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Autumn Splendour



Plants with Bite!
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Autumn Harvest Food & Wine Fair
Sat 1 May

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Mount Tomah Botanic Garden
Cool-climate garden of Botanic Gardens Trust

Awe-Inspiring Autumn at Mount Tomah

Mount Tomah Botanic Garden on Bells Line of Road in the northern Blue Mountains is a place of wonder and enchantment in autumn – arguably the best season to experience the colour, sounds, fresh air and fragrances of this magnificent cold-climate collection.

Set against the stunning backdrop of views that stretch from the Hunter Valley right back to Sydney, Mount Tomah is the perfect stop for visitors offering sublime beauty, fine dining and botanically inspired shopping. With regular art and educational exhibitions, a visit to the garden can be just as enjoyable in fine or wet weather.

The autumn splendor is a continuous process lasting many weeks. Visitors may witness viburnum, berberis, cotoneaster, holly and rowan which are ripe with their cheerful fruits while the russet tones of turning leaves combine to provide spectacular colour. Swaths of windflowers follow with the silvery-white protea blooms, heralding the grand 'protea performance' which builds towards winter. Perfume from the last of



the summer roses seal this reverie while the marvellous orange through to deep maroon coloring of the Japanese Maples entrances before the 'fall'. Deep into May, the autumn colour of deciduous trees can still be found with many of the evergreen conifers shifting colour in response to lower temperatures.

Autumn is also Carnivorous Plant time at Mount Tomah Botanic Garden, with the annual **Plants With Bite! Carnivorous Plant Display and Fair** on from **Saturday 27 February to Sunday 7 March**. Held in partnership with the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society, visitors may witness a spectacular display with many rare plants for sale. Experts will be on site on the weekends to answer questions, with specialist talks each Saturday and Sunday.

To celebrate Seniors' Week, Mount Tomah will hold **Seniors' Day** on **Wednesday 24 March**. All seniors' cardholders will be allowed free entry on presentation of their card, with discounted rates on volunteer-guided walks and booked garden shuttle tours.

Mount Tomah is offering an array of workshops throughout autumn that cater to both adults and children. Adults may select from a number of workshops including **Botanical Illustration, Bountiful Birds, Botanical Basics, an Orchid Penjing Sculpture workshop or Gardens For Health**. Children can join in the fun by completing the new season's treasure quest or by participating in a school holiday workshop in jewellery making.

A definite must for foodies, Mount Tomah will again host the **Autumn Harvest Food and Wine Fair** on **Saturday 1 May**. This is a day to tantalise the taste-buds as local growers and producers offer their wares for sale. Craft displays, live music and wine tasting make for a fantastic day out for the whole family!

For bookings and enquiries on the autumn activities please phone (02) 4567 2154 or visit www.mounttomahbotanicgarden.com.au