

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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NERRIGA ROAD GARDENS VISIT on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8th

MEET: 9.30 at Ryrie Park to carpool

Morning Tea at the 1st Garden. Members with surnames A-L, please bring a plate to share.

Lunch at the 3rd Garden

Please bring a chair

We will first visit Clovelly, the home of Jennie and Michael Marston

Michael and Jennie moved into their new home almost four years ago having bought 40ha several years before that. The land was bare from years of heavy grazing, and the ground around the house had been churned up by the construction and associated vehicles. They envisaged a park land setting with a series of garden rooms beyond the main house area (these are still to come in the grand plan!!).

Hence plantings of many trees including plane trees, crab apples, maples, flowering cherries and ornamental pears. Most of the trees are deciduous and planted to eventually provide summer shade in the garden and to the house, but allow sun into the house in winter. Hundreds of natives have been planted beyond the "house paddock", in tree lanes, to provide windbreaks and habitats for birds particularly. New garden beds are evolving all the time, starting small and at present are mostly around the perimeter. These will extend with time and energy. Roses, azaleas, hellebores, rosemary, gaura and nepeta have proven to cope here with lots of fertilizing and watering. This year with new gardens, some new plants have been tried and hopefully they will survive.

The vegetable garden is usually very productive, but takes a lot of work, as do the orchard and olive grove. The latter two have been a little neglected this year as Jennie tries to develop the house garden further.

Our next garden is at the home of Rosemary DeMartin.

An old garden of some 35 years has had additions, extractions & changes and as Rosemary says, is a continual work in progress. It is a farm garden and Rosemary has developed sections with flowers, vegetable, native and orchard areas having large pine trees providing windbreaks. The drought has been hard on the garden so there is hope for much needed rain to sustain it.

Lastly we will have lunch in the garden of Sally and Phil Thackway.

A Snapshot of Sally and Phil's Garden

Sheltered among the huge, old pine trees sits our 1923 weather board house and garden. The planting in the garden mainly consists of old fashioned roses, lavenders, viburnums, dogwoods, crabapples, lilacs, perennials and bulbs positioned among hedges, pergolas, a stone courtyard and lawns. We look forward to sharing our garden with the garden club members!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Lynelle Barlow, Carmen Byrne, Robin Denning Julia & Rupert Ermert, Lee & Hugh Krijnen,
Barbara & Leigh Rayner, Morna Winter-Irving

REPORT OF THE BUNDANOON/ROBERTSON BUS TRIP ON THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER



Despite an early shower or two, we spent a most enjoyable day visiting gardens at Bundanoon and Robertson in the Southern Highlands. The weather could not dampen the warm welcome we received at our first garden in Bundanoon. Cosette Morris' spectacular garden glows with colour, showcasing an abundant range of flowering plants, carefully chosen



to complement and contrast with each other. Cosette's flair for design and gardening skills (plus a lot of hard work) were obvious at every turn. Our visit concluded with a more than generous morning tea.



Our second Bundanoon garden was in a very different location, a sloping block dominated by large eucalypts which keep the garden in dappled shade for most of the year. Owner John Pryce-Jones therefore has a more limited choice of plants, and variety has been achieved through contrasting plant size, shape, and foliage. Tree ferns flourish, and hardy shade-tolerant species such as clivea provide welcome bursts of colour at this time of year.

Moving on to Robertson, 'Gardenalia' was another kind of garden altogether. Margaret and Roger Roberts have concentrated on growing plants

of all types and sizes in pots. The garden contains more than 1,200 pots, all individually irrigated. [*Members may have seen this garden featured in a "Better Homes & Gardens" segment aired on 28 September*]. We were particularly impressed to see large and healthy citrus trees (lemon, orange, grapefruit, cumquat) not only thriving in pots but also loaded with mature fruit - to say nothing of a wide variety of succulents and some beautiful hellebores. Such impressive results and Margaret's practical advice have encouraged us to reconsider the many advantages of planting in pots.



Before heading home, we managed to squeeze in a brief visit to a second garden in Robertson which also offered plants on sale, an opportunity not to be missed! Our thanks to Dawn and Dean Williams at "The Willows" for showing us their lovely mature garden with the splendid pine and many beautiful and rare plants, including an extensive bonsai collection.

Thanks also to Cathy and Philip Owen (past Robertson residents) for suggesting we make an impromptu diversion via Robertson railway station to see a lovely display of red and white waratahs. Robertson may well be the State's waratah capital, judging by the number of gardens where waratahs grow to the size of small trees, covered with abundant richly coloured blooms.

A lost BEANIE was found on the bus and is with John Tuckwell for safekeeping. Phone him on 0408 625 156.

Thank You from the Braidwood Hospital Auxilliary

A huge thank you to John and Margaret Tuckwell and their garden club helpers who went to Floriade and dug up so many plants which they then potted up for the Hospital Auxilliary Fete. All the plants sold so quickly and raised a wonderful amount to go towards much needed equipment for the new MPS. Thank you also to everyone who so kindly cooked for the cake stall.

Heartfelt thanks,

Di, Sally and Marilyn (Auxilliary members)

UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR 2018

DECEMBER 13th

Christmas Party

“82% of British say that gardening makes them happier”.

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

My Open Garden

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

NOVEMBER 24th & DECEMBER 22nd Braidwood Markets

Tablelands Trees & Shrubs Nursery (Old Cooma Rd) will be at the 24 November and 22 December Ryrie Park Saturday Markets with a good range of cool climate plants.

NOVEMBER Saturday 10th Orange Open Gardens 10am-5pm

Explore stunning gardens of Orange and support Orange Public School. 8 gardens for \$25 or \$5 per garden. Kids free. orangeopengardens@gmail.com Phone 0437602228

NOVEMBER Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th

The Horticultural Society of Canberra Inc. presents The Spring Exhibition and Rose Show, Lancaster Hall Wesley Centre, National Circuit, FORREST ACT 2603

Phone Secretary 6251 2859 <http://www.hsoc.org.au/pages/events2.htm>

There will be other exhibits of Orchids, etc., and a Wonderful Plant Stall all grown by the members of the Society.

NOVEMBER Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

Crookwell Garden Festival There will be 8 gardens open, both in and out of town showcasing a variety of garden styles and cool climate plantings. A garden lovers market on Saturday from 9-2pm at the Crookwell Public School in Denison St.

www.crookwellgardenfestival.com

Braidwood Preschool still needs another garden for their open gardens fundraiser during the Festival of Braidwood (24-25 November). If you are willing to open your garden for this good cause please contact Josh Collier josh.c@acqfs.com.au 0418 149 288.

AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN by Jane Moore

My sister, Helen, moved into her house on the outskirts of a small village in Nottinghamshire, UK, about five and a half years ago. A few weeks after she moved in I also moved in for the next 3 months while we cared for our mother during her final illness. The house and garden were quite neglected when she moved there and in the past 5 years she has made huge and beautiful changes to both the house and garden. Helen was known as the queen of sheds as at the back of the house there were 4 sheds and a dilapidated greenhouse. Two of the sheds she removed completely and one she moved into the front garden as part of a water feature.

Helen hired a rotavator so she could plant trees at the end of the garden. She is less than 5 feet tall so the rotavator took control and pulled her around but she managed to do the job though her shoulders were sore for weeks.



Helen is preparing to move the first shed, which had asbestos in it.



The same area in September.



The shed which became part of the water feature.



Old rope used as stepping stones & edging.



Shade loving climbers against a north facing wall.



Mum sitting on the verandah 5 years ago.



The same veranda in September.



The garden in 2013.



Mature trees and shrubs behind the wall and a water feature in front of it.



Water lilies.



Since I last visited, Helen has had a fence put up to separate the driveway from the garden.



This area of the garden is unchanged. It contains a lovely copper beech tree and a couple of apple trees, but the ground underneath is very uneven and difficult to mow. Helen is not sure what to do with it, so for now it remains a wild part of the garden.

PLANT OF THE MONTH by Kate Chinnick



**Uvularia
grandifolia**
"Bellwort,
Merry Bells"

- Native of Quebec to Ontario
- A clump forming rhizomatous perennial
- Likes a cool woodland habitat, partly shaded
- Has fresh green leaves on arching stems to 75cm high
- Straw yellow flowers are produced in spring, 5cm long
- Fully hardy
- Needs protection from slugs when young
- Propagate from division in late winter or from ripe seed

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 (after flowering)
- 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