

2026 Term 3 Garden & Gourmet

What	Visits, talks and workshops on gardens and food, with plenty of opportunity to look, discuss and ask. You don't have to attend every session.
When	10am to noon on Thursdays each week, except on 17 September we start at 11am for a lunch meeting.
Where	See below, and the links to Google Maps for each session.
Leader	Elaine Reeves 0427 172 179
Note:	• Lunch on September 17 at Cinnamon and Cherry costs \$25. Payable on the day. • There is no need to let organisers know if you are coming to a garden or not. • Please share rides to garden visits if you can. There are many beautiful gardens that do not have endless parking. • If the weather is bad, use your own discretion on whether to come. In the past 10 years we have cancelled only twice. However, if the cancellation happens on the day of the visit we have no means of telling everyone in time. • Cups: We've always said bring your own cup to gardens, but also have had some spare for the people who forget. This term we will NOT be supplying cups. If you forget your cup, you will either have to go without or borrow someone else's once they have finished, so please remember to bring your own.
17 Sept	Cinnamon and Cherry, Franklin (start at 11am) Hande and Marcus Marriott own and run Cinnamon and Cherry, which is the English translation of their daughters' Turkish names, Tarcin and Kiraz. This iteration of the cafe opened in 2018. Tasmanian native Marcus is the cook of Hande's family recipes – mainly in a vegetarian tradition of grazing shared platters over long conversations. We will start at 11am with a talk from Hande and then a shared meal for \$25 per person. Pay on the day (cash preferred). Desserts and drinks extra. If you would like to come please email Elaine elainereeves17@gmail.com before 14 September. Address: 3416 Huon Hwy, Franklin U3A facilitator Tanya Lawson
24 Sept	Rendezview, Huonville Tracy and Russell bought their 40 acre property in 2018 and are now proud caretakers of an olive grove of about 30 trees and 500 blueberry bushes. They have since established an extensive orchard of raspberries, strawberries, currants and more. Natives and exotics mix very well in other parts of the garden. A small parterre garden adds interest. An easy property to walk. Address: 100 Benders Road, Huonville U3A facilitator Wendy Barker
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1 Oct	Cooke garden, Ranelagh Frances Cooke and her husband Ben used to own Serendipity at Surges Bay. After Ben passed away 13 years ago, Frances moved to a quarter-acre block at Ranelagh. She has been an avid gardener in two continents. The first job was to recondition the clay soil at Ranelagh. Now the garden is packed with many different plants. Address: 2 Cornelia Close, Ranelagh U3A Facilitator Di Baird
8 Oct	A garden of rooms, Franklin Kevin and Jane's garden is made up of garden rooms - a terracotta shelter room, grasslands, fernery to a large pond before the Zen room. A conifer passage leads to the rose, azalea and vegetable gardens. There is also Wonderland and a secret garden. At the back are a variety of conifer, and a young forest room. And there's a cottage garden complete with white picket fence with bird houses. Address: 3686 Huon Highway, Franklin U3A facilitator Wendy Barker
15 Oct	A growing garden, Lower Snug Phillipa purchased half an acre in 1984 with a small cottage that was "just a box in a paddock". A straw-bale house was built, and in the early 2000s she was part of a group that bought the farm next door and Phillipa was able to extend her garden almost an extra acre. Even though she completed a horticulture course at the RTBG, Phillipa has had no set plan for the garden. Natives and exotics live happily together - a Wollemi pine and cloud-pruned bay tree stand out. The property is easy to walk. Address: 87 Old Station Road, Lower Snug U3A facilitator Wendy Barker
22 Oct	No garden – Hobart Show Day
29 Oct	Sinclair garden, Franklin David Sinclair and Ruse Samivotomo's garden started in 2007. It sits on a sloped site facing Sleeping Beauty. Among many other beautiful specimens there are a 12m Sequoia Sempervirens, a 9m Wollemi Pine, deciduous magnolias and 66 cherry blossoms. Since we last visited a succulent garden has been added. Address: 7 Seabrooks Rd, Franklin. Turn right into New Rd at Franklin, left at Smyley St, then right into Seabrooks Rd. Carpooling is recommended. U3A facilitator Di Baird
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5 Nov	Eggs and Bay Cottage, Eggs and Bacon Bay Anne LeFevre began by digging holes in the hard clay with a crowbar when she moved into this property in 2000. After much mulching she now has 30cm of topsoil. The cottage garden on the bank of the Huon River contains many shrubs and trees and collections of salvias and roses. Anne will have plants for sale. Bring cash. The garden is a gentle slope. Address: 10 Craypoint Pde, Eggs and Bacon Bay. Park on the street. U3A facilitator Jan Marciano
12 Nov	A garden for all seasons, Franklin Pat first planned this garden 21 years ago and it has gradually evolved into a peaceful and ever-changing landscape to be enjoyed in any season. There is an extensive collection of roses, hydrangeas, camellias and rhododendrons and bearded and Dutch irises. In the shaded fern garden are hostas and hellebores. Constant companions in the garden are blue wrens and fairy wrens. There is an opportunity to buy art and beaded items. The garden is easy to walk through. Address: 171 Braeside Rd, Franklin U3A facilitator Jan Marciano
19 Nov	Hartzview Vineyard, Gardners Bay Hartzview began as a berry farm in the 1920s. Families would spend entire summers working there, living in pickers huts. Now only pinot noir grapes grow and the berries come from other farms for fortified wines, gin, port and liqueurs. Rob and Anthea Patterson and their daughter Sandy run the business. We will tour the heritage huts, enjoy tastings and be able to shop. Address: 70 Dillons Hill Rd, Gardners Bay U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves