

# **BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014**



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### **Notes from August AGM**

The AGM was very well attended with 30 members enjoying a choice of leek & potato, chick pea & chorizo & minestrone soups, a warm bread roll, delectable desserts & champagne. A feast!

Congratulations to all the newly elected committee for 2014/15

The results are as follows-

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### **Information on Upcoming Events** by Sally

**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>** Thursday (note change of date- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday not 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Meet at Ryrie Park at 10am or meet at the 1<sup>st</sup> garden, belonging to Sue Murray, at 10.15am.

The address is 47 Bombay Rd (opposite the golf course) & please park on the road outside Sue's house as safely as possible.

We will have morning tea at Sue's place so bring your mug. Could members whose name begins with N to Z please bring something to share for morning tea. Thank you.

From Sue's place we will travel to 'Nithdale' at Ballalaba, which belongs to the Lenehan family. The Garden Club has been to 'Nithdale' a few years ago & at the time Tim suggested we return when the bulbs were flowering. Tim is going to take us on a walk through the property looking at various features. We'll also have lunch at 'Nithdale' so bring your chair or picnic rug.

**OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>** Saturday

Bus trip to Robertson. Depart Ryrie Park at 8.00am returning approx 6.00pm. Cost \$ 25 + garden entries. Pay \$25 at Bendigo Bank from 20<sup>th</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> October. It would be helpful to have an indication of numbers for the bus booking. Please contact us by email or phone Shauna Moses(4842 2230) or Sally Thackway(4842 2808) if you are planning on joining the trip.

**Cemetery Working Bee.** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Bring your tools. If you have lavender plants to spare, please bring them too.

Could you please give Margaret Royds a ring if you can help. Phone 4842 2964 Thankyou.

### **Open Garden**

One of our members, Marilyn Carle, is opening her garden on Nerriga Rd over the quilt weekend, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Marilyn has asked the Garden Club if we could have a plant stall & help with the morning & afternoon teas with the proceeds going to the Hospital Auxiliary, a very worthy cause. If you can help in any way, potting up plants, cooking or helping on either Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for an hour or two, then please give Sally a ring on 4842 2808. Thankyou.

### **Mail Box**

**September 19-21** Better Homes and Gardens

[www.bhglive.com.au](http://www.bhglive.com.au)

Goulburn Argyle Garden Club is taking a bus. Ring Annette Cave 4821 7138 if you are interested.

### **September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

Plant Lovers Fair, Kariiong, Central Coast. [www.plantloversfair.com.au](http://www.plantloversfair.com.au)

### **October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

Galston Open Gardens

[www.galstongardenclub.com.au](http://www.galstongardenclub.com.au)

### **October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

Bundanoon Garden Ramble

[www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au](http://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au)

### **November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Braidwood District Garden

Competition

[www.landmarkbraidwood.com.au](http://www.landmarkbraidwood.com.au)

### **Garden History & Landscapes**

#### **Tour.**

From Nice to Paris. May 5-24 2015. Shauna has brochures.

### **Crystal Brook Lavender Farm**

[www.lavenderatlaggan.com.au](http://www.lavenderatlaggan.com.au)



PLANT OF THE MONTH by Kate

## **Paeonia suffruticosa (Tree Paeony)**

- Native to China
- Handsome deciduous shrub, probably extinct in the wild
- Prefers a cold winter, in a sheltered position in full sun or slightly filtered
- Grows 1.8 m tall by 1.8m wide
- Leaves are attractive large mid green leaves
- Flower heads are large, single or double in pink, red, white or yellow
- Flowers in spring
- Propagate from seed in Autumn or basal suckers
- Require minimal pruning, trimming off dead wood or weaker side shoots
- Mulch and feed with well rotted manure when leaf growth starts

### **What to do in the garden for September**

- Tie Sweet Peas to supports
- Dahlia clumps left in the ground can be divided now
- Plant new perennials & pot on any cuttings
- Winter flowering Sasanqua Camellias can be pruned after flowering
- Feed Camelias, Rhodo's, Azaleas, Daphne, Pieris and Ericas with old animal manure
- Plant and repair lawns
- Still plant onion seedlings
- Tomato seedlings should not be planted yet (late frosts!!)
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- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl
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## **Around My Place** at 'Hyland' by Margy Gardner

Establishing a new garden from newly cleared bush, battling strong westerly winds & sandy acid soil has been challenging but a new garden is exciting to plan.

In 8 years we have established the infrastructure & searched out plants that withstand the extremes of -8 to 40 degrees. Roses (some favourites are Pierre de Ronsard, Spirit of Peace, Julia, St Cecilia, Eglantyne, Seduction, New Dawn, Lamarque), irises that were mostly purchased at the Murrumbateman Field Days & wind break shrubs (Ceanothus, Pineapple Guava, Grevillia Pink Pearl & Grevillia Apricot Glow) are some of the many plants we have tried though there have been many non survivors.

Loads of mulch, botany hummus from Bungendore Rural & mushroom compost from Divalls in Goulburn, are regularly added to the beds & I'm grateful to my friend Sue Tuisk who has generously shared plants & advice.

My love of flowers has guided my choice of hardy plants & salvias have been a wonderful addition. Sue Templeton's Unlimited Perennials Nursery has one of the best range of salvias & her mail order is an efficient process. Salvias Macrophylla & Anthony Parker have flourished & this spring I will add White Hot, Meghans Magic & Winter Lipstick. Salvias are my latest favourite! Gaura, supposedly classified as a weed in NSW, has succeeded & of course Helleborus has been wonderful in its south facing bed.

Our recent acquisition of chooks & a chook 'palace' has given me great pleasure & each afternoon they are free ranging, hopefully giving my garden a fertilizing boost. Working in the garden with them also helps to deter foxes & predating birds & I love observing their characters. The coming of spring is my season of anticipation, daffodils budding, irises greening up, pruning of roses done, manchurian pear trees flushed with white buds, weeding & mulching like mad & now wonderful rain. My garden is waking up.