

GREENS~LEAVES

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Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 14th December

Venue is the St Kilda Bowling Club, 33 Royal Crescent

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Website ; <http://www.dvqc.co.nz/>

Monday 14th December; Welcome and notices

Planting now/Q&A- David Neill

Club Talk- Barrie on Broad Beans **Competition -** 3 Pods Broad Beans

Speaker- Philippa Jamieson (*Editor of OrganicNZ magazine*) on Climate-friendly gardening

Supper- Everyone please bring a small plate for a Christmas supper ☺

Summer has just arrived and the plants are now starting to grow. A slow start to the season but I am busy mulching because of the heat hopefully arriving soon! Do remember we do still have a meeting Jan 11th, and that the competition is a personal best fruit and or vegetable.

November Meeting

Thanks David you did a great job of co-ordinating all the information on worm farms. There are quite a few different ones the members have made and bought. I particularly enjoyed the slide showing how much better the plants grow and along with the science of how many more nutrients are in the produce. They really are little producers of great bacteria.

What to plant in December

This starts to depend on what you have already planted and how much space you have!!

Seeds in trays or some in the ground

Basil, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbages, capsicum, cauliflower, chicory, chilli, Chinese cabbage, corn, cucumber, kale, kohlrabi, lettuces, parsley, , silverbeet, spring onion, swedes and if not already in tomato, zucchini, pumpkin/squash, and runner beans,

Plants and seeds in the ground

Beetroot, Broad bean, Carrot, Celeriac, Coriander, Corn salad, Florence fennel, Mesclun, Potatoes main crop if not already in, more early Potatoes, Peas, Peppers, Corn, Radish, Rocket, Spinach, Swede, Turnips, Leeks, and Brassica seeds for the winter planting.

Seed saving for next year

Do remember to keep saving seeds for our August meeting next year. My parsnips are coming into flower now from last year. They do have amazing flowers over a metre tall.

December meeting on the 14th December.

Competition is 3 pods of broad beans. I have started to water mine as they seemingly like a lot of water while the beans are forming. Mine will be very big and sweet and amazing. That is the plan anyway

Philippa Jamieson, editor of Organic NZ magazine, will talk about how organic gardening and farming not only has lower greenhouse gas emissions, but is also more robust and resilient in the face of weather extremes like droughts and floods.

Philippa will also bring her book *The Wild Green Yonder* and offer copies at a special Christmas price of only \$10 each.

Remember please bring a small plate for our Christmas supper.

Moon Planting:

December 14th to the 23rd is above ground planting and Early January will be roots again but I do not have January calendar as yet.

The trading table is always busy so thanks everyone for your contributions. I am always amazed at how many plants are sold. Remember there is still a little lime left and worm castings will be available this meeting;

\$15 for 20litres of worm castings and \$13 for 20litres of compost and castings mixed.

The bags are quite heavy so will be on sale from Barrie Foote's trailer in the back carpark after supper.

Library; Remember your Christmas reading and borrow a book. Just remember to record your name and date in the book. There are instructions on the front of "The lending Book" but ask someone if you are not sure what to do.

Ideas for Christmas presents... **Dunedin Vegetable Growers' Club pens!!**

Available at the entrance table. The thing for this Christmas!! Only \$2 each.

Website <http://www.dvgc.co.nz>

We have now renewed our subscription to our website for 10 years. Have you looked at it or volunteered to add anything to it? Sometimes something may be amazing in your garden others could learn from.

Robyn Bazsika has been the pioneer instigator of our website and webmaster for us so we owe her our heartfelt thanks for her generosity and care

...thanks Robyn!!

Robyn is soon to hand the Webmaster role on to Sarah Fenwick so welcome Sarah!

Garden visits

We always looking for gardens to visit and is not usually too hard for the owner. We do not expect a cuppa although some people do offer this it is not essential and the garden visit is the important thing. All sizes and ways of growing are unique and I have learnt a lot from visiting others gardens.

November Garden Visit (by Carol)

Ruth and Warren showing us their garden!!



Ravensbourne is not a part of Dunedin I am familiar with but I was extremely impressed by how Ruth and Warren have developed this steep and once unruly garden into a very productive veg. plot, orchard and entrancing ornamental maze of nooks and crannies ☺

A truly delightful garden visit for about 8 of us. I took so many photos of the garden and Warren's useful creations so will put them on the USB to show you at the Dec. meeting.

Christmas Lunch

This end of year luncheon in Outram at 8 on 87 was attended by about 34 of us and went well as the rain held off. Great fun with the seating outside and lovely to be joined by Sharron Mayfield who is the widow of our founder Barrie.



David relating a tale about wearing a handbag!!

Worm farming

In case you didn't come to the last meeting, here are some of the clips shown by David;
www.youtube.com/watch?v=arb2RX_69uQ
www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-GgaOx68xQ

SEATING and clearing the seats away.

It would be wonderful if members would please fill up the seats available from the front as there are quite often gaps up the front which are hard to get to if you are arriving a bit later. Please stack the seats in the middle at the end of the night so there is room for supper.....it is also easier to replace the seats and tables to their original positions this way ☺

2016 competition list is out e mail if you have not got it. There may be copies on the entrance table.

AGM next March and there is an opening for a president!! Talk to a current committee member if you are interested in joining the committee.

Please let Heather know if you are not getting the newsletter as they are not bouncing back to her if undelivered. It may help to have Heathers email address in your contacts list.

Margaret Scott as temporary writer (with help from Carol)

