

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016



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<https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com>

### **NOVEMBER Thursday 10th**

#### **Bus Trip to Canberra Gardens**

This should be a wonderful day with a guided tour of the beautiful Rose Garden at Old Parliament House by our very own Dennis Dempsey, with morning tea provided by the 1st Canberra Garden Club.

We then head off to a superb native garden on a large block at Red Hill featuring a large pond, lilies and orchids. After that we travel to a working property in Yarralumla which has a very beautiful garden with 'garden rooms' around the homestead. This is a secret gem. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy here in the garden.

Finally we head towards home, stopping on the way in Queanbeyan for the 4th garden before arriving back in Braidwood at 5.30pm approx.

**Meet at Ryrie Park at 8.00am for an 8.15am departure.**

**Please bring a picnic lunch, a chair and your own mug and don't forget to wear your name tag.**

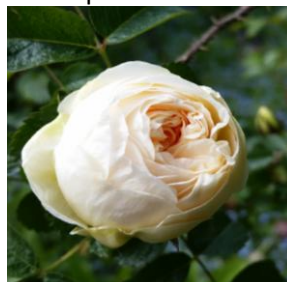
**The bus will cost \$30 for members and \$45 for non-members.**

**Please pay at the Bendigo Bank by Thursday 3rd November.**

*Enquiries to Sue Murray on 48422381*

### **Report on Bus Trip To Berrima October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Spring time must be the best time for garden visits and our 3 Berrima gardens were truly inspiring. Our first stop was the garden of Clive West and his partner Eric, a private garden that we were lucky to see. They bought an old cottage on the site about 15 years ago and renovated/extended it sympathetically and set about creating a garden. It is about 2.5 acres and includes a magnificent rose walk with many old heritage roses, many maples, a log framed enclosed vegetable garden, and a series of ponds.



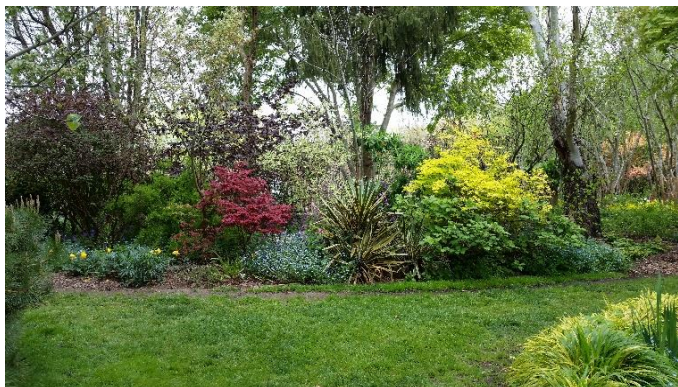
*Rose 'Agnes' Hybrid Rugosa*



After morning tea, we went into the township of Berrima stopping at the Harper's Mansion, a National Trust house and garden since 1978, both managed by local volunteers and located on a hill overlooking the township. The home was finished in about 1836 and the present garden, with a large maze and formal garden beds, was laid out by landscaper Michael Jackman who tenanted the home with his wife Sue from 1999-2006. We toured both house and garden and many of us made purchases at the National Trust Shop.

After leaving Berrima we travelled south to Sutton Forrest to the 2.5 hectare Red Cow Farm created by Ali Mentesh and Wayne Morissey. This garden is breathtakingly beautiful with 22 garden 'rooms', a stunning collection of rare and unusual perennials, woodland, old fashioned roses and clematis, a beech walk, lake, bog garden, orchard and kitchen garden. And a nursery to purchase plants from the garden. If you have not visited Red Cow Farm then make a date to go as it is a must at any time of the year but springtime is a special time.

Our treasurer, Fran, a photographer whizz, has posted some pictures of our day in Berrima and they are well worth a look so log on to <https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com/photo-gallery/>



*Red Cow Farm*

## **BRAIDWOOD HOSPITAL AUXILIARY FETE**

Thank you to all the wonderful members who helped us with donations of both food and financial help at the recent Hospital Auxiliary Fete. Also for the morning and afternoon tea food donations that we provided for the Garden History National Conference group visiting 'Manar', of which there were 100 in the morning and the same in the afternoon! Quite a feat.

The visitors to 'Manar' were overwhelmed with the country hospitality so thank you everyone as we could not have managed without you!

## **UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS**

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

**DECEMBER Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Lunch will be at the Old Cheese Factory, Reidsdale and will start at 12.00. We will have the usual garden quiz (check out the year's newsletters for Kate Chinnick's reports for clues!) and also the prettiest flower posie competition. Keep the date free for our final gathering of the year.

### **REMINDER- \$15 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE NOW**

Please pay your annual subscription for the year 2016/17, and newsletter supplement of \$11 if applicable, at the Bendigo Bank as soon as you can to ensure your newsletter arrives regularly & you can attend our meetings.

The newsletter is emailed each month, however for those who require a hard copy mailed to them, please be aware that the price for this service has increased to \$11 due to the dramatic postage increase this year.



## **FROM THE MAILBOX**

**for your information**

### **Misty Mountains Nursery**

Richard Barker, at Warrambucca Gardens on the Kings Highway, has opened his nursery a few weeks earlier than usual this year. Richard, a cold climate garden specialist, welcomes visitors on weekends or by appointment at other times. In mid to late Spring, the woodland gardens are a picture, with some truly amazing rhododendrons, azaleas, maples and dogwoods in a forest setting. This is an unusual garden for this region, benefiting from a very sheltered location. A visit is highly recommended. Ph 48422843 or visit Richard's Facebook site, Misty Mountains Nursery.

### **2017 Garden Club Calendars**

The Garden Clubs of Australia publishes calendars each year and the BGC orders a number of them for our members. Each year they select the best garden pictures submitted by garden club members of Australia for inclusion in the calendar and they make a wonderful gift. Please let our secretary Jane Moore know if you are interested in ordering a 2017 issue.

### **OCTOBER Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Burra Open Gardens**

6 gardens open. \$25(\$15 concession) for all 6 gardens or \$10(\$5 concession) for 1 garden. 10-5pm

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

### **OCTOBER Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Bathurst Spring Spectacular**

The theme for 2016 will be those gardens belonging to the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Members.

Cambewarra, Miss Traill's House, Mt Tamar, Anne's Garden and Bishops Court Estate are the gardens this year.

<http://bathurstgardenclub.org.au/bathurst-spring-spectacular/>

### **OCTOBER Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Riversdale Rare Plants & Growers Fair 2 Twynam Drive, Goulburn**

Demonstrations, talks and garden tours in Riversdale's revived and restored historic garden. Morning & afternoon tea & light lunches available. Plenty of parking.

### **NOVEMBER Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Crookwell Open Gardens Phone 4837 3117**

The gardens are located both within the township of Crookwell and in the nearby countryside. A popular feature of last year's Festival was the Garden Lover's Market and this year's market is on Saturday, 5th November, at St. Bartholomew's church hall and grounds in Denison Street, Crookwell.

Garden Workshops are a new feature of this year's Festival. Angus Stewart from Gardening Australia will have a stall at the Garden Lover's Market and run a workshop on 'Propagation', on Saturday afternoon. Local gardener Bert Agostini will talk about 'Diversity of trees and shrubs' at two workshops on Sunday, 6th November.

Tickets: \$20 for all Gardens, valid all weekend or \$5 per garden at the garden gate. Children under 15 free.

Purchase tickets at the Visitor Information Centre, Goulburn St, Crookwell & at Arcadia, Goulburn St Crookwell.

<http://www.crookwellgardenfestival.com>

### **NOVEMBER Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 12-5pm and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.30-3.45pm**

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Exhibition & Rose Show of the Horticultural Society of Canberra. This show is very worthwhile to see some of the most beautiful species and they have a wonderful Plant Stall.

<http://www.hsoc.org.au/index.htm>

### **NOVEMBER Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Yellow House Perennial Nursery & Garden 20 Jervis St, Nowra.**

"Join us as we open our private garden in conjunction with our once a year nursery sale. The garden had its genesis when we longed for a simpler life in a country town not too far away from Sydney and family. Our aim is to collect, propagate, conserve and distribute some of the more endangered garden plants and this is the basis of the nursery collection, and our garden."

Free entry. For more information phone 4421 8681

<http://www.myopengarden.com.au/openGarden.jsp?e=1&id=1497>

## **THE BRAIDWOOD HOSPITAL GARDENS**

A reminder that all Volunteer Forms to work on the Hospital Garden should be dropped into the Hospital as soon as

possible. The Volunteer information kit is self-explanatory, but if you need help in completing it, contact the Hospital office or Brian Carle on 4842 1096. Kits are available at the Hospital or from Brian Carle (Hospital Auxiliary member).

### **A Note From Member Lyn Slade**

I have a shade house for sale and would like to give garden club members first choice of it. It is an Aussie Shade house, 8'8" x 12', two levels with centre bench. All the trays and pots in the photos will go with it. There is some irrigation in it but will need attention. We have added extra supports between the hoops for strength in the wind & it is in excellent condition



I have had a frost cover on it most of the time (not with it now) & it also has one side protection wall. We can deliver locally. I am asking \$1800 (the new price is \$3120). You can contact me on 0419356837 if anyone is interested. The item will be more widely advertised next week giving club members time to consider.



### **GOULBURN PERMACULTURE GARDEN**

This garden, situated behind the Goulburn PCYC, is a community garden which uses aquaponics, greenhouses & sustainable methods and aims to promote local food through markets & wider community involvement including Work for the Dole projects. Visitors welcome – open daily from 10am–3 pm - produce and seedlings are for sale.

### **AROUND MY GARDEN by Charmian Thomas**

Cool mornings turning into lovely, warm, sunny afternoons have hopefully inspired us to get out in the garden and enjoy. Daffs and other bulbs, after a great spring display, have finished for this year. Plans for gap filling for next year. A year old, layered Viburnum, previously discovered whilst low pruning, is doing nicely in a pot and begging to be planted out. "Pick me, pick me", it could be saying.

New fresh foliage, Crabapple blossoms, budding roses, with first edition minted leaves, mauve lavender tips, the salad fresh, scarlet tones of Photinias, golden tips of Spiralia, the late emergence of the marvellous new Ginkgo foliage and almost luminous Robinia. Every corner, there's something renewing itself. Rhubarb, chives, garlic, queuing up for the tops to die off and harvest. Punnets of tbp's (to be planted) tomatoes, white Spanish onions, leeks, green beans, bush cukes.

A favourite Thai dish, chicken and a demanded Holy basil, which is almost impossible to buy a bunch of...grow it! Having seen a marvellous, two metre example in Duncan Street, our Pieris, an almost bonsaied, sulking version is becoming dangerously close to another location in the garden or, shock horror, the green waste bin. Similar thoughts about the Rosemary either side of the front path...replace or reposition? Decisions, decisions.

Like compost through the sieve, so are the days in our garden.

Happy gardening,

Charmian and John



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



**Epimedium**

**"Pierres  
Purple"**

- Native Mediterranean to East Asia
- A clump forming perennial to 30cm tall
- Likes a woodland habitat, partly shaded
- Dark green heart shaped leaves with bronze new growth
- Fully hardy
- Masses of spurred wine purple flowers in spring
- Propagate from seed when ripe or division in Autumn

**What to do in the garden for November:**

- Deadhead annuals for longer flowering
- Prepare beds for summer and autumn annuals
- Continue to tie and pick Sweet Peas
- Tall Bearded Iris can be divided if congested
- Trim evergreen shrubs and hedges
- Check Roses for insect or fungal problems
- Deadhead Roses regularly
- Seedlings of Beetroot, Cabbage, Cucumber, Melons, Pumpkin, Sweet Corn and Zucchini can be planted
- Tomato seedlings can be planted now (plant deeply for better roots, keep frost covers handy in case!)
- Remove finished winter crops
- Remove weeds before they see