



BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC
"Friendship Through Gardens"
PO Box 25 Bundanoon 2578

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month,
9.30 for 10.00am

October 2016 Newsletter

From the President

The middle of spring is a wonderful time to be out and about, so why not take a walk around your neighbourhood, look over fences and enjoy the perfume and colour of gardens at this time of year. A visit to an open garden will often astound visitors with its sheer size and beauty, its majestic trees or plant variety, whilst others will beckon us down winding paths to secret gardens. Others provide amusement with their whimsy and still others provide great ideas in garden design. A trip to a public park enables us to enjoy the beauty of our natural environment. With so much to see, what more could a gardener want?

Judy

Guest Speakers



This month, our guest speaker is Alan Stephenson who willingly shares his knowledge and experience of native orchids with community groups and orchid clubs. He is an accomplished photographer and uses photographs to educate and support the talks he gives.

*Alan regularly combs the bush looking for orchids and has located numerous new populations of uncommon, rare and threatened species. The endangered species orchid from Nowra, *Corunastylis stephensonii* D.L. Jones, has been appropriately named in his honour. Alan was made a Fellow of the Australian Orchid Council for his outstanding work on conservation.*

In November, Craig & Lyn Curry will speak about the features of Japanese gardens.



Garden Party Tickets

Our Christmas garden party will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 3pm in the garden at Corinda Grange, Erith Street, Bundanoon. Our sincere thanks go to our hosts Chris Bauer and Lynne Shailer, who are opening their beautiful garden for our Christmas event.

Tickets will be on sale at the October and November meetings. Cost: Members \$20

We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Christmas Party Caterers

Calling all those members who love cooking to put on their chef's hat and become volunteer caterers for our Christmas garden party. Chefs are reimbursed for the cost of their ingredients so please keep the receipts for any purchases and give to Jude.

Over the past few years we have been treated to some delicious finger food and enjoyed a glass of wine in a beautiful garden setting in Bundanoon.

Patricia Varley and Patricia Duncombe will be taking names and giving more details on Thursday.

Your support is greatly appreciated by all.

President: Judy Andrews 48836898 email: judyolivial@gmail.com;
Vice President: Elaine Hills; Secretary: Patricia Varley; Treasurer: Judith Myers
Newsletter: Lyn Curry; Welfare: Julie-Ann New; Welcome Table: Suzy Molyneux;
Friendship Gardens: Tathra Fletcher; Catering: Patricia Duncombe;

Gardening Suggestions for October



Seed Sowing

Try sowing alyssum, aster, livingstone daisies, pansies, violas, snapdragons, verbena, marigolds, begonia, carnation, celosia, chrysanthemum, cineraria, coleus, cornflower, cosmos, dahlia, dianthus, foxglove, gazania, hollyhock, impatiens, lobelia, marigold, petunia, salvia and zinnia.



Planting

Plant seedlings of annuals to help brighten your garden. If planting evergreen shrubs and trees, construct windbreaks or stakes for their support.

Transplant evergreen shrubs - new roots will develop now the soil is warming.

Plant citrus, fruit trees and vines and tie vines to supports.

Tidy up overgrown plants.

Still time to propagate cuttings from your garden.

Finish cutting back dead winter growth.

Dig up then divide perennials.

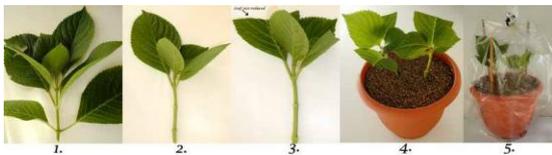
Fruit fly season is under way so use exclusion bags or fine weave netting to protect fruit.

Propagation

Hydrangeas strike really well at this time of the year.

Simply prune a stem with a healthy growing tip to the length of 10cm, remove lower leaves and cut remaining leaves in half to reduce water loss while roots establish.

Plant the cuttings in compost and water well. Place in a protected area until they have rooted, then repot into larger pots.



Annuals are great at attracting pollinators and beneficial insects to your garden. Blue flowers are insect magnets and forget-me-nots and borage attract bees and hoverflies.

Organic Pest Removal

To get rid of slugs and snails simply bury a jar in the ground so the lip is just above the soil surface and fill with beer! This will attract slugs and snails and then after drinking they fall in and drown. This means you can sit down and enjoy the rest of the bottle!

Feeding

It is time to feed raspberries, blackberries and currants. Keep blueberry bushes moist and top dress with compost. Apply sulphur or iron chelate to make the soil more acidic.

Feed citrus trees with pelletised chook manure or well rotted horse manure. Water it in with seaweed extract to provide trace elements, and mulch with sugarcane, lucerne or straw.

Apply general fertiliser throughout the garden and water in well.

Vegetable Planting

There is still time to get in beetroot, carrot, chard, peas, radish, broccoli, and cabbage. Protect against cabbage white butterfly larvae by throwing netting over plants.

Think about planting celery, leeks, lettuce, silverbeet, spring onions, brussels sprouts, capsicums, chillies, eggplants, beetroot and climbing beans.

Sow climbing beans with a trellis or archway to support them as they grow. It makes it easier to pick the beans at harvest time.

Herb Planting



Try some parsley, chamomile, marigolds, oregano, sage, rosemary, thyme and echinacea.

Plant lemon balm and mint in pots to stop them spreading.



Pruning Wisteria is usually left unpruned until after their magnificent flowers have appeared in spring. Once the flowers have finished, prune the plant back to the shape or size you want to maintain it throughout the growing season.

Lavender plants look their best when continually maintained. As soon as they finish flowering, remove flower stems and prune the plant back to a constant shape and size. By keeping the plant relatively compact, it will remain healthy with bushy new growth, and encourage more flowering crops to bloom.

Sources:

Sustainable Gardening Australia

Deep Green Permaculture

Organic Gardener

The Practical Australian Gardener – Peter Cundall

Homes to Love – Dale Vine



October 1 – 16 Tulip Top Gardens

Open every day 9am-5pm Half a million bulbs and flowers, a thousand blossom trees, waterfall and water course all in a ten acre garden. Refreshments and specialty stalls. Tickets: adult \$16 seniors \$15
Location: 13 kms from the southern end of Lake George on the Federal Highway towards Canberra

October – November Campbell Rhododendron Gardens

Location: Bacchante St Blackheath NSW.
Open daily 9am – 4pm Cost: gold coin donation
‘Rhododendrons have been introduced as the main exotic plant, complemented by azaleas, mollis azaleas and many deciduous trees, planted under the Australian bush. This unique garden has attempted to plant exotics underneath their existing native bush on a large scale. A feature of the garden is the beautiful natural fern glades and the abundance of native flora which we proudly protect for future generations to enjoy.’

October 1 – 31 & November 1 - 13 CHINOISERIE
23 Webb St, Mittagong
Open: 10am – 4.30pm Entry: adult \$7 concession \$5

October 22-23



October, November and until 11th December weekends only. **Perennial Hill** is situated on the 'sunny side' of Mt. Gibraltar, in Mittagong. This one acre garden uses many rare and unusual plants, creating a garden of immense beauty and tranquillity. The garden is divided into a series of rooms with different themes and contrasting styles which include magnificent dry-stone walls and unique poplar 'hurdles'. Full of variety, this charming garden shows country style at its best. A range of collectable perennial plants is also available for sale. Open 10.00am-4.00pm

October 1 - 30
21 Eridge Park Rd, Burradoo
Entry: Adults \$7 Concessions \$6.
Toilets/ Nursery/Picnic grounds BYO refreshments.

October 8 **Gifts Galore** Open 9.00am to 4.00pm
Uniting Church, 568 Argyle Street, Moss Vale
gifts, books, jewellery, baby wear, plants including bearded irises.

November 8

We Welcome **Canberra Garden Club** to Bundanoon

November 15 Sutton Forest Open Gardens

Golden Vale Road - Three rural gardens open from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Live music, kids' activities, sausage sizzle, stalls and fly fishing, farm animals and walks. Cost \$20 per person, children free.

Visit Anytime:

PEPPERS CRAIGIEBURN Centennial Road, Bowral
Entry: Free Open: 9am – 6pm daily

PEPPERS MANOR HOUSE

Kater Road, Sutton Forest
Entry: Free Open: 9am – 5pm daily

Native Plants

Native plants use less water than introduced plants but still require some moisture to grow well. Watering lightly when they are young encourages root growth which can help them survive long periods of dry weather with minimal water.

It is best to start tip pruning native plants from when they are very young, after flowering and during the growing season. Tip pruning results in an increase in flowers but pruning too late in the season may reduce next season's flowers.

Low phosphorus fertilizers are best applied in spring, although healthy plants may not need such regular feeding. Apply the fertiliser to wet soil is and water in well.

Mulch plants with organic matter to a depth of 100 mm but keep it away from plant stems or trunks as this can encourage fungal growth and disease.

Encourage insects and birds into your garden to prevent attacks from pests and borers.



Welcome birds into your garden.

Can You Help?

Quirky Ideas for Planters for the Ramble



old hard cover books



baskets



torches



paint tins



jars



old boots



wooden boxes



painted terracotta pots



kitchen items



old tea pots



labelled and painted cans

Can You Help?

Garden Club Plant Stall at the Ramble

We are now in the run up to the garden ramble and Diana and I are girding our loins for efforts towards another bumper day on the trade table as we had last year.

We would like to remind members of a number of thoughts that make life easier for us when selling to the public.

It helps if pots are labelled with the name of the plant, and if it's a flowering plant then the colour is very helpful.

Plants that are planted in their pots some time from the sale day, always look established and healthier.

We will be able to receive plants from members at the hall on Friday the 21st October when we will be arranging the display.

We are keen to receive produce in the form of lemons, grapefruit, rhubarb and of course the ever popular lemon curd and other preserves. Please label jars with ingredients on the label. We also need lots of carry bags for the Ramble Stall and would be grateful if members could please bring them to the October meeting.

We are looking forward to 2016 being the best year yet!

Cheers,
Di & Carlota



TO ORDER YOUR 2017 GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA CALENDAR AND WALL PLANNER PLEASE SEE JUDE AT THE TREASURER'S TABLE. COST \$10

Meeting

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday, 3 November 2016.
Hope to see you there.

Many Thanks

The following local businesses give a 10 % discount to Bundanoon Garden Club members.

Roses and Friends: 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls

Highland Sand and Gravel: discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days

Bundanoon Bloomery: discount given anytime for cash purchases of plants, fertilisers and chemicals

Mt Murray Nursery: discount given on the last Tuesday of each month for all purchases made + loyalty points



Garden Maintenance Directory

The following contractors provide a range of gardening services in large and small gardens.

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: 0427979419.

New: Marc Varnhed from Total Tree Services is a local, qualified arborist 0449 221 420

New: Chris Mitchell is small garden specialist and can be contacted on 0432 084 727

Bundanoon Garden Club Bus Trip



Crookwell Garden Festival

Date: 5 November 2016

Time: 8.15am – 5pm

Cost: \$30pp Bundanoon Garden Club members.
This includes the bus trip and morning tea.

Additional cost: \$5 entry fee per garden

Open Gardens

- * Willow Tree Sculpture Garden, Laggan
- * House of Peace, Laggan
- * Cowper Street Garden, Crookwell
- * Kialla Road Garden, Crookwell

Bring your own lunch or visit a local cafe, then stroll through Garden Lovers Shopping Alley where an extremely interesting array of plants, artisan garden art, beautiful botanical artwork, obelisks and plant supports can be purchased for your garden.

October Friendship Gardens

We hope you are able to join us for a lovely walk around two large gardens in the village on Saturday 8 October from 10.30am and 1pm.



'Glenboyne' the home of Marianne Ward, is situated at 37 Viewland Street and enjoys magnificent escarpment views of Morton National Park. This one acre property combines long established gardens and mature trees with newer gardens designed by Michael Bligh. At the rear of the property an informal stand of natives, (including a Eucalyptus Grandis, which is now a magnificent tree), were planted by Marianne and Ned as an informal boundary. Enjoy the sweep of perennial borders and mixed gardens of cistus, rosemary, maples, nepeta, purple sage, penstemon, and hebes. Two large wisterias covering the pergola above the front courtyard make a stunning show in spring.



Please wear your Garden Club badge and remember to sign the attendance sheet so that you are covered by insurance

'Woodland Cottage' located at 80 Old Wingello Road, is home to Ian Croser and his adorable, greyhound Viva. The two acre garden is a mixture of mature and new plantings and filled with unusual plants which Ian has either discovered on his travels, his visits to other gardens or in nurseries. Wander through the colourful garden with its fifty mature camellias, hundreds of bulbs a, woodland area, a bio-swale, ducks and bantams.

Note: The garden is located just before the first bend, so careful parking is advised.



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HALL SET-UP COORDINATOR

John Pryce- Jones is taking a well-earned break at the end of the year and the committee is looking for one of our members to replace him. John has worked tirelessly with a team of volunteers over the past four years and we thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to our club.

John is happy to explain and demonstrate the role with anyone who may be interested and can be contacted at jpryce-j@bigpond.net.au for more information.