BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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THURSDAY JULY 11th

The Servicemens Club.

10.30 a.m. for Morning Tea - 11 a.m. Start

We will welcome Lyn Ellis to talk about and demonstrate seed collection and propagation of local native trees and shrubs, including:

- how and when to collect seeds from various local species
- how to process and store them
- how to propagate seedlings
- the best time to sow
- the best soil mixes, pots and trays, and watering methods for good results

Lyn was one of the owners of Currajuggle Creek Nursery that supplied native trees and shrubs in the district for many years and in 2014, she with her partner and the Jaqua Creek Landcare Group, received the Landcare award of Champions of the Catchment. Her knowledge of seed collecting gave Lyn the opportunity to observe which native plants grow where in the landscape around her, helping her develop the successful nursery.

Those Members with Last Names A-L, Please Bring a Plate of Lunch to Share

REPORT ON THE FLORAL ART WORKSHOP – June 13th



After a welcoming drink, and a chat, 19 of us donned our aprons to firstly watch while Marilyn demonstrated her art, then for us to try and emulate it. With much laughter we fitted an oasis into a plastic container which then sat inside our melted record containers. We all collected our plants and floral wire and started to create our own versions of a table arrangement. Marilyn wandered around the tables giving us very welcome advice, and soon some beautiful arrangements began to appear



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It was interesting to see the many different arrangements when we all used the same materials. Our table arrangements then sat on the table while we ate a lovely lunch.

I don't know about anyone else but my arrangement is still sitting on my dining table nearly two weeks later and I have only had to take out a couple of flowers so far.

All participants have said how much they enjoyed the morning. Thank you so much for a great morning Marilyn.

From Jane Moore



<u>Gardens I have visited – Brisbane Mount Coot-tha Botanical Gardens</u> by John Tuckwell

The Botanic Gardens at Mount Coot-tha are recognised as Queensland's premier subtropical botanic gardens.

It is a living museum of native and exotic plant collections. The themed sections include a tropical dome, Japanese gardens (originally an exhibit at the Japanese Pavilion at Expo '88), fern house, bonsai house, arid zone and cactus house, and apparently the largest collection of Australian native rainforest trees in the world, amongst other attractions.

Founded in 1970, the 56-hectare gardens are open daily with free entry and are well worth a visit if you have time to spare when in Brisbane. It offers guided and self-guided walks as well as plenty of picnic spots. It is located about half an hour drive to the south-west of Brisbane's CBD.



Inside the Tropical Dome



Japanese Gardens



Queensland Bottle Tree



Giant Fern (Angiopteris evecta)



Arid Zone

IF YOU HAVE A QUERY????

Is there something eating your rose or shrub? Is there something growing in your garden that you need to identify? Do you have a weed that is unidentified? In fact if there is a gardening related question that you need answered send it to our email address.... braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com and we will try to find an answer for you. Some of us love a mystery!

(Brachychiton rupestris)

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

My Open Garden

For gardens and events in NSW and ACT, log in to this website https://www.myopengarden.com.au/listOpen.jsp?s=2

<u>AUGUST</u> 9th- 4th NOVEMBER Autumn Friday 22nd March-Monday 10th June. Spring at Wildwood, 29 Powell's Rd, Bilpin. Salvia Shows in April. https://www.wildwoodgarden.com.au Phone 0417 042 460

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/

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 14th September- 3rd November

'Nooroo' Garden Mt Wilson. This magnificent garden, planted in 1880 is open daily in spring from 10-5pm and is famous for its wisteria court. https://www.nooroomtwilson.com.au

SEPTEMBER Saturday 14th

9:30am - 3:30pm, "Cloverleigh", 23 Tait Street, Crookwell, will open its gates possibly for the last time. Plants and seeds from the 2 acre garden will be available for sale. Gold coin entry.

OCTOBER Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th 9.30-4.30

Bundanoon Garden Ramble is in its 22 year with 8 private gardens open from 9.30 – 4.30. Free shuttle buses are available from garden to garden with market stalls set up in the village and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. A display of old farm equipment set up in the Old Goods Shed and refreshments, provided by the Lions Club available in one of the open gardens. Tickets \$20 for all 8 gardens or \$5 for a single garden, valid for Saturday & Sunday and are for sale in the hall from 9am. http://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au

NOVEMBER Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th

Crookwell Garden Festival. 9 Beautiful cold-climate gardens open all weekend. Garden lovers market on Saturday. www.crookwellgardenfestival.com

UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019

August 8th AGM at MONA
August 29th Bus Visit to Willinga Park
September 12th Local Garden Visits
October 17th Bus Trip to Berry Open Gardens
November 14th Local Garden Visits
December 12th Christmas Lunch

PLANT OF THE MONTH by Kate Chinnick



Daphne odora

- Native to China
- Widely cultivated in Japan
- Evergreen shrub growing to 1.2 metres
- Prefers a part shady position (may need shelter in colder areas)
- Flowers are rose / purple opening to white in late Autumn to early Spring
- "Alba" cultivar has cream / white flowers smelling of lemons
- Flowers are heavily perfumed
- Leaves are dark green and glossy or edged in yellow (Aureo-marginata)
- Propagate from soft tip cuttings in summer or layering

What to do in the garden for July

- Remove flower buds from spring annuals for better displays
- Rhododendrons, Azaleas & Camelias will need watering leading to blooming
- Prune Wisterias and deciduous climbers
- Prune later flowering shrubs (not spring flowerers)
- Order summer flowering bulbs Liliums etc.
- Clean up prunings from fruit trees and mulch
- Sow Globe Artichoke and Asparagus seeds
- Clean and sharpen secateurs, loppers and saws
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- Turn over vegetable beds for spring plantings
- Watch for pink bud swell on early Peaches & Nectarines & spray for leaf curl with copper or lime sulphur