

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY MEETING – Thursday 9 **Terrarium and Kokedama Workshop**

Where: The BBQ Area, Braidwood Servicemen's Club, Coronation Ave, Braidwood

When: 10.30 am for Tea, Coffee and biscuits, 11am for the Workshop
BYO Lunch & Name Tag

Cost: \$25.00 per person which covers all the basic materials, such as specialised growing mix, rocks, string, drainage gravel, lava rock, activated Charcoal, River sand, decoration (rocks, wood etc.)

Booking: The booking sheet is at Bendigo Community Bank. Book and pay in person or by direct transfer (BSB 633 000, Acct No 118346444) and put WORKSHOP in the reference.

Come and create a Terrarium that is a sealable glass container containing soil and plants that can be opened for maintenance to access the plants inside. Or create a Kokedama, a ball of soil, covered with moss, on which an ornamental plant grows.

The workshop introduces you to the stages and layers to build a terrarium, the right plant selection, and how to design, with plenty of demonstrations, hands on help and tips along the way.

You may BYO plants and favourite vessel, but there will be reasonably priced succulents available for purchase from \$2.

Maybe you could think outside the square to find suitable containers to make a terrarium or buy them at Kmart or Bunnings.

There will be additional terrarium kits available at 20.00 each to take home or use as gifts.



Terrarium
A transparent container for raising plants indoors.



Kokedama
Comes from Japanese garden art and is the wrapping of the plant's foundations, forming a ball. Bring along a favourite plant to wrap & keep for years.

Christmas Lunch / Party Report by Rose De Martin

It only takes about 40 people to make a cracker of a Christmas Party.

On a wonderfully sunny December Thursday we gathered at the Braidwood Serviceman's Club to celebrate our Garden Club Christmas, old and new members alike.

We started early with drinks in hand to enjoy a catch up together before sitting down to a fabulously delicious lunch from Vanilla Catering. Magnificent carved beef and ham on the bone, sumptuous salads, gravy and condiments - English mustard hot enough to knock your socks off, exhilarating, as it should be - followed by a choice of four decadent desserts.



Of course, during all this feasting and conviviality there was the ripple of seriousness associated with 'getting the quiz done'. This is always hotly contested by some, and we always have some grumblers - you know who you are - so this year it was made a little shorter, which nobody seemed to mind. As well, the quiz answer marking was done by another table, (1 quiz per table of 8 people) so those who usually do this were able to enjoy eating without racing! (We're getting smarter. Slowly.)

The clear table to win was named The Aggros, with a score of 43 points out of a possible 60. This table had only 4 players (Congratulations! Smart as whips!) but they chose not to receive the prize gifts and to pass them on to the runners up. This was a little problematic as there was a tied score of 38 points each between Floral Friends and The Harem tables. Now a battle ensued with a decider point question asked to find a clear 2nd place getter. This resulted in absolute mayhem! Google has a lot to answer for and Bronwyn nearly needed resuscitating. This was finally won by The Harem 39 pts... and in descending order, Floral Friends 38pts, Number One 35pts, Sweet Cherries 34pts and Daphne Delights 26 pts. This last table spent most of their time chatting and not doing the quiz apparently, so had to race through it at the last minute. A fair warning to us all!



The Haiku posed similar difficulties to judge this year. Ones that did not meet the criteria, (subject matter, scanning etc) were immediately eliminated (count your syllables assiduously), a pity because they were all commendable. Daphne Delights was the winner, (their name going on to the Perpetual Invisible Non-existent Trophy), and Floral Friends the runner-up. Well done all, a great effort.

On top of all this fun we also had a Christmas Decoration competition - which must be homemade and totally compostable - and was won with an enormous, glamorous wreath of gum leaves and hessian bow by Amanda (from Accounting. our Treasurer sublime). It was amazing to see such a diversity of artistic pieces, some knitted or crocheted, some completely out of plant material, seeds, paper, feathers etc. Aspirational.



We had, as well, the usual raffles and a lucky door prizes, and the very popular plant swap. We did however miss two Committee members, Charmian (our entertaining Food and Beverage Catering officer) with a broken ankle, and Leonie (our extraordinary raffle organiser officer) with that sneaky Covid thing. We hope you are both in robust health now.

Fran, as ever, was our official Photographer (also our website and card guru) and took a squillion photos which can be found on our website, (<https://braidwoodgardenclub.org>). Chris (our Publicity officer) stood in for Leonie and did a brilliant job of fleecing members of their hard earned coin at the door for the raffles. This money goes to providing not only prizes, but also subsidising bus travel to events afar, and also to various local causes that require the Garden Club touch. John, our President, kept things running smoothly, his bell his best friend! Thanks also to the whole of the committee who came early to set up and decorate the tables, Jane (super Secretary) and Margy, (the best Newsletter Editor) and again this year you can blame Bronwyn and Rose for the gnarly quiz.



Thanks as ever must go to the Serviceman's Club who look after us so well and Vanessa + Co at Vanilla Catering for wonderful food and service.

For those of you who missed it, there will be another Christmas Party in December 2023. Be there.

Braidwood Garden Club - CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2022

Quiz Roundup – With Many Thanks to Rose de Martin & Bronwyn Johnson

PART 1 – GARDENING QUESTIONS (50 points)

1. Silviculture is concerned with what...? *Forestry*
2. Viticulture is concerned with what...? *Grapes, wine growing*
3. What is apiculture? *Bee keeping*
4. What is olericulture? *Vegetable growing*
5. What is arboriculture? *Growing trees, shrubs, vines, woody plants*
6. What is it called when you have both male and female flowers on the same plant? *Monoecious*
7. Name the Roman goddess of flowers? *Flora*
8. What is the art of growing miniature trees in pots to create the illusion of a full-sized tree? *Bonsai*
9. What means "pot-scenery", and has a story, name or piece of poetry attached to it? (Can include rocks, ground covers, small figurines or objects) *Penjing*
10. Where is the largest living collection of Wollemi pines? *National Arboretum Canberra*
11. Penjing is from which country? *China*
12. Bonsai is from which country? *Japan*
13. The National Arboretum in Canberra contains what number of trees per variety? *100 (originally, some have died)*
14. 'Eucalyptus' comes from a Greek word meaning (what?) *Covered (e.g. the operculum "cap" over eucalyptus buds)*
15. To be 'pomiferous' is to produce or bear (what?) *Bearing fruit - e.g. apples, pears, quinces (ie "pomes" or pome-like fruit)*
16. Truffles traditionally grow from the roots of...? *Oak or hazelnut trees*
17. Which grass grows the fastest? (up to 12" per day) *Bamboo*
18. Which two types of organism combine to form lichen? *Fungi and algae*
19. What is black, globular and deeply fragrant? *Truffle*
20. Grenadine (enjoyed by our late Queen) is traditionally made from...? *Pomegranate*

ROSES

1. The Ladies' Rose Garden at Old Parliament House was designed for use by Members and Senators only TRUE or FALSE? *True*
2. Could women like Dame Mary Hughes and Dame Edith Lyons use the Gardens?
.... YES or NO? For what reason? *No. Neither of them was an elected Member or Senator*
3. The Ladies Rose Garden was established by donations of roses at 1 shilling and 4 pence per rose: TRUE or FALSE? *True*
4. Who is Australia's first internationally renowned rose breeder? *Alister Clark (1864-1949)*
5. What is 2022's Rose of the Year called? *"It's a Wonderful Life"*
6. What colour is the 'Children's Rose'? *Light pink (very fragrant)*
7. Which US State is associated with a yellow rose? *Texas*
8. Name at least three flowers or foliage used in HRH Queen Elizabeth II's coffin floral arrangement:
Any 3 species from the following:
Rosemary, roses, rue, oak leaves, hydrangea, myrtle, sedum, sweet peas, dahlias, scabious, scented pelargoniums

Garden Scrambles:

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| 1. Solludagi | Gladiolus | 6. farnica tivole | African violet |
| 2. lemlowi inep | Wollemi pine | 7. Mostillacen | Callistemon |
| 3. smeitiar | Artemisia | 8. fluboaf sargs | Buffalo grass |
| 4. nandigrew wej | "Wandering Jew" | 9. greaturime syadi | Marguerite daisy |
| 5. dracinore | Coriander | 10. govoflex | Foxglove |

But wait, there's more ...

41. What are Arneis, Nebbiola and Fiano? *Italian white wine varietal grapes*
42. Name a liqueur also known as wormwood? *Absinthe*
43. What is the major flavouring in gin? *Juniper berries*
44. What is tequila made from? *Blue agave plant*
45. When pruning roses (or fruit trees) what are the "four D's" to remember? (**4 points**)
Diseased, diagonal, damaged, dead
49. Is it best practice to prune with a straight or a diagonal cut? *Straight*
50. Rose hips contain more Vitamin C than any other fruit or vegetable – True or False? *True*

Part 2: Pictorial – Name the Plant (Either botanical name or common name is acceptable)



Picture 1.
Rosemary (Salvia rosmarinus)



Picture 2 – Hardenbergia
violacea



Picture 3. Hakea laurina
(pincushion hakea)



Picture 4. Bellflower
(Campanula persicifolia)



Picture 5. Magnolia virgata



Picture 6. Nepeta (catmint,
catnip)



Picture 7. – Feijoa/Acca sellowiana



Picture 8. Grevillea buxifolia (grey spider flower)



Picture 9. Canna lily (hybrid)



Picture 10.
– Nerine samiensis (spider lily, Jersey lily)

HAIKUS by

•Daphne Delights• (the winners)

Drifts of pink Daphne
Gently wafting on the breeze
Brings back memories.

•Floral Friends• (runners-up)

Shimmering grasses
Dawn rise on gold horizon
Wake to rose perfume.

•Sweet Cherries•

The cool wet season
Vermilion orange roses
Never been better

•The Aggros•

Water drips slowly
Replenishing the soil
Rejuvenation.

•Number One•

Rat tat tat, it's hail
Roses are hit and shredded
After the storm, calm.

•The Harem•

Wind, hail, lightning flash
Blinding sight, soon gone, relieved
Wrecked garden, boo hoo.

WHAT'S ON

BRAIDWOOD SHOW **Saturday March 4 2023** **CANCELLED** <https://www.braidwoodshow.com.au/>.

FEBRUARY 24-26 , 2023 **Friday – Sunday-** Canberra Show

MARCH 4th -5th , 2023 **Saturday & Sunday** - Goulburn Show

MARCH 4th, 2023 **Saturday** - Braidwood Show

MARCH 5th 2023 **Sunday** Tarago Show

THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



Eucomis

(Pineapple Lily)

- Native to southern Africa
- Deciduous bulbs
- Bulbs boiled and used as a poultice as a cure for rheumatism by the Xhosa people
- Grows to 1m tall
- Leaves are arching, strap-shaped and shiny green
- Spikes of small star shaped flowers in summer
- Prefers sun in moist well drained soil
- Dislike water during the dormant winter months
- Propagate from division or seed in spring
- Remove spent flowers and dead leaves at end of winter

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, Camelias 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