

kept so neat and free of weeds, forming a sanctuary for so many tiny plants. Tiny plants from our own country and overseas were thriving in a large, well ordered rock garden which must be of interest to all who love plants, at any season of the year. I think almost everyone would leave with their own favourite impressions from this delightful place - I know I shall always remember it wherever I see Parahebe cataractae in flower again, or that tiny alpine relative of the rimu, known as Dacrydium laxifolium - reputed to be the world's smallest conifer. Our thanks went to Mr and Mrs Petersen for sharing not only their garden, but also a warming cup of tea when the rain came on.

Even yet those members travelling with the bus were able to share some more interest - this time of a cultural and historical kind. We made a detour on the way home to view the very first display of any kind, an art show, in the old Pupuke Lake pumphouse, which has been renovated for this sort of purpose.

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MITCHELINA STURTON BARR - AN APPRECIATION

Miss O. PLATT

It is with much regret that we learned of the death on 11th June of Minnie Barr who has been a member of the Society for about thirty years, during which time she has served on Committee, arranged outings and has always been willing to write up an account of outings.

She was a keen amateur botanist and was especially interested in filmy ferns, of which she made a collection.

She became quite a tripper later and was twice to the United Kingdom and Europe and back through U.S.A. One of her last trips was to Nepal over the Hillary trails at a time when most of us would rather see it all in pictures. She stood up to it better than many of the younger ones in the party. Her last trip was to China.

Earlier she was a keen tramper and walked many of the mountain valleys and passes of the South Island, and as one who went with her I must say that she was always with us with hand outstretched if help was needed. Yes some of us will miss her very much and we offer our most sincere sympathy to her family.

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Outing - Saturday June 18th.

Mrs B. WORMALD

We were fortunate to have such a lovely day for our trip, as Friday was anything but pleasant. Along the Scenic Drive the rata, Metrosideros fulgens, was still in bloom, adding a gay touch with its orange flowers to the sombre greens of the trees. Mr Beaver led us into the University Reserve and pointed out some of the rarer species of trees in the area, one being Dacrydium kirkii with both juvenile and adult foliage. There were many young kauri rikas and some quite big trees with large spreading