

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING Thursday November 9 2023

#### Visit to 3 Gardens in Mongarlowe

**WHEN:** Meet at Ryrie Park at 9.30 to car pool. Directions to the gardens will be given out at the park.

**BRING:** Members with last names L-Z bring Morning Tea to Share. BYO Lunch, chair and mug & wear your name tag.

#### **Garden 1** Barbara and John Dawe's garden.

This garden greets you at the front with a clipped golden Cyprus hedge providing wind protection and privacy, and some wonderful shadows during the day.

The lawn areas lead you to a garden with large Magnolias and under plantings of Hellebores, Daphne, Rhododendrons, spring bulbs and borders of lavender.

There are groups of deciduous trees under planted with a variety of plants designed to give the garden colour year round. A walled garden at the back of the house makes a wonderful protected place to grow vegetables, with espaliered fruit trees, nut trees, a 2<sup>nd</sup> vegie patch and a pleasant outdoor seating area.

The owners have extended their plantings over a creek at the bottom of the garden, a nice visual extension of the garden. **We will have morning tea here.**

#### **Garden 2** Sandra and Bob South's garden.

Big Cherry Laurels greet you as you enter this garden. The driveway and lawns lead you to some lovely garden beds, all edged with local stone. The garden is well established and has some wonderful planting and interesting garden art. There are a lot of rock walls that have allowed the owners to have level areas for outdoor seating and to have the garden flow nicely down a sloping block.

Brick paths meander around leading you to points of interest. These paths were made with bricks from an old building on the property. The surrounding native bush gives the garden a wonderful enclosed feel, and the interesting views out over the fence adds to the charm of this garden.

#### **Garden 3** Noela Hoerlein's garden.

This garden is completely different to the others and is an oasis in the bush. Grassed paths lead you through beds with a mix of native and exotic plantings, edged with timber found on the property.

The garden has been established on an old quarry site with paths leading through native plantings and many established natives the owners kept while establishing the garden.

Further away from the house, in a patch of open forest, is a grove of "shady lady" waratahs, well established and flowering well.

The garden has a fully enclosed orchard and vegetable garden with a hot house for propagating seedlings and a collection of plants needing more TLC in our climate.

A group of large bottle brushes provides a wind break and a nesting site for native birds.

**We will have lunch here.**

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

Please pay at Bendigo Bank – BSB-633 000 – Account Number 118 346 444 & add 'Membership in the reference. \$20 / year plus \$16 for a printed & posted newsletter. Unfinancial members may miss out on the newsletter!



## REPORT ON THE VISIT TO 5 BRAIDWOOD TOWN GARDENS - Thursday October 12

What a treat for 44 members who turned up for the 5 garden Braidwood visit in perfect weather and we sincerely thank all the owners who generously opened their gardens for our pleasure.

Philip Hart welcomed us to his garden in the main street, which is hidden behind a high brick wall overflowing with clematis and behind Nutrien Real Estate premises. Such a gem of a garden and at spring time, had colour, pots of petunias and geraniums, beds of aquilegias, hollyhocks about to burst, purple clematis and even potted rhubarb. In the rear lawn, a horse chestnut tree, planted by the Governor General, was just starting its journey.



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Then on to Leona and Joe Casanova's recently redesigned garden at 67 Ryrie St and with the aim of low maintenance, the sensitive planting choices have resulted in a harmonious design. Few of the original plantings remain, apart from roses and a few bulbs and this young garden shows what can be achieved in a short time. Situated on a corner, we are able to watch this garden develop and in a few years, we hope to visit again to see its progress.



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Walking next door, we visited Kerrin & Martin Glover's 10 year old garden at 65 Ryrie Street. 'After cleaning up the old site and improving the soil, garden beds were laid out with the main focus now on the production of fresh and healthy

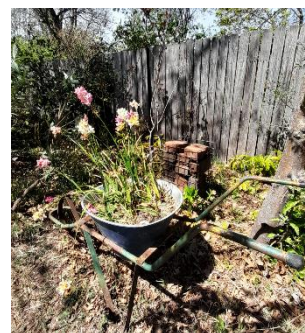


vegetables for the family table. An impressive potato bed developed using the 'no dig' method and well mulched beds promise vegetables aplenty'.



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Our 4<sup>th</sup> garden belonged to Amanda & Ken Burton at 63 Ryrie Street. While the Burtons have been here for 10 years, the previous owners were in residence for more than 30 years. As a result of its long history, the garden contains mixed plantings ranging from bulbs and annuals, a vegetable patch, native and exotic shrubs and trees, with a wide expanse of lawn dominated by a magnificent old ash.



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At 12.45, we then drove to the Courtenay-Crombie garden at 94 Duncan Street on the corner of Elrington Street. This is an historic garden which includes several plants of considerable age. The garden has been sensitively restored by the current owners, while still retaining a number of original trees and shrubs.



Classic species (which we may recall from grandparents' gardens) are included among the more recent additions. A delightful and peaceful oasis in the centre of town.



With thanks to Fran Woods for some of her photos used in this report.



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## **WHAT'S ON**

**NOVEMBER** Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 2023. Queanbeyan Show

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows/198-queanbeyan-show>

**FEBRUARY** Friday 23-Sunday 25, 2024 - Royal Canberra Show <https://www.canberrashow.org.au>

**MARCH** Saturday 2, 2024 Braidwood Show

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows/79-braidwood-show>

Dear Braidwood Garden Club Members,

It will be with great sadness that the Garden Club will soon - maybe - appear in the Obituaries column, somewhere..

Death does not become us!

We need new blood on the Committee. Most members have been serving you for at least five years, most, seven years and more. They love their jobs of making a wonderful day out, once a month, for their fellow BGC members.

The job is not arduous and has the added joy of the committee meeting for 2 hours once a month to discuss and plan garden visits. We then have lunch together, possibly for another 2 hours. Not arduous. Very social.

However, we are aging and have other life commitments, so need to move on. Soon.

Change is inevitable, the Club does not need to be run the same way. Bring fresh ideas...

Please put your hand up to be on the Committee. Let us know. Come along and find out how it all works, if you want.

You'll love it. Don't be a wallflower.

# THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



**Sprekelia  
Formosissima**

(Jacobean Lily)

- Native of Mexico & Guatemala
- A bulbous perennial, forming a clump of strap leaves
- Bears a flowering stem with one flower, rarely white
- Grows to 45cm tall, with red flowers to 15cm long
- Resembles the red cross of the Spanish order of St Jacob
- Plant bulbs in full sun, slightly frost tender
- Propagate from division in Autumn

## **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