

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

MAY Thursday 14th May

Bus Visit to Nimmitabel

The Bendigo Bank is now taking bookings for our bus trip to Nimmitabel and the cost is \$30, plus \$15 membership fee for non-members.

Three gardens will be opened for us & they are 'Warragundi', 'Curry Flat' and 'Shirley'. Information about the gardens will be provided on the day. On the return trip home we will visit the Tablelands Tree and Shrub Nursery and then return home via the Badja road. The nursery specialises in cool to cold climate plants.

<http://www.tablelandsnurseries.com.au>

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided by Nimmitabel Garden Club. Bring a picnic lunch, and also a coffee mug and a collapsible chair, in case they are needed, and warm clothes!

We will leave Ryrie Park at 8.00am and return around 6.00pm, or perhaps a little later. We can take up to 34 people so we hope to see a bus full of keen gardeners on the day.

JUNE Thursday 11th

There will be a tree pruning demonstration by Dennis Dempsey and a garden visit at Reidsdale. We will leave Ryrie Park at 9.30. More details to come.

JULY Thursday 9th

There will be a Garden Talk at the Services Club and again, more details to come.

AUGUST Thursday 13th

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Report of The Garden Club Visit on Thursday 16th April

Our first garden was to Kerry & Alf Mitchell's garden on Farringdon Rd, beside the Shoalhaven River. Kerry gave us a talk on her happy arrival in the district, her plans for redesigning the garden & her newly established nursery. She has found importing seeds gives true to type seedlings, particularly salvias & the beginnings of her cool climate nursery were tempting to all who visited.

The garden slopes towards the river (providing a reliable water supply which she lacked in her previous garden) & large trees, out buildings & a beautiful verandah outlook gave us an idea of the vision Kerry & Alf have for their property.

The next garden was "Tillararra" at Harolds Cross. Teresa Lindwell has been here since 1983 and has

developed her garden in the bush, down a hillside around the home she shared with her late husband Jim. Two large plane trees frame the home's entrance & the variety of plants, collected over the years, was amazing with a giant Sequoia Sempivirens growing well. All the work is done by Teresa & we all admired the large garden she maintains by herself.

Report of Visit by Nimmitabel Garden Club Members, April 22nd

While our local club day out on 16th April was blessed with a beautiful sunny day, the rain then returned. Nimmitabel Garden Club decided to brave the weather for their visit here on 22nd April. Thirty gardeners from Nimmitabel, Cooma and Bombala enjoyed visiting 3 local gardens, as well as Long Barn Antiques.

Sue and Ulli Tuisk opened "Palerang" for a garden ramble and morning tea, in relatively good weather. When the visitors arrived at Cheryl and Don Raper's garden in Solus St, the rain had set in, so everyone was very grateful for the open fire and lunch provided by the Nimmitabel Club. The rain then eased enough for Cheryl to conduct 2 tours of her lovely garden.

After visiting Long Barn, kindly opened for us by Jane Kendall, the rain returned. By 2pm we were considering cancelling the visit to "Lisdaleen" on the Bombay Rd, but knowing that Helen, Jeremy and friends had prepared both the garden and afternoon tea, we managed to ferry the visitors there by car. A wander through the extensive garden, a tour of Helen's painting studio and some delicious scones brightened up a very overcast afternoon. The sun appeared briefly as the visitors were ferried back to their bus, after a very enjoyable day.

Thanks to all the gardeners for opening their homes and gardens, preparing morning and afternoon tea, and of course working to prepare the gardens in very difficult weather. Committee members who helped both before and on the day also deserve thanks – Sue Tuisk, Margy Gardner, Charmian Thomas, Shauna Moses, Pat Maher and Sue Murray all enjoyed meeting the visitors and assisting to make the day run smoothly.

We are looking forward to our return visit to Nimmitabel on 14th May, and hoping for better weather!



"Lisdaleen"



The Garden of Cheryl Raper

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

MAY Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd 10am – 4.30pm

OPEN GARDEN SCHEME

Garden Fair at Glenmore House http://www.opengarden.org.au/events/nsw_act_events.html

(No bookings required)

When **Larry and Mickey Robertson** discovered Glenmore House 27 years ago, it was in a dilapidated state. They set about restoring the 1840s colonial farm buildings then set to work on the gardens. They established hedges and drystone walls to provide a framework for abundant scented shrubs, roses, perennials, herbs, succulents and many specimen trees. The surrounding Razorback Hills are a natural backdrop and the productive Kitchen Garden is a much-loved and frequented hive of activity.

Mickey will give two illustrated talks each day:

Kitchen Gardening at 11am, and Making the Glenmore Garden at 2pm.

There will be lunches in the hayshed, tea and cakes in the dairy, plant stalls, garden sculpture and antique furniture on the croquet lawn.

JUNE Saturday 13th

‘Friendship through Gardens’

A Bundanoon Garden Seminar will be held in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall, Bundanoon on Saturday 13 June 2015 9.00 am – 4.00 pm. Speakers include Sabrina Hahn, John Siemon, Stuart Read, Elaine Musgrave. There will be a Botanical Art exhibition and the sale of Garden Tools, Garden Ornaments and Plants.

\$30/person, all inclusive (promotional pack, morning tea, lunch) with discounted bookings for large groups (15% on a booking of 20) For further details: www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au (go to Special Events).

You can purchase tickets by going to: www.trybooking.com/119394 and just follow the prompts. You will need a credit card.

It is the Bundanoon Sesquicentenary and The Garden Seminar is sponsored by the Bundanoon Garden Club Inc.

Local contact: Mrs Suzy Molyneux (02) 4883 6073 tonym109@bigpond.net.au If you have any difficulties or don’t have access to a computer, or only wish to purchase using cash, then please don’t hesitate to contact Suzy.

OCTOBER Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

There are 8 gardens open in Robertson from 9.30am to 4pm. Garden tickets and descriptions are available from CTC Technology Centre Illawarra Hwy, \$5 per garden, \$20 all gardens, \$15 concession is valid over both days. For more information contact Joy 4869 5958 or Marion 4885 2249.

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WEBSITE

Our Garden Club website is maintained by Fran Woods & is a delight to visit. Past newsletters, gardens we have visited and a photo gallery with Fran’s photos are all worth viewing so take a moment & wander through it.

<https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com>

Do You Know Of Gardens To Visit?

At times we have requests from other garden clubs, or our own members, to visit local gardens in this area & we would love suggestions from our membership of gardens you know of that would be willing to open occasionally. Gardens large & small, town or country, all are interesting to other gardeners. Please let us know.

GARDEN HELP

Some members may be interested in getting help with work in their gardens and Rebecca Hall (who has run workshops for Landcare) is looking for gardening work. Her details are:-

Rebecca Hall

Ph. 4846 1454

\$30 per hour

She is a delightful young woman and would be very pleasant to work with.

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.

IN MY GARDEN by Sue Tuisk

Autumn work in our garden this year was dominated by preparation for the visit by the Nimmitabel Garden Club on the 22nd April. I started months ago tidying up beds, dead-heading roses, weeding and judiciously cutting back summer perennials that I normally do in early Spring!

There was thankfully very little watering to do as we have received almost 120 mms of rain so far this Autumn. But lots of mowing!

The cotoneaster hedges were pruned as was the ivy –covered stone wall. We had also decided to severely prune the unruly north hedge of the tennis court. This will look very naked for a few years then leaf up again and become, and hopefully remain, more manageable.

On the morning of the garden visit, I wondered what flowers I would be able to pick, for a large vase in the "big-room" where we were having morning tea. I found beautiful branches of viburnum burkwoodii as the autumnal greenery, with branches of dark pink sasanqua camellia, the last of the pink hydrangeas and sprays of white carpet roses.

As for so many of us, our fruit has been bountiful this year-we are especially enjoying Mackintosh and Granny Smith apples. Now mushrooms are abundant for casseroles and soups.

What a very memorable April!!

PLANT OF THE MONTH by Kate Chinnick



Fuchsia magellanica (Hummingbird Fuchsia)

- Native to southern cone of South America
- From the Evening Primrose family - Onagraceae
- Hardy deciduous, arching shrub to 2.5m tall
- Can be espaliered on a wall
- Pendulous flowers appear in Summer and Autumn till first frosts
- Flowers can be pale pink, white or as above, followed by black fruit
- Prefers sun or partial shade in a sheltered position
- Prune after flowering to maintain shape
- Propagate from soft wood cuttings in spring or half hardened cuttings in Autumn

What to do in the garden for May

- Evergreen shrubs can still be moved
- Good time to plant native shrubs and trees
- Disbud Spring flowering Camelias for larger flowers
- Tulips and Dutch Iris can be planted now
- Pinch back Spring flowering annuals
- Feed Hellebores with complete fertiliser and a handful of lime
- Final seed sowing of Onions and Peas
- Plant new Strawberry plants
- Rake up leaves and compost
- Tidy up Vegetable garden