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in the garden with JON LAMB

Take a look at beauties

SPRING shows off with five openings in the Australian Open Garden Scheme this weekend.

■ At Boat's End at Currency Creek, the climate-compatible garden features spiky foliage, spires of echiums, natives, salvias and succulents combined in stunning combinations.

The opening includes plant sales from climate-friendly nurseries, and panels of plant and design speakers both days at 11am and 2pm.

Boat's End, Adelaide Place, Currency Creek: Open 10am-4.30pm, tomorrow and Sunday. Entry \$8.

■ Armando's Garden featured on ABC TV's *The Cook and The Chef* and is lauded as one of Adelaide's best vegetable gardens. It boasts a huge range of fruit and vegetables, with rabbits and chickens.

22 Melville Rd, Paradise: Open 10am-4.30pm, tomorrow and Sunday. Entry \$6 adults, children free.

■ Wheelchair gardener Dennis Roberts has created an award-winning, drought-tolerant garden featuring golden oaks and weeping maples and ornamentals such as rambling roses and a callistemon hedge.

Denella Downs, Lot 567

Summit Rd, Meadows: Open 10am-4.30pm, tomorrow and Sunday. Entry \$6 adults, children free.

■ Meningie features two open gardens on Sunday.

ForFar is an artistic country garden which is thriving, despite sandy soil and a dry climate. It includes mass-planted plumbago and native grasses, contrasting with wrought iron, fence posts and vegetable beds.

Jenny Wren's Garden features many structures made from recycled materials. The garden includes a gazebo, a studio and a variety of plantings, including plumbago, statice, dwarf mondo

grass, lavender and roses.

ForFar, Yarindale Rd, Meningie and Jenny Wren's Garden, 29 Warrengie Drive, Meningie: Both open 10am-4.30pm, Sunday. Adults \$6, children under 18 free.

■ SHARE an evening with gardening personalities Peter Cundall and Sophie Thomson at Hilton Adelaide on Monday, October 19 from 6pm-7pm. Supporting the new Garden of Health under construction at the Adelaide Botanic Garden.

Tickets \$10. The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation on 8222 9347.