



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

March 2014 Newsletter

From the President

Hasn't it been wonderful to hear the rain, and to look out through the mist onto gardens which have suddenly come alive again after all the summer heat? With cooler weather and Autumn upon us, now is a good time to plan and timetable all those gardening jobs waiting outside! Then no excuses, hop to it and enjoy the exercise as you reconnect with your favourite plants.

The March meeting will include the Annual General Meeting and the election of the new committee. We are looking for a secretary and also someone who is keen on computers to join our friendly committee group. As we are well and truly into the electronic age, we feel the committee needs to keep up. Nomination forms will be available on the Welcome Table on Thursday.

We are calling for an ambassador to link our club with the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. This role would simply be a very brief report if necessary, on developments at the gardens. The SHBG newsletter will continue to be distributed via email to all our members.

A new segment, “In My Garden”, is to be introduced before morning tea each month. We would love to hear from members about anything relating to their garden – an exciting plant, wildlife, or anything else that may interest others – in no more than five minutes please!

Guest Speaker Our Guest Speaker this month is **Ian Perkins**, the **Natural Resource Projects Co-ordinator** from **Wingecarribee Shire Council**, who will speak about weed recognition and eradication in the local area. Next month we will be joined by the lively couple, **Pat and Warwick Wright** from Canberra.

Hope to see you all on Thursday
Robin

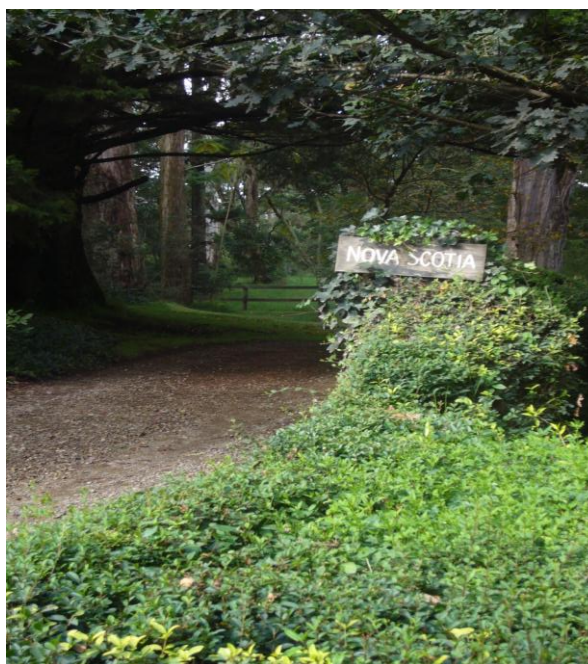
Friendship Gardens

Saturday, 8th March Time: 10.30am – 1pm

Sylvie Hall opened her garden “Nova Scotia” for the Garden Ramble twelve years ago. It is the first property on the right hand side of **Yuille Ave**, in Bundanoon. On-site parking is available via the second gate. The property consists of 7 ½ acres of glorious park- like gardens with magnificent mature, cool climate trees. Sylvie is also opening the guest wing of her home for viewing. It was part of the original old house.

Thomas Baxter and Ben Mauston,
23 Bromhall Road, Bundanoon

This one acre garden created by Thomas and Ben, was featured on Gardening Australia in 2013, and is a lovely garden for contemplation. In the garden you will find beautiful conifers, espaliered Pippin Apple trees and other unusual plants.



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Library News

New acquisitions for March include -

Planting: A New Perspective
by Piet Oudolf and Noel Kingsbury

The New English Garden
by Tim Richardson

The latest edition of Gardens Illustrated Magazine

Cheers
Ian

GREEN TEAM HELPERS

The Bundanoon Green Team desperately needs helpers. If you are able to assist please see Laurel Hones at the Garden Club Meeting for further information. Thank you.

Suggestions for Gardening in March

*This is the ideal month for compost making. Don't forget to layer your compost materials as follows - throw down about 20 cms basic material (grass, weeds, leaves, straw etc), wet it thoroughly. Spread over a thin layer of manure (chook, horse or blood and bone) and water in. Keep going until the heap is about two metres tall. Takes approximately two months. Hasten the process by turning.

*Divide bearded irises

*Plant spring flowering bulbs –grape hyacinths, Spanish bluebells, daffodils, jonquils

*Sow new lawns or repair existing lawns

*Plant herbs including lemon balm, chives, thyme, basil, marjoram, mint, parsley, sage, tarragon

*Plant English spinach, broad beans, winter lettuce, radish, silverbeet, turnips

*Grow a crop of green manure by seed (Peter Cundall recommends Algerian oats, tickbeans, blue lupins, ryecorn) - dig into the soil in the first week of September

*During the last week of March, transplant evergreen trees and shrubs if the heat has passed

*Move citrus, azaleas, camellias & rhododendrons with root balls intact

What's On and When

Goulburn Annual Rose Festival
Saturday March 8th from 11am to 5pm and
Sunday March 9th 10am to 4pm. Goulburn
Soldiers Club, cnr Market and Sloane Streets,

Condobolin Garden Festival
Gardening Down the Lachlan
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April

Southern Highlands Botanic Garden
Town and Country Open Garden Weekend
April 26 and 27

COLLECTORS' PLANT FAIR
Australia's Treasured Gardening Event

12 & 13 April 2014
Hawkesbury Race Club,
Clarendon, NSW

**On offer will be a huge
range of plants
not easily available from
regular retail outlets**

Full details at
www.collectorsplantfair.com

Note: Car Pool

If you would like to visit the Plant Fair and are interested in getting a lift, add your name and phone number to the sheet on the Welcome Table and hopefully any drivers with spare seats might give you a ring. Can't promise, but it's worth a try!



Thank You to the following local businesses who give a discount to our members:

Highland Sand & Gravel: 10% discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days.

Bundanoon Bloomery: 10% discount for plants, fertilisers and chemicals paid in **cash** at any time.

Welby Garden Centre: 12% discount on full price items at any time.

Roses and Friends: 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls 10% discount at all times.