

U3A PEGASUS GARDENING GROUP

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Hello to you all. Hope you, along with your gardens, have survived the high temperatures. I will just whisper that it is nice to have slightly lower ones at present. I am typing this whilst it is teeming outside, but I fear it is only an aberration and the sun will come out again.

Our January visit to The Blue House in Amberley was interesting, instructive and a delight to the eyes. Jenny Cooper's garden is planted to the conditions – low growing perennials that don't catch the prevailing wind, plants that don't mind dry conditions, lots of shade for shady plants.



Also some interesting plants like this gorgeous ratibida.

You are able to go to Jenny garden by Appointment – just a matter of going on the website.



February visits

We have two visits this month:

Tuesday February 14

BEGONIAS. Russell Jeffares, at 1pm to view his Begonias at 32a Mathers Road, Hoon Hay. Meet at 12.30 at Mt Pleasant Com Ctre to car pool. Followed by T&C and afternoon tea at Lyn Russell's (33 Rydal Street).

Monday February 27

Gilroy Nurseries, Clarkville - rose garden and rose growers 1.30pm Monday 27 February. Meet at MPCC 12.30 pm. for carpooling, departing 12.45pm. The physical address is 320 Heywards Road, Clarkville, RD 2, Kaiapoi. We will be shown around the property, and

have the opportunity to ask questions. The roses are still flowering.

The nursery has a very comprehensive website from which we can place orders. For health and safety reasons please wear sturdy footwear as the ground is uneven. There is no charge to visit the Nursery. If you wish we could follow up with a coffee in Kaiapoi and perhaps a browse in the shops.

Programme update

The Committee met yesterday to put together a tentative programme for the coming year:

27 March T&C – Dolina to host
24 April speaker
22 May T&C – Bron to host
26 June visit to a grower
24 July T&C – Adrienne to host
28 August speaker
25 Sept T&C – Gaynor – Streamside Courts
23 Oct garden visit
27 Nov Christmas Lunch – Chateau on the Park 12.30pm

The Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden has their annual exhibition 4/5, 11/12 and 18/19 March and they are also open by appointment. This could be of interest to members to make up a party.

Lynne H spotted this garden art and plant supports made in Barry's Bay. Heavy grade steel heavier than Mitre10. For sale at Akaroa farmers market Saturday morning.



Now is the time to buy your bulbs for your Spring displays – I receive both the e-newsletters and the colour catalogue in the mail from both these bulb and flower sellers – plus they always have specials.

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U3A Website

Our newsletters are available on the website <https://u3apegusus.org.nz/garden-group/>

Regards

Lyn

on behalf of the Steering Committee