

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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### UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

#### **APRIL Thursday 14th**

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 and 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 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](http://www.kiloren.com) and [www.markdale.com](http://www.markdale.com)

#### **Report on the Plant Fair at the Lanyon Homestead on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March by Pat Maher**

Margy, Janniece, Sally, Maureen and I set off for Lanyon in two cars on Saturday morning, all hoping to buy some interesting plants and enjoy the surrounds of the beautiful old homestead. We left Ryrie Park about 8.30 and arrived at 10.00am thinking we would be early but there was already quite a crowd.

Just at the entry, our old friends from the Tablelands Trees & Shrubs Nursery had set up their wares and I bought a white penstemon, 'Huskers Red' with a broad leaf that I had not seen before. The plan was to have a good look around before buying but the urge to buy was too strong and we decided to split up and meet up again at 12.30 for lunch.

I purchased two roses, a climbing pink Alister Clark 'Mrs Fred Danks' and 'Mutabilis', very healthy plants for \$18 each and also two Sanguisorbas 'Cangshan Cranberry' and 'Blackthorn' long flowering perennials from Yellow House Heritage Perennials, Nowra. A low spreading banksia (yellow candle) from Australian Native Plant Nursery 'Sun Valley', Dandenong, some daffodil bulbs 'Silver Chimes' and mini daffodil 'Tete a Tete' and two pots of succulents Kalanchoe 'Kandy Kane' and xDisphyllum 'Sunburn' ([www.australiansucculents.com](http://www.australiansucculents.com)) were too hard to resist. All 5 of us made substantial purchases so the cars returning home were overflowing with plants.

Lunch was shared under a shady tree and the many stalls provided a good variety of food and coffee, and we then went to a demonstration of flower arranging by Marilyn Carle our BGC member. Beautiful!! A lovely day out and a big 'thank you' to Margy and Sally for driving.



*Marilyn Carle*

## **FUTURE DATES**

### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS for the remainder of 2016**

APRIL 14 VISIT TO CROOKWELL GARDENS

MAY 12 INDOOR MEETING WITH SPEAKER MICHAEL BLYGH, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SPECIALISING IN DESIGNING PRIVATE GARDENS

Venue Braidwood Servicemen's Club

Time 9.45 for 10.00am start

Michael Bligh lives in Goulburn and is very familiar with the Braidwood climate and environs. His talk will include garden design, suitable plants for our area, good watering systems and suggestions for soil improvement. He illustrates his talk with slides.

As the talk will conclude at midday, we are asking members with surnames beginning with the letters 'N' to 'Z' in the alphabet to bring a small plate of food suitable for lunch to share with other members. This is instead of morning tea. For more information go to [www.michaelbligh.com/](http://www.michaelbligh.com/)

JUNE 09 CHOOK RUN

A visit to the 'Mulloon Creek Natural Farms' Egg Farm at Duralla to inspect the pasture raised poultry operation and a visit to 2 domestic chook sites.

JULY 14 FLORAL DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP WITH MARILYN CARLE

Marilyn, a very knowledgeable florist with years of experience, will help each of us create our own floral arrangement. There will be a small cost to cover materials used.

Venue: The Braidwood Servicemen's Club including Morning Tea and finishing around midday. Could members with surnames beginning with 'a' to 'm' please bring a small plate of morning tea to share thank you.

AUGUST 11 AGM with a guest speaker

SEPTEMBER 8 VISIT TO ARALUEN GARDENS AND LUNCH AT WISBEYS I

OCTOBER 13 POSSIBLE BUS TRIP TO BERRIMA TO BE CONFIRMED

NOVEMBER 10 BUS TRIP TO CANBERRA GARDENS (This was scheduled for Oct 2015 but cancelled due to wet weather)

DECEMBER 8 Christmas Lunch

### **GARDEN CLUB EMBLEM**

The WARATAH features in our club notices & on our name tags and this month I have sourced a change to the usual image of this beautiful flower used in our newsletter.

The Waratah (*Telopea*) is of course the state floral emblem of NSW and has been used in much of Australia's decorative art...stained glass windows, porcelain, woodwork and stonework. It is ideally grown in dappled light, mimicking the natural growing environment and white, pink and yellow hybrids as well as the common crimson are available in nurseries. The Braidwood Nursery had the hybrid *Telopea* 'Braidwood Brilliant' for sale last year.

For further information on growing and propagating waratahs, check these websites.

<http://www.cpbr.gov.au/telopea/index.html>

<http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s2349242.htm>

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

### **MY OPEN GARDENS**

Check out this site for more open garden information.

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

The Garden 'Beyond Avalon' at 68 Reserve Rd Black Springs is open from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

<http://www.myopengarden.com.au/openGarden.jsp?e=1&id=1596>

Here is a list of some open gardens you may be interested in visiting...

- [Chinoiserie](#) : Mittagong : from Wed, 30 Mar 2016
- [Collectors' Plant Fair](#) : Clarendon : from Sat, 9 Apr 2016
- [Eryidene Historic House and Garden](#) : Gordon : from Fri, 8 Apr 2016
- [Gairloch Garden](#) : Oberon : from Sat, 16 Apr 2016
- [Gardenalia](#) : Robertson : from Fri, 1 Apr 2016
- [Mayfield Garden](#) : Oberon : from Sat, 16 Apr 2016
- [Perennial Hill](#) : Mittagong : from Sat, 2 Apr 2016
- [Wild Meadows](#) : Little Hartley : from Sat, 16 Apr 2016
- [Wildwood Garden](#) : Bilpin : from Fri, 1 Apr 2016

### **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION**

The Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens are having their Annual Art Exhibition from March 19<sup>th</sup>- April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Visitors Centre ANBG.

### **IN MY GARDEN** by Margy Gardner

Like most of you at this time, I am watering constantly and hoping for the forecast rain in the next few days. Catmint, Salvias, the Escallonia hedge and the Teucrium Fruticans are all surviving the dry so well.

Self-sown cherry tomatoes are in abundance, as usual, and the self-sown pumpkins, growing inconveniently in the front garden, have 3 large pumpkins waiting till just before the first frost to harvest. Early in the season they started their climb up the Pierre de Ronsard climbing rose before I redirected their path in a better direction. Roses are flushing again with frequent applications of dynamic lifter and a special favourite is 'Spirit of Peace', a mellow apricot colour. Also giving much pleasure are the Manchurian Pear trees which are a picture of autumn colour and irises preparing for their October display tantalise with anticipation.

Autumn is beginning.....happy gardening to you all.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



# Nicotiana sylvestris

- Native of the Andean foothills of N W Argentina
- A short lived perennial or biennial species
- Grows to two metres tall and one metre wide
- Leaves large and bright green
- Stems stout, branching with a woody base
- Flowers white and highly perfumed
- Good contrast plant for the back of a border
- Does particularly well in shade

### What to do in the garden for April

- Trim evergreen shrubs so they recover before winter
- Choose trees for autumn colour
- Good time to plant or move Camellias, Rhodo's & Azaleas
- Look for Liliium, Hippeastrum & Sprekelia Bulbs
- Complete planting of spring bulbs
- Tidy leaves of Hellebores, Winter Iris & Aquilegias
- Sow Asian Greens, Broad Beans & Peas
- Plant all Brassicas (cover with fine netting against white butterflies, old lace curtains ideal!)
- Remove all old leaves from Strawberries (put in garbage)
- Remove 3 year old Strawberries & replace with new stock
- Repot herbs and pot plants with new potting mix
- Pick up any fallen fruit & dispose of if diseased