

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - TRIP TO YASS

##### Itinerary

8.30am leave Ryrie Park by bus

10.00am arrive Yass visitors information centre - 5 minute rest stop!

10.15am arrive first garden - a town garden filled with interesting plants and no lawns.  
Morning tea time! Members with names A-M please bring a plate to share.

11.00am leave for next garden

11.15am arrive at second garden. This is another town garden with imaginative landscaping and no lawns.

12.00pm leave for Crisp's gallery

12.30pm arrive at Crisp's gallery. We will be having lunch here under the shade of trees and surrounded by extensive gardens. There will be time to stroll through the gardens, be guided by Sandy through the geranium nursery (which has some rare varieties) & be awed by the exquisite glassware in the gallery. And there are plants for sale!

If numbers are sufficient, we have the opportunity to hear Peter explain the complexity of the process he uses to create his unique work & ask questions of the master craftsman. Since 1982 Peter Crisp has had hundreds of exhibitions of his work the world over. Many collectors, museums and galleries around the globe include collections of Peter's art work.

3.00pm we will have to leave for our next garden.

The third garden Yass garden club has kindly opened for us is a 1 & 1/2 acre treed landscape garden featuring summer shade. There are fruit trees, bees, chooks, and wicking vegetable beds. We will take afternoon tea at this stop before heading homeward.

6.00pm arrive back at Ryrie Park

Could those with surnames starting with A – M please bring a plate for morning tea.

Due to our numbers, if people can bring chairs for morning and afternoon teas, this would be helpful. These can be stored in the compartments under the bus.

Picnics can also be stored there as well as any purchases from the nursery!

Those wishing to order lunch from the caterers, who by the way come highly recommended & who supply Crisp's gallery, need a minimum of 10 orders, please indicate any dietary needs.

**PAYMENT by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - At the Bendigo Bank please indicate your preferences on the list at the bank but the basic cost for bus & Gallery entry is **\$35.50**.

1. Gallery entry fee -\$5.50
2. Optional lunch - \$13
3. Optional glass talk- \$3.50

**MARCH Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Keep this date free as we will be visiting local gardens but more details in the next newsletter.

## **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

By Kate Chinnick

**Liriope  
muscari  
(Lilyturf)**



- Native to China, Japan, Taiwan, Korea and Vietnam
- Evergreen herbaceous perennial with fine grass like leaves
- Leaves are narrow and dark green, a variegated form also available
- Prefers leafy soil in shade or partial shade
- Spikes of purple or white flowers appear in late summer
- Good for an edging plant
- Propagate from division in Spring or from seed in Autumn
- Good varieties: "Munroes White" and "Royal Purple"

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

- Lift Tulips and Dutch Iris for storage in a cool dry place
- Tie Dahlias and tall Chrysanthemums
- Dead head Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas, mulch and feed
- Sow seeds of annuals for planting out in April
- This humid weather promoted black spot - spray if necessary
- Remove weeds before they seed
- Obtain spring flowering bulbs
- Sow seeds of Asian Greens, Radish, Spinach and Turnips
- Remove vegetable plants as they finish cropping
- Apply liquid fertilizer fortnightly to vegetables
- Remove excess growth from Apples and Pears
- Trim Lavender and Rosemary
- Take semi hardwood cuttings and keep moist

## **MAILBOX**

### **MY OPEN GARDEN**

#### **A Message From Andrew Mowat, Managing Director – My Open Garden Pty Ltd**

Like many people, you would have been greatly disappointed at the recent announcement that the Open Gardens Australia organisation will close its doors in June this year. It has been an institution in Australia for 27 years and those who were selected to open their gardens drew respect and admiration from all who visited.

If you have opened your garden to the public you will understand what a rewarding experience it is to share your garden with others. For visitors, these open gardens can be a wonderful source of inspiration and discovery. Of course these events were also important fund raisers to support the garden, local communities and for charity.

We couldn't sit by and see this important connection between gardeners disappear. That's why we decided to launch My Open Garden, a new online service that acts as a "one-stop-shop" for garden owners and visitors across Australia. It's a free service to visitors and we are publishing as much information as we can about all the Open Gardens and other gardening events. Now community groups, special interest groups and garden clubs have a place to promote their event and importantly everyone can get free and easy access to the information.

.. and that's why I am sending this email to you so you can let your members know about this new website. It's a new way of supporting Open Gardens, and a timely move into the future for all gardening enthusiasts.

I would like to invite you to browse our site [www.myopengarden.com.au](http://www.myopengarden.com.au) . You'll find more details about this new scheme and be able to see some of the gardens we are working to present on the site.

If you have any other questions, please contact me directly via email [andrew@myopengarden.com.au](mailto:andrew@myopengarden.com.au) or on 0419 228 434.

I look forward to welcoming you to the My Open Garden community!

### **FEBRUARY 8th 2015**

A 'Jazz in the Lavender' event.

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

### **FEBRUARY Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd**

Two historic inner-west Sydney gardens are opening: **Ewenton House** in Balmain, and **Wyoming** in Birchgrove. [gardens@opengarden.org.au](mailto:gardens@opengarden.org.au)

For more information phone 03 5427 1488.

### **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

### **MARCH Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> OPEN GARDEN SCHEME**

A very special event called Behind the Walls is being held by the Open Garden Scheme. Pre-booked visitors will be allowed a rare opportunity to visit three beautiful private gardens at Darling Point in Sydney. On the Friday, you can also visit historic Lindsay. [gardens@opengarden.org.au](mailto:gardens@opengarden.org.au)  
For more information phone 03 5427 1488.

### **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>

Do you have an email address which we can add to our list? It saves on postage and means you get other advices about gardening activities too late for inclusion in the Newsletter.