

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER July 2015



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### UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

#### AUGUST Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

AUGUST MEETING and AGM

9.30am Meet at Ryrie Park to carpool

or

10.00am Meet at the HARRISON'S ORCHARD sign in Araluen

We will then reduce to as few cars as possible to enter Harrison's Orchard. The exact gate of entry will not be known until the day before as it depends where Ken and Troy will be working. As many of you know, Wisbeys Orchard no longer has its fruit trees so we were very lucky that Ken and Troy were happy for us to visit them at Harrison's Orchard first before moving on to the Café at Wisbey's for our AGM and lunch.

We will be having our Morning Tea among the fruit trees at Harrison's so bring something to eat and drink. There will be no power for hot drinks and you will also need to bring a chair.

After morning tea and a walk around the blossoms at Harrison's, we will drive over to Wisbey's Orchard Cafe for our AGM, followed by lunch which is provided by the Garden Club. We do ask you though to purchase your own drinks.

As lunch is being catered for, we need to know numbers for catering so if you have not already done so, please **RSVP by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August** to

**Margy Gardner at [daisymarg2000@yahoo.com.au](mailto:daisymarg2000@yahoo.com.au) or ring Sally Thackway on **48422808****

We hope there are members who are interested in joining the committee and they will be most welcome as we are always eager for new ideas. It is a happy group on the committee & we would love some more company!

Nominations of your interest may be forwarded to Margy or Sally or given on the day.

We remind all our members that annual club dues of \$15 are due for payment on that day with a \$7 payment (an increase of \$2) if you require your newsletter mailed to you.

#### SEPTEMBER Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

There will be a bus trip to visit some Bundanoon gardens and kindly organised by Suzy Molyneux, a member of the Bundanoon Garden Club, with morning tea on our arrival generously provided by the Bundanoon Garden Club. Bring your own lunch or visit one of the good cafes in the town. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

## **OCTOBER Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will be having a bus trip to Berry on the South Coast & visiting 8 beautiful gardens that are open in & around Berry. It will be the first day of the very popular Berry Open Garden Festival which is on for 4 days from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Admission is \$20 for all 8 gardens or \$5 per garden (pay at each garden). Refreshments available at some gardens & the Berry Garden Club will have plants for sale.

<http://berrygardens.org.au/berry-gardens-festival/>

There will be more details closer to the time so put the date in the diary.

## **Report of the July Meeting with a Talk by Judith Basile on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Judith Basile from the Crystal Brook Lavender Farm at 257 Tyrl Tyrl Road, Laggan gave us a detailed insight into the lavender species & its growing conditions. She enthusiastically described her garden visits to France, leading groups of garden lovers, with a selection of photos to explain her insights.

<http://lavenderatlaggan.weebly.com/events.html>

During spring and summer, the Farm hosts events, opens the extensive gardens with a shop & café and the biggest day of their year is the Lavender, Herb & Chilli Festival on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016 with entry fee of \$8 for garden club members who wear their badge.

Congratulations to Shauna Moses, our secretary, who won the raffle which was a warm & cosy headscarf. Thanks to those members who brought a tasty morning tea and those who contributed plants for the plant swap table. There were some treasures!

## **FROM THE MAILBOX for your information**

### **CANBERRA BOTANICAL**

Canberra Botanical 2015 is an exhibition of botanical art & will be held from 18 September to 5 October 2015 at the Nishi Gallery at 17 Kendall Lane, New Acton A.C.T.

This will coincide with the Floriade Festival which draws huge visitor numbers to the ACT.

The Nishi Gallery is a wonderful new contemporary art space situated in the New Acton precinct in the centre of Canberra.

Canberra Botanical 2015 is now open for entries & the Terms & Conditions of Entry are now available. Entries to Canberra Botanical will be via the on-line form - which will be open and available until Friday 21 August 2015. <http://www.newacton.com.au/nishigallery>

## **SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Plant Lovers Fair**

Kariong Mountains High School, Kariong, Central Coast NSW

Contact by email at [enquiries@plantloversfair.com.au](mailto:enquiries@plantloversfair.com.au) or check the website at

[www.plantloversfair.com.au](http://www.plantloversfair.com.au)

## **OCTOBER Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Home and Garden Show at the Bong Bong Race Course Bowral 10.am to 4.00pm \$10 p/p

[www.homeandgardenshow.com.au](http://www.homeandgardenshow.com.au)

## **OCTOBER Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### **Crookwell Garden Festival**

Over the weekend, 10 gardens will open to the public, six in the Crookwell township and four at rural locations out of town. As an added attraction, a garden-lovers market located at St Bartholomews church hall in Denison St, will be held on Saturday, October 10. There will be an exciting array of garden-related stalls, including perennial plants, roses, native and exotic plants, botanical art and garden ornamentation.

The Crystal Lavender Farm at Laggan will also be open from 10am to 4pm over the weekend.

## **BUNDANOON GARDEN RAMBLE 2015**

**For the 19<sup>th</sup> year you are invited to ramble around beautiful private gardens in Bundanoon on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

Bundanoon will once again showcase a variety of private gardens to tantalise the senses at the annual Garden Ramble on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2015. The eight gardens which will be open from 9.30am to 4.00pm are testament to the dedication, style and flair of the owners who spend the year preparing, planting and tending in order to provide enjoyment for the many visitors who attend this popular event.

Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year expectations are high following the enormous success of 2014's ramble, the most successful in its history with around 1580 tickets sold for the two days. Thanks to the superb weather, generous garden owners and the dedicated Garden Ramble Committee, people from far and wide were welcomed warmly to the town. This year Bundanoon celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Garden Ramble will be showcasing gardens from some of the more historic properties in town.

A visit to the Bundanoon Community Garden is highly recommended. Participate in gardening workshops and/or purchase goodies for your table. This garden is situated in Elsmore Rd.

As well as visits to the beautiful gardens there will be a Garden Market in the Bundanoon Hall where plants and gifts can be purchased. A working display of old farm machinery can be viewed in the main street and the Bundanoon History Group will mount an exhibition in the Old Goods Shed beside the railway line. Scarecrows will be displayed around the village and this competition will be judged by the Bundanoon Lions Club.

Visit the gardens and other activities by bicycle; use the free shuttle bus or if you wish to avoid delays use your own transport.

Purchase tickets in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Tickets, valid for both days and with garden descriptions and map, are \$20 (\$15 concession) and include all gardens or \$5 for a single garden.

Refreshments are available in one of the beautiful open gardens as well as in the cafes in the village. For more information contact Sue Davison on 0410577837 or visit [www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au](http://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au).

Bundanoon adjoins Morton National Park. For weekend stays, other activities and free accommodation bookings contact the Southern Highlands Visitor Information Centre in Mittagong. [www.southern-highlands.com.au](http://www.southern-highlands.com.au) Freecall 1300 657 559.

# PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



## **Schizostylus coccinea (common flag)**

- Native to South Africa
- Grassy leafed rhizomatous perennial
- Growing along banks of streams
- Prefers a fertile moist soil in a sunny position
- Grows to 60cm high and spread of 30cm
- Frost hardy
- Flower heads are red, pink, salmon or white
- Flowers from Autumn through Winter
- Propagate from dividing when congested or seed in spring
- Good varieties - "Mrs Hegarty (rose pink), "Sunrise" (salmon), "Grandiflora" (red)

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

- Prune and spray Roses later this month
- Plant new bare rooted Roses (soak in seaweed solution before planting)
- Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs
- Winter flowering shrubs can be pruned now
- Prune and feed Daphne after flowering
- Prune Crepe Myrtle, which flowers on new wood
- Cut ornamental grass clumps to the ground
- Perennials may be divided as the weather warms up
- Prune Jasmines and summer flowering Clematis
- Prune Hydrangeas to two strong buds
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl
- Plant Onion seedlings, Asparagus crowns & Spinach seedlings
- Check herbs for dividing and replanting
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting