

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Garden Club Christmas party

BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
DECEMBER 12 TH 2024

11am

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RAFFLES AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

and of course,

THE QUIZ

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Nimmitabel Excursion

By Jane Moore – photos by Fran Woods

On an overcast morning, we set off to drive the two-and-a-half-hour journey to Nimmitabel. Our first garden was Warragundi, where we drove through an avenue of pine trees to the house. There on the veranda we enjoyed a delicious morning tea provided by members L -Z.



We then enjoyed a wander round extensive gardens with lovely mature trees and wonderful garden beds.



Thank you, Marie, for letting us visit your lovely garden.

Our next garden was Mia Mia, with majestic gum trees and mature and young deciduous trees and lots of cottage style garden beds. By the shed were more trees in pots waiting to be planted. Denham gave us a potted history of the garden and the changes they had made over the years.

We wandered through the gardens and down to the orchard, then back to the house where a delicious lunch had been provided by the Nimmitabel and District Garden club. Wine was provided for those that wanted, water and tea and coffee for the drivers.



Thank you to our lovely host Denham.

Our third garden was Erindale on the Monaro Highway, although once in the garden there was no road noise. We were greeted at the gate by glasses of bubbly, and after our walk around the garden cheese and biscuits on the veranda. The gardeners of Nimmitabel know how to look after another garden club. This was another garden of mature trees and beautiful garden beds, with an exceptional borrowed landscape over the Monaro.



A thank you gift for Lainey, and massive thanks to Nimmitabel and District Garden club for a fantastic day.

If you want to see more of the photos Fran took head to <https://braidwoodgardenclub.org/>

Community garden news

Going away at the start of the growing season is not a good idea. I had decided not to worry about Spring plantings, but had managed to plant a few small plants, some donated silky oaks from Majors Creek and a couple of small bay laurel trees I found in my garden. When I came back they were dead from late frost and dehydration. The garlic also did not survive or mysteriously walked out of the garden.

Needless to say that my first few days back were spent mowing and watering. And I can tell you that globe artichokes are tough. I picked a couple this week and ate them.

However things are afoot: watch that space, take a walk in the garden or a seat under a tree and listen to the wind and the birds.



2024 Garden Club Planned activities

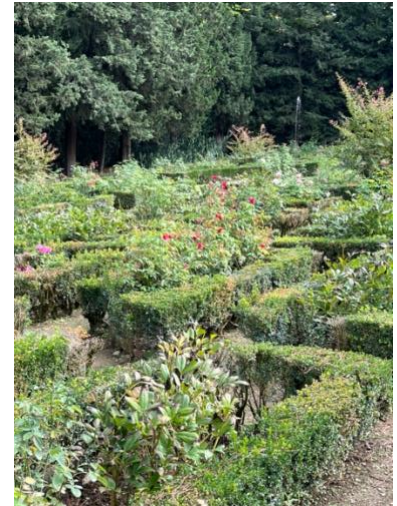
- 12 December: Christmas Party Lunch
- No meeting in January 2025
- 13 February 2025 – Permaculture

Gardens in Italy

While I was in Italy I learned a few things about Italians: they are not afraid of colour; all their buildings are colourful and alive. They like topiary and hedges are everywhere; they like their food.

It was unfortunate that I only visited one formed garden, that is the Boboli Gardens in Florence. The weather was against me in Venice as the Giardini Pubblici were also the venue for the Venice Bienale. However I was on the look out for gardens where ever I went. The public parks didn't have grass; they had green areas full of weeds that no one was allowed to walk on, but these parks were well used and provided outdoor space for all those living in apartments. We saw interesting backyards as we travelled the countryside by train or walked along hill side lanes. IN the North, olive groves and grapevines everywhere; to the South covered market garden buildings.

IN Venice there must have been courtyard gardens, but I was not privy to any. In the cities, there were roof top gardens, we could see trees and hanging plants down the sides of building. However the place I enjoyed most was the Protestant cemetery in Rome. It was very peaceful and full of plants we knew. It was also full of cats. But it was shady, a nice respite from the harsh autumn sun.



By Erika



Boboli Gardens



Non-Catholic cemetery and cat sanctuary, Rome



Food market

Plant of the month: Alstroemeria (Peruvian Lily)

Kate Chinnick

Tuberous and rhizomatous perennials from South America

- * Grows to 1m
- * Flowers on the end of tall stalks from spring to summer
- * Very good cut flower
- * Flowers come in many colours
- * Prefers a sunny or part shaded position in acidic soil
- * Very frost hardy
- * Propagate from seed in spring or division in autumn

This month in the garden

Kate Chinnick

- Plant summer and autumn annuals
- Remove weeds and top up mulch
- Watch for sucker growth from below the graft on roses and remove
- Dianthus can be layered or cuttings taken
- Finish pruning spring flowering shrubs
- Deadhead annuals and perennials to promote more flowers
- Take cuttings of Daphne, Grevilleas and Buxus
- Remove whippy growth from Wisterias
- Twist off finished Rhododendron flowers; spray for lace bugs



- Divide Bearded Iris if congested, plant new outside growth and discard old rhizomes
- Continue to make sowings of vegetables
- Prune stone fruits and thin fruit if too heavy
- Watch for Pear and Cherry slug - spray with Success or Dipel



There will be no newsletter in December so please submit all new content for the January newsletter by January 15, 2025