

GREENS~LEAVES

Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter; issued monthly, Vol: 9: Nov 2016

Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 14th Nov

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Monday 14th Nov: Welcome and notices

Vegetable of the Month – Mike Stephens on watering systems

Planting now/Q&A - David

Speakers – Leisa de Klerk from the Red Cross on refugee gardens and settlement.

Competition – 3 Radishes

Garden visit – Bruce Spittle, 20th Nov, Sunday 2pm at 727 Brighton Rd, Ocean View.

Firstly apologies for the last two months where the committee have had speakers organized and have been let down through circumstances at the last minute. This does not usually happen but things do happen in peoples lives that can change commitments. Things are growing and the weeds seem to be doing the best at the moment. I am enjoying my first asparagus and snow peas. Snow peas were planted on the 17th of March, St Patricks Day as well as the pukekohe onions to winter over. I keep waiting for that one last frost but it may be over this year. The rain has meant we are starting the planting season with more moisture than the last few years and hopefully this means a great season.

October Meeting

Thank you to those who helped by bringing plants in for the trading table at the meeting.

The competition of personal best fruit was not entered and the best personal vegetable was won by Lynne McCrone, judges choice for her asparagus and Viv Harper people's choice for her Broccoli. It was hard to choose as there were some very good looking vegetables!

Thanks Jim, so enthusiastic about the insects in the garden. A bug man of the future. A reminder just how important some plants are for our garden.

What a wonderful humorous, inspiring speaker Roger was as an elderly gentleman who is a passionate blind gardener. I think we were all surprised just how large his garden was.

The garden visit Louis Browns was very interesting with the whole back yard planted and the front waiting for the planned development. This is a photo of the experiment comparing nutrient levels of a variety of cover crops.



Syrian Refugees.

Thank you for all the pots and plants that people have been bring in. I have been busy potting up plants and so have other people. More tools will always be needed. Thanks to those people who have extended their networks to other organisations where people are no longer gardening. I had a boot full of tools to drop off last week. You can always drop off plants and or tools yourself to the Red Cross.

November Meeting

Jim is away so Margaret will be chairing the meeting
Planting now and Q and A will be organised by David

Trading table: Dennis

Club talk on watering systems will be by Mike Stephens

Competition is 3 radishes

Guest speaker is Leisa de Klerk from the Red Cross talking about their garden's and settlement process.

Supper – Joy Tapp and assistants

Parking - Open Garden Bruce Spittle's Garden **SEE Above**

There is plenty of off street parking in the reserve on the left when you come into Ocean

View, about 2.5 km before Brighton. The house is on the seaward side about 350 m along the street from the reserve (5th house on the left).

There is a back gate opening on to the beach and visitors are welcome to combine the garden visit with a beach walk. Remember Sunday 20th at 2pm

Upcoming events

Christmas Celebration !!!!

We are combining a garden visit and picnic for the veggie club Christmas end of the year.

This sounds great so thank you Jim and Robyn for offering your place ☺

On Sunday 11th December
From 1pm for lunch
Bring your own food and drink

Address is 10 Wavy Knowles Drive, Waldronville.
There is a little parking at the house but enough on the side of the rural street.

For sale We still have some bags of worm castings and compost for sale that will be available at the next meeting.

GARDEN TASKS FOR November 2016 **November 2016 Planting now:**

Sow seeds of: Beetroot, Brussels sprouts, Capsicum, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Corn, Courgettes, Cucumber, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, NZ Spinach, Onions, Peas, Pumpkin, Salsify, Silverbeet, Sprouting Broccoli, Beans and Tomatoes.

Try growing something you have not grown before. I am doing an experiment this year of three different beans and one pea variety that are grown for drying only and use in the winter as stews etc. I look forward to see how this goes. I would be very interested if anyone else in the club wrote away for the heritage beans to grow.

Has anyone got any recipes that are seasonal to put in the newsletter?
Margaret Scott Newsletter writer.

Plant seedlings of: Broad Beans, Brussel sprouts, Cauliflower, Celery, Corn, Courgettes, Cucumbers, Kale, Leeks, NZ Spinach, Onions, Peas, Pumpkin, Silverbeet, Sprouting Broccoli and Tomatoes.

Moon Planting November 2016

November 4th to 12th –sow and plant above the ground

18th and 19th– root planting

25th and 26th - root planting

December 4th to 12th – sow above ground crops about these dates.

Sales / TradingTable

Thanks everyone. The selection of different plants is great. We must, as a group, grow an amazing selection of plants.

Library Books

Have a look now as there maybe something you want out over Dec/ January. The garden will be in the watering system working and all mulched so no weeds. (Oh how I wish!!... or do I??)

Suggestion box

Do remember you can put a note in this for ideas for the meeting and speakers. OR... You could always talk to a committee member about ideas.

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