

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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

The first Garden Club outing of 2017 will be to Bedervale House on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The cost will be \$25 for members and will include a BBQ lunch, guided tour of the house and walking through the garden. We will be meeting at 12 midday at Bedervale, 1a Monkittee St, Braidwood. Please book and pay at the Bendigo Bank by Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Enquiries to Sue Murray 4842 2381 or Jane Moore 4842 1494

### Report on the Christmas Lunch Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

The annual Christmas lunch for 2016 was held at The Old Cheese Factory at Reidsdale. The rural setting with views over the Reidsdale hills creates a lovely ambience at this special place. Garry, Gina and family set up tables outside on the verandah, and provided a delicious lunch for 35 of our members. It was a lovely summer day, and despite the unwelcome and uninvited flies who shared the space with us, we hope all those who attended enjoyed the food and the company of friends.

Over the years, Robyn Sim and Kate Chinnick have entertained us with a horticultural and plant identification quiz at the Christmas lunch. After a few glasses of champagne, this leads to some lively discussion between courses! Thanks to Kate and Robyn for again sharing their knowledge, and providing the quiz and the lovely flowers from Kate's garden.

Both Kate and Robyn have been active members of our club for many years, including several years as President and Secretary. Robyn is leaving her beautiful Reidsdale garden to begin a new life in Wollongong. We thank Robyn for her contribution to the club, and for sharing her inspirational garden with visitors and friends over the years. The garden at Green Farm will always remind us of Robyn and her vision, energy and passion for gardens and gardening.

### UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

#### MARCH Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

##### TRIP TO MILTON/ULLADULLA

Our first trip away from Braidwood this year will be to Milton/Ulladulla, on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Ulladulla Garden Club have organised visits to 3 private gardens in Milton and Ulladulla. There will be time for lunch in the pretty town of Milton, and a wander around the shops there. The gardens are all in town and will be easy to access and to walk around. This is an opportunity to visit some coastal gardens, where growing conditions are very different and less demanding than ours.

We hope to be able to travel to Milton by bus and it seems most of our members would prefer this to carpooling. Bookings at Bendigo Bank will open in mid February. We are in the process of looking at bus hire options, as Bensleys have sold their bus company. Bus hire costs have been increasing, but we always aim to keep the cost to members as low as possible. While we can

afford a small subsidy for bus trips from Club funds, we have to be aware that these funds are limited. Your involvement in our trips helps to keep the costs down, as well as providing wonderful opportunities for garden visits and time with friends. We look forward to sharing these days with as many members as possible in 2017.

### **OVERNIGHT VISIT IN SPRING**

We are considering an overnight trip – probably 2 nights away - in October or November. We have a few ideas but would also welcome suggestions from our members. We will aim to keep the distance to within a 3-4 hour bus trip, if possible. The Bathurst/Oberon area, the Blue Mts or the Southern Highlands are all possible in that time. The more suggestions we have the better, so please share any thoughts you might have with a Committee member or via the club email.

### **MEMBER SURVEY**

At the Christmas Lunch, those present completed a survey designed to help the Committee plan for 2017. This feedback was very interesting and helpful. If you were not able to attend the lunch, the survey is attached. The completed form can be given to a Committee member, posted to Jane Moore at 7 Hassall Crt, Braidwood 2622, or scanned and emailed back to [braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com). This is your chance to tell us what you enjoy, and what new activities could be included in our monthly meeting days.

### **VISITS TO LOCAL GARDENS**

We are always looking for local gardens to visit. The survey responses from the Christmas lunch indicated that many of our members would be willing to open their gardens for a visit. As most of the surveys were anonymous, we don't know who you are! We would love you to email or phone us if you are happy to have a visit from our members. This will help us to plan the year ahead.

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

### **FEBRUARY Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

The NSW Floral Art Association will be conducting Floral Art Demonstrations and Competition on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 February 2017 at the Mittagong RSL, Old Hume Highway, Mittagong.  
Enquiries to Deidre Hill 4887 1254 [quindalupnursery@bigpond.com](mailto:quindalupnursery@bigpond.com)

### **MARCH Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Goulburn Rose Show at the Goulburn Soldiers Club cnr Market & Sloane Sts  
Floral Displays, Art Exhibition, Plants, Gardening Tools, Crafts [www.goulburnrosefestival.org.au](http://www.goulburnrosefestival.org.au)

### **MY OPEN GARDENS**

Foggy Dew : Leura : from Sat, 4 Feb 2017

Hillandale garden and nursery : Yetholme : from Sat, 25 Feb 2017

Perennial Hill : Mittagong : from Sat, 4 Feb 2017

Check out this site for more open garden information.

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

### **A Message From Margaret Royds**

Just home from having my knives sharpened for Christmas by Darren opposite Conrad's stall and noticed he also sharpens garden equipment. Why didn't I think about my secateurs?

His contact is [darrenbaker2@tpg.com.au](mailto:darrenbaker2@tpg.com.au) He phoned me to say he was here as he had sharpened my paddock hoe and then told me to keep it out of the dirt!! His phone 0403558781

### **NAME TAGS**

If you have lost your name tag and need a replacement or haven't been given one please email [braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com) and we will order your name tag. It is very helpful to wear one for our meetings for those of us who are a little forgetful!

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Barbara Hart Margaret Jones Rosemary de Martin Cathy French

## **ROSE SOCIETY INFORMATION**

The Rose Society of NSW Inc is in the process of establishing a branch in the Southern Highlands – to be known as Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society.

The inaugural meeting for the Regional will be held on Saturday 18 February at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start in the CWA Rooms, Winifred West Park, Old Hume Highway Mittagong. The meeting will be chaired by Colin Hollis, President of the Rose Society of NSW, and the guest speaker will be Ian Roxby speaking on varieties of roses suitable for growing in the Southern Highlands. Afternoon tea will follow at the conclusion of the meeting.

A Rose Growing Workshop will be held on Saturday 11 March commencing at 10.30am. The workshop is designed for rose growers focussing on the varieties of roses grown, conditions for growing roses well, soil conditions, planting, pruning and seasonal care including fertilising and managing pests and diseases. Samples of Neutrog products will be given away. A special discount will apply to all who join the Rose Society on the day. Cost of the workshop is \$30 which includes morning tea and a light lunch.

At the second meeting on Saturday 18 March, Rosalie Vine will give an illustrated talk on capturing the history and romance of the perfumed rose. Discover the different rose smells and learn how to smell a rose.

Flyers for the inaugural meeting and the Rose Growing Workshop are attached and I would appreciate it if these could be brought to the attention of your members.

Ray Bradley  
Interim Secretary  
Southern Highlands Regional of the Rose Society of NSW Inc

## **CAR POOLING COSTS**

For some of our trips that do not require a bus hire, some of our members very generously offer their car to take others. It has been suggested by the committee that a donation to the car pooling costs of travel be \$5 for local trips, \$10 for trips to Canberra or Batemans Bay and \$15 for trips further afield eg. Southern Highlands. These amounts are after all less than a bus would cost and help to affray the car expense costs with the driver feeling happier to offer their car again.

## **SUMMER IN MY GARDEN by Jane Moore**



To me summer in the garden is very frustrating. I see all that needs doing, but after less than an hour outside I am driven in by the heat. Despite the heat flowers continue to bloom.

In December the philadelphus put on a magnificent display. The blooms were so heavy a branch broke off, but I moved it indoors so I could have that lovely perfume both inside and out.

Now the English lavender is putting on a lovely display, and attracting the pollinators for the veggie plot. From the lavender I can see potatoes, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumber, onions, pumpkin, beans, sweet corn, apples and soft fruits. We are eating blackberries and marrion berries every day and the freezer is full (we may need a new freezer).



On the other side of the garden all the summer perennials are blooming canna, achillea, agastache apricot and blue, buddleia, alstromeria and I noticed this morning the magnolia little gem has a flower just waiting to bloom.

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



**Galtonia  
candicans**

**Berg Lily, Summer  
Hyacinth**

- A native of South Africa
- Frost hardy bulb
- Grows to 1.2m high
- Leaves are fleshy, grey green
- Prefers sun or half shade in well drained soil
- Spikes of white pendulous flowers tinged with green
- Will self seed if not dead headed (gently!)
- Plants die down in winter
- Propagate from fresh seed in spring or offsets in autumn

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

- Lift Tulips and Dutch Iris for storage in a cool dry place
- Tie Dahlias and tall Chrysanthemums
- Dead head Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas, mulch and feed
- Sow seeds of annuals for planting out in April
- This humid weather promoted black spot - spray if necessary
- Remove weeds before they seed
- Obtain spring flowering bulbs
- Sow seeds of Asian Greens, Radish , Spinach and Turnips
- Remove vegetable plants as they finish cropping
- Apply liquid fertilizer fortnightly to vegetables
- Remove excess growth from Apples and Pears
- Trim Lavender and Rosemary
- Take semi hardwood cuttings and keep moist