



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

April 2017 Newsletter

From the President

This month a new Garden Club year begins and with it new beginnings. We congratulate the newly elected committee and welcome all those who have recently joined our club. We value suggestions from our members so if you have innovative ideas for activities, future guest speakers, friendship gardens or travel destinations please let us know. We are keen to start a new segment at our monthly meetings whereby any member can present a five minute talk on any garden topic. I trust we will provide you with an enjoyable and informative program this year.

Unfortunately the committee is without a secretary. If you are interested please contact me on 48836898.

We are asking all members to stack their chairs and help put away the tables and clean the floor after each monthly meeting. Many hands make light work!

President: Judy Andrews

Vice President & Travel: Patricia Varley

Secretary:

Treasurer: Jude Myers

Newsletter: Lyn Curry

Catering: Patricia Duncombe

New Member: Mary Keely

Library: Gabriel Downey

Welcome Table: Suzy Molyneux

Friendship Gardens: Tathra Fletcher

Welfare: Julie-Ann New

Permanent Monthly Helpers:

Library: Robyn Daly

Raffle: Janis McCulloch

Audio Visual: Alan Deck and Frank Daly

Trade Table: Carlota Pacey and Diana Curtis

Web Site Manager: Elaine Hills

Judy

Guest Speaker

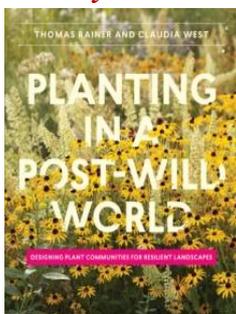


This month we look forward to welcoming Jane Stockel CMG as our guest speaker.

Originally from England, in 1964 Jane moved to Hong Kong where she lived and worked. From 1988 to 1996 she and her Australian husband Peter lived in Singapore and following Peter's retirement they lived in Queensland for 16 years. The call of "proper gardening weather" drew them to the Southern Highlands in 2013, where they now have a very productive vegetable, fruit and flower garden.

With her own company, Jane Stockel Designs, she consults to several companies on home/interiors design trends and colours. A prime customer is a major artificial flower manufacturing company in China and Jane tracks horticultural themes, fashion trends in texture and colour to assist in their collections for a global market. Jane has contributed to the design panel for the Trend Concertation for Design and Decoration Trade Show, held annually in Melbourne and Sydney Australia. Her linen business is an offshoot of the inspiration gleaned from years of appreciation of all things decorative. A senior Member of the prestigious Colour Marketing Group, based in the USA, Jane has served on the Board of Directors, is immediate Past Chairman of Colour Marketing Group's Asian Region and will be a guest speaker at the CMG Chromazone meeting in Singapore 2017. Jane presents her annual Chelsea Flower Show research to Garden Clubs all around New South Wales and brings along her decorative Linen items for sale. Jane will present her experiences of the Chelsea Flower show, the London fashion and design scene, plus some gardening hints along the way.

Library News



*Planting in a Post-Wild World
by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West is an inspiring call to action dedicated to the idea of a new nature—a hybrid of both the wild and the cultivated—that can nourish in our cities and suburbs.*

Next month our guest speaker is Margaret Roberts who will speak about, and demonstrate the pruning of roses for maximum flowers. The pruning demonstration will be followed by a practical session on plant propagation so please bring along any favourite plant cuttings and a pair of secateurs and learn to propagate on the day.





Notice Board

April 1 – 17

Art in the Garden

*Australian National Botanical Gardens,
Clunies Ross Street, Acton ACT.*

*Three garden art groups present their annual exhibition of work which focuses on native flora.
9.30am – 4.30 pm Free*

April 14-17

Hunter Valley Gardens Pokolbin NSW

A fantastic program of activities including a giant Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

April - June 12

Wildwood Garden *Bilpin Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10am-4pm*

April 7 – 10 and 14 – 17

The Salvia Flower Show *Wildwood Garden, 29 Powells Road, Bilpin. View more than 70 salvias throughout the garden and in pots.
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm Entry \$10 pp*

April 8 – 9

Collectors Plant Fair

*Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon NSW
Cost: Saturday \$15 and Sunday \$13
Time: Sat: 8.00am – 4.00pm and Sun: 9.00am - 3.00pm*

April 22 – 23

Autumn Town & Country Gardens

1. Retford Park, Old South Road, Bowral
2. 5th Chapter Estate, 217 Walkers Lane, Avoca
3. Wildewood, 45b Sunninghill Avenue, Burradoo
4. Yarrawin, 39 Burradoo Rd, Burradoo
5. Carisbrook 16 Myosotis St, Bowral
6. Dragon Farm, 100 Blencowes Lane, Wildes Meadow

*Entry: \$8 pp or \$40pp for six gardens over the weekend
Open From 10am - 4 pm*

April - May

Red Cow Farm - Open Garden

7480 Illawarra Highway, Sutton Forest A unique cool climate garden - 2.5 acres, 20 garden rooms, lake, kitchen garden and more.

Annual Subscriptions

Membership fees for 2017 are set at \$20 and are due before 4 May 2017. Members may make their payment at the March or April general meeting or by direct debit (transfer) into the BGC account at BDCU as follows:

BSB: 802-101

Account No: 358047

Account Name: The Bundanoon Garden Club

*If paying by direct debit, please include the word "Membership" in the transaction reference. **Thank You***

Please Note: There are no Friendship Gardens open in April due to Easter celebrations and the Highland Games.

GARDEN RULES
Play in the Dirt
WISH FOR RAIN
Feed the birds
PULL WEEDS
Butterflies &
Buzzing Bees
Always Welcome
SAVE YOUR SEEDS
Share the Surplus
FERTILIZE
SIP A DRINK
RELAX &
ENJOY THE VIEW

Bundanoon Garden Club Life Members

The following members have received life membership for their contributions to our Club.



Norma Davies, Jean Foskett, Laurel Hones, Noelene Hutcheson, Margaret Murty, Lofty York, Norma Waldon and Graeme Whisker.



In Season Now:

Apples, bananas, figs, grapes, kiwifruit, lemons, grapefruit, nectarines, peaches, nashi pears, persimmons, plums, pears and quinces are all in season now.

'Lasagne Verdure Cotte dal Sole'

The word lasagne derived from the Greek lasanon meaning chamber pot was later borrowed by the Romans as lasanum to mean cooking pot. The Italians then used the word to refer to the dish in which what is now known as lasagne is mad, but now the term simply applies to the meal itself.

Although I do little cooking here is the recipe for what may be described as 'Lasagne Verdure Cotta dal Sole' - 'vegetable lasagne cooked by the sun' - a recipe for a garden variety lasagne. Once you've mastered this you'll probably find you can start to add a personalised touch to your next garden variety lasagne. Good Luck!

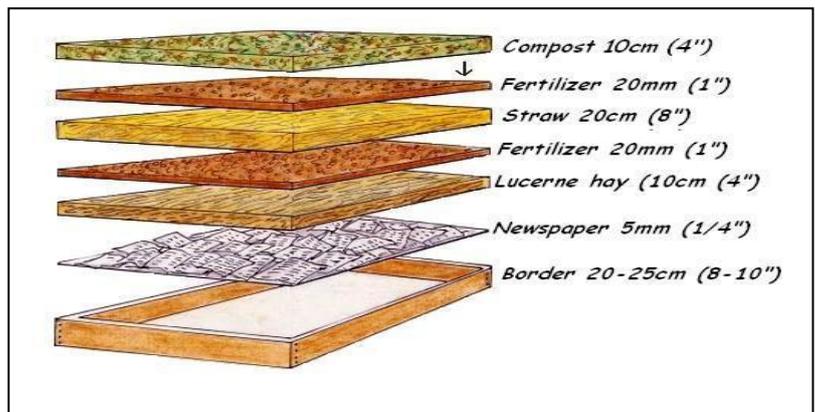
You'll need to decide the location, size, nature and appropriate construction materials of the dish. You'll also need a spirit level, hammer, screwdriver and other fixing materials, your secateurs and a large scoop.

Ingredients

- sufficient blood and bone to complete the mix
- quantities of animal manure or similar
- quite a lot of green material (hedge clippings, soft weed growth and so on) roughly chopped
- bales of Lucerne or Pea Straw
- compost and/or premium soil mix to fill
- comfrey leaves

Béchamel Sauce

- a fine mulch - sugar cane is good
- a sprinkling of blood and bone



Method

Once you've sited it (on a soft or a hard surface given appropriate drainage) construct your 'bowl' using appropriate timber planks or similar but bricks, rocks or logs at least 20cm high will also serve to lock in the organic matter and keep out the nasties. A good starting size is 3-5 square metres.

Next, layer the base with overlapping newspaper, at least 1cm thick. Water well. A thickish coating of blood and bone should follow. Then, put down a layer of pads of rough green material leaving no gaps, to a height of about 10cm. Layer some organic fertilizer and comfrey leaves as activators. Water well again. Add a generous covering of lucerne hay or pea straw (20cm). Left over comfrey leaves can be added here also. More blood bone should cover that and then more water over the entire area. A 20cm layer of animal manure or other organic fertiliser is next then more water. The finishing touch is about 10cm of compost or premium mix soil together with the fine mulch topped with a sprinkling of blood and bone.

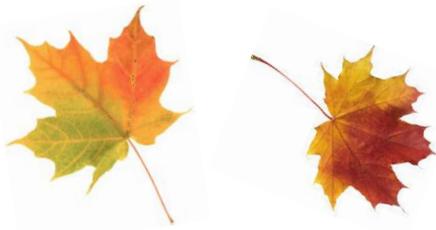
After making these layers, your filling should sit about 60cm above ground, settling after a couple of weeks. Summer is not the perfect time to plant although you can start planting your seedlings immediately for an instant garden. Water the garden until its wet but don't soak it. To maintain it, use grey water if you can, first thing in the morning; no-dig gardens retain moisture effectively. Don't use grey water on veggies to be eaten raw.

What sets 'No Dig Gardens' apart from a traditional veggie patch is that they comprise layers of organic matter instead of soil. No dig gardens have been hailed as a godsend for people with back troubles or those whose soil is unsuitable for growing vegetables. They let Mother Nature do the work and are suitable in all locations. It is said that "No dig gardens are the quickest, easiest way to get home grown vegetables on your dinner table".

So, there you have it - 'Lasagne Verdure cotte dal sole' – a vegetable 'lasagne' cooked by the sun.

..... and a final thought from an unknown wise source ... Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it!

With many thanks to Graeme Whisker for this contribution.



Gardening During the Autumn Months

Walking around your garden in early autumn when very hot temperatures begin to ease a little and autumnal rains bring drooping plants back to life, allows you to survey the needs of different areas and make a list of jobs to be done. Then, after you have sharpened your garden tools, you are ready to tidy, deadhead, prune, clip, repair, fertilise, mulch, plant, water, compost, take cuttings, sow, and create new beds. So, with hat and gloves on, and water bottle at the ready, out you go for your daily exercise. Remember to take it easy if, like many of us, except for watering, you have left the garden to itself during the hot weather.

Although March 1 is unofficially referred to as the beginning of autumn, the equinox didn't occur until March 20. On this day the length of night and day were almost equal and from this point on days typically begin to shorten and temperatures cool. However, the Bureau of Meteorology has warned that warm weather is likely to continue, with warmer than average temperatures forecast for across most of the country, except for northern WA and northern NT. So far in March a total of 224.8 mm of rain fell in our local area by far exceeding the 78.3mm. long-term monthly average.

Autumn is an appropriate time for pruning many plants. Deadheading roses and dahlias will encourage new growth and perennial plants need to have dead leaves removed and lavender can be given a very light prune. If you find shrubs bending, signs of yellowing or if they are going to seed, it's time to cut them back also. Bushes and shrubs can be cut back to approximately a quarter of their size depending on the type of bush or shrub and evergreen shrubs can be given a trim after flowering has finished. Berry bushes will need a good prune now. You can also divide evergreen perennials now. Lift them from the soil, divide at the root and re-plant into well-conditioned soil. It's also time to divide clumping plants such as clivea, liriopse, lomandra and dianella. Water the divisions in with seaweed extract to help overcome transplant shock.

There is still time to take cuttings from your garden. Take 10cm cuttings from hardwood herbs such as rosemary and bay or natives such as banksias, grevillea and coastal rosemary and conifers. Remove the lower leaves, dip cuttings into hormone powder and pot in small containers filled with good potting mix. Keep just moist and shelter from strong wind and sun.

If you've been thinking of creating a new garden bed or veggie plot now is a good time to get it underway as the soil has sufficient moisture thanks to all that rain we've had, and the ground is still warm from the sun. Whether digging down or building up, make sure you use good quality soil. These favourable conditions mean plants still have enough time to get used to their new position and form new roots before the onset of winter. Moving established evergreen plants at this time can be carried out with minimum stress, especially rhododendrons, azaleas and pieris.

There are lots of winter annuals available in nurseries which will create a glorious winter show and brighten any garden. These include snapdragons, calendula, foxglove, honesty, marigolds, forget-me-not, nasturtium, polyanthus, violas, sweet pea, paper daisy and pansies. Planting out pots of bulbs is also a great way to add a splash of colour to your garden and creates a wonderful show in spring. Dig up summer bulbs such as dahlias after they finish flowering and store them in an airy box away from direct light and bring pot plants indoors or place them in a sheltered position before frosts arrive.

Start easing off watering your garden and pots now, as too much water in the cool to cold months can easily kill off plants. Remember to check around the trunk at soil level for borer damage in deciduous trees.

Now is the perfect time visit your garden nursery and select trees for autumn colour.

I'm really hoping for a balmy autumn of glorious sunny days and cool nights. That way we can all get out into our garden and enjoy the good life.

Cheers and Happy Gardening,

Lyn

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH GARDENS'

BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB SEMINAR

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2017

9.00am – 4.00pm

SPEAKERS

Michael McCoy, Elwyn Swaine and
Paul Tyerman

Stalls: Botanical Art, Garden Tools, Iron
Work, Compost, Orchids, Garden
Ornaments, Botanical Printed Fabrics, and
Plants

Cost: \$35 person includes promotional
pack, morning tea and lunch

BOOKINGS

www.trybooking.com/252897

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Look Forward To Seeing You There!

OUR SEMINAR SPEAKERS

Paul Tyerman lives and gardens on a small corner block in Canberra and everything is packed to the rafters as he is a collector of anything rare and unusual, particularly bulbs and perennial. These include Galanthus, Cyclamen, Hellebores, Fritillaria, and various Narcissus. By his own admission he collects too many things for his growing space. Currently he is trying to work out how to double-stack the garden to try to fit in more! He'd like that to be possible but that doesn't stop him from buying more bulbs. He always finds somewhere to fit something in! Outside of gardening he tries to keep fit and rides a motorcycle but he's definitely a gardening addict – no question of that – and he will speak to us about his passion. He may also come with some of his bulbs.

Elwyn Swane was born into and raised in a nursery business (begun by her late father in 1919). She has written two books and was the Sunday Telegraph's gardening columnist for fifteen years. For more than nine years she was guest presenter on ABC Sydney's Saturday garden talkback radio. In the family business Elwyn worked as propagator, computer operator, sales person and garden advisor and designer. She is a Life Member of the Horticultural Media Association of NSW. Elwyn has also worked as an overseas tour leader and shares her knowledge and experience to raise funds for charity. Elwyn is now establishing her ninth garden on the Central Coast along with her constant companion Tia Maria, a Welsh terrier. Elwyn will regale us with her anecdotes of her life as a member of the Swane family and the nursery trade.

Michael McCoy is a garden designer, writer, and occasional garden tour leader. He started his adult life as a botanist, and then trained as a gardener and he started writing for The Age Newspaper. He believes the summer of 1991 spent with Christopher Lloyd was a very special but undeserved privilege. Since then he's been designing gardens, writing about them for The Age or gardening Australia and occasionally for Gardens Illustrated. His first book, Michael McCoy's Garden was published in 2000; the second, The Gardenist, in 2012. For every hour Michael has spent gardening he has spent ten times more thinking about gardens! Dream Gardens had its ABC TV debut last February. Michael's topic will be 'One Thing', looking at gardens worldwide, and discussing one thing each does brilliantly and therefore the one thing they can best teach us about our own gardens.

A sell-out crowd in 2015





Travel News

There have been several changes to our travel plans for 2017. However two trips are now up and running.

The first is an informal trip by train and ferry to visit 'Nutcote' on May 11 departing Bundanoon at 8.23am, coffee at Circular Quay, ferry to Neutral Bay Wharf, tour of house and garden, lunch at leisure and 4.00pm train from Central arriving in Bundanoon at 6.23pm.

The second is an organised bus trip to Leura in the Blue Mountains on 28 September 2017. On this trip members will enjoy guided tours of four private gardens not open to the general public. The lunch break will be taken independently in one of the many lovely cafes in beautiful Leura village.

Patricia will provide all relevant information relating to these trips at the general meeting on Thursday.

For those wishing to join the informal day out at 'Nutcote', please register your name at the sign-in table.

Two fabulous garden trips – can't wait!

Thanks, Patricia



Leura Village in Springtime

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.

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

Chris Mitchell is small garden specialist and can be contacted on 0437930100

Petite Tree and Lawn Services

Phone: 0407118965

email: layne.petiteservices@gmail.com

Beautiful Trees To Add Colour to Your Garden

Small (up to 5 metres)

Hamamelis x intermedia – a range of cultivars all with a great range of foliage colour changes from golden yellows, to bronze oranges and dark reds.

Cryptomeria japonica 'Elegans' foliage turns a lovely dark maroon/plum colour in autumn.

Medium (up to 10 metres)

Acer negundo 'Sensation' change of colours from yellows, oranges and reds.

Nyssa sylvatica – a beautiful mix of foliage colour changes from bronze oranges to deep reds.

Large – (15 metre+)

Fraxinus angustifolia subsp. oxycarpa (Claret Ash 'Raywood') foliage changes to a rich deep claret red.

Liquidamber styraciflua – a few different cultivars available all colour up beautifully with colours from golden yellows to rich reds.



This list of trees was compiled by Anne from My Murray Nursery. Many Thanks.

Garden Club Contacts

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The next general meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 6 April 2017. We look forward to seeing you there.

Discounts for Members

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