

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **FEBRUARY Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The booking for our visit to Peter Crisp 's Gallery has been changed to Thursday the 12th February 2015. We will leave from the Ryrie park at 8.30am and will spend a couple of hours viewing the gardens, the pelargonium and geranium nursery and the Gallery of Fine Glassware. We will also be having lunch there so you may pre-order a lunch of sandwiches, fruit, tea and coffee at \$13 per person and please notify of any dietary needs, or you may take your lunch. For PREORDERED lunches, please us know when you make your booking.

Entry to Peter Crisp's Gallery is \$5.50 per person plus \$13 for those requiring a luncheon order.

Anyone wishing to hear Peter Crisp talk on slumped glass, it is an extra \$3.50 per person.

There is the possibility of three other local gardens that members of the Yass Garden Club may open for us.

Please show expressions of interest to attend this packed day long outing (and luncheon bookings) by email to [braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com) or phone Sue Murray 48422381 by the end of January 2015. If there are sufficient numbers for this outing we plan to order a bus for the trip, with an extra cost, so let us know when booking if you would like to come on the bus.

As this will be our first outing of the New Year, we will be needing a garden 'fix' by then so do join us on **Thursday 12th February 2015**.

#### **Message From The President**

Thanks to all members of the club for your support in 2014. We've shared many enjoyable garden visits and social gatherings during the year. My particular thanks go to the Committee members who have worked hard as a team to make the garden club so successful.

Thanks to those who have opened their gardens for us to visit. We learn so much from seeing these gardens, and from sharing ideas (and plants) along the way.

We are planning our calendar for next year, to include both local gardens and visits further afield. We will keep you informed as these plans are finalised.

If any member of the club would like to offer us the opportunity to see your own garden, or to suggest places to visit, please contact us with your ideas.

Wishing everyone a relaxing holiday period and all the best for 2015.

Sue Murray

### Notes From The Christmas Lunch

There were 41 members who joined us for a bounteous lunch on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Braidwood Community Centre as the rainy day meant that our venue had to be changed. It was such a pity that we missed seeing Leonie & Richard Jolley's beautiful garden and enjoying their hospitality but perhaps another time. Thank you Leonie for offering your home & garden and for the large amount of preparation that no doubt you had made.

We enjoyed our lunch of champagne & nibbles, ham, chicken, pork & delicious salads followed by sumptuous desserts. What a feast & thank you to all who prepared our lunch.

As we sat through lunch, Robyn Sim & Kate Chinnick teased us with botanical questions and the final result saw 'The Minority Group' win the prize. Congratulations to Helen Goddard and Sue Quinnell who won the lucky door prizes.

It was a great day to finish off the 2014 Gardening Club year!

### **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

By Kate Chinnick



**Tiarella  
cordifolia**  
**(Foam Flower)**

- Native to North America
- Low growing perennial, making a good ground cover
- Very frost hardy
- Prefers well drained soils in shade or part shade in a woodland setting
- Spikes of white flowers appear in late spring to summer
- Leaves are mostly pale green with darker red marbling and spots
- Propagate from division in Spring or from seed
- When in flower has a spread and height of 30cm

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

- Lift spring flowering bulbs when leaves die off
- Tie Dahlias and pinch out central growth to thicken plant
- Summer prune roses for autumn display
- Remove oldest canes on once flowering roses to encourage new growth
- This humid weather promoted black spot - spray if necessary
- Use Confidor for thrips on Roses and Gladiolus
- Seeds can be sown now of many annuals
- Nip out centres of Chrysanthemums to promote lateral leaders
- Prepare veg. garden for winter Brassicas
- Apply liquid fertilizer fortnightly to vegetables
- Mulch Corn and Tomatoes
- Dig Onions and Garlic and store in a dry position indoors
- Prune berry bushes when fruiting is finished

## **MAILBOX**

### **JANUARY Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Crystal Brook Lavender Farm at Laggan is holding a 'Lavender, Herb & Chilli Festival' with many activities & the gardens open, an all day café and talks on plants, herbs & chillies with Clive & Di of Larkman Nurseries, Lillydale.

For more information see their website. <http://www.lavenderatlaggan.com.au/events.php>

They are also holding a 'Jazz in the Lavender' on 8th February 2014

### **JANUARY Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Open Gardens Australia

The Preston Garden at 21 Boobialla St, O'Connor in Canberra is open from 10am-4.30pm

[http://www.opengarden.org.au/regions/nsw\\_act\\_calendar.html](http://www.opengarden.org.au/regions/nsw_act_calendar.html)

### **MARCH Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Goulburn Rose Festival 2015

Saturday: 11am to 5pm & Sunday: 10am to 4pm

Some attractions are

- art exhibition by Goulburn & District Art Society - art works for sale
- display & sale of roses by local nurseries
- craft stalls
- plants and gardening tools for sale
- garden design

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

### **MARCH Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Don't forget the Plant Fair at Lanyon Homestead in March 2015. If you're looking for a terrific event, put this date in your diary.

Time: 10am – 4pm

Date: Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March, 2015

Venue: Lanyon Homestead, Tharwa Drive, Tharwa

Entry: \$10 including walks and talks, exhibitions and children's activities

### **APRIL Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

The 10th Collectors' Plant Fair will take place on Saturday 11 April, 8am to 4pm & Sunday 12 April, 9am to 4pm, at the Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon NSW featuring 60 nurseries. Tickets can be prepaid & gardening talks by guest speakers are extra.

<http://www.collectorsplantfair.com>