

# BRAIDWOODGARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014



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### Notes from June Meeting.

Many members attended our June meeting at the Services Club bringing a wide variety of plants to swap. The talk by Pat and Warwick Wright, who are volunteer guides at the Botanical Gardens in Canberra, was full of amazing information about plants and the way they attract insects and birds to make sure they survive and multiply. I believed they answered the question they posed "Whose the Smarter – Plants or Animals?" very well indeed.

### Information on upcoming events by Sally MEETING PROGRAM

JULY 10	Braidwood Services Club Guest Speaker Ken Bradley	10.30 am
AUGUST 14	Braidwood Community Arts Centre Annual General Meeting and Lunch	10.30 am
SEPTEMBER 11	Visits to Local Gardens	
OCTOBER 9	Bus Trip to Open Gardens (to be advised)	
NOVEMBER 13	To Be Advised	
DECEMBER 11	Garden Club Christmas Party	

July 10 Ken Bradley, President of Garden Clubs Australia, has kindly offered to speak to us. Ken and his wife Jenny lived overseas for 25 years and will talk about the gardens they have had during their time overseas. They will present a power-point talk with photos of the gardens. Following the talk we shall have lunch.

Could members whose surnames begin with letters A-M please bring a small plate of lunch fare to share. A few suggestions – sandwiches, savory tarts, quiche, meatballs, anti pasta, cheese & fruit, frittata.

August 14 AGM at Braidwood Community Arts Centre in Wallace Street at 10.30 am. The outgoing committee will prepare a delicious lunch following the AGM.

Please consider taking a role on the committee. There will be plenty of ongoing support from the outgoing committee members. We also hope to hear any great ideas for the forthcoming year.

The following positions will be open for election:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Vice Secretary

- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor (2 shared positions)
- Tea Organiser
- Raffle Organiser

A warm welcome to Samara Clark who has recently joined us.

### **Around My Place**

Come on members send in news about your gardens. We are all interested and eager to learn about what plants you have found thrive in our climate, techniques for improving soil, someone to show us how to build a stone wall, best places to buy plants, etc.

### **Plant of the Month by Kate**



## **Galanthus nivalis (Common Snowdrop)**

- Native to almost the whole of Europe
- Hardy bulb growing in woods and scrub near streams
- Prefers a part shady position in rich moist soil
- Grows to 15 - 20 cm high
- Flower heads are nodding, white with a green spot & slightly scented
- Flowers early winter
- Propagate from dividing the bulbs in summer
- Double flowers sometimes occur

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

- Remove flower buds from spring annuals for better displays
- Rhododendrons, Azaleas & Camellias will need watering leading to blooming
- Prune Wisterias and deciduous climbers
- Prune later flowering shrubs (not spring flowerers)
- Order summer flowering bulbs - Lilliums etc.
- Clean up prunings from fruit trees and mulch
- Sow Globe Artichoke and Asparagus seeds
- Clean and sharpen secateurs, loppers and saws
- Sand and oil (linseed oil) wooden handles on tools
- Turn over vegetable beds for spring plantings
- Watch for pink bud swell on early Peaches & Nectarines & spray for leaf curl with copper or lime sulphur