

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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### **DECEMBER Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 12pm**



You are all invited to the final Garden Club event for this year - Our annual Christmas lunch at the Old Cheese Factory in Reidsdale.

This is always a very special event, celebrating another successful year for our club. We will share a traditional Christmas lunch while testing our garden knowledge in the always-challenging quiz. There will be a competition for the prettiest posy of flowers, and a share-and-swap plant stall. Bring a posy, a plant to share, and a gold coin donation to take part in the stall.

Bookings are now open at the Bendigo Bank. The 3 course lunch with drinks will be \$30 for members and \$45 for non-members. For catering purposes, please book by December 1st. If you would like to car pool, meet us at Ryrie Park at 11.30am and remember to wear your Name Tag.  
Ring Sue Murray on 4842 2381 for all enquiries.

### **Report on Garden Visits To Canberra on Thursday October 13th**

In glorious spring weather, we met members of the First Canberra Garden Club who had arranged our visit and provided us with a bounteous morning tea before a guided tour of the House of Reps rose garden next to Old Parliament House. Dennis Dempsey, head gardener at the rose garden, talked to us about the roses and then led us through avenues of roses at their peak. We thank Dennis for his care and for sharing his vast knowledge of roses.

Our second stop was at the garden of Ros and Ben Walcott's garden in Red Hill. For Australian native enthusiasts, this garden was a real treat and we all marvelled at the scale and detail that Ros and Ben have created with gravel paths wandering through the north east facing hillside garden. All rain water on the property, mixed with bore water, is retained for garden use and a 3 pond system is used to irrigate the

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9300 square meter garden. There are over 4,000 plants representing 850 species and in the first year alone 30 truckloads of wood chips were spread on the garden. A fascinating visit to a unique garden.

Next, on to the garden of Ann Dawn on Lady Denman Drive and a contrast to the previous garden. Tucked away behind gates and hidden behind cypress trees was a cottage garden on a large scale with box edged garden beds of roses, hollyhocks, aquilegias, irises, daisies, etc, planted around large trees, swathes of green lawn, water fountains and water lily laden ponds. We lunched in Ann's lovely home and on the deck beside an inviting swimming pool and reached the garden through cool pathways of potted plants and covered pergolas. We all felt so grateful to visit a not often opened home and garden by such a gracious hostess.

The final garden, for those with enough stamina, was Ursula's garden tucked away beside the Queanbeyan River but high enough to avoid the regular river flooding. A large peppercorn tree in the front garden sheltered the entrance and behind the house, a steep bank of boulders created a waterfall down the block, reaching a gate providing access to shady, cool pathways beside the river. Decks around the house looked down onto the interesting rock garden with trees giving shelter and privacy. Ursula has created an oasis of peace in a secluded part of Queanbeyan.

## **UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**

To be advised in the January Newsletter

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

### **2017 Garden Club Calendars**

The Garden Clubs of Australia publishes a calendar 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 the calendar makes a wonderful gift. Please let our secretary Jane Moore know if you are interested in ordering a 2017 issue.

### **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>

## **OPEN GARDENS IN NSW**

These NSW gardens are open for visiting and the [myopengardens.com.au](http://myopengardens.com.au) website has more information if you are interested.

Eryldene Historic House and Garden : Gordon

Gardenalia : Robertson

Hillandale garden and nursery : Yetholme

Perennial Hill : Mittagong

Yellow House Perennials Nursery and Garden : Nowra

Also you might like to visit these regularly open gardens:

Bebeah : Mt Wilson

Everglades Historic House & Gardens : Leura

Mayfield Garden : Oberon

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Perenniale Plants Nursery : Canowindra

Secret Garden and Nursery : Richmond

Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery : Cooma

## AROUND MY GARDEN by Marilyn Carle

Can you believe it is getting very dry again!!! In my garden, a lot of flowers are coming out – some of my Roses have already finished, but others are in full bloom.

I have been reflecting on 2 years ago at this time when we had the Australian Open Garden event here and it was 36 & 42 degrees on that weekend. All my White Roses burnt – so it is.

A lovely thing also I have been remembering is the wonderful support of the Garden Club Members with cooking and plants for our stalls on that weekend which made much needed money for our Hospital.

It was lovely to have a mild weather spell this last weekend.

The weeds are thriving and many bugs are hard at work after so much rain. Our Bottle Brush have been in full bloom this week and now a carpet of the falling flowers are on the pavers and paths. The Birds and Bees are having a lovely time.



I am enjoying a vase of Philadelphus in my kitchen, but as usual my Sweet Peas are drying out quickly. What a beautiful colour Alstromeria is that I have out at present and this was a gift to me from an elderly gentleman in Canberra when he came to visit us.

There is a pink and red Alstromeria out also, but they are not as vigorous as the yellow variety. Just a simple vase is pictured...what a shame you cannot smell how lovely it is.

We also have some lovely purple Water Lillies out on the edge of our Dam near the house and White water lillies are showing their lovely faces in the sunshine. I do like to pick water lillies and put them in a vase but they only last a day and then want to close up at night. What a joy it is to have a garden and my Holly will be put to good use this Christmas to decorate our table.

Best Wishes to one & all this Christmas and I hope you have a Happy New Year and keep up the Gardening.

God Bless.

Marilyn Carle, "Brimar", Nerriga Rd. Braidwood.

## 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 seed