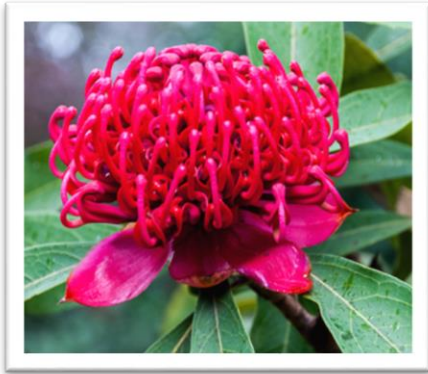


BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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Thursday 14th November

Visit to gardens at Jembaicumbene and Braidwood
9:30am meet at Ryrie Park to Car Pool

We will be visiting 3 contrasting gardens, one on a farm, one large town garden and one small town garden.

The first garden is at Jembaicumbene. This property has been in the same family from the first half of the 19th century, which is when the garden was commenced. For a long time the property wasn't lived in permanently, so the original gardens were lost other than some trees. The current garden is around 20 to 25 years old. We will have morning tea here.

The second garden is only about 5 years old but is great example of how much can be achieved on a small suburban block.

The third garden was started 6 years ago and is still a work in process. We will have lunch here.

Members with surnames beginning A – L to bring morning tea.

Bring your own mug, chair and lunch, and please wear your name tag.

Report of Bus Trip to Berry Garden Festival on 17th October

By Amanda Scott

On Thursday, 27 avid garden lovers trekked north along the Nerriga Rd to Berry, "The Town of Trees", to visit four stunning private gardens as part of the annual Berry Gardens Festival.

Our first stop was Oke's Camellia Garden, owned by Robyn Bryce and Graeme Oke. We were greeted by the local CWA ladies selling warm beverages, delicious snacks and handmade goods, raising money for drought relief. Fortified by morning tea there was much to see! This beautiful four-acre garden is located in the foothills of Woodhill Mountain on Broughton Vale Rd. The garden, looking green and lush, made it hard to believe that we are enduring one of the country's worst droughts. Majestic trees and mature camellias flanked lengthy lawns which meandered down to remnant rainforest and a camellia nursery protected by the biggest Red Cedar tree that I have seen. The garden, developed over 42 years, is home to Maples, Azaleas, Magnolias and Pieris. Many of us were fascinated by the extensive succulent and bromeliad collection and I couldn't help but be envious of their very healthy roses. The owners are avid plant collectors and some of us made interesting purchases to take home to our own gardens. It was a lovely mature garden with cool shady spaces to enjoy and an extensive selection of plants to entice the keenest of gardeners.

The second house and garden, Bel Air, is located in town, just up from the main shopping strip. I have driven past

this property many times so was excited to get a closer look. The house is fascinating – a mid-twentieth century beauty sporting sloping windows and port holes. Many locals refer to it as the Thunderbird house! The current owner, David Farthing, has simplified the garden to showcase the special plants that feature and are sympathetic to the style of the house. A large fig tree dominates the side garden with plantings creating a sub-tropical feel. Travellers palms flank the driveway and beds contain Brugmansia, Bromeliads, Strelitzia and succulents. Such a contrast to the first garden but I found it delightful and surprising.

We were then treated to an hour of free time to enjoy the delights of Berry's boutiques, cafes and homeware shops or relax in the restful and lush Apex Park.

Mananga Homestead, located at the northern gateway to Berry was our third destination. Built in 1894, the homestead has previously been operated as Bed and Breakfast accommodation. The new owners, Julie and Matt Quinn, have completed a stunning renovation of both the home and garden. Now a private residence with separate guest house it sits in five acres of manicured grounds. An impressive deck, jacuzzi and entertaining space looks out upon rolling green hills and farmland. A dreamy space with a double size swing to enjoy the surrounds had me contemplating my "Lotto Life". The garden is in the formal style with Buxus hedge, David Austin roses, mature trees and cottage plantings. Lots of interesting spaces, sweeping lawns and sculpture create variety and encouraged exploration. I enjoyed the way relaxed spaces sat within a formal framework. I came home with lots of ideas from this garden!

The final garden was another "town" garden located on the southern side of Berry, opposite the Showground. This garden, owned by Catherine Barlow and Ross McAlpine, has new cottage style garden beds supported by some beautiful established trees – pin oak, snow pear, magnolia and a cape chestnut. Lots of flowering perennials created interest and was a bonus for the flower lovers amongst us. Bird houses, an insect hotel, the beginnings of a topiary lamb and a fantastic hanging metal cockatoo helped to create a visual feast. The attractive grape and Lamarque rose covered pergola created a restful space connecting the house to the garden at the rear of the property and led to raised vegetable garden beds on the northern side. A garden that utilised its space well and had everything to appease a garden lover.

A very satisfying day with four beautiful and very different gardens. I left feeling inspired, eager to get into my own garden and grateful to be part of our special gardening community.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Marlene Glover & Sarah Eiding

NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK AT BRAIDWOOD SCHOOL

Sowing Seeds For The Future



With the new Braidwood Hospital construction about to start, the Braidwood Garden Club decided that cuttings should be taken from the Hospital's roses last May, before the plants were destroyed. A good proportion of the cuttings were successful. In a cooperative activity with Braidwood Central School, over 150 cuttings were individually potted by students from BCS on Friday 18 October. This activity took place during National Gardening Week and ideally fitted its focus "to encourage schools to become involved in gardening". Braidwood Garden Club is very grateful to the students and staff at BCS for participating in this activity which hopefully will be just the beginning of a longer term relationship. The students were all very engaged in the activity, all worked hard potting up, and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. Thanks to Dennis Dempsey, Braidwood's resident rose guru, for leading the afternoon session.



BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB 2020 CALENDARS

With thanks to Fran Woods, we have a number of Braidwood Garden Club Calendars for 2020 and they are on sale for \$10. The photos in the calendar are of the gardens we have visited and you will no doubt recognise the gardens and maybe see your own garden. If you would like to buy one please email <https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com> .

GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019

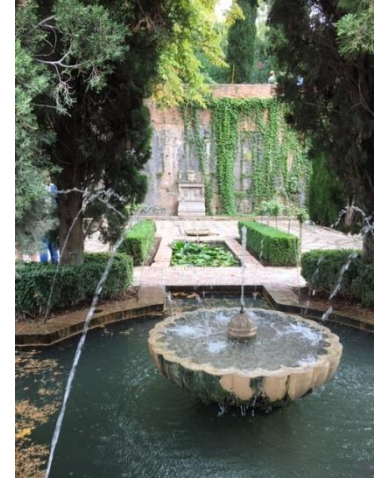
November 14th Local Garden Visits

**December 12th Christmas Lunch at the Servicemens Club
- Pot up a plant now for the 'Flowering Pot Competition',
Quiz, Plant Swap Table, Raffle & Garden Interest Table**

THE GENERALIFE by Jennie Marston

The Generalife is a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) in Granada, along with the Alhambra Palace and gardens. The original garden and palace were built during the reign of [Muhammed II](#) (1273-1302). The present-day gardens were started in 1931 and completed by Francisco Prieto Moreno in 1951. The walkways are paved in traditional Granadian style with a mosaic of black and white pebbles.





The complex consists of the *Patio de la Acequia* (Court of the Water Channel or Water-Garden Courtyard), and the *Jardín de la Sultana* (Sultana's Garden or Courtyard of the Cypress). The scented gardens contain balsam, salvia, roses, rosemary, pines, oleander, wisteria, crepe myrtle, canna lilies, basil, petunias, palms, citrus, pomegranate, alyssum, bougainvillea, box, ivy, and agapanthus. Interestingly, the plant beds are flooded by water that is gravity fed and directed to them through sluice gates.

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>

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>

NOVEMBER Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th

Crookwell Garden Festival. 9 Beautiful cold-climate, town & country gardens open all weekend (10-4). Garden lovers market on Saturday(8.30am-2pm)- plants, tools, garden art, and much more. \$20 for all gardens or \$5 per garden. 15 & under free. www.crookwellgardenfestival.com

NOVEMBER Friday 8th – Sunday 10th Queanbeyan Show

NOVEMBER Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th Festival of Braidwood & Airing Of The Quilts

FEBRUARY 8th – MARCH 1st 2020 Canberra Show

MARCH Saturday 7th 2020 Braidwood Show

MARCH Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th 2020 Goulburn Show

“Garden as though you will live forever.” Thomas Moore

THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



Sisyrinchium

Striatum

(Satin Flower)

- Native of Chile and Argentina
- An evergreen perennial
- Long narrow sword shaped leaves of grey/green
- Grows to 60cm high by 30cm wide
- Prefers full sun but will tolerate part shade
- It bears slender spikes of cream flowers with purple stripes
- Fully hardy
- Likes poor to moderate soils that are well drained
- Propagate from division in late summer or will self-seed readily

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