

GREENS~LEAVES

Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter; issued monthly, Vol: 8.8 October 2015

Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 12th October

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Monday 12th October Welcome and notices

Planting now/Q&A – David Neill

Club Talk Robin Bazika on herbal teas

Speakers– Committee on some herbs in their gardens and how they use them.

Competition – Bouquet of Herbs.

Open Garden – Tour of the new Botanic Gardens Propagation Unit on Lovelock Ave, 6.30pm on **Monday 19th October**

Spring is here and one day it will warm up

The plants are starting to grow as I have parsnips carrots and beetroot up but I am looking forward to this wind disappearing.

Sept meeting

Andy Barratt talked on soils and minerals and healthy crops which he based on Steve Solomon's book "The Intelligent Gardener" David has kindly offered to precis this book and add it to the website

Sept Competition for the best Kale

The winners; Ruth Bayne was the people's choice and Robyn Boyd the judges choice after he tasted them all. Congratulations.

October Meeting

Trading table always welcomes extra plants and produce so if you have something spare bring it along. I enjoy seeing the variety of plants that are contributed. I know at the moment my lounge seems to be full of little punnets. It is fun growing things.

Pumpkin for the competition next April 2016 is a golden nugget. I will have a few plants at the next meeting for those who have not had **the chance to get the seed. Still a bit cold for putting out though.**

Herb discussion by committee

If you would like to add something about herbs at the meeting ring Carol so you can find out which ones are free to talk about. It would be great if anyone from the club wants to participate.

Planting by the Moon October 2015

Oct 8th and 9th — sow root crops

10th to 15th- dig and cultivate, don't sow or plant

16th to 25th – sow and plant above ground crops

Oct 31st and 1st Nov — sow root crops

What to plant now.-

Seeds-- broad beans, brassica family eg cabbages, kohlrabi, broccoli and cauli as well as lettuces, and other salad plants such as mizuna, corn salad, and what others you want to plant. Onions, radishes, swedes and turnips, fennel, beetroot, carrots, parsnips, leeks, and salsify.

Seedlings—Brassicas again as above, celery, rhubarb, salsify, silverbeet, spinach, swedes and turnip's, fennel, and beetroot as well as some of the plants as above if you already have seedlings of them.

(Potatoes for Christmas) and start of the main crop as well as Jerusalem artichokes and yams and I am trying earth gems this year. Tomatoes, pumpkins, courgettes, peppers, chili's and more fragile plants I am potting up in bigger pots to get a bigger root ball but ... too cold yet outside and cover those new potato shoots if a frost is forecast.

Our last Garden Visit to Nicki and Rogers at East Taieri

What a wonderful rainy day, and cold.... A few came and enjoyed in particular, I was told the frame for the soft fruits and well as all the ready lettuces in the glasshouse. It looked like a small garden until you got close as the lawn was so expansive. The asparagus in the tyres was doing well and getting ready to eat. We did finish with lunch for 1 ½ hours lots of discussion.

Supper.... Thanks to all those who help, it is great to move all the chairs away from this area at the end of the meeting as it can become a bottle neck and had to get a cuppa past the food tables. Please feel free to help with this at the end of the meetings.

Kale recipes

Thanks for the two recipes that people passed on to me. I will organise for them to go on the web site for the vegetable club. Another idea that Deb suggested is freezing the kale already for my smoothies already blitzed in muffin pans as my winter kale is going to seed and the next lot is not on line as yet. I have the first lot in the freezer now.

Bank Account details...For those who would like to pay via internet banking the Club bank account number is; **Westpac 030905 0515906 00**

Please remember to add your **name** as reference when paying by internet banking :)
Heather

Please let Heather know if you are not getting the newsletter as they are not bouncing back to her if undelivered.



November Meeting

Speaker on Worm farms is what we are planning at the moment.

Garden visits usually have a car pool option from the edge from the Bunnings car park in Strathallan Street.

This month's visit Tour of the new Botanic Gardens Propagation Unit on Lovelock Ave Monday 19th Oct. 6.30pm so carpooling will leave there at 6.15pm

Suggestion box

Please add ideas for speakers and contact people or talk to a committee person.

Committee members have red stickers on their name tags. It is good to get feedback from the members about what they would like us to offer. All ideas welcomed.

17th October there is a rhododendron plant sale at the Dunedin gardens and we will have a stall there again. If you are interested in helping please contact Carol. There are lots of stalls with plants for sale in the top car park.

Sat. 14th November 1pm-5pm there is a 'Delightful Gardens Tour' organised by the Dunedin South Presbyterian Church \$10 for several gardens mainly in the Andersons Bay area

December 5th

We have organised a date for a festive season gathering and now to co-ordinate ideas. Last year was a picnic and we thought every second year we could do a meal out. This year we could do a luncheon and so far the suggestion has been number 8 café in Outram for lunch. We need to get a feel for numbers as well. Dinner somewhere else is also an option. Please, Please, Please feedback to a committee person if you have a preference at the next meeting.

Photo on left is of the Taieri garden visit ☺

Marg Scott temporary editor.