

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016



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### UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

#### MARCH Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

##### **BUS TRIP TO THE LANYON PLANT FAIR, CANBERRA**

What a great opportunity for a special day out to see the beautiful old Lanyon Homestead and surrounding gardens with talks by experts and with a huge variety of plants for sale. You will be able to buy morning tea and lunch or bring your own to enjoy in the lovely garden.

8.30am Bus departs Ryrie Park

10.00am Arrive Lanyon Homestead

Cost \$35 (Bus \$25 + Entry \$10) Add \$15 for non-members to cover insurance.

The booking sheet is at the Bendigo Bank so please pay by Saturday 5th March.

Return to Braidwood by 5.00pm or earlier

##### **Notes From The Fair Organisers....**

*"Lanyon is an historic homestead with beautiful surrounding gardens providing a wonderful setting for the Fair, which will be open each day 10am to 4pm.*

*Visitors to the Fair will be able to purchase the very best of plants, many rare and unusual, directly from the growers. Over 30 interstate and local stallholders will have everything from bulbs to trees, natives to exotics – plus garden art, international garden tours, gardening books and top quality garden tools for sale.*

*Enjoy talks and demonstrations by garden specialists, Lanyon tours and food stalls plus a program of special children's activities. Also on site there will be an ATM, a plant crèche, and plenty of free parking.*

*There'll be lots happening to keep the whole family happy across the weekend of the Plant Fair!"*

The Autumn Garden Magazines will be available at our March meeting @ \$3 each

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jenny Marston and Henry Fletcher

## **APRIL Thursday 11th**

Bus Trip to Crookwell Gardens - 'Markdale' and 'Kiloren'

Both of these lovely gardens have been designed by the noted Australian landscape designer, Edna Walling. They are beautiful gardens well worth seeing.

### Details

8.30am Depart Ryrie Park  
10.00am Arrive Crookwell. BYO Morning Tea or buy there  
11.00am Arrive at Markdale  
12.30 Bus back to Crookwell for lunch. BYO lunch or buy in town  
1.45pm Board bus for drive to Kiloren  
2.00pm Arrive Kiloren  
3.30pm Depart for Braidwood  
5.00pm Arrive Braidwood

Payment \$40 includes bus (\$25) + garden entries (\$15) for members. Non-members add \$15 to cover insurance

Please pay at Bendigo Bank from Wed 23rd March until Fri 8th April. Please note if not enough people sign up for this trip by bus we will have to carpool. However the bus is preferable.

More information is available at [www.kiloren.com.au](http://www.kiloren.com.au) and [www.markdale.com](http://www.markdale.com)

## **Report Of Braidwood Garden Visits on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Our first event for the year started at Leonie and Richard Jolley's garden on Araluen Road. Leonie and Richard have been very busy since our last visit to this garden in 2013. Richard has built some strategically placed, attractive stonewalls and planted hedges to slow down the wind. Their many deciduous trees have matured and are looking very healthy and the screened-in vegetable garden is the envy of all. We enjoyed our morning tea around a comfortable garden setting.

On to Jane Moore's garden at Hassall Circuit next where Jane has managed to plant out a slope with interesting and colourful plants: ground covers, roses, catmint, etc. Grevillias have been planted along a side fence to provide privacy and the vegetable patch at the back is looking very healthy. This is a new garden but is well on the way to developing into an interesting and creative one.

Cecily Bisset's garden on Glenmore Road has mature apple and oak trees that form the basic structure of the garden to which Cecily has added many roses (Mutabulis, Ashram, Lamarque, Westerlan,), Irises, foxgloves, hellebores, an unusual Monarda bush (tomato red), crab apples, a Medlar Pear. Cecily has created a lovely white garden with a gazebo in place of the old tennis court (originally created for a family wedding). Cecily very generously provided cuttings of plumbago, violets, a small pink flower succulent and regrowth oaks to club members. It's always a delight to get cuttings from people we know. We had our lunch here under shady spreading trees and Cecily provided tea & coffee.

Many thanks to all the above for a lovely day in their gardens.

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

### **BRAIDWOOD SHOW 5th March**

Please take this opportunity to bring your best flowers to the show.

### **APRIL Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 4pm**

**Gardens On The Monaro** will have 3 country gardens open, *Warragundi*, *Bellevue* and *Hazeldean*. It will be a wonderful day organised by the Nimmitabel & District Garden Club with a boxed lunch served in the Nimmitabel Show Pavilion and bookings are essential. Phone Ken Brown – 02 6458 5305 or Sue Jardine – 02 6454 6210 Email [nblgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nblgardenclub@gmail.com) Cost \$30

## **APRIL Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **COLLECTORS PLANT FAIR Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon NSW**

For one weekend in autumn, over 70 specialist nurseries descend on the Hawkesbury Race Club, unloading the biggest range of plant material anywhere in Australia. It's exciting! Seeing plants, meeting the growers, sipping good coffee and getting out, connecting with our love of plants. Don't miss out. Take a treasure home.

<http://www.collectorsplantfair.com>

### **MY OPEN GARDENS**

Check out this site for more open garden information.

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

BEBEAH, MT WILSON is on the 'regularly open' garden list on the My Open Garden website.

'Bebeah' is one of the original large garden estates of Mt Wilson, having been built by Edward Cox in 1880. The garden sprawls over 12 acres(5 hectares) where the precise geometry of tightly clipped hedges of azaleas, camellias, box and laurel merges seamlessly with sweeping grassy expanses, broad arcs of white gravel drives and pathways, gently weathered classical statuary and enticing glimpses of immaculately framed vistas.

### **LOCAL SHOW DATES 2016**

Braidwood Show : 5<sup>th</sup> March

Tarago Show : 13<sup>th</sup> March

Goulburn Show : Show cancelled due to a clash of dates at the showground

Queanbeyan Show : Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

## **From the "About The Garden" website**

### **Bird Seed Hanging Feeder**

Want to attract more birds to your garden? Here is an easy and quick recipe to whip up in the kitchen and hang in your favourite tree. Make a cup of coffee and watch your feathered friends come to visit.

#### **Ingredients**

2 x 50g gelatine packets

250ml water

2 or 3 cups of bird seed

Oil spray

Shape cutters

Straws

Twine

#### **Method – Bird Seed Hanging Feeder**

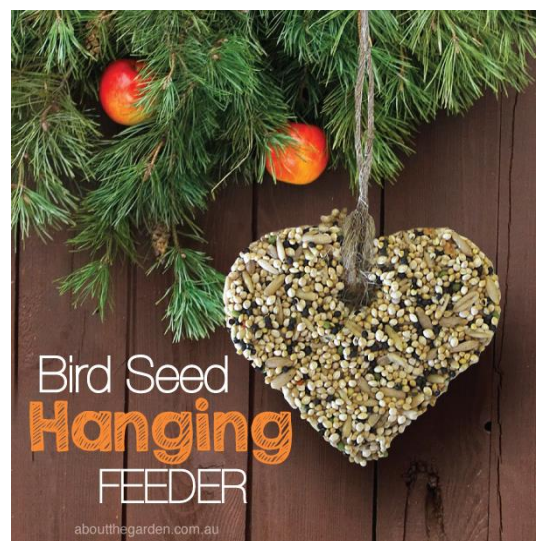
Bring water to boil in a small saucepan, add gelatine packets to water and mix constantly until the gelatine is dissolved. Add enough bird seed slowly to the gelatine mix until the seed is fully coated and the mix has a crumbly consistency. Stir until well combined. Leave to cool slightly.

Line baking tray with baking paper and spray shape cutters and paper with cooking oil.

Carefully spoon seed mixture into the moulds and pack down firmly. With a straw, create a hole for the twine to be threaded through later.

Refrigerate for a few hours or until moulds are firm.

Gently remove the shape cutters and thread a length of twine through the hole to hang in your favourite tree or patio.



## PLANT OF THE MONTH by Kate Chinnick



**Centaurea  
cyanus  
(Cornflower)**

- Native to Europe and Mediterranean regions
- Tall slender annual, sometimes overwintering
- Flowering in summer
- Prefers sun in well drained enriched soil
- Bright blue, pink, white or purple flowers
- Florets may be used in salads or dried for potpourris
- An astringent herb that reduces inflammation
- Propagate from seed in Autumn or Spring
- Named after the legendary centaur "Chiron", known for his knowledge of herbs
- Good cultivars - "Blue Diadem" and the "Florence" series

### What to do in the garden for March

- Prepare areas for spring bulbs
- Continue tying Dahlias
- Dead head annuals and perennials as flowers fade
- Overgrown perennials can be divided
- Sow sweet Peas
- Plant or move evergreen shrubs now before cooler weather
- Feed roses for good autumn blooms
- Prune Jasmines and late flowering Clematis
- Remove dead wood from deciduous shrubs and Roses
- Plant Asian Greens, Broccoli, Cabbage & Cauliflower
- Remove finished vegetable crops and compost
- Pick up any fallen fruit & dispose of if diseased