

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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Notes from December Meeting

The Garden Club's Christmas Lunch was a great success with lots of laughter and friendly rivalry during Kate's 'name the flower' and Robyn's 'botanical brain teaser' competitions. Norma won the Christmas Hamper Raffle, Penny the garden book, Frank the lucky door prize and Dawn the best Christmas posie.



Information on upcoming events by Sally

February Meeting, Thursday 13th

Exercise for Gardeners at Sue Tuisk's 'Palerang' on Hazeldell Road. For the exercise wear comfortable loose clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket to lie on. The exercise can be done from a chair or if you would prefer you can just stroll around the garden smelling the roses. Sue has suggested we bring a piece of fruit to be cut up and shared; a healthy morning tea after all that work.

We will then head back to Braidwood to Cheryl Raper's lovely garden where we can have our lunch on the lawn under the trees. The roses here should be a treat. Please bring your own lunch, mug and chair. Tea and coffee will be available.

March Meeting - Thursday 13th

Visit to gardens in town and Majors Creek – more details next month.

April Meeting - Thursday 10th

Tour of the Arboretum – car pool to Canberra

May Meeting Sunday 4th – Trip to Beechworth

- *Depart Ryrie Park at 8am - two nights stay at a Motel at Beechworth*
- *arrive Beechworth about 2 pm*
- *Afternoon free to explore the beautiful historic gold era town*
www.beechworth.com.au

Dinner option: Ox & Hound, wood-fire pizzeria at the Bridge Rd Brewer for a pizza and a glass of local ale (there are plenty of café and restaurants for you to choose from.

Monday Day 2:

am - visit to gardens in Stanley and Bright

pm - visit to a winery, cheese factory and mustard factory at Milawa.

- Dinner of choice

Tuesday Day 3: pack up ready to depart accommodation by 9am

- *Visit to the foothills of Mt Pilot National Park to see the Humming Garden and Out of Town Nursery.*
- *Yackandandah to 'Eremaea', an innovative and diverse native garden.*
- *internationally renowned potter's gallery and garden*
- *Arrive home in Braidwood on Tuesday at approximately 6pm*

Cost:

Motel Accommodation

Single accommodation \$100 per night/per person

Shared accommodation \$55 per night per person

If you prefer a room to yourself it is advisable to book early

Bus Cost - \$116 per person

Entrance to gardens: \$20-\$30

Additional expenses: meals, personal spending

Progressive payments can be made at the Bendigo Bank from Monday 3rd February

Monday 14th April: Final payment due

Please ring Sally 4842 2808 by Friday 7th February to book your room prior to payment at the Bendigo Bank

Welcome to new member Gabby Frizzell

Gabby has recently moved to town and is interested in installing an A&A Worm Farm System for composting toilets, grey water and kitchen waste. If anyone has one of these or any information which might be helpful please contact Gabby on 4842 2696 or gabbyfrizzell@yahoo.com.au, thank you.

For your interest Goulburn Annual Rose Festival 8-9 March www.igoulburn.com



by Kate

Thalictrum delavayi - (Lavender Shower)

- Native to western China
- Graceful clump forming perennial
- Prefers sun or part shade
- Fully hardy in any well drained soil
- Nodding heads of lilac flowers in loose panicles in summer
- Flowers are single (as shown) or double (Hewitt's Double)
- Reaches 1.2m high x 60cm wide
- Leaves are finely divided and have a dainty appearance
- Propagate from seed in Autumn or division in Spring
- Great contrast in borders with larger bolder flowers



What to do in the garden for January:

- Lift Spring flowering bulbs as leaves die off & divide (if needed)
- Make first ties on Dahlias & remove central growth to thicken

- Prune back and dead head roses for good Autumn display (approx. 50 days for next flowering)
- Use Confidor for thrip on Roses and Gladiolus
- Sow seed of annuals & remove spent blooms
- Trim early flowering Petunias to encourage new growth
- Nip out centres of Chrysanthemums
- Still plant seed potatoes
- Mulch Tomatoes & remove any leaves touching the ground
- Dig garlic and hang to dry
- Prune Berry vines when finished fruiting (cut out canes that fruited)
- Support heavy branches of fruit (if you are lucky to have some!!)