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Above: Pelargoniums from Frederick Mackie's 1870s sketchbook (Private collection)

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ANN CRIPPS is a garden lover and historian who has lectured and written for many years on all aspects of Tasmanian garden history. As a consultant she has advised on the restoration of some of Tasmania's significant gardens. In her research for this book, Ann visited libraries and other institutions in the United Kingdom as well as in Australia, uncovering a fascinating network of gardeners, plant collectors, their families and some of the most important botanical collections in the world.

Come along to hear author **Ann Cripps** in conversation with **Kate Warner** about the research she undertook for her recent book, *Gardeners, Plant Collectors, Friends: Hobart Town and Beyond*. Not only did early colonists bring European species to the colony of Van Diemen's Land, they also sent endemic Tasmanian plants to collectors overseas. As you follow Ann's research you will meet Quakers, botanists, doctors, horticulturalists and nurserymen who were instrumental in bringing Tasmania's flora to the wider world.

While Ann's research took her far afield, many of her discoveries came from detailed studies of documents in the Royal Society of Tasmania's Special Collections, housed at UTAS, and from items in the TMAG collection.

As a special treat, you will be able to view the exquisite table cover embroidered with Tasmanian plants created by early settler **Catherine Mitchell**. Catherine is just one of the many creative women whose works feature in Ann's book. Our thanks to **Peter Hughes**, TMAG's Senior Curator of Decorative Arts, for a rare opportunity to see this beautiful and fragile work.

DATE: **Thursday 25 May, 5.30pm**
VENUE: **Central Gallery, TMAG**
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