



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

May 2014 Newsletter

From Robin Our President:

The weather is perfect for being out in the garden at this time of the year, cool enough to do some of the heavier jobs that can't be done over summer, but not too cold to be outside. And Bundanoon turned on a perfect day last Thursday to welcome the Lower Blue Mountains Garden Club on a visit to a few of our members' gardens. Thank you to all who contributed their time and/or morning and afternoon tea. Our visitors were very impressed with Bundanoon's hospitality and with our lovely gardens. They look forward to a reciprocal visit from us in the near future.

Garden Tip: TLC for Hydrangeas:



Remove old flower heads and cut all the older wood right to the base of the plant. Cut young growth back to the third set of flower buds which will be plump and bright green. If you find tiny spots of what looks like cotton wool on the stems and undersides of leaves then it is time to treat the plants with white oil. Two or three applications may be needed over weekly intervals.

From Ian in the Library:

"Remember, if you volunteer to help in the library then you get first pick of the new books!"

This month's acquisitions include -
Australian Native Plants by Murray and Fagg
Garden Plans by Rosemary Verey
Garden Design Workbook by John Brookes



From Sue and Tathra:

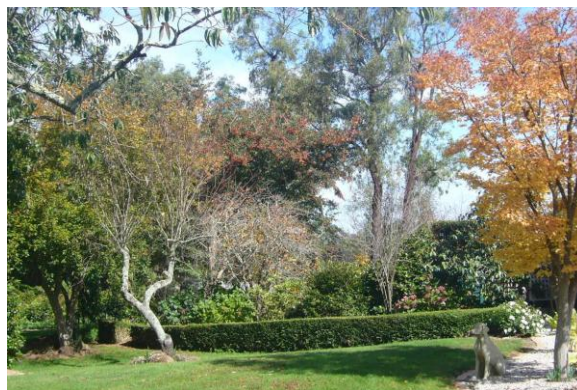
"Like a great day out? Then join us at the May Friendship Garden. Remember to wear your badge".

May Friendship Garden

"The Burrows", at 61 Tugalong Road, Canyonleigh, is home to Susan Carter and John Kirston of Canyonleigh, who will open their gates to club members on the Saturday 3 May.

The property covers 12 acres of magnificent gardens, as well as statues, urns, fountains, ponds and mature trees established over the past 18 years. John's gallery, which contains an Asian-style full size horse, will also be opened for us.

Travel time to the property takes about 25 minutes. Take the Illawarra Highway heading west over the expressway, continue along Canyonleigh Road for 8 kilometres then turn right into Tugalong Road. Look out for the "Friendship Garden" sign approximately 500 metres on the left. Parking is on site.



2014 Badges:

Remember to pick up your badge from the welcome table at this month's meeting. If you requested a receipt, it will be available at the Treasurer's table.

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May In the Garden

Plant Spring Bulbs: nerines, belladonnas, tulips, hyacinths, freesias, ranunculus, anemone, lilliums.

Vegetables: Harvest pumpkins (see notes last month). Sow broad beans and sulphate of potash to those which have emerged.

Fruit Trees: Spray peach and nectarine trees with Bordeaux as the leaves fall, to help control leaf curl. Prune stone fruits when bare, and apply dolomite lime around trees. Prune berry fruits and mulch heavily.



Jane Edmanson Visit - Reminder

Next Tuesday, 6 May at 7.30pm, Uniting Church Hall, cnr Boolwey and Bendooley Sts., Bowral.
Please bring a plate if possible for supper after the talk.

Support our local businesses who give our members a discount each month.

- ***Highland Sand & Gravel:** 10% discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days.
- ***Bundanoon Bloomery:** 10% discount for plants, fertilisers and chemicals paid for **cash** at any time.
- ***Welby Garden Centre:** 12% discount on full price at any time.

From the Noticeboard:

* Trish and Ken Jessop, (ph:48625191), are keen to get in touch with anyone removing fruit trees, shrubs or other trees from their garden suitable for transplanting. Please see hall notice board for more information.

*** Open Gardens in May**

4th Mt Annan Plant Bank Behind-the-Scenes Tour, \$30 includes morning tea - visit labs and seed vaults - bookings essential ph 92318182

Peter Cundall in his book, "The Practical Australian Gardener" recommends a visit to the Nursery during Autumn.

Autumn Colour

Now is a good time to walk around town or take a drive to other parts of The Highlands observing the magnificent autumn colours of trees and plants. Then it's off to a local nursery to select a suitable specimen for your garden.

Roses

Now is the time to choose roses and order bare rooted plants which will be delivered in winter.

Choose roses from the following groups:

Hybrid tea or standard roses have large, double, scented flowers on long stems.

Floribundas produce more flowers in clusters than the hybrid teas but are less perfumed.

Miniature roses are only a fraction of the height of other roses. Leaves and flowers are small and beautiful. They are ideal for planting along garden edges.

Shrub roses are grown for their beautiful foliage and flowers and do well in frosty areas, requiring little maintenance.

After ordering your plants it's time to start preparing the ground for later planting. Dig the soil over well, remove weeds, break up big lumps and fertilise with old manure and blood and bone. Cover with straw and leave until planting time.



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