

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Where: The Servicemens Club, Braidwood

When: 10.30 am for Tea, Coffee and biscuit

Members A-L please bring a plate of lunch to share.

At our first meeting for 2019 we will be enlightened with a talk by Jack Simpson, President of the Horticultural Society Canberra. Jack will speak on "Trees of the Southern tablelands and their diseases", which will include both native and exotic trees. He is a retired Forest Pathologist and has worked for State Forests NSW and for the then Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Jack became President of the Horticultural Society Canberra in 2018 and was previously Vice-President of the Society.

We will also have a garden book / magazine exchange or sale (gold coin) over lunch. So bring those garden books which you never look at and go away with another to entertain and inspire you ...

REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH - THURSDAY DECEMBER 13th 2018

The Braidwood Garden Club held its 2018 Christmas Party at the home of Marilyn and Brian Carle on Nerriga Road, and many thanks for their generosity in again hosting us. It was the same venue as the year before but startlingly different weather extremes, this year (past) was wet and torrential, noisily so, and which not one person complained about, and some indeed even sang through it. (You know who you are!)

There were 34 people who attended, with champagne upon arrival to get the party started, and we enjoyed again, the wonderful food from Vanilla Catering- thank you Vanessa! (The Committee members generously provide the various appetisers.)

The quizzes confounded once again, and both Rose De Martin and Bronwyn Johnson, our quizmasters, feel that more garden-related homework needs to be done by many! 'B minus. Could do better...'

The posy competition was well supported and judged by our in-club expert Marilyn Carle, who commented that the standard was up again this year. It was won by Margy Gardner. Well done!

The raffles and prizes were as usual organised by the indomitable Leonie Jolley, and are always a highlight. Our raffles raise money for the club to be able to subsidise bus trips, lunch occasions, etc and give money to garden related causes, like prizes at the Braidwood Show.

Jenny Marston organised the Plant Swap which was another hit, making a \$22.90 profit. (Gold coin entry).

The Garden Club Christmas Party is always fun, and regardless of the weather a wonderful, humorous and social occasion to round up our Garden Club year. Many thanks to all who contributed to its success.

UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019

March 14th Local Area Garden Visits

April 11th Bus Trip To Canberra

May 9th Local Garden Visits

June 13th Floral Arrangement Workshop with Marilyn Carle

July 11th Talk on Native Seed Propagation

August 8th AGM

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.

SHOW DATES

Canberra Show Friday February 22nd – Sunday 24th February 2019

Braidwood Show Saturday 2nd March 2019

Goulburn Show Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd March 2019

Tarago Show Sunday 3rd March 2019

MARCH Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th

Goulburn Rose Festival

The Goulburn Rose Festival showcases the roses of Goulburn and includes a strongly contested Competition in which anyone can enter roses for judging, from Champion growers to ordinary home gardeners and even children. Prizemoney is donated by local businesses, organisations and individuals. Venue Veolia Arena, (Goulburn Showgrounds), 47 Braidwood Rd Goulburn. Admission \$5, Competition Entry Fee \$1 per entry.

<https://www.goulburnrosefestival.org.au>

MARCH 12th Tuesday

Friendship Morning

The Goulburn Garden Club is holding a *Friendship Morning* on 12th March, 2019 from 10am (morning tea) for 10.30am start at The Goulburn Workers Club Auditorium, McKell Place, Goulburn and has invited the Braidwood Garden Club to attend.

The guest Speaker is Judy Horton, GCA Committee & Magazine Editor who will speak on *Ideas from Gardens Around the World*. The cost is \$10 per person. You may remember she gave a fascinating talk on the 'The history of the Australian backyard' at our June 2018 meeting.

Interested persons to RSVP Maggie Snape (E: margaret2@ipstarmail.com.au or T:48216605) by 5th February, 2019. Please cc in the braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com as we will car pool if there is sufficient interest – meet at 8.50am at Ryrie Park (departing by 9am) and Tarago at 9.30.

MARCH Wednesday 27th – Sunday 31st

Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

If you are planning a visit to the show, early bird tickets are now available.

“Early Bird tickets are flying out & will be gone pre-Christmas so don't miss out!”

<http://melbflowershow.com.au>

AUGUST 24th Saturday –SEPTEMBER 1st Sunday

Sculpture On The Clyde

Batemans Bay and the amazing Willinga Park in Bawley Point will be transformed in the last week of August when sculptors from all around Australia and overseas set up their sculptures to create an artistic and cultural hub.

<http://sculptureonclyde.com.au/> & <http://willingapark.com.au/>

Where I went on my holiday – the Patio Festival in Córdoba, Spain

By John Tuckwell

If you are in Europe in mid-May the Córdoba *Patio Festival* (La Fiesta de los Patios Cordobeses) must be on your bucket list. This festival celebrates the art of elaborately decorating courtyards with hundreds of colourful flowers and plants.

Due to a hot, dry climate homes in Córdoba have been built with a central patio or courtyard since Roman days using plants and water features as a way to keep the homes cool. Since 1921 the patio competition has been run and in 2012 the festival became one of UNESCO's World Intangible Cultural Heritage Sites. The patios are a floral paradise with the white walls of the homes filled with pots of brown, blue or green overflowing with a riotous feast of colourful flowers.

During the festival (6-19 May for 2019) more than 50 private patios are open arranged in 6 or 7 main "patio zones" each with a slightly different look and feel. They are open from 11am to 2pm and from 6pm to 10pm (closed in between for the normal Spanish siesta and to spruce up their patios). There is no entrance charge but there is usually a collection box by the door for a tip. It gets busy at the weekends with long queues, so go during the week if you can. Some of the patios are also open at other times of the year. More details at: <http://www.andalucia.com/cities/cordoba/patios.htm>.

We visited Córdoba in 2016 as part of a two-week circular tour taking in the countryside of Andalucía in the south of Spain, starting in Seville where we stayed for a week before and included the towns of Cazalla de la Sierra, Córdoba, Grenada and Ronda. Córdoba is less 2 hours' drive north-east from Seville and there is much more to see there, most notably the Jardine del Alcazar.



PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



Crocosmia

(Montbretia)

- A native of South Africa
- A genus of cormous perennials
- Grows from 60cm to 1.2m (largest variety)
- Leaves are lance shaped, pleated or ribbed
- Flowers are in spikes followed by attractive seed capsules
- Flowers come in red, yellow or orange
- Prefers sun in well drained soil
- Very good cut flower and a low allergen plant
- Propagate from division in spring or seed in autumn
- Divide clumps when they become too dense

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