



Autumn 2023 Newsletter

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President's update

Autumn season

With autumn rapidly approaching we have put together a series of five open gardens for members and visitors to enjoy. Our season starts on 4 and 5 March with the opening of Canberra City Farm and continues over four weekends from the end of March to early May. It is great that garden owners who have opened previously are happy to do so again. This gives visitors the opportunity to see how their garden has evolved and changed. Yellow Box previously opened in 2017 and the Baker Garden in 2021.

Help wanted

We are looking for someone to provide backup to our existing Web master and Eventbrite editor.

The [Open Gardens Canberra](#) website is maintained by the Web master with WordPress support provided by our host, Agileware. Garden openings advertised on [Eventbrite](#) are added by the Eventbrite editor.

The role requires general IT skills and some confidence with website editing. You don't need extensive experience, as training can be provided and written manuals are available. You also don't need to join the committee. The role is to provide backup if the existing Web master and Eventbrite editor is unavailable for any reason. You can be involved as much, or as little, as you like in the day to day editing of the website and the posting of events on Eventbrite.

If this role might interest you, please email Deirdre at info@opengardenscanberra.org.au.

Feedback

We continually strive to provide an interesting and diverse range of gardens and activities for members and visitors to enjoy. The feedback for our spring 2022 open gardens season was very good. For example at Sarah's Garden visitors enjoyed an interesting cottage garden, a presentation on solar passive buildings, live music, refreshments and artwork.



Sarah's Garden – Spring 2022

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please email us at info@opengardenscanberra.org.au.

Attending an Open Garden

Members

Attendance at an open garden for financial members is free. You are a financial member if your membership renewal date is on or after 30/6/2023.

Financial members no longer need to book to attend an open garden. When you attend an open garden, go to reception where the volunteers will check your membership status and mark your attendance on the membership list. We need a record of the number of members who attended as we use this to calculate the payment to the garden owner.

All non members or members who have not renewed their membership are requested to book and pay for their ticket via Eventbrite. No EFTPOS available at gardens. We are maintaining this process as it is easier for our volunteers on reception and, we believe, easier for attendees. Attendees will be able to book for either Saturday or Sunday, there will be no time slots.

No booking is required for the open garden at Canberra City Farm, March 4-5, 2023

We will let you know when bookings are available for future gardens. To book your ticket for the later open gardens, click on the Eventbrite link for that garden. The link will take you to the booking page, select the date and time you would like to attend. Enter your details and online payment.

Don't forget to bring your tickets with you to the open garden. Either print them out or use the Eventbrite app.

You can join Open Gardens Canberra or renew your membership through [Join It](#) our membership management system.

Autumn Open Gardens

Our next season will soon be under way with the following openings from March to May. Details of the gardens are on the [Open Gardens Canberra](#) website already. Eventbrite bookings for non-members only will open at least a month before each open garden.

4-5 March 2023

[Canberra City Farm](#)
2 Dairy Road, Fyshwick

Bookings not required.

Originally set up as an educational facility, CCF now has about sixty individual garden allotments as well as communal areas. There is a community centre, pizza oven, an apiary, eighty year old fruit and nut orchard, one hundred year old pear trees, a feijoa orchard, a vineyard, worm farm, and a solar powered composter. Sited next to the Jerrabomberra Wetlands, on historic Dairy Flat, CCF's vision is the community living in harmony with the environment.



Guided walks and farm stories will be held at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on both days.

Entry free. Gold coin donation appreciated.

The above photo shows the garden benches provided to Canberra City Farm using OGC project

25-26 March, 2023

[Jewel Box](#)
27 Raymond Street Ainslie



Featuring columnar Manchurian pears and Japanese maples this beautifully laid out garden has a strong structure within which the colourful plantings appear as jewels. This manicured, cottage garden for all seasons has been meticulously developed over the last two years. Surrounded by high hedges, the back garden is a private haven.

22-23 April, 2023

[The Baker Garden](#)
20 Wells Gardens, Griffith

Completely redeveloped on a 930 sq m Canberra block this gardener's garden is designed to provide colour and interest all year round. Includes many sculptures plus stone walls and bird baths. Pine bark mulch, drippers and no lawn make it a low maintenance garden. Hidden behind lattice at the rear are productive raised veggie beds, fruit trees, a covered potting area and composting production.



15-16 April, 2023

[Finn's End](#)
2 Finn Street, O'Connor



This traditional garden features large trees, massed groundcover and prominent hedges framing distinct outside activity areas in summer shade. Well paved paths guide the visitor around this 'Tocumwal' dwelling. This is one of the 200 American Army Air Corps homes constructed in 1942, which were moved from Tocumwal in the Riverina to Canberra in the late 1940s. Most ended up in the O'Connor cluster of 8

streets. #Tocumwal Precinct O'Connor.

Rachel and Gabriel have rented this property for a short while and, with the agreement of the owners, are progressively restoring the gardens to complement the dwelling, its surrounds and streetscape.

6-7 May, 2023

[Yellow Box](#)
447 Spring Range road, Spring Range

'Yellowbox' comprises about a hectare of densely planted shrubby native plants of great variety, on an elevated rocky knoll, surrounding the owner's home. The garden, started in 1997, includes meandering, pleasant paths taking visitors to many garden sections, including fruit trees. Main species include banksias, callistemons, coreas, croweas, prostantheras, eristemons, eremophilas and many groundcovers.



The lack of high canopy affords 360 degree views to the rural landscape.

Mown paths allow interested visitors to take short walks beyond the perimeter of the garden where large Yellow Box, Red Box, Stringybark, Black Cypress, wattle, Casuarina trees feature. The 45 acre property, also includes perimeter shelter belts. There have been substantial changes to the plantings after the effects of the 2019 drought and the cool, rainy period after that.

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