



BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC

"Friendship Through Gardens"

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

May 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Like me, you are no doubt appreciating these beautiful mild, sunny, autumn days. The colour display this year has been spectacular, with some trees already bare, others in full colour and many yet to start their display. Walking around Bundanoon allows us to really appreciate and enjoy the full range of colours, especially from those trees that turn from green, to yellow, to orange and finally red before their leaves fall. Don't forget to add the leaves to your compost bin before the winds arrive.

It appears that we may have had some fruit fly activity in Bundanoon this year. To help control the spread of fruit fly, I ask you to consider picking up fallen fruit, including tomatoes, and binning them. I will discuss this potential problem in greater detail in spring.

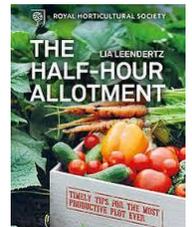
Enjoy these lovely autumn days. Judy



Library News

A sale of excess books will be held at this month's meeting. Please check the Trade Table.

If you have any particular book or DVD requests, please write them in the book on the library table or speak to our new librarians, Gabriele and Robyn.



Morning Tea

Now that our membership is nearing two hundred, we are asking for extra volunteers to bring a plate for morning tea each month. If you are able to assist please place your name on the roster or speak to Patricia Duncombe at the meeting. Many thanks.



Guest Speaker

*Our guest speaker this month is **Joy Elliott**, one of our garden club members. Joy will speak about three beautiful gardens she admired during her small group garden tour of Italy and France last year.*

What a delight for garden lovers!



The Jardins de Drulon is in the Cher department of France in the town of Loye sur Arnon...



Giardino di Ninfa is a landscaped garden in Cisterna di Latina in the province of Latina in Central Italy.



Prieure d'Orsan Jardin Medieval is located in the Loire Valley, France.

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Newsletter: Lyn Curry; Welfare: Julie-Ann New; Welcome Table: Suzy Molyneux;
Friendship Gardens: Tathra Fletcher; Catering: Patricia Duncombe;

Friendship Garden

Address: Applecreek House, Apple Street, Berrima

Time: 10.30am to 1pm

We are very fortunate to be invited to this Highlands garden, hidden from view and well worth the trip to Berrima. This beautiful five acre garden is nestled amongst the gum trees. Sherrie is an avid gardener with a passion for propagating. A must see is her potting shed, as well as the court yard and her pride and joy, an espaliered lime tree. Enjoy the autumn colours and the unusual plants that have been cultivated in this tranquil setting.

The lovely home has guest accommodation for self contained stays, in which the visitors can enjoy the solitude and beautiful gardens.



1. **Directions:** Drive to the end of Apple Street (see the direction sheet left on your chair at the meeting, or speak with Tathra).
2. **Parking:** Parking is only available on the Scout Camp property next door.
3. There is a very short bush track walk so it is a good idea to wear sensible shoes.
4. Members are asked to wear their Club name tag.
5. A reminder that it is important for each member and visitor to sign the attendance sheet in order to be covered by insurance.

Many Thanks

Tathra



May 1st - 31st Nooroo Garden at Mt Wilson, Blue Mountains, open daily 10.00am to 4.00pm cost \$8 pp

**May 1st - August 31st 2016
5th Chapter Estate Open Garden, 217 Walkers Lane, Avoca, Southern Highlands**

May 2nd - 3rd Merry Garth 17 Davies Lane, Mount Wilson, Blue Mountains



View of Merry Garth Garden

May 7th Highlands Garden Society Mothers Day Stall, Corbett Plaza Bowral, 8.00am – 4.00pm

May 7th and 8th Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show at Castle Hill Showground, Sydney

May 9th - 10th Sunstone Lodge, 30 Taylor Rd, Woodford, Blue Mountains 10.00am -4.30pm Cost \$8

**16th -17th Garden of the Gods
Round Mountain Rd, Cabarita Beach, Sydney
10.00am - 4.30pm Cost \$8**

**23rd -24th Banna Billa 345 Gem Rd, Cowra
10.00am - 4.30pm Cost \$8**

2016 Subscriptions

The May meeting is the last opportunity for members to pay their 2016 subscription.

Please make payment in one of the following ways:

1. DIRECT DEPOSIT

Please include your name and the word "Subs" in the payment description line.

BSB 802101 Account No. 358047.

2. CASH AT THE APRIL MEETING

Please place in an envelope clearly marked with your name and indicate if a receipt is required.

3. POST Please pay by cheque to

Bundanoon Garden Club

Address: PO Box 25, Bundanoon 2578



Our Garden

Marianne has had a lifelong connection with “Glenboyne” and its garden, having made her first visit at the tender age of six months. The property, once an old dairy farm, was purchased by her parents for family holidays - the land was cleared, trees and hedges planted, gardens established and memories stored.

In those early years of holidaying in the original weatherboard house, and when evacuated from Sydney during the second world war, the family shared the garden with kangaroos, rabbits, wombats, foxes and blackberries. The wombats have remained and judging by the huge size of their burrows at the bottom of the garden, they have continued to enjoy the garden as well! Marianne’s parents were interested in gardening and the two stands of Bhutan Cypress they planted stand majestically at twenty metres, enclosing the garden on two sides and providing an effective wind break. The house and garden, with its magnificent views to the east, remained a focal point for all extended family members to get away and relax, and gardening became part of every holiday.

After working in book publishing, Marianne, together with her husband Ned, a retired Australian Air Force Officer, bought their own bookshop in Mosman Junction. After twenty-five years running the well known Moscraft Bookshop, they decided to retire to Bundanoon and make “Glenboyne” their permanent home.

Over time parts of the property had been sold off and as new development began to take place around them, Ned and Marianne decided to not only redesign parts of the garden and plant for privacy, but to build a new home. In 2001 the old house was demolished and a new house (reflecting the old) was built slightly lower down the block further expanding the scenic views.

The redesigned gardens contain many of Ned and Marianne’s favourite plants including native trees and hedges at the bottom of the garden together with a large vegetable garden. A colourful perennial border sweeps across the back lawn. At the front of the property, a large garden containing cistus, rosemary, a beautiful maple, nepeta, purple sage, penstemon, and hebes, sits between the lawn and the house. Two large wisterias covering the pergola above the front courtyard must make a stunning show in Spring.

Marianne, thank you for sharing your lovely garden with me and your Garden Club friends. [Lyn](#)



A Great Day Out

There are still some seats available on our coach trip on Thursday 12 May. The bus will depart from the railway bus stop at 8.30am and return at approximately 5.30pm. The day includes a conducted tour of Glenmore House and Garden by its owner Mickey Robertson; a visit to a large garden at Belimba Park where we will enjoy morning tea and; a visit to a rural garden at Menangle. On the return journey we stop at Wariapendi Nursery.



*Historic
Glenmore
House*



This garden has evolved over 28 years bringing Mickey's background of interior design plus the ethos of organic gardening and permaculture together, creating a productive workable garden that continues to be "a work in progress". Mickey constantly tries different methods and styles of food production on the property. While not necessarily a 'pretty' garden, the whole planning and layout around the historic home really works! Wow!



*Belimba
Park
Garden*



The second garden is located in Wanawong Street, Belimba Park where morning tea will be served. Garden owners, Pat and Ross have a mix of deciduous and native trees, many succulents and salvias amongst others, on a tranquil two acres. Pat calls this her "topsy" garden because it just grew!

Fairmont Cottage Garden at Menangle has evolved over the last 15 years. The property, when first bought was just farmland, no road, no electricity, and no water. As town water is not available, only trees and plants that will survive with minimum watering have been planted.

So far over 500 trees have been planted and Eddy is planting more every year. The gardens have been established with a variety of plants. There are three donkeys, two miniature horses, three alpacas and three geese roaming the property - pets that keep the grass down in the paddocks. The property covers 14 acres with the back paddocks left mainly for the animals.

Timetable

8.30am Bus Departs Bundanoon
10.00am Glenmore House and Garden Tour
11.30 Belimba Park Garden Tour and Morning Tea
12.30pm Lunch Stop at The Oaks
2.30pm Menangle Garden Tour
4.00pm Plant Shopping at Wariapendi Nursery
5.30pm Arrive Bundanoon



Cost \$32 per person

Please bring a hat, drinking water and a bag for your plant purchases.

Bring your own lunch or purchase at The Oaks.

It should be a super day.

Cheers,

Patricia

In the Vegetable Garden

**Planting: garlic, shallots, broccoli, early potatoes, broadbeans, garlic, spring and salad onions, winter lettuce, parsnips, bok choy, cabbage*

**Plant fruit trees*

**Sowing: broadbeans, English spinach, Asian brassicas and root crops, spring and salad onions, shallots, chives and green manure crops.*

**Pests: If you grow broccoli, watch out for the cabbage butterfly. Try covering with netting rather than spraying*

**Feeding: Regularly feed vegetables with liquid fertiliser containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium*

In the Garden

**Cut heads off hydrangeas*

**Cut perennials down to the ground. Now is also the time to divide clumps of perennials and replant*

**take hardwood cuttings of deciduous plants*

**plant out bulbs: nerines, belladonnas, tulips, hyacinths, freesias, ranunculus, anemone and lilliums.*

**Add autumn leaves to your compost bin*

** Plant deciduous trees*

**Prune cross over branches of deciduous trees to let in more light*

** Encourage native bees to visit your garden by planting any of the following: callistemon, westringia, tea trees, lavender, grevilleas, salvia and herbs such as rosemary thyme, borage and mint.*

References:

ABC Hobart: Peter Cundle – year round planting and sowing guide for vegetables

Our Gardens GCA: Judy Horton - the winter vegetable garden

Our Gardens GCA: Hazel King – seasonal tips for the winter garden



Happy Mother's Day

Thank You

The following local businesses give a discount to our members.

Roses and Friends at Fitzroy Falls

Highland Sand and Gravel

10% discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days

Bundanoon Bloomery

10% discount anytime for cash purchases of plants, fertilisers and chemicals

Trade Table



A reminder that Diana and Carlota are once again hoping to fill the Garden Club Plant Stall at the Bundanoon Garden Ramble with healthy, substantial plants, as well as donations of local produce, jams, honey and pickles.

So, this is just a friendly reminder that cuttings will need some TLC and nurturing through the frosty days of winter.

If you are unable to propagate plants you may like to buy a mature plant and donate it to our stall. Thank you!



Garden Maintenance Directory

If you are looking for assistance in your garden you may like to contact one the following contractors who provide a range of services including pruning, mowing, hedging, window cleaning, weed control, mulching, fencing, handyman work, high pressure washing and waste removal.

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: 0427979419

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday, 2nd June, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you there.