

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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### THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER. BUS TRIP TO SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

**MEET:** at Ryrie Park at 8.15am for departure at 8.30 am.

**BRING:** A Chair, Name Badge, and your own Morning Tea and Lunch. An urn will be available at the Botanical gardens for lunch.

**COST:** \$30 (The club is subsidising the cost of the bus)

We will be having morning tea at Moss Vale Park, then proceeding to Red Cow Farm and then on to the Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens before returning home.

#### RED COW FARM. ENTRY FEE \$10

A unique cool climate garden set on 2.5 hectares and featuring 20 garden rooms with an exuberant cottage garden, monastery garden, a stunning collection of rare and unusual perennials, woodlands, old fashioned roses and clematis, a beech walk, lake, orchard and a gift shop.

#### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANICAL GARDENS:

We will then visit the Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens where we will have lunch, followed by a talk and a wander around the gardens. The nursery will be open for those wishing to purchase.

It was very sad that with the exceptional rain we received over the previous weekend we had to postpone the planned trip to gardens off Cooma Road. This was more about getting vehicle access and not causing damage than anything else. The committee will consider when best to reschedule this visit.

### Report on the Visit to Floriade & Tulip Tops on October 13

by John Tuckwell

A small group of members went to see Floriade and Tulip Top Gardens on an overcast but dry day.

It was the last week of Floriade, so a number of the flowers had gone over their peak, but there was still plenty of colour and the ideas behind the plantings were still there. As always, it is not just the tulips that make the show, but the clever use of under-plantings which provides more colour, depth and longevity.



Some think that Tulip Top Gardens at Sutton are a better showcase of Tulips than Floriade. Certainly, the combination of tulips and other flowers with blossom is stunning and makes it a must visit destination on a regular, if not annual basis.



Those who went had a lovely time and they all said they were glad they had made the effort. (Note to self: Next year visit Floriade and Tulip Top Gardens in late September).

Thanks to Fran Woods for the photographs, with more at: <https://braidwoodgardenclub.org/pixt/bgc73/index.html>

### **Wanted – Bamboo Canes**

We want to train the pencil pines in the Sensory Garden in Ryrie Park into an arch shape, so they provide more of an intimate space / cubby house feeling. To do this we need four lengths of bamboo canes about 3-4m long. If any member is growing tall bamboo and can share some canes, please contact John Tuckwell on 0408 625 156.

## **Five Australian climbing plants** by Bronwyn Johnson

Climbers can be very useful for a number of purposes in a garden – to trail over an archway or wall, to shade a verandah or terrace, to frame a view, to screen for privacy, even sometimes to fill bare patches at height. Given their more rambling habit, climbers can add interest in odd spaces not suitable for bushier plants.

Five common native species are described below – selected for their ability to tolerate our Southern Tablelands climate. Some if not all of them should be available from specialist native nurseries, unless you are able to obtain seed from a private source, such as your own property.

- ***Billardiera scandens* – Apple Berry**

*Billardiera scandens* grows in the drier eucalypt forests of the NSW coast and tablelands. This wiry creeper has narrow wavy-edged leaves, and may twine for several metres. Its delicate greenish-yellow bell-shaped flowers hang on slender



stalks and are followed by fleshy olive-green berries, which are edible when ripe. Apple Berry is suitable for a sunny position on a low frame or trellis. It will also twine itself over taller neighbouring shrubs or trees. Propagation is from seed.



- ***Clematis aristata* – Old Man’s Beard**

*Clematis aristata* grows in sheltered gullies in the eastern states. The vine supports itself on long twining stems or leaf tendrils and grows rapidly, scrambling over any available support. Clusters of creamy white flowers appear in spring, followed by conspicuous balls of fluffy white seeds, hence the common name ‘old man’s beard’. As this vine often grows along roadsides, it is also known as ‘traveller’s joy’. While this is a hardy plant, in cooler areas it may need a sheltered position, e.g. being trained to grow along a fence. Propagation is from cuttings.



- ***Eustrephus latifolius* – Wombat Berry**

*Eustrephus latifolius* is a slender stemmed vine, native to the east coast and favouring moist areas. The green leaves have distinctive parallel venation. The delicate white, pink or mauve flowers are borne in small clusters. These are followed by bright yellow/orange fruits which may persist throughout winter. Wombat Berry will twine upwards over neighbouring trees or shrubs. It prefers a cool root run and fairly good soil in a shaded position, if necessary tied for support. Propagation is from seed.



- ***Hardenbergia violacea* – False Sarsparilla**

This well-known plant has many variations, both in flower colour and form. The most common climbing form has dark green leathery leaves with conspicuous veins. The pea-shaped flowers, usually purple, appear in profusion in late winter and spring. White or pink flowers and shrubbier forms are also known. While it is reasonably tolerant of conditions, good drainage is required as well as plenty of sunlight. However, even plants of local origin may be severely affected by frost at lower elevations. Propagation is by scarified seed.



- ***Pandorea pandorana* – Wonga Vine**

*Pandorea pandorana* is a widespread and varied species found in wet forest from Tasmania to Queensland. The twining habit of this handsome and vigorous climber makes it well suited for growing over a pergola or trellis. Its bright green leaves are divided into five to seven leaflets. It is extremely floriferous and the creamy tubular flowers are borne in loose clusters. In some forms the throat of the flower may be dotted with varying colours of gold/red/purple. The fruit is a capsule which splits to release numerous





winged seeds. Wonga vine prefers some shade but is quite hardy, although more exposed leaves may be burnt in heavy frosts. Propagation is from seed or cuttings. Commercial cultivars are also available.

(Sources, selected text: Australian National Botanic Gardens; Society for Growing Australian Plants ACT))

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## **GARDEN CLUB COMING EVENTS**

**December 8-** Christmas Party Lunch

**February 9, 2023-** Speaker

**March 9, 2023-** Mongarlowe Gardens Visit

**April 13, 2023-** Bus Trip

## **WHAT'S ON**

**OCTOBER Saturday 29 & Sunday 30** - **Bundanoon Garden Ramble- 8 Stunning gardens will be open.**

Eight stunning private gardens open their gates from 9:30-4:30 on the Garden Ramble weekend.

There are stalls and refreshments in the gardens and you'll find more plants and locally made items on sale in the Community Hall. A Garden Market in the Bundanoon Hall offers plants, gifts and art for sale while scarecrows pop up around the village for the Lions Club competition.

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

**OCTOBER Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th**

Bathurst Spring Spectacular - 10 Open Gardens. 9.30-5pm Live Music, Garden Stalls & Displays. 2 days-\$20

[springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au](mailto:springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au) For more information phone Chris Bayliss- 0499 049 29

**OPEN GARDENS CANBERRA** is an organisation which has seasonal gardens open for members and for visitors, with an entry fee. Annual membership is \$30 and contact can be made through the website.

For gardens open in October and November, see the website-

<https://opengardenscanberra.org.au/events/>

**BUNGENDORE SHOW** Sunday October 23, 2022 **CANCELLED**

**CANBERRA SHOW** February 24-26, 2023

**BRAIDWOOD SHOW** March 4, 2023

**TARAGO SHOW** March 5, 2023

**GOULBURN SHOW** March 4 & 5, 2023

**MY OPEN GARDEN** These gardens are open regularly, or by appointment. Check the website for opening dates and times.

The [Riverina Iris Farm](#) in Wagga Wagga will open within the coming week.

## THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



**Deutzia  
gracilis**

“Slender Deutzia”

- Native of Japan
- Graceful deciduous spreading shrub to 1-1.8m tall
- Bears pure white flowers during late spring & early summer
- Chief parent of modern hybrid Deutzias
- Prefers a sheltered position, moist fertile soil in part shade
- Fully hardy
- Thin out old canes after flowering
- Propagate from seed or cuttings in late spring

### 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