

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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Notes from February Meeting

I'm sure all who participated in the excise for gardeners led by Sue Tuisk have benefited and hopefully will continue the excises at home. Everyone enjoyed having another look at Sue's garden and her lovely home.

We then went on to Cheryl Raper's garden for lunch - a beautiful garden with many lovely old trees and roses. Cheryl took us on a delightful tour through the garden, across the creek bridge, a look at the impressive vegetable garden, and Don kindly showed us his woodwork shed.

Information on upcoming events by Sally

March Meeting, Thursday 13th

Visit to the National Arboretum in Canberra and the English Garden at Yarralumla.

Meet at Ryrie Park at 8.15am to carpool and depart by 8.30am.

Arrive in time for morning tea (byo or buy at the Sprout Café)

There will be a talk and guided walk (approx. 1 to 1.5 hrs.) to the top of Dairy Farmers Hill, through forests that illustrate rare, engendered and iconic trees. The view from the top offers great views of the Arboretum, Lake Burley Griffin and Parliament House. The walk is of medium difficulty with some hills requiring moderate fitness including some rocky, steep and uneven sections. Our guide will take the pace set by the group.

The cost for this tour is \$8 for adults and \$6 for concession.

Wear suitable shoes and outdoor clothing and check the weather for rain.

Those not wanting to do the guided walk can partake in the Events Terrace Tour (free of charge) at the village centre with outside benches and great views. There will be no walking for this.

Please let me know if you are coming on this trip as the guides at the Arboretum need to know numbers – Sally 4842 2808.

At approx. 12.30pm we will drive to The English Garden at Yarralumla to have our lunch and walk through the garden. The English Garden is a small section of Western Park planted on the grounds of the old Yarralumla Government Nursery. Paths lead through the garden and it is a relaxing walk under the canopy of the tall trees.

Lunch can be had at the café, The Oaks Brasserie (please let me know as I will have to advise them of numbers, Sally 4842 2808) or you can bring your own lunch and sit in the garden. Bring a chair or rug. There is also an art gallery to browse through. You may also wish to visit the nursery next door. We will head back to Braidwood at about 2pm.

April Meeting – Thursday 10th

Visit to local gardens

Meet at Ryrie Park at 9.00am to carpool and depart by 9.15am to visit Warren and Di West's "Narranghi Olive Grove", 156 Narranghi Road (meet us there at 9.30am if this more convenient.

Di and Warren will take us on a tour of the olive grove and the processing room, followed by morning tea. Could those people with surnames beginning with A through to M please bring something to share. The club will provide tea and coffee. Don't forget your mug and chair.

We will then continue on to Wayne and Sarah Merriman's property (7 Tudor Valley Road) where Wayne is going to take us through his amazing vegetable garden.

We will then drive to James and Belinda Royd's property, Durham Hall (turn off Majors Creek Road at Mill Pond Farm) where we can sit under the beautiful old trees and have our lunch and James will explain the history of the old garden.

We should finish about 2.00pm.

May Meeting – 4th, 5th and 6th – Beechworth Trip

Continue making payments at the Bendigo Bank until 14th April

Details with times, itinerary, etc will be given closer to our departure.

Braidwood Show – Saturday 1 March

Kate Chinnick and Cecily Bisset will be taking and arranging flower exhibits on Friday 28th February. They desperately need some help on Friday and again on Saturday the 1st March. If you can help please ring Kate on 0407 924 537.

They would also love to see some flower exhibits from our garden club members!

Braidwood Seniors Expo – Friday 21st March, 10.00am to 4.00pm at the National Theatre.
The Garden Club will have a stall promoting what we do.

If you can spare an hour or two to man our stall please ring Helen Small 4842 2924 or Sally 4842 2808.

Lastly but not least welcome to our new and renewing members, Anni Chilton, Gabby Frizzell, Liz Balmer, Marjatta Asa, Sandra Rylands and Ros Madrell. We hope you enjoy the meetings and outings.



by Kate

**Aster
novi-belgii**
**(New York Aster, or
Michaelmas Daisy)**

- Native to eastern north America
- Hardy perennials, growing up to 1.2m tall
- Flowering in summer and autumn
- Prefers sun or light shade in well drained enriched soil
- Small clusters of daisy like flowers in many colours, blue, pink, white, cerise and mauve
- Useful plants for borders in cooler climates
- Propagate from division in spring or autumn
- Divide clumps every 3 to 5 years, using the most vigorous outer parts
- Good cultivars - "Harringtons Pink", "Barrs Pink", "Alma Potchke"

What to do in the garden for March

- Prepare areas for spring bulbs
- Continue tying Dahlias
- Dead head annuals and perennials as flowers fade
- Overgrown perennials can be divided
- Sow sweet Peas
- Plant or move evergreen shrubs now before cooler weather
- Feed roses for good autumn blooms
- Prune Jasmines and late flowering Clematis
- Remove dead wood from deciduous shrubs and Roses
- Plant Asian Greens, Broccoli, Cabbage & Cauliflower
- Remove finished vegetable crops and compost
- Pick up any fallen fruit & dispose of if diseased