



# CHAMOMILE

## February 2013

**Meetings** held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Senior Citizens Hall, High Street North, Carterton (opposite Wild Oats Café).

As far as possible, Saturday meetings will be held on the 1st Saturday of each month.

### Annual Sub:

Individual: \$20\*

Families: \$30\*

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### Quarterly Newsletter

### Executive Committee

May Brown

Agnes Jones

Gail Edwards

Val Richardson

Andra Bramwell

Lyn Tomlinson

Ngairé Greger

Christine Paul

Bill Edginton

### Officers

Chairperson: May Brown

Secretary: Agnes Jones

Treasurer: Gail Edwards

Publicity: Andra Bramwell

News/Library: Bill Edginton

## Notice Board

### February

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m.

Visit to Carol McDonald's garden.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> 1.30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Hall, Carterton

### March

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 p.m.

Visit Dursley Gardens, FN1899

Bideford Road. Dursley is on the

left, about 19.5 kms from

Bideford Road/Te Ore Ore Road

corner.

Bring a shared afternoon tea.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 1.30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Hall, Carterton

### *Farewell Marilyn*

It is with sadness we farewell Marilyn and Keith Williamson From the Wairarapa. They have decided to move over to Wellington to be closer to their family. Marilyn has produced our newsletter for some time now and been an active Committee member. Marilyn, we shall miss your lovely smile and we thank you for all the work you have done for our Society.

### *Jobs for this Year*

Folk who have agreed to keep or take on jobs this year are as follows.

**Trading Table:** Carole Page. **Name Tags:** Ngairé Greger. **Drinks Basket for Sat. afternoon teas:** Alaric Tomlinson. **Ring Around:** May Brown. **Articles for Herb News Magazine:** Agnes Jones. **Transport:** Val Richardson (if you have a need for transport to one of our meetings or events, phone Val who will arrange for someone to take you).

### *Life of Rachel*

Look for the cartoons by Di Batchelor on the 2nd page of Wairarapa Midweek – she has taken on a new role....

### *Tuesday Meeting Convenors*

**19th February:** May Brown. **19th March:** Debbie Yoi. **16th April:** Rosa Vallance.

**21st May:** Ngairé Greger. **18th June:** Agnes Jones. **16th July:** Christine Paul.

**20th August:** Sue Dyer. **17th September:** Del Bennett. **15th October:** Lyn Tomlinson

**19th November:** Val Richardson.

Please can each co-ordinator take milk for afternoon tea. Also arrange for a person to do Book and Herb of the month. Presenters of the Book of the month are encouraged to choose a book held in our library.

### *Library*

Eric Radersma is making a new, larger bookcase for our library. The larger case should make it much easier to see what we have in our collection.

Marilyn Williamson has generously given books from her own collection to our library. An updated list, showing the books from Marilyn in red, is attached.

### *Herb Awareness*

We shall be promoting herb awareness through an article by Andra Bramwell in Wairarapa Midweek. Material provided by the Herb Federation for Herb Awareness Week March 4-10 will be used for this.

### *AGM 6th April*

Lunch at Eric's, Ngatawa, Langdale Road. Eric will cook a delicious Indonesian meal for us and we shall take something for dessert. The plan is to leave Masterton at 11 a.m. visiting en route the Tainui Gift and Art shop and, if desired, the coffee shop next door. Arrival at Eric's place 12.30 p.m. After lunch we shall have our AGM.

### **Recent Activities: Secretary's Report**

For one of our Saturday visits, a group of us went to Lavender Magic, a shop devoted entirely to lavender products. We were amazed how varied the products were and the smell was divine. There were cards, ointments, jewellery. In fact the shop was a lavender Aladdin's Cave. We all decided it was a good place to buy gifts especially if we were visiting someone unwell. We heard about the harvesting of the lavender and how the business was started. Then we went off for a coffee which we enjoyed together.

Our other Saturday visit was to Pip Fowler's garden which we had visited before but at a different time of the year. We had a look at her comfortable homestay and then partook of the plates of food we had brought for afternoon tea. We ate this outside as the weather had perked up.

Our Tuesday meetings have been well attended and enjoyed. We had a talk on noxious weeds (many of which looked too pretty to be destroyed)!! Another afternoon spices were looked at and we had an interesting afternoon discussing companion planting.

One of the highlights was a talk on Reike healing given by Anna Simms, one of our members who is a Reike Master. This generated much interest amongst our members.

### **Saturday Programme Post April**

**4th May** 1.30 p.m. Visit Zelda Bruce at Yebo (next door to The Tin Hut at Tauherenikau). We shall make our own mosaic item which will cost \$10. We have invited Kapiti and Upper Hutt groups to join us, so can you please bring a little extra afternoon tea for them as well.

**8th June.** Mid Winter Luncheon at Ti Whiti Homestead, Ti Whiti Road, Masterton. Nibbles will be at 12.30 and lunch at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35 each.

**23rd June** 11.30 a.m. Visit Mt Holdsworth to join Di Batchelor on a fungi search. Bring your own lunch and sturdy shoes.

**6th July** 2 p.m. Visit Martinborough Manor Country Retreat, 29 Cromarty Drive Martinborough, the makers of handcrafted jams, preserves. Cost for adults \$15 for a farm tour, afternoon tea and tastings - takes about 1 and 1/4 hours. If you do not want to do tour, will cost \$13.50 for tea and tastings.

**3rd August** 1.30 p.m. Visit Fantail Grove, 179 Bidwills Cutting Road. (old Moroa Road) Greytown. This is an owner operated growing business, producing olives, olive oil hazelnuts, table grapes and horseradish. There will be tastings and a tour. Tastings \$2 per adult, complimentary with any purchase. Tour \$5 per adult also complimentary with any purchase.

**September.** We plan to have a half day Herbal Seminar. 1- 4.30pm at the YMCA in Masterton. Date and details to be confirmed.

**5th October** 9 a.m. Bus Trip to Little Wool Shop in Feilding and then on to Ashhurst to have lunch at The Herb Farm, Grove Road.

**9th November** 2 p.m. Visit Carrington Gardens 282 High Street North, Carterton. Afternoon tea will be provided. Cost \$10.

**7th December** 12 noon. To Paulownia Estate Vineyard, home of Christine and Vaughan Paul for our Christmas lunch. Please bring food for a shared lunch.

**February 2014.** Visit a Lavender Farm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday meetings commence on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Wairarapa Herb Society (Estab. September 1982 and registered under the Charities Act No. C.C. 29074)  
P O Box 42 Masterton**

**Objective: To promote and share knowledge of herbs, their cultivation and use.**

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