

Dear First Name

Your last newsletter for the 2015-16 season is brief. Read and enjoy it, perhaps buy some plants from the Marymead Plant Sale and keep an eye on our website. It won't be long before we are sending out our Spring Calendar!



## NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

Open Gardens Canberra became an incorporated association on 8 May 2015 and that means we're about to have our first birthday!

We have opened 14 gardens to the public and gained over 500 members in only one year. Have a glass of champagne or a cup of your favourite tea or coffee and make a toast to our future success.

### Open Gardens for 2016-17

We expect to publish our Calendar of Spring open gardens in July. You'll get a newsletter, and remember to watch our website, too.

### Marymead Plant Sale

The Marymead Auxiliary will again be hosting their annual Autumn Plant Sale together with their Monster Garage Sale.

When: Saturday 7 May 2016

Where: 255 Goyder Street,  
Narrabundah

Time: 9.00am - 1.00pm

There will be ground covers, herbs, perennials, shrubs and trees whilst the Monster Garage Sale will have toys, books, craft, bric-a-brac, clothes, sausage sizzle and much much more!

### Welcome new members

A warm welcome to all our new members. I only just managed to catch up with our 300th member Glynis Garnett at the Sensory Garden on Saturday 16 April. Glynis joined last November and we kept on missing each other at gardens.



President Shirley Pipitone presents Glynis with a giant cheque to refund her membership fee.

Our 400th member Dr Andelka Labudovic joined on 16 April. Andelka, your giant cheque awaits you!

And our 500th member joined at Carol's Garden last Saturday. We're waiting on a few details before we can announce who it is!

## Thank you

A very big thank you to our three new committee members: Sheree Minehan has agreed to take on the role of Secretary, and Janine Hunstone and Julie McCarron-Benson are joining us as committee members. Julie has offered to take on the role of Membership Officer.

## Someone has given us \$50!

Someone deposited \$50 into the Open Gardens Canberra bank account on 26 April and didn't give their name. Our bank statement shows only an account or transaction number. If this was you, please contact Shirley. We should be able to confirm the payment from your bank records.

## Renewing your membership

If your membership card says your renewal is due on 31 August 2016, you will receive a renewal notice in late July.

## We are still looking for a Treasurer

With our first Annual General Meeting due to be held before 31 August, Open Gardens Canberra is still seeking an experienced Treasurer. Please think about it if accounting or financial record-keeping is one of your strengths, or if you know someone who might be willing and able to be our Treasurer.

## Shirley's tech tip for today

Turn off your computer and all your other techno gadgets and go out into your garden!

I've been harvesting nasturtium leaves and flowers:



## If you would like to open your garden

Just phone Shirley on 0439 415 908 or 6259 3139 to leave a message

or email  
president@opengardenscanberra.org.au

## Best wishes and happy gardening

During the break before our Spring open gardens make sure you enjoy all those lovely winter-flowering plants, especially the wattles, grevilleas and correas.

Best wishes and happy gardening.

Shirley Pipitone  
President



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