

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

**NEWSLETTER**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Thursday 10th AUGUST

Our AGM is always a highlight of the year, and we hope you are able to come. This year we are meeting for lunch in the cosy dining room at Mona Farm Woolshed. Before the AGM we will have the opportunity to wander through the extensive gardens at Mona.

The AGM will be as brief as possible, but several positions on the Committee will need to be filled. We work hard as a team to organise different garden activities for our members each month. Being on the Committee can be very rewarding, and new ideas are always welcome.

Following the AGM a simple lunch of soup and dessert cakes, prepared by the Committee, will be served. Mona is a licensed venue, and wine will be available from the bar at \$5 per glass.

After lunch our Treasurer Fran Woods will show us photos from her recent visit to the Chelsea Flower Show, and gardens in Italy and Croatia. Fran had a wonderful time, of course, but came home exhausted! All those castles and extensive gardens can be inspiring but also quite hard work.

Bookings for the AGM and lunch are now open at Bendigo bank. The cost is \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members.

We will meet at Ryrie Park at 10am to carpool. You can also proceed directly to Mona, entering through the gates on the Kings Hwy. We will start the garden tour at around 10.15, and the AGM will begin at 11.30am, followed by lunch.

Our thanks to Rose Deo, the owner of Mona Farm, and to Suzanne Gearing, the general manager, for opening the Mona gardens and woolshed for this event.

## Report From Our Last Meeting at The Old Cheese Factory, Reidsdale on JULY 13<sup>th</sup>

Quite a few of our members have escaped the cold winter and travelled to warmer climates both in Australia and overseas. We were therefore very pleased that 17 members gathered at the Cheese Factory on 13<sup>th</sup> July, to enjoy a delicious lunch and a fascinating talk and demonstration by Gary Watkins-Sully. Gary shared his knowledge of different apple varieties and the history of apple growing and cider production in this area, and showed us how to graft apple trees. Gary has rediscovered some very old apple varieties in the Braidwood district, and has revived the local crafts of apple juice and cider production.

A lively Q and A session followed, and Gary then showed us some of the grafted trees he is cultivating in the vege patch, beside the Cheese Factory. For those who want to acquire the skill of apple grafting, and share more of Gary's insights and knowledge, two Apple Tree Grafting Workshops are being held on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Old Cheese Factory. The three hour workshops include coffee or tea on arrival, lunch/afternoon tea, two grafted apple trees, and detailed instruction and notes. The inclusive cost is \$110. For more information and bookings, visit [www.braidwoodmade.com.au/graftingws.html](http://www.braidwoodmade.com.au/graftingws.html), or call 0407292181, or 0248461999.

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## UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

### Spring Activities 2017-07-27

We are currently discussing plans for the long-awaited Spring season. Ideas include a trip to some historic homes and gardens in Goulburn, a bus trip to Floriade and the Tulip Top Garden, and a day visiting local gardens on Little Bombay Road. Dates have yet to be finalised, and there will be more information in the next newsletter.

We are always looking for local gardens to visit, so if you would be happy for us to visit your garden at any time, please contact any member of the Committee. Every garden is different, and we love to see gardens of all shapes and sizes.

### Bathurst-Oberon Trip

Our trip to **Bathurst and Oberon** in late **October** is taking shape. We have 10 members looking forward to a car trip to the Bathurst Open Gardens Weekend on 28/29 October and it promises to be a wonderful visit, with the theme of "A Country Garden Ramble". The details are now available at the Bathurst Garden Club website. Just search for Bathurst Open gardens 2017.

We will also visit Mayfield Garden at Oberon, and perhaps one or two gardens in the western Blue Mts. Because of the distances involved, we feel that a 3 night stay is the best option. Accommodation at a very reasonable cost is available at this stage. The option of joining us while driving independently and staying for 2 nights only is also available. If you would like more information, please contact Sue Murray on 48422381.

### Rose Pruning with Dennis Dempsey

During our rose forum meeting in June, it became clear that different types of roses require different pruning techniques. Dennis Dempsey has offered to conduct a rose pruning workshop in his garden, as a follow-up to his talk. With the relentless frosts we have had, delaying rose pruning until late August is probably a good plan. Once we work out a suitable date, we will let you know.

### Membership Fees

The Committee voted at its last meeting to increase our annual Membership Fee from \$15 to \$20. The membership fee and income from our raffles covers the cost of insurance, venue hire, gifts, and all other incidental expenses. We also subsidise the AGM lunch each year, and sometimes we need to subsidise the cost of bus hire, when bookings do not meet the total cost.

We have not increased our membership fee for many years and we hope that all members will understand the need for this. Membership fees are due at the time of the AGM in August each year, and for accounting purposes we would appreciate the payment of membership renewals as soon as possible. Fran will be taking fees for next year at the AGM.

If you have recently joined the club, the fee paid then will confirm your membership until August 2018. If in doubt, please talk to Sue Murray about your membership.

## FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

### Message From The Yass Garden Club

"Dear President and committee, Braidwood Garden Club,  
Just letting you know Yass Club is celebrating its 35th birthday with a Friendship Day, on Saturday August 12th at 12.00 for 12.30. We will serve a light lunch, followed by a guest speaker and a bit of birthday celebration. The venue is St Clements Church Hall in Church Street (next to the church) and cost will be \$10 for visitors. The club is one of the longest surviving local clubs and has been active in the community since its first meeting in 1982, so well worth celebrating.

We'd be grateful if you could pass on this invitation to your members who have made Yass Club welcome to your area over the years. Can you please let us know numbers coming ASAP so we can add

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names/numbers to our visitor list for catering purposes? Acceptances please phone Ros on 6226 1878 or Nola on 6226 2132.

In gardening friendship,  
Nola Bindon, President,  
Yass Garden"

### **My Open Garden**

Visit the 'My Open Garden' website <http://www.myopengarden.com.au> for information on the latest Open Gardens in NSW.

### **AUGUST Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Clover Hill Open Garden, Katoomba 18 Camp St.**

Clover Hill garden is a collectors garden full of many rare and wonderful plants from around the world, imported over the last 18 years. Rare Galanthus, Hellebores, Epimediums and many perennials and shrubs growing in sun and shade.

Entry 10-4pm, \$7 entry fee.

### **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> – OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

'Moidart', Eridge Park Rd Bowral. One of the best garden in the Highlands, laid out in the 1930's, featuring 5 acres of beautifully structured gardens with many mature specimen trees, a sunken rose garden, terraces with perennial borders, woodland garden, and walks through bulbs and blooms.

Open 10-4, \$7, plants for sale. Phone 4861 2600

<http://www.highlandsnsw.com.au/gardens/moidart/index.html>

### **SEPTEMBER Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Tulip Time in Bowral, Corbett Gardens, Bendooley St, Bowral. Ph 43464059**

<https://www.southern-highlands.com.au/tulip-time>

### **OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK**

National Gardening Week offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the simple joys of gardening and to highlight the associated environmental, social and health benefits. Whether it be maintaining a few pots on a balcony, a suburban backyard or a large country expanse, the enjoyment, the improved mental and physical wellbeing and the satisfaction gardeners gain from 'getting their hands dirty' is universal.

### **OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Robertson Open Gardens 7 gardens ranging from smaller town gardens to larger country gardens.

Gardens will be open from 10am – 4pm

<http://www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com/>

### **OCTOBER Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Berry Gardens Festival - 8 gardens open in and around Berry 10-4pm Phone 4464 1191

Headquarters at Apex Park, Cnr Princes Hwy and Prince Alfred St, Berry.

<http://www.berrygardens.org.au/>

### **OCTOBER Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Galston Open Gardens - 8 gardens and a flower show**

The Galston Garden Club will be opening eight outstanding gardens with all proceeds being distributed to a wide range of charities. Gardens are open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on each day at a cost of \$5 for individual gardens or \$20 for a ticket allowing entry to all the gardens (this can be distributed over the three days). All are large acreage gardens covering a wide range of styles, with three being opened for the first time, and all are different from those opened last year. <http://galstongardenclub.com.au/open-gardens-weekend-2017/>

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## **OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **BUNDANOON GARDEN RAMBLE – COMING OF AGE!**

**For the 21<sup>st</sup> year you are invited to ramble around beautiful private gardens in Bundanoon on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October.**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Bundanoon Garden Ramble will be held on the weekend of 21 and 22 October 2017.

This annual event in the village of Bundanoon features eight private gardens that will be opened from 9.30am to 4.30pm on both days. A combination of both large and small gardens will delight visitors.

The Soldiers' Memorial Hall in the main street of Bundanoon will feature a Garden Market with plants and gifts for sale. Other interesting displays, including an exhibition by the Bundanoon History Group will be open for viewing in the main street.

Visit the gardens and other activities by bicycle; use the free shuttle bus or if you wish to avoid delays use your own transport.

Purchase tickets in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Tickets valid for both days and with garden descriptions and map are \$20. This includes all eight gardens or \$5 for a single garden.

Refreshments are available in one of the gardens, as well as in the cafes in the village.

For more information visit [www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au](http://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au) or contact

Robin Coombes on 0488 508 598.

Bundanoon adjoins Morton National Park. For weekend stays, other activities and free accommodation bookings, contact the Southern Highlands Visitor Information Centre in Mittagong.

[www.southern-highlands.com.au](http://www.southern-highlands.com.au) Free call 1300 657 559.

## **OCTOBER Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

'Old Graham' Homestead, Hovells Creek. Open Garden

<http://www.myopengarden.com.au/openGarden.jsp?id=1652>

## **OCTOBER Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**HARPERS MANSION Garden and Plant Fair**, Berrima 10am - 4pm Phone 0409 823 861

Stalls include specialist plants, gardening equipment, furniture and decorative items, \$5 entry

Enquiries Sue Maude 4861 5753 <http://harpersmansion.com.au/announcements/garden-and-plant-fair>

## **NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>**

**Millthorpe Garden Ramble** <http://www.millthorpevillage.com.au/events-venues/>

## **NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

**Garden Clubs of Australia Convention, Ulladulla**

The 2017 GCA Convention is hosted by the Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club in the beautiful Shoalhaven Area of Sun and Beaches in Southern NSW. The hosts have assured us of a scentsastic, scentsational event with planning well underway. Lots of exciting gardens and beautiful places to see, starting **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**November 2017** with the AGM on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. <http://www.gardenclubs.org.au>

## **NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**A Taste Of Christmas Open Garden 10am – 4pm 82 Terara Rd, Terara NSW 2541 on the Shoalhaven South Coast. Ph. 4421 6321**

Relax in a shady garden, eating morning and afternoon tea with a Christmas theme, browse stalls for handcrafted gifts, baked produce and plants. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/ATasteOfChristmas>

## **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

**by Kate Chinnick**



### **Leucojum**

**"Snowflake"**

- Bulb native to central Europe
- Blooms late in winter
- Grows to 45cm high
- Prefers a fertile moist soil in a sunny position or part shade
- Naturalises freely, making small clumps
- Frost hardy
- Flower heads are white, bell shaped and marked with a green spot
- Propagate from division in summer

### **What to do in the garden for August**

- Prune and spray Roses later this month
- Plant new bare rooted Roses (soak in seaweed solution before planting)
- Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs
- Winter flowering shrubs can be pruned now
- Prune and feed Daphne after flowering
- Prune Crepe Myrtle, which flowers on new wood
- Cut ornamental grass clumps to the ground
- Perennials may be divided as the weather warms up
- Prune Jasmines and summer flowering Clematis
- Prune Hydrangeas to two strong buds
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl
- Plant Onion seedlings, Asparagus crowns & Spinach seedlings
- Check herbs for dividing and replanting
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting