



National Trust (NSW) Coming Events September – December 09

Highlights

Indulge in homemade treats, unique gifts and cheap and cheerful stocking fillers at three Christmas fairs – **Lindesay Christmas Fair**, **Vienna Cottage Christmas Boutique** and **Eryldene Christmas Fair** this November. Tour these amazing sites while choosing gifts from artisans and boutique retailers.

Lindesay Christmas Fair – 19 to 21 November, ticketed

Vienna Cottage Christmas Boutique – 20 to 22 November, free

Eryldene Christmas Fair – 28 to 29 November, ticketed

Strictly speaking, it's not Sydney-based, but it's worth making the trip. The National Trust of Australia (NSW) and Pacific Opera proudly present "**Opera at Golden Vale**". With Golden Vale closed to the public, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to come and discover a hidden treasure of the Southern Highlands. With performances from Pacific Opera, guests are invited to take in this amazing estate at dusk, enjoy local food and wines, take part in silent auctions and raffles all while supporting the important work of the National Trust of Australia (NSW). This is truly an event not to be missed!

Opera at Golden Vale, Sutton Forest – 14 November, ticketed

September 09

Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 September

National Trust Book Fair at SH Ervin Gallery

Two days of bargain hunting with hundreds of pre-loved books at discount prices. Browse a huge selection of art books & catalogues, fiction, non-fiction, travel & lifestyle books, magazines & children's, plus antiquarian works & collectable Trust publications. There's something for everyone - you may even pick up a treasure!

Location: SH Ervin Gallery, Watson Road, Sydney

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm



Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 September

House and Garden Open Weekend

Spring bursts into Eryldene with its significant collection of azaleas and late flowering camellias. Eryldene's garden experts share their secrets on great gardening tips, pick up a bargain at the retro clothes stalls and tour the house and garden. For an extra special treat, book for the Eryldene High Tea on Sunday at 2pm.

Location: Eryldene Historic House and Garden, 17 McIntosh St, Gordon

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Bookings: 9498 2271 or eryldene@eryldene.org.au, \$8.00 Adults, \$6.00 Concession, \$4.00 Child.

Friday 18 September

A Ghostly Night

The Governors and their households left Parramatta in 1855, but their presence still haunts Old Government House. Explore this 210 year old Georgian mansion by candlelight, hear strange tales from the site's long history, revisit the scene of a tragic accident and witness places within the house where psychics and guides have had ghostly encounters. Includes supper and wine.

Location: Old Government House, Parramatta

Time: 7:50pm

Bookings: 0415 187 402 of www.friendsofogh.com, \$28.00

Sunday 20 September

Tea Dance – A Blast from the Past

Listen to or dance to your favourite old songs. Hear the mighty Wurlitzer Organ from the famous Prince Edward Theatre played by an accomplished organist, together with the Belles singing their Andrews' Sisters repertoire & many more songs as performed on the QE2. A rare opportunity to be entertained by two top class musical acts.

Location: Marrickville Town Hall, Marrickville Road, Marrickville

Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm

Bookings: 0418 112 018, \$30.00 includes gourmet afternoon tea

October 09

Saturday 3 – Sunday 11 October

Everglades at Leura Gardens Festival



Enjoy the spectacular Everglades as it blooms for the Leura Gardens Festival. Enjoy the famous Sorensen designed gardens at their peak in spring. Admire the craftsmanship of the stone walls, the many vistas created by the design, as well as the grandeur of the Jamieson valley. Visit the Arte Moderne 1930's house, with its fabulous bathrooms.

Location: Everglades House, 37 Everglades Ave, Leura

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Bookings: 02 4784 1938

Thursday 8 – Friday 9 October, Wednesday 14 October – Thursday 15 October

Children's School Holiday Workshops

Suitable for students 5-12 years wishing to develop their objective drawing skills. Students will produce their own artworks through the use of mixed media, paper clay, paints and canvas.

Location: SH Ervin Gallery, Watson Road, Sydney

Time: 1:00- 3:00pm Bookings: 9258 0122, \$30 Members (per day) and \$33 Non-members (per day). Cost includes materials & tuition, plus complimentary entry to the S. H. Ervin Gallery exhibition of finalist portraits (Portia Geach Memorial Award 2009) for carers and children.

November 09

Sunday 8 November

Newcastle and Tomago Coach Trip

Join us on a luxury coach for a trip to Newcastle. We will stop for morning tea at the Hunter Regional Botanic gardens then on to Tomago House for a tour of the house and lunch. After lunch we will visit Miss Porters House in Newcastle and partake of afternoon tea there before returning to Gordon Station via our last stop - Catherine Hill Bay. Both Tomago House and Miss Porter's House are National Trust Properties. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included.

Location: Leave Gordon station at 7:30am and return by 6:30pm.

Time: All Day

Bookings: 0418 112 018, \$75.00



Saturday 14 November

Opera at Golden Vale

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) and Pacific Opera proudly present “Opera at Golden Vale”. This unique event will be held for the first time at the immaculate property “Golden Vale”. With Golden Vale closed to the public, it’s a once in a lifetime opportunity to come and discover a hidden treasure of the Southern Highlands. With performances from Pacific Opera, guests are invited to take in this amazing estate at dusk, enjoy local food and wines, take part in silent auctions and raffles all while supporting the important work of the National Trust of Australia (NSW). This is truly an event not to be missed!

Location: Golden Vale, Sutton Forest

Time: 3:30 – 6:00pm

Bookings: 9258 0181, \$75 VIP (Limited to 50 spots), \$45 National Trust and Pacific Opera Members / Concession, \$50 Non Members, \$100 Family Ticket (2A & 2C)

Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 November

Lindesay Christmas Fair

Treat yourself to a shopping extravaganza, with access to more than 80 stalls from a specially chosen group of artisans and boutique retailers. The fair will offer a wide range of high quality homewares, clothes, fashion accessories, antiques, stationery, linen, garden items and much more.

Location: Lindesay House, 1 Carthona Avenue, Darling Point

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November

Vienna Cottage Christmas Boutique

Indulge in a great range of gift ideas including linen & lace, wool embroidery, pottery, decorative glass, hand crafted jewellery, children’s clothes, Christmas decorations and cards, cakes puddings, jams & preserves, homewares and a range of National Trust products and publications.

Location: Vienna Cottage 38 Alexandra St, Hunters Hill

Time: Friday 6:00 – 9:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 November

Eryldene Christmas Fair

Enjoy making your Christmas gift selections at the Eryldene Christmas Fair. Enjoy a wide selection of unique and quality gifts from over 45 stalls including jewellery, antiques, Christmas hampers, puddings, silkware homewares, children’s and women’s clothing and more.



Location: Eryldene House and Garden, 17 McIntosh St, Gordon

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Bookings: 9498 2271, \$5.00 Adults

December 09

Saturday 5 December

Carols By Candlelight

Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music and festive cheer in the grounds of this gracious historic building, decorated with fairy lights. The music will range from traditional religious favourites like Silent Night to perennial favourites such White Christmas and Jingle Bells. Santa Claus and his elves will make a special guest appearance. Bring a picnic hamper or enjoy the food available including sausage sizzle, Christmas cake and hot/cold drinks. Guests are permitted to bring seating for non-grassed areas.

Location: Old Government House, Parramatta

Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Bookings: 9635 8149 or 0415 187 402

For further information please phone the numbers listed or call the Trust Communications Unit on 9258 0131.