

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

JUNE Thursday 9th

CHOOK RUN

We will be visiting the 'Mulloon Creek Natural Farms' Egg Farm at 'Duralla', Hazeldell Rd to inspect this pasture raised poultry operation and a visit to 2 domestic chook sites on the Barnet Estate, Goulburn Rd.

Due to the Biosecurity nature of the production of eggs at Duralla, we have been asked to have no contact at all with poultry for 48 hours prior to the visit and to wear outdoor shoes/boots as we will be asked to step into a sanitising solution upon entry.

'Duralla' (590ha) is an organic property using the biodynamic system of agriculture and is located on the old Boro-Mullon (the original name) coach road (now Hazeldell road) that was used to travel between Tarago and Queanbeyan, passing through Bungendore. It is at the junction of 4 creeks; Mulloon, Shiel, Sandhills and Reedy.

<http://mullooncreeknaturalfarms.com.au/produce/item/eggs>

Details

9.00am Meet at Ryrie Park and Carpool to Duralla. We will have morning tea at Duralla so could members with surnames beginning with 'A' to 'M' please bring some morning tea to share.

12.00 Arrive at 'Hyland', Margy Gardner's home, for a look at a new chook shed & BYO lunch

1.30pm Visit a Domestic Egg & Chook production at a nearby neighbour

Report from Sue Tuisk on the talk by Michael Blair

About 25 of us were lucky to hear Landscape Architect Michael Bligh speak to us on Thursday, 12th May. He based his power-point presentation on photos taken from actual gardens he has been involved with over the past 30 years and mainly along the east coast of Australia.

He showed us some basic and more complicated design principles of laying-out gardens, for instance where the driveway should go, so that our eyes are not drawn to the cars, but rather that their parking is secreted away leaving the garden vistas untouched. He demonstrated examples of some symmetry in planting trees and shrubs around a dwelling and looking for the long axis. Plant a tree diagonally on the corner of a house, so that it can be enjoyed from more angles and not interrupt the view from the windows. Here are some trees that Michael recommended for our climate and for their beauty: Malus gorgeous; weeping elm; snow pear; silver elm; swamp cypress (beside water); winter sweet.

Michael is a friendly and talented speaker with vast experience and knowledge that he was able to share with us. His talk was followed by a delicious lunch of sandwiches, quiche and sweet things, mostly provided by our members.

FUTURE DATES

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS for the remainder of 2016

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 N to Z please bring a small plate of morning tea to share thank you.

AUGUST 11 AGM to be held at 'Palerang', the home of Sue Tuisk, 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

Proposed Bus Trip to Melbourne International Flower Show March 2017

It has been proposed that we take a bus trip to Melbourne for the International Flower 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 28th March travelling to Melbourne, a full day at the garden show on Wednesday 29th, visit Cranbourne Botanic Gardens & a couple of nearby nurseries on Thursday 30th, travel to Ballarat on Friday 30th via nurseries & gardens before returning home on Saturday 1st 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 or phone Robyn Sim on 48461330.

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

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
- [Nooroo Garden Mt Wilson](#) : Mt Wilson : from Mon, 30 May 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 Perennial Plants Nursery](#)

PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



Dahlia
imperialis
(Tree Dahlia)

- Native of Central America
- Perennial, tall and woody
- Thick bamboo like stems 5m high
- Large bipinnate leaves to 60cm long
- Large single lavender-pink flowers with yellow centres produced in Autumn
- Also flowers in white single and double
- Not particularly frost hardy
- Prefers a sunny sheltered position in fertile soil
- Propagate by dividing tubers or with stem cuttings (laid along the ground)

What to do in the garden for June

- Camellias are blooming so buy new plants now
- Older Hydrangeas may be pruned now - remove older grey wood and reduce younger canes to a good pair of buds
- Plant new deciduous trees, shrubs, roses and vines
- Lift Dahlia tubers, divide and store in sawdust in dark dry area
- Houseplants should be moved away from heaters
- Do not allow vegetable plants to dry out
- Prune Pome fruits (Apple, Pear, Quinces etc.)
- A winter spray of pest oil or copper spray will clean up fruit trees
- Shred prunings and add to compost or mulch
- Remove any broken or crossed branches from trees or shrubs
- Rake fallen leaves onto beds or compost - don't burn