

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2025

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*All photos in this month's newsletter are taken from our website and of the latest garden club excursion, courtesy Fran Woods*

### Editor's Note

Oh my back! Now that I am on long holidays I am getting brown spending my days out in the garden. On my verge there are beds of gazanias that have desperately needed weeding. Always been put off because I had no time. Weeding is a bit of a back killer if done in large lumps time. But now the beds are done, plants transposed into them, compost and mulch added. All because I have the time to do a bit a day, rather than try to fit in 7 days worth of gardening in 1.5 days. Thought of the day: don't let the weeds get the better of you; pull out a couple a day and you will feel better.



### Committee News

Next meeting is Wednesday 23 April Servicemen's Club. 10am. Please come join in the discussion or just listen. Then you can join them for lunch. At the previous meeting Dot opened by congratulating Sunita on being awarded ACT citizen of the year. Sunita is our publicist and founder of the Canberra Women's Shed. We have 71 financial members.

## Community garden news

Brassicas planted, strawberries moved in. As I dig I find that the raised beds are dry and wormless. So I've been doing the reverse garbage garden: add kitchen scraps and cardboard and cover with grass clipping; let rest. In some places the worms are back. I've been spreading our black compost bins all over the garden, and the worms certainly find their way there. At the back of the field the grape vine is growing great guns amongst the artichokes.



## 2025 Garden Club Planned activities

- 8 May - Bus trip to Eurobodalla - see details below
- 12 June - Garden Bric-a-Brac @ the Club - Entry by gold coin donation
- 10 July - no meeting
- 14 August - Annual General meeting
- 11 September - TBC
- 16 October - Bus trip to Berry Open Gardens
- 13 November - Braidwood Ridge Gardens
- 11 December Christmas Party and catering by Vanilla

## May meeting - Thursday 8 May 2025 at 8.30 for 8.45 departure

### BUS TRIP TO EUROBODALLA

- Meet at Ryrie Park at 8:30 for an 8:45 departure.
- First stop is Mogo where we will have 90 minutes for coffee and an explore.
- Next, we go to Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens
- Wander around the gardens, have lunch in the café or bring a picnic lunch.
- Cost \$35 for members, \$55 for non-members.
- Bookings by 30 April 2025

***Book and pay at the Bendigo bank, or by direct transfer to BSB 633 000 Account number 118346444. Please put bus trip as the reference.***

□ Any queries at [braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com).

## In the gardening world

Click on the link to find out more

May

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: last day of the New England Autumn Garden trail
- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: [Chelsea Flower Show](#) UK
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: [Orchids out West](#)

## Plants around Braidwood



Dahlias



Hops flowers



AN interesting garden bed surround



A caged garden

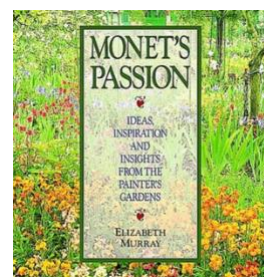
If you see good looking plants at your location and would like them included in this newsletter, please forward a small photo with description to [theboxgirl@gmail.com](mailto:theboxgirl@gmail.com)



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

*The New self-sufficient gardener*  
*John Seymour I still have last month's book borrowed from the library as it is giving me great ideas for planting out in the Community Garden.*

**This month's book is Monet's Passion. By Elizabeth Murray.** It is not only a visual description of this famous garden, but it also have planting plans for the various seasons. The various planting plans are printed on clear paper and are superimposed on the final view of the gardens beds. I am using this technique in my modest round garden at home.



## Kate's Tips

Just in case you haven't gotten around to doing the following in April

- Trim evergreen shrubs so they recover before winter
- Choose trees for autumn colour
- Good time to plant or move Camellias, Rhododendrons & Azaleas
- Look for Liliun, Hippeastrum & Sprekelia Bulbs
- Complete planting of spring bulbs
- Tidy leaves of Hellebores, Winter Iris & Aquilegias
- Sow Asian Greens, Broad Beans & Peas
- Plant all Brassicas (cover with fine netting against white butterflies, old lace curtains ideal!)
- Remove all old leaves from Strawberries (put in garbage)
- Remove 3 year old Strawberries & replace with new stock
- Repot herbs and pot plants with new potting mix

Pick up any fallen fruit & dispose of if diseased

However read on.....

## What to do in May

- Evergreen shrubs can still be moved
- Spring flowering Camelias can be disbudded for larger flowers
- Tulips and Dutch Iris can be planted now
- Pinch back spring flowering annuals to strengthen growth
- Tidy Hellebores & apply a complete fertilizer + dolomite lime
- Monitor vegetable crops for pests and weeds
- Seedlings of Asian vegetables can be sown till mid May
- Prepare beds for Onion seedlings in late winter
- Plant new Strawberry plants
- Tie up sweet Pea plants
- Rake up fallen leaves and compost
- Try not to buy plastic wrapped early Roses as the frosts will burn them

## Plant of the month – Garden Chrysanthemums



- Native to mostly Eastern Asia
- Hardy evergreen perennials
- Prefers a sunny position in rich soil
- Grows to 60cm high and 50cm wide (can spread a lot wider)

- Flower heads to 4 - 6 cm in all colours
- These flowers are smaller than the exhibition varieties
- Flowers from early autumn to winter
- Good cut flower and border plant
- Propagate from division or basal cuttings

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