowen Mountain Road, Bowen Mountain 2735, p/f 4572 1345 e: kamcleod@zeta.org.au

www.honeysucklecottage nursery.com (large collection of heritage roses)

Lyn Park Nursery, Old Northern Road, Maroota 2756, ph 4566 8244, open by appointment only (old fashioned roses)

(WA) Melvilles Roses Nursery, Masonmill Rd Carmel

(VIC) Misty Downs - specialist growers, Heritage Roses, RMB 1318 Creswick Vic 3363, ph. 03 5345 6575, fax 03 5345 6574

Remontant Roses & Perennials, 600 East Kurrajong Road, East Kurrajong 2758, ph 4756 5256, (specialist retail rose nursery, over 150 varieties)

(SA) Ross Roses, PO Box 23A, Willunga 5172, ph 08 8556 2555/ fax 08 8556 2955, handbook & catalogue available - send $5 by cheque/money order/10x 50c stamps, over 500 cultivars, complete rose manual available

(VIC) Spring Park Nursery, Lot 23, Midland Highway, Eganstown 3460, ph/fx. (03) 5348 3351

(WA) Swiss Rose Garden Nursery, 38 Wollaston Ave, Armadaube WA

(VIC) The Briars, Mornington Peninsula, ph 03 5974 4833 – display garden, focus is David Austin cultivars

The Hedgerow Nursery, Jingellic Road, Holbrook-Tumbarumba, ph 6948 5267 www.hedgerownursery.com.au – display garden and wide selection of old and new roses; old ones include Alistair Clark’s & new ones include David Austin’s cultivars

(TAS) The Scented Rose, 1338 Cygnet Coast Rd., Glaziers Bay, Tas ph 03 6295 1816, www.thescentedrose.com - David Austin rose specialist (modern hybrids bringing back heritage rose species/characteristics - eg: full perfume)
c) General Plants/ Seeds

(ACT) Albert's Garden, 9 Beltana Road, Pialligo 2609, grows a range of old fashioned perennials and alpine plants
Australian Geranium Society, Secretary, 27 Chichester St., Maroubra 2035, ph. 9349 2023 (first ornamental plant to flower off the First Fleet…)
T. Barker & Son, 5 A'Beckett Street, Granville 2142, ph 9637 1891, fax 9637 7232

Blooming Greenery Begonias, 226 Annangrove Road, A'grove., ph 9679 1386
Bromeliad Garden Nursery, 15 Spurgin St., Wahroonga, p/f 9489 2063 bromeliadgarden@yahoo.com 0411 406 462 (100 varieties of bromeliads (pineapple family – popular 19th C. conservatory pls.)
Buds & Blooms Nursery, Wallarah, ph 4392 0999 (geraniums, fuchsias)

Camellia Grove Nursery, 240 Mona Vale Road, St. Ives 2075, p: 9144 3402

(VIC) Canna Brae Country Garden Nursery, 35-7 Felix Crescent, Ringwood North VIC 3134, ph 03 9870 1130

Carroll’s Country Gardens, 60 Bells Line of Road, Mt. Tomah, ph 4567 2009 (140 cultivars of Camellia, natives)

Charlie’s Compost, Charlie & Rose Hamand, 656 George Downes Drive, Kulnura 2250, ph 4376 1202

(VIC) Cloudehill Nursery & Garden Centre, 89 Olinda0Monbulk Rd., Monbulk VIC 3793, ph 03 9751 1009
(VIC) Collarendabri Gardens, ph 03 5427 3641, specialise in Dahlia spp. and cultivars, over 500 cv.s

Colonial Cottage Nursery, 62 Kenthurst Rd., Dural 2158 (perennials)

(VIC) Conifer Gardens Nursery, cnr. Sherbrook & Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road, Ferny Creek 3786, ph 03 9755 1793 (also rare & ornamental trees)

Designer Growers’ Network (nurseries, designers, specialist growers of interesting/unusual plants suited to Sydney gardens) [DGN: Peter Nixon Paradisus, ph: 9953 1010, fx: 9953 1976, www.peternixon.com.au] – available from wholesale Alpine Nurseries [1099 Old Northern Road, Dural NSW 2158, ph: 9651 2444, fx: 9651 5740, http://www.alpinenurseries.com.au/trademart.html, Rast Bros., Turramurra (ph 9144 2134); Belrose Nursery (ph 9450 1484); Gardens-R-Us at Eastlakes (ph 9663 0701) or from the RBGS Growing Friends (see below) who have a good range of DGN plants

(VIC) Dicksonia Rare Plants, Stephen Ryan, 341 Mt. Macedon Rd./PO Box 39, Mt. Macedon VIC 3441, ph 03 5426 3075, does not mail order, but has marvelous range, has published two books on "Spectacular Plants", open Friday-Mondays

(VIC) Diggers Club, 105 La Trobe Parade, Dromana, Vic, ph: 03 5987 1877, fax 03 5981 4298 mail order around Australia - wide range of seed, perennials, dry tolerant plants, trees, fruit & vegetable specialists, catalogues full of good advice, www.diggers.com.au
Dingo Creek Rainforest Nursery, Bulga Road via Wingham, 6550 5167
(rainforest spp.)
East Coast Perennials, PO Box 323G Wauchope 2446,
(QLD) Eden Seeds, MS 905, Lower Beechmont Qld 4211, p: 1800 188 199
www.edenseeds.com.au
Engall’s Nursery (fruit trees, citrus & rose specialists), 455 Carlingford Road,
Epping 2121 p 9876 2177, fx: 9869 1479
Frangipani Society of Australia, 8 Corio Drive, St. Clair 2759,
franipanisocietyofaustralia@hotmail.com
Garden express: Mail order service with the best range of bulbs & most extensive
range of perennials, shrubs, trees and potted plants in Australia.
www.gardenexpress.com.au
Growing Friends (of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney) – nursery sales
Tuesday to Fridays 11.30am -2:00 pm near Lion Gate Cottage/ Mrs
Macquarie’s Road; large public sale days also in spring and autumn, contact
Friends of RBGS – ph (02) 9231 8182 or e: Friends@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au
Green Harvest, (publish the excellent Australian Organic Gardening Resource
Guide), 52 Crystal Waters Permaculture Village, MS 16 via Maleny, QLD
4552, ph 07 5494 4676, fax 07 5494 4674, greenhar@ozemail.com.au, list
seeds, food (fruit/vegetable) and medicinal plants, books, natural pest
management and more
Green Patch Organic Seeds, 109 Old Bar Road, Glenthorne 2430, p: 02 6551
Bridget Gubbins, China Walls, Tooma 2642 grows Clematis species (climbers)
Honeysuckle Cottage, Lot 35, Bowen Mountain Rd., Bowen Mountain 2753,
heritage roses, herbs, old fashioned cottage garden plants (Dr. Judyth
Macleod, author of “Heritage Gardening", ph/fx 02 4572 1345 e:
kmcleod@zeta.org.au www.honeysucklecottagenursery.com (large
collection of antique plants)
Impact Plants, Poole Close, Empire Bay 2257, ph 4369 1422, fax 4369 1485
(SA) Iris Acres, Wicks Rd., Meadows 5201, ph./fx. 08 8388 3299
Iris Haven, Pennant Hills, ph. 9144 3805 (Louisiana iris cultivars)
Matcham Valley Plants, subtropical and unusual material a speciality, contact
Alma Webb ph. 4367 7116
Nell Jeffrey, specialist grower of subtropical (eg: Cape) bulbs, mail order, 24
Letitia Road, Fingal NSW 2487
King’s Seeds, PO Box 975, Penrith 2751, ph 4776 1493, fx. 4776 2090
kirstenole@ozemail.com.au
(VIC) Lambley Nursery, "Burnside", Lesters Road, Ascot Vic 3364, ph 03 5343
4303, fax 03 5343 4257, www.lambley.com.au
(SA) McDougall & Sons, Gawler, SA
S. Medcalf, PO Box 179, Hazelbrook 2779, (Hippeastrums, bromeliads, orchids)
Moidart Nurseries, PO Box 29 Bowral 2576, Eridge Park Road, Bowral 2576, ph
4861 2600, fax: 4862 1572 (rare and unusual cool climate trees, shrubs and
perennials, some climbers (strongest on perennials and trees)
(VIC) New Gippsland Seeds & Bulbs, 181 Queens Road, Silvan VIC 3795, p: 03 1800 887 732
Pine Grove Nursery, 114 Pine Street, Wardell 2477, ph 6683 4188
Rainbow Ridge, 8 Taylors Rd., Dural 2158 (irises and day lily specialists)
Swanes Nurseries, 490 Galston Rd., Dural 2158, ph 9651 1322
Seeds for you, Avalon, ph 9997 3150 (natives, flowers, herbs)
Seed Savers Australia, PO Box 975, Byron Bay 2481, ph 6585 756-
www.seedsavers.net collect and distribute old fashioned vegetable and herbs
VIC) Strezelecki Heritage Apples, Warragui Road, Strezelecki 3950, ph 03 5659 5242 (old and modern varieties)
Sue Templeton's Unlimited Perennials, 396 Boomerang Drive, Lavington 2641, ph 6025 4585, templeton@albury.net.au, www.salviaspecialist.com, specialist grower of sages/salvias, can mail order around Australia
The Ornamental Grass Co., 75 Ryedale Rd., West Ryde 2114, grasses
VIC) The Perfumed Garden, Nepean Highway, Mt. Martha VIC 3934, ph 03 5974 4833, fax 03 5974 8455
Viburnum Gardens, 8 Sunnyridge Rd., Arcadia 2160 (perennials)
VIC) Yamina Rare Plants, Don Teese, 25 Moores Road, Monbulk VIC., ph 03 9755 6335
Arthur Yates & Co., ph. 1800 224 428

d) Tree Specialists
Civic Trees, 1 Harris Road, Dural, ph 9651 2833
Newmar Tree Farms, cnr. Arcadia & Vision Valley Roads, Ingleside, ph 9450 1400
Shade of Trees Nursery, 24 Summit Road, Burwood 3125, (specialist in oak species (over 95 Quercus spp.)
Tall Timbers Nursery, 8 Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie, ph 9652 1200
Winter Hill Tree Farm, Canonleigh Road, Canyonleigh, ph 4878 9193

e) Native Plants
Annangrove Grevilleas Native Nursery, 98 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst, ph 9654 1380

Australian Seed Company, Hazelbrook, ph 4758 6152, fx 4758 7022
Australian Tree Seed Centre, CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products, PO Box E4008 Kingston, Canberra ACT 2604; ph: 6281 8211; Fx: 6281 8266; email: ffp-atsc@csiro.au web: You can browse the species list at: http://atsc-web1.ffp.csiro.au/atsc/GetSpecies.aspx?app=1&SId=1681
(This is a national seed bank – a useful contact for seed and tree information.
Blacktown Council Nursery, ph 9671 3576
Carroll's Country Gardens, 60 Bells Line of Road, Mt. Tomah, ph 4567 2009
Cranebrook Native Nursery, 175 Cranebrook Road, Cranebrook 2749 (8km north of Penrith), ph 4777 4256
Cumberland Plain Seeds, Tim Berryman, native grass farm, Castlereagh
Engall’s Nursery (citrus & rose specialists), 455 Carlingford Road, Epping 2121 p 9876 2177, fx: 9869 1479
(Qld.) Fairhill Nursery, Alex Hansa, Yandina Qld., ph 07 5446 8644 (subtropical/rainforest spp.)
Flower Power Nurseries (branches @Taren Point, Bass Hill, Enfield, Glenhaven, Moorbank, Blacktown, Terrey Hills, Warriewood), limited range of popular natives, Taren Point Road (cnr. Holt St.), Taren Point, ph 9540 5466
Growing Friends (of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney) – nursery sales every Tues/Wed/Thursday, 11.30am -1.30pm near Lion Gate Cottage/ Mrs Macquarie’s Road; large public sale days also in spring and autumn, contact Friends of RBGS – ph 9231 8175 or e: Friends@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au
K. & D. Glover Seed Collectors, Coff’s Harbour, ph/fx. 6653 4884
Kanget Native Nursery. 929 Gloucester Road, Wingham 2429, (native staghorn and elkhorn ferns, native orchids, ferns & hybrids)
Koala Native Plants, PO Box 140 Branxton 2335, p 4938 3380
www.koalanativeplants.com.au
(Vic) Kuranga Native Nursery, 393 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood Vic 3134, www.kuranga.com.au, ph 03 9879 4076, range includes rare plants, deliver all states
Marrickville Community Nursery, ph 0412 435 948
Plantique, Nurelle Thompson, 44 Premier Street. Gymea, ph 9525 7853
(subtropical/rainforest spp.)
Rockdale Community Nursery, ph 9553 7346
Randwick Community Nursery, ph 9399 0933 (contact: Danny Hirschfeld)
Royston Petrie Seeds, ph 9654 1186, fx. 9654 2658
Seeds for you, Avalon, ph 9997 3150 (natives, flowers, herbs)
(Qld.) Stockade Nursery, Jill Coomb, 70 Wades Road, Bellmere, Qld., ph 07 5495 8546
Sutherland Shire Council Nursery, Ruby St., Gymea, ph 9524 5672, supplies land care groups and Council and public, minimum purchase is $50, no credit cards
Sydney Rainforest Nursery, Dierdre Jinks, Ourimbah, ph 4362 2499
Sydney Wildflower Nursery North, ph 9450 1785
Sydney Wildflower Nursery South, 9 Veno Street, Heathcote, ph 9548 2818
Sydney Wildflower Nursery West, 241 South Street, Marsden Park, ph 9628 4448
Wariapendi Nursery, Church Avenue, Colo Vale (10 mins. north of Mittagong), just off the Highway, ph 4889 4327, www.wariapendi.com.au - wide range of tubestock, can bulk order by post, larger sizes also
Wirrimbirra Sanctuary – David G Stead Memorial Research Foundation (& Nursery), Hume Highway, Bargo 2574, ph 4684 1112, 7 days
f) Rare Plants (Bilpin Rare Plants Fair – Peta Trahare; 2005 & 6)

Stallholders:

Antique Perennials, Vic - assorted rare perennials including double red, pink & white hellebores
Australian Bulb Company, SA - peonies and unusual bulbs
Belrose Nursery, NSW - unusual perennials suited to the Sydney region: grasses, Salvias, Plectranthus
Robyn Bible, NSW - Geraniums, Pelargoniums, Erodiums
Bilpin Tree Farm, NSW - cool climate trees, shrubs & perennials
Bloomin' Greenery Nursery, NSW - rare & unusual Begonias (excluding tuberous)
Bonsai & Beyond, NSW - bonsai & bonsai stock
Botanica, NSW - New introductions - Cannas, Cordylines, Dianellas and more
Brenda Lyon Speciality Bulbs, NSW - more than 150 varieties of daffodils – many suitable for Sydney
Carroll's Country Gardens Nursery, NSW - Iris, daylilies, Colquhounias, Desmodiums, maples, conifers
Terry Castle & Jon Williams, NSW - Alpinia, Carex, Eupatorium, Hedychium, Brugmansia & more
Coachwood Nursery, NSW – succulents, Magnolias, sub-tropical species, Camellias, new conifers
Cooramilla, NSW - rare imported collectors’ perennials
Country Farm Perennials, Vic - species Geraniums (Cranesbills), newly imported perennials, Garden Tours
Designer Growers Network, NSW – display of durable unusual plants
East Coast Perennials, NSW - robust perennials, ornamental grasses
Ferngrove Trees, NSW - advanced ornamental trees
Florilegium, NSW – garden books
Helleborus Down Under, NSW - hellebores
Iris Haven, NSW – bare-rooted Iris, daylilies, arum lilies, cottage perennials
Lambley Nursery, VIC – new releases of hardy perennials including Salvias, Euphorbias, Eryngiums
Ian McMaugh, NSW - Tillandsias
Macquarie Valley Violets, NSW - African violets: standard, micro-miniatures & trailing varieties
Macquarie Native Orchids, NSW – Dendrobiums, Bulbophyllums, Sarcochilus, Dockrillisa, Calanthes
Matcham Valley Nursery, NSW - bromeliads, ferns, bulbs, tropical plants
Melanquin Gardens Nursery, NSW - bromeliads including Neoregelias, Vrieseas & Guzmanias
Mistydowns, VIC - heritage roses, peonies, Geraniums, Salvias, Brugmansias, Clematis, Primulas
Mount Murray Nursery, NSW - maple cultivars, spruces, pines, firs, cedars, dogwoods
Newbridge Cottage Garden, NSW - Iris WINNER BEST NURSERY DISPLAY Collectors’ Plant Fair 2005
Nutshell Perennial Nursery & Plant Farm, NSW – huge range of hardy perennials
Orchid Oasis, NSW - orchids, Heliconias, succulents, green bat plant, spiral & beehive gingers
Plantique, NSW - exotic & native cycads including Encephalartos & Dioon species
Post Office Farm Nursery, VIC - hellebore species & hybrids
Garry & Sue Reid, VIC - bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes to suit all climates
Sanung Keban, VIC - Buddlejas, Kniphofias, dry arid plants, woodland plants, bulbs
Stockade Nursery, QLD - hardy sub-tropicals: bromeliads, Cordylines, gingers
Temps Perdu, NSW - lilac cultivars, Syringa vulgaris & S. hyacinthiflora
The Crepe Myrtle Man, NSW - crepe myrtles: miniatures, shrubs, trees, ground covers, espalier
The Crest Gardens, NSW – wide collection of shrubs and perennials
The Old Mole, NSW – antique & reproduction garden tools
Town and Country Gardens, NSW - unusual & old-fashioned plants, silver & variegated foliage, WOLLEMI PINE
Victoria Garden Nursery, NSW - Clivias miniata hybrids & interspecifics
Wallis Creek Watergarden, NSW - water & bog plants, carnivorous plants, unusual woodland plants
Waverley Nursery, NSW - perennials, Salvias, grasses
Norma Wheeler, NSW - wide variety of hardy perennials & shrubs, particularly Salvias
Windy Hollow, VIC - Erythroniums, Fritillaria, Narcissus & other bulbs, ‘different’ perennials
Yamina Rare Plants, VIC - Arisaemas, Acers, Hydrangeas, Magnolias, Michelia, Daphnes, conifers

**g) Garden Furniture**
Architectural Heritage, 62 Glebe Point Road, Glebe, ph 9660 0100, fx. 9660 0401, wide range including some garden furniture, iron fountains, gates, pedestals etc www.architecturalheritage.net open 7 days, 10-6
Chelmstone, 88/90 Lilyfield Rd., Lilyfield, ph 0418 190 004, David Holt, makers of cast stone objects to order, urns, pedestals, pavers, pool coping, reconstituted quartz stone
Emerdyn, Roverwood, ph. 9354 1314 have furniture specific for public use (QLD) Gazeboz - www.gazeboworld.com.au, ph 0500 500 510/ 07 5554 6455, kits sent all states, including old fashioned styles - range of these available
(SA) Instone Products – reconstituted sandstone garden seats, urns, pots, pedestals, troughs – Peter & Kerry Bellosguardo 08 – 9568 5792
Le Forge, 59 Denison Street, Camperdown 2050, ph 9516 3888, www.leforge.com.au (French antique gates, urns, tables and chairs etc)


Parterre Garden 493 Bourke Street, Surry Hills, ph 9356 4747, and 33 Ocean Street, Woollahra, ph 9363 5874

Rast Brothers, 31-37 Kissing Point Road, Turramurra, ph 9144 2134
Swane’s Nursery, 490 Galston Road, Dural, ph 9651 1322

The Australian Summer House Company, 252 New Line of Road, Dural 2158, ph 9651 4840, www.summerhouse.net.au, range of gazebos/ or to order

The Wagga Iron Foundry have authentic Victorian design outdoor furniture
230 Hammond Avenue, Wagga 2650, Ph (02) 6921 3387, Fax 6921 1572 www.waggairon.com.au

(VIC) Woven Wire - heritage wire – (fences, gates, garden borders), ph 03 – 9773 6300, fax 03 9773 6399 ingartly@netspace.net.au
Yorkstone flagging – p 4889 4487 m 0411 700 124 e: ystone@hinet.net.au
www.yorkstoneflagging.com.au

h) fence & gate suppliers (woven wire, split timber etc)

Emu Heritage Woven wire & gates, Factory 2, Lower Paper Mills Road, Fyansford, Vic 3221; www.emuwire.com.au e: emuwire@hotkey.net.au, ph: 1300 360 082, fax 03 5229 0913 – woven wire fencing and gates in 7 styles – pedestrian and driveway

Norwood Products, 65 Buckley Grove, Moolap VIC 3221, ph: 03 5248 5679 traditional morticed post and rail fencing in range of timbers & styles.

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