

GREENS~LEAVES

Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter; issued monthly, Vol: 1: Jan 2017

Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 9th Jan

Venue is the St Kilda Bowling Club, 33 Royal Crescent

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Monday 9th Jan: Welcome and notices

Vegetable of the Month – Margaret Scott on Growing Asparagus

Planting now/Q&A - David

Competition – Personal Best Summer Fruit and or Vegetable

Guest Speaker- David on “A year in the garden” Planning your beds, Crop Rotation etc

Garden Visit: Jan 14th 2pm Margaret Scott's Garden. 103 Main South Road, East Taieri,

Car Pooling from Outside Bunnings carpark in Strathallan Street at 1.35 Leaving at 1.40
advisable due to shortage of parking

Supper – Thanks Joy for co-ordinating this.

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to the New Year and Happy Gardening for 2017. Summer has had moments of almost being here. The tomatoes are starting to look like I may have a crop and the Zucchini have started. Mind You.... I just listened to the weather tonight and they are perhaps predicting a frost in a couple of days!!!!!!!!!!!!

December Meeting

Thank you to those who helped with the potato unveiling particularly Sarah and Ross and it was Elizabeth who won the biggest potato and the biggest weight of all the potatoes ☺ Congratulations!! Wow what a great supper. I took a photo of the tables as it looked amazing..... Thanks everyone!

I really enjoyed Jim's part two of 'Insects as Predators'. As much as you learn there is always so much more to know. It was very a very interesting talk with wonderful slides which we were able to view with the help of Sarah's laptop ...thanks Sarah!

The sales table did exceptionally well with the \$1 Specials for Xmas and heaps of great contributions making it a huge success.

Subs Due

It is the start of a new year for Subs and it is \$10 only (mail out \$5 extra) if paid by our AGM in March

Bank Account details...For those who would like to pay their subs 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 :)

Christmas Picnic and garden visit

This was held at Jim and Robyn's new abode and it was wonderful for quite a large group of us to see how much they have improved their large section in a year and enjoy their hospitality!

Thanks Guys it was relaxing and a little wet but we had a great time as you can see below☺



January Meeting:

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Planting now/Q&A – David

Vegetable of the Month – Margaret on Growing Asparagus

Guest Speaker- David will show us 'A year in the Garden' with photos of his own garden to demonstrate crop rotation etc.

Garden Visit on 14th January at 2pm
Margaret Scott's 103 Main South Rd,

East Taieri. There is not a lot of parking on site. There is some parking on the Main Road. **Car Pooling at Strathallen Street outside Bunnings carpark.**

One of the nicest salads A bit of work but I do a double batch of nuts as they store in an airtight container and do a pot of chickpeas and freeze them in 2 cup lots so it is easier

Chickpea, Beetroot and Nut Salad.

For the Salad mix ¾ cup dried chickpeas soaked and then cooked until tender with ½ a tsp of turmeric or 2 cups cooked chick peas I cook in a pot with some turmeric

1 medium beetroot cut into matchsticks, rinsed and set aside to dry off.

1 large carrot cut into match sticks'

4 spring onions sliced

2 sticks of celery diced

1 thumb of fresh ginger very thinly sliced

½ cup coarsely chopped parsley

1 cup coriander leaves

Toss all the ingredients together setting aside

½ the coriander leaves to use as a garnish.

For the nut mix

2 cups mixture of peanuts, cashews, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds and sesame seeds.

2 Tble brown sugar, ½ tsp each of salt, cumin, and coriander powder

¼ tsp chilli powder

Mix these ingredients together

25 gm chilled butter.

Bake the nuts and seeds for 5 minutes at 180°C then sprinkle with the mixture of spices, salt and brown sugar. Grate the butter over and bake for 10 more minutes stirring often. Set aside to cool

For **the dressing and to serve**

3 Tbles balsamic vinegar

½ tsp brown sugar

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

½ cup of olive oil

Mix all the ingredients toss the vinaigrette and 2/3 of the nut mixture Garnish with the remaining nuts and coriander. Serves 8-10 people (according to the recipe)

GARDEN TASKS FOR January 2017

Sow seeds of: Beetroot, Carrots, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Celery, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, NZ Spinach, Peas, Salsify, and Silver Beet, and Coriander. Sprouting Broccoli, Radishes, Lettuces, Swedes, White turnips and purple topped turnips, Spring Onions, and Bok Choi

Plant seedlings of:

Basil, Lettuces, silver beet, spinach, and Spring onions. All brassica's; Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbages, Cauliflower, Kohl rabi, Kale also Celery and Leeks.

Moon Planting January 2017

January 2nd to 9th –sow and plant above the ground

16th and 17th– root planting

24th and 25th - root planting

February the 1st to 9th – sow above ground crops

Gardening Magazines

A kind Club member has passed on this information regarding the free access to gardening magazines online through our library ☺

Requirements are a library card and an online device (meaning a computer, iPad or iPhone etc.)

First you must register your library card online through the DCC website.

Once on the library site click "e magazines" and, when there, click onto ZINIO then download it through the App Store for FREE!

The ZINIO site has a huge selection of magazines available with 26 different title in the 'Home and Garden" section including NZ Gardener and BBC Gardeners World

At the start of the year the committee is planning ahead for 2017 speakers etc. We are hopeful that some of our members have some suggestions! Put it in the suggestion box or talk to a committee member.

Written by Marg and Carol

