

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016



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<https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com>

### UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

#### JULY Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

##### **FLORAL DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP WITH MARILYN CARLE**

Marilyn is a very knowledgeable florist with years of experience in Floral Art Judging and doing floral arrangements for Government House. She will help each of us create our own floral arrangement to take home and give us instructions on floral art principles.

**Venue:** The Braidwood Servicemen's Club at 9.30 am including Morning Tea and finishing around midday. Could members with surnames beginning with '**N**' to '**Z**' please bring a small plate of morning tea to share, thank you.

##### **Marilyn Carle Floral Design Workshop**

"MODERN DESIGN"

All materials will be supplied and will cost up to \$20.00. You can take home your beautiful arrangement in a bowl and could all participants bring their own secateurs, snips or floral knife.

Please RSVP to [braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com) or phone Sally Thackway on 4842 2808 by Friday 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY to enable all the items to be purchased and sourced as we do need to know numbers. THANK YOU

#### **Report on the June 9<sup>th</sup> 'Chook Run' by Margy Gardner**

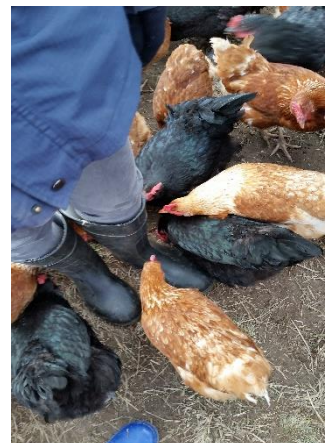


After the torrential rain of 2 days before, 14 BGC members met at 'Duralla' in sunny conditions and were shown in to the storage & sorting sheds of the Mulloon Creek Natural Farms Egg Farm. An overview of the operation was described by Michael Fitzgerald, the manager & Zoe, the assistant manager, and the sorting, weighing and candling

process (using a bright light to check the health of the egg) were demonstrated.

After morning tea we all travelled, or rather slithered along muddy tracks, in 6

4-wheel drives out to the paddocks and looked over 2 of the 21 sheds that house about 1200 chooks each.



What a sight with chooks pecking at our gum boots, climbing over the cars and gathering around our feet. They looked so healthy and were guarded by 2 maremma dogs per shed to ward off foxes, wombats and eagles. It was a great learning experience.

For lunch we gathered at my home, 'Hyland', and then a wander round my garden to check out the chook house.

Our final stop was at the property of Grant Norris, a neighbour of mine who has developed a well-planned and interesting garden and chook yard. Grant works for the ACT Parks & Gardens and his varied plants reflect a wide knowledge of horticulture with large trees that have been rejected by the ACT department, planted and flourishing.

For those who braved the chilly weather, it was a rewarding day to inspect gardens and chooks!

## **FUTURE DATES**

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

**AUGUST 11th** AGM to be held at 'Palerang', the home of Sue Tuisk, with a guest speaker.

**SEPTEMBER 8th** VISIT TO ARALUEN GARDENS AND LUNCH AT WISBEYS I

**OCTOBER 13th** POSSIBLE BUS TRIP TO BERRIMA TO BE CONFIRMED

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

**DECEMBER 8th** Christmas Lunch

## **MELBOURNE TRIP SIGNUP**

### **Proposed Bus Trip to Melbourne International Flower Show March 2017**

We have had limited interest in this trip so if anyone REALLY is interested, please email or phone Robyn by 30<sup>th</sup> June, yes EOFY. I would love to go so let's make a group & go to this fantastic International Flower and Garden Show and visit some wonderful gardens and nurseries! We would hate to cancel it.

*It has been proposed that we take a bus trip to Melbourne for the **International Flower and Garden Show** in 2017 & visit some nurseries & their gardens in rural Victoria & we would like to know if you are interested.*

*At this stage it is proposed to spend Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March travelling to Melbourne, a full day at the garden show on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, visit Cranbourne Botanic Gardens & a couple of nearby nurseries on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>, travel to Ballarat on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> via nurseries & gardens before returning home on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.*

*The nurseries & gardens that are being considered are Yamina Rare Plants Nursery, Kuranga Native Nursery, Tesselaar, Lambley Nursery, Dicksonia Rare Plants, Frogmore Gardens & Mistydowns Rose & Perennial Nursery.*

*An approximate cost for travel & accommodation (3 nights in Melbourne & 1 in Ballarat) with twin share would be around \$500 based on 30 people coming. Please note that this is a preliminary costing only & could change.*

*Because booking accommodation for so many people needs to be done as soon as possible, can you please indicate your interest by sending an email to [robyn-sim@bigpond.com](mailto:robyn-sim@bigpond.com) or phone Robyn Sim on 48461330.*

*<http://www.melbournepoint.com.au/events/melbourne-international-flower-and-garden-show/>*

## A Note From BGC Member Kay Hamer

### Clematis Cirrhosa Lansdowne Gem

I have had this plant for about 6 years and it never ceases to amaze me how it looks so delicate and yet flowers in winter and seems unaffected by the frosts. The pictures were taken after a -8 C night. It doesn't cope very well with the very hot days of summer and dry winds but comes back as soon as it rains and cools slightly and seems to be in flower most of the year.

Its colour is rather unstable as the true colour is the solid crimson and the other is usually on a separate plant and called freckles but I seem to have both on the same stems. It is in rather poor soil with a tendency to be very dry so gets some extra water but otherwise is trouble free. I have managed to raise a cutting but had no success with its seed, but then I am not very good at raising from seed as I feel it should just get on with it and so don't coddle the pots. I got mine from Alameda Nursery by mail order ( June July only ) but I notice that Mount Murray Nursery in Moss Vale have them.



## FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

### **Horticultural Society of Canberra**

One of the aims of this society is to promote the pleasures of gardening in Canberra and the surrounding region so their activities for the next few months may be of interest.

**SEPTEMBER** Spring Bulb & Camellia Show – Saturday 17th September – 12 Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday 18th September, 11.30 to 3.45 p.m.

**OCTOBER** Iris, Rhododendron & Azalea Show – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, - 12 Noon to 5 p.m. - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct., 11.30 to 3.45 p.m.

**NOVEMBER** Spring Rose Show – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 12 Noon to 5p.m. - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11.30 to 3.45 p.m.

All shows will be staged at Lancaster Hall, Wesley Centre, National Circuit, FORREST. ACT. 2603.

These shows are very worthwhile to see Floral Art, Plant Sales and for the best of flowers on display. They are highly recommended.

<http://www.hsoc.org.au/pages/events2.htm>

## MY OPEN GARDENS

Check out this site for more open garden information.

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

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

Eryldene Historic House and Garden : Gordon : from Sat, 11 Jun 2016

Wild Meadows : Little Hartley : from Sat, 25 Jun 2016

Wildwood Garden : Bilpin : from Mon, 30 May 2016

These next gardens are regularly opened so check out their sites for more information.

Bebeah Bundanon Homestead & Garden

Everglades - Historic House & Gardens

Gardenalia

Glenmore House

Mayfield Garden Perenniale Plants Nursery



**PLANT OF THE MONTH**  
**by Kate Chinnick**



**Hellebore  
viridis**  
**(Green Hellebore)**

- Native to France, Austria and NW Italy from the ranunculaceae family
- Hardy perennial growing in woods on limestone
- Prefers a part shady position in rich moist alkaline soil
- Grows to 40cm tall
- Leaves basal with up to 13 oblong leaflets
- Flower heads in cymes of up to four, pendant and green
- Flowers early winter to spring
- Propagate from division in spring or autumn or seed when ripe
- All parts of the plant are poisonous

**What to do in the garden for July**

- Remove flower buds from spring annuals for better displays
- Rhododendrons, Azaleas & Camelias will need watering leading to blooming
- Prune Wisterias and deciduous climbers
- Prune later flowering shrubs (not spring flowerers)
- Order summer flowering bulbs - Lilliums etc.
- Clean up prunings from fruit trees and mulch
- Sow Globe Artichoke and Asparagus seeds
- Clean and sharpen secateurs, loppers and saws
- Sand and oil (linseed oil) wooden handles on tools
- Turn over vegetable beds for spring plantings
- Watch for pink bud swell on early Peaches & Nectarines & spray for leaf curl with copper or lime sulphur