

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2024



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### AGM and LUNCH

#### Thursday August 8, 11am at The Servicemen's Club

As in times past, the Committee will be providing lunch for the AGM and it will not simply be soups and desserts, but simply *sensational soups and desserts*, made by the Committee members for you, our members. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the BGC Committee has had to revise where the AGM is to be held as our planned venue, Garan Vale Woolshed, is no longer available and has closed.

Bookings for the AGM and lunch are open at Braidwood Bendigo Bank. Final day for bookings is Thursday August 1.

The Member's cost for AGM & lunch is \$20 & \$25 for guests.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2024-2025 Membership renewals of \$20 are due (unchanged for 8 years) and can be made online or in person at Braidwood Bendigo Bank, BSB 633 000, Acc. No 118 346 444. Please add AGM and Membership in the reference & take this opportunity to update any home or emailing address. If you require a printed & posted edition of the newsletter, please add \$28/year, which is now the cost.

ALL POSITIONS on the Committee will be declared VACANT. (Please see details of what each position entails). Nomination forms for Committee positions will be available on the day of the AGM. The Committee needs 10 members to function well so please consider...

We look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible at the AGM and to hear new names coming forward to join the Committee. Two members are definitely retiring this year and there is chatter of more doing so next year. It is your club, be part of the organising fun.



### **Braidwood Garden Club - Annual General Meeting Notice**

When: 11 on Thursday August 8 2024

Where: Braidwood Servicemen's Club

Agenda:

- 1) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting
- 2) to receive the President's report on the activities of the club during 2023-24
- 3) to receive and consider the financial statement for 2023-24.
- 4) to elect office-bearers of the club and ordinary committee members

There is no other business proposed to be transacted at the AGM.

In accordance with the Braidwood Garden Club's constitution, any financial member who wants to serve on the 2024-25 Committee are invited to complete the nomination form, available from the Secretary. Please call Jane Moore on 0407 150 409 to arrange. This needs to be signed by 2 members of the club. Voting forms are also available on the Garden Club website, <https://braidwoodgardenclub.org/events/>

## **BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB OFFICE-HOLDER DUTIES**

### **President**

- Discuss the agenda for committee meetings with the Secretary prior to the meeting (the Secretary then prepares the agenda).
- Chair meetings.
- With committee members plan the program of outings, events and other activities for the year.
- Allocate the organisation of outings or events to committee members.
- Allocate the writing of newsletter items to committee members.
- Thank garden visit hosts on behalf of the Club.
- Represent the Braidwood Garden Club where necessary.

### **Vice President**

- Undertake presidential duties when President is not available.

### **Secretary**

- Notify committee members of meeting dates, time and place.
- Book venue and bus and organise payment with Treasurer, if needed.
- Prepare agenda for meetings in conjunction with President.
- Present correspondence at meetings and prepare replies.
- Take meeting minutes and email to committee members.
- Send out reminder emails about forthcoming events (1 week before event).
- Maintain the Members Contact List on Gmail & be familiar with the Gmail Account.

### **Treasurer**

- Receipt all incoming money.
- Pay accounts including the club bookings.
- Balance income and expenditure.
- Bank money.
- Maintain financial membership list.
- Provide a financial report to each committee meeting and the AGM.
- Provide a list of all those who have paid for a charged event just prior to the day of an event

### **Newsletter Editor**

- Prepare newsletter, including: Collate all information received from committee members and others into newsletter; Advertise meetings/outings as advised by committee members; Advertise upcoming events received by email from other organisations.
- Email or post (as required) the monthly newsletter to all members.
- Maintain mailing list.
- With the President & Secretary, be one of the signatories of the Gmail Account
- Maintain the Members Contact List on Gmail & be familiar with the Gmail Account.
- Email the Publicity Officer of the "Plant of the Month" in WORD format.

### **Publicity Officer**

- Promote events on Changing Times and Braidwood Bugle.

### **Catering Officer**

- Liaise with the host
- Check with meeting organiser whether morning tea is required.
- Bring the urn, tea and coffee, milk and sugar.
- Set up and pack up.
- Bring biscuits for morning tea for meetings where members are bringing lunches.
- Bring paper plates and serviettes for lunch at the club.

### **Photographer**

- Photograph planned club events.
- Prepare suitable photos for uploading to website.
- Coordinate with Webmaster for uploading the photos to the photo gallery.

### **Raffle Coordinator**

- Organise raffle prizes and raffle tickets.
- Run raffle.
- Bank proceeds.

### **Webmaster**

- Maintain the garden club's website (<https://braidwoodgardenclub.org/>).
- Maintain the website at the host (<https://hostinger.com/>).
- Coordinate with the photographer for uploading new photos to the photo gallery..

### **Ordinary Members**

- Plan and organise events as assigned by the committee.
- Help with other aspects of committee life as needed.

## 2024 Garden Club Plans

12 September --- Narranghi Olive Grove  
14 November --- Nimmitabel Visit

10 October --- Local Garden Visit  
12 December --- Christmas Party Lunch

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### **Another of My Favourite Plants**

by Bronwyn Johnson

### ***Neomarica northiana* (Walking Iris, Apostle Plant)**

Although I don't remember it, I must have first seen Walking Iris as a small child; they had been growing for many years in my grandparents' lattice-covered "fernery" at the back of their house in Five Dock. The cool shady fernery was always a favourite place to play in a steamy Sydney summer.

Half a lifetime later, I learnt more about the Walking Iris through visiting my aunt, who had pots of thriving plants on her sunny balcony near Newport Beach. After retiring and selling the old family home, she took the plants with her. Any admiring visitor would be sent home with a plant or two. In fact, 20 years after my aunt's death, a number of family members and friends still grow at least one Walking Iris from that source.



Despite a long family history with this particular plant, nobody could tell me its botanical name or more about its origin. My aunt recalled that a Newcastle relative gave one to my grandmother in the 1930s/40s, telling her it was an Australian native. My own doubts about this origin prompted me in 1994 to send a specimen to the NSW National Herbarium in Sydney. The report noted:

*Your specimen matches very well with Neomarica northiana, a member of the Iris family. It originates from Nicaragua to Peru to Brazil. We have an old specimen that was cultivated in Dulwich Hill. It is definitely not commonly cultivated here but probably more so in the Northern Hemisphere.*

While it appears this plant has been grown by Australian gardeners for quite a long time, few people seem to have heard of it.

#### **Description:**

Walking Iris has long ribbed leaves arising from a basal rhizome in fan formation to a length of about 60 cm. There are usually 12 leaves in each fan, which explains the name 'Apostle Plant'. The stems bear scented multi-coloured blooms with three outer petals in creamy white and three small inner petals in indigo blue/white, both with a marbled maroon/yellow throat. Each short-lived bloom lasts only a day.

In the Braidwood climate a mature plant will flower for several weeks in early summer, some years more profusely than others. (A Sydney friend once counted more than 50 blooms on her plant over an exceptional flowering season, but don't expect such results here!). After flowering, plantlets start developing at the end of the flowering stems. As the plantlets grow, their weight causes the stalk to dip to the ground where they take root, thus the name 'Walking Iris'.



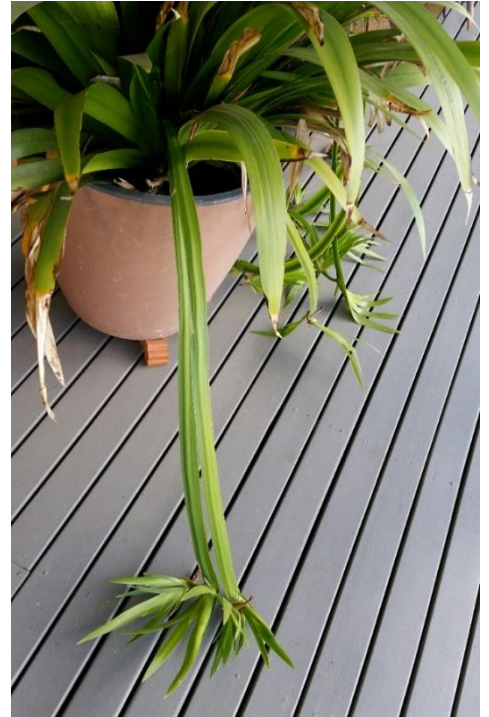


## Cultivation:

Whether indoors or outside, with appropriate care these attractive plants are easily grown and reasonably hardy. Walking Iris are frost tender, yet will tolerate our climate in a shade house or on a sheltered verandah. Mine is in a large pot on an open, east-facing, roofed verandah. Any frost-burnt or blotchy leaves are easily trimmed off when vigorous new growth appears in spring.

Plant them in well-drained, humus-rich soil. Water well in summer, less during winter but making sure the soil does not dry out completely. If grown in pots, regular removal and division will be needed every few years when the expanding clump outgrows the pot.

Propagate by division of the rhizomes, or by transplanting the plantlets which develop at the end of the flowering stems. Once a viable size, plantlets may be snipped off (leaving a few centimetres of stem). Sit the plantlet in a jar of water – when white roots have appeared, it is ready to be planted in soil.



## WHAT'S ON

**OPEN GARDENS CANBERRA** - <https://opengardenscanberra.org.au>

**BRAIDWOOD FARMERS MARKET** The market is held in the National Theatre in the main street of Braidwood (opposite The Braidwood Bakery) on the first and third Saturday of each month in the morning.

**SEPTEMBER 11 – OCTOBER 13, 2024** Tulip Top Gardens <https://www.tuliptopgardens.com.au>

**OCTOBER Saturday 5 - Sunday 6** Braidwood Open Gardens  
<https://www.queanbeyanpalrang.com.au/events/braidwood-open-gardens/>

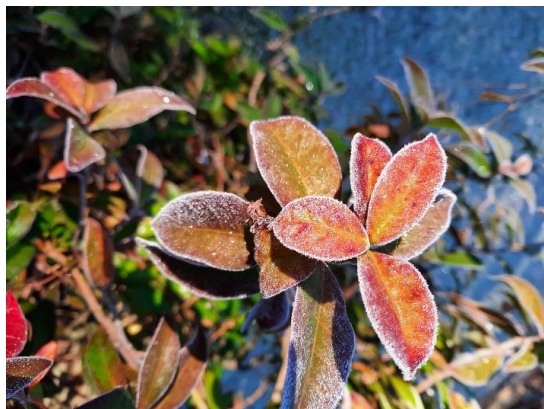
**OCTOBER Saturday 19 - Sunday 20** Little Hartley Garden Festival & Plant Fair  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/visiting-and-exploring-nsw/nsw-events/hartley-valley-garden-festival-and-plant-fair>

**OCTOBER Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 2024** Bathurst Gardeners Club Spring Spectacular.  
<https://bathurstgardenclub.org.au/bathurst-spring-spectacular/>

**OCTOBER** Sunday 27, 2024 Bungendore Show  
[www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows/85-bungendore-show](http://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows/85-bungendore-show)



**SOME 'ICY' PICTURES** from Rose DeMartin



# THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



## Helleborus orientalis (Lenten Rose)

- Native to Greece, Turkey and the Caucasus
- Blooms middle of winter till spring
- Grows to 60cm high and wide
- Prefers a fertile moist soil in part shade, under deciduous trees
- Cut old foliage back just as flower buds appear
- Frost hardy
- Flowers come in many colours: white, green, pink, red and purple
- Propagate from division or seed in Autumn
- Check for aphids
- Feed with compost or old manure after flowering plus dolomite
- All parts are poisonous

### What to do in the garden for August

- Prune and spray Roses later this month
- Plant new bare rooted Roses (soak in seaweed solution before planting)
- Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs
- Winter flowering shrubs can be pruned now
- Prune and feed Daphne after flowering
- Prune Crepe Myrtle, which flowers on new wood
- Cut ornamental grass clumps to the ground
- Perennials may be divided as the weather warms up
- Prune Jasmines and summer flowering Clematis
- Prune Hydrangeas to two strong buds
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl
- Plant Onion seedlings, Asparagus crowns & Spinach seedlings
- Check herbs for dividing and replanting
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting