

2020 TASMANIAN GARLIC & TOMATO FESTIVAL – PRESENTERS

TINO CARNEVALE



Tino Carnevale needs no introduction. A regular favourite on ABC's Gardening Australia, we have been watching Tino giving practical gardening advice on our screens for some time now. Tino is also heard regularly on ABC Gardening Talk Back.

With Italian heritage, it's only natural that he is right at home with all things garlic and tomato.

You can catch Tino in the Speaker's Tent, as well as on the Q&A Panel.

MARGOT WHITE



Margot White has been a horticulturalist at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens for over forty years.

For the last ten years she, along with a group of willing volunteers, has grown hundreds of varieties of heirloom tomatoes for the annual RTBG seedling sale, to raise much needed funds for the gardens.

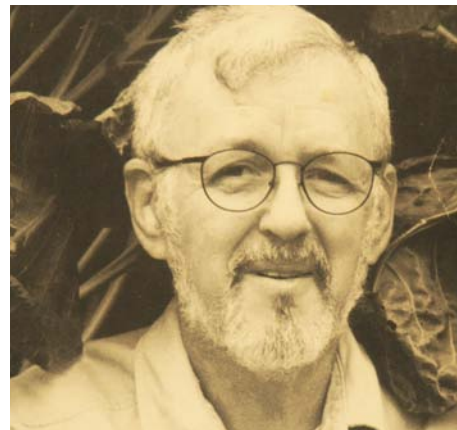
Through her tomato growing projects, Margot has reintroduced Tasmanians to heirloom varieties and all the joy they can bring. With a different theme every year, she loves the stories that come with the weird and wonderful varieties she unearths from across the country and around the world. Margot jokes that in growing and selling 6000 tomato plants for Tasmanians each year, she is selling hope. This season's terrible conditions have shown exactly that.

You will find Margot in the Speaker's Tent, in the Tomato Patch and on the Q&A Panel.

STEVE SOLOMON

Steve is a local gardener and popular author. His popular book, "Growing Vegetables South of Australia" is specifically written for Tasmanians wanting to know how to garden in Tasmanian conditions. Steve's strong focus on soil health and nutrition is reflected in his very productive Tamar garden patch.

You will find Steve in the Stop and Chat marquee, where he'll be happy to answer your gardening questions. He will also be part of the Q&A Panel discussion.



ANNETTE & NEVIL REED

The Reeds fell in love with tomatoes and garlic ten years ago when they started growing them on their Selbourne farm. They are happy to admit that before 2010, they had never grown a tomato from seed and knew nothing about garlic. Now they grow possibly the biggest range of heirloom tomatoes in the country, along with fifteen cultivars of garlic.

Annette and Nevil are not only excited to play hosts to the festival, but they are keen to show you what they do. Join them on one of three Tomato Tours throughout the day as they talk about the season they've had and explain all about Seeds of Friendship.



PETER TWITCHETT



After 5 years in the vibrant City of Adelaide as Executive Chef for a 12 venue hotel group, Peter and family took a 4 week holiday adventure to the Apple Isle of Tasmania and was spellbound by the states beautiful environment and people producing best-in-class world beating food and wine products and so the decision was made to make the big move.... for the quality of lifestyle was something Peter wanted for his family.

Peter is a professional chef with over 22years experience starting from a family operated Italian restaurant through to the 5 Star, Fairmont Chateaux Lake Louise in Canada.

"I love using great foods in their best conditions and ripeness and letting the world of experiences I've had I just keep things simple... a little salt, a little acid... a touch of the flame, and let the produce shine" Peter Twitchett.

MUSICIANS

JOANNE MITCHELSON & HAMISH PIKE

Joanne is well known throughout the Meander Valley, not only for her beautiful and intricate art work but for her incredible talent as a musician, especially on the pan pipes and harp. Hamish, while relatively new to the Meander Valley, has already established a strong reputation as an accomplished violinist.

Find a spot near the stage and relax as they entertain you throughout the day.

