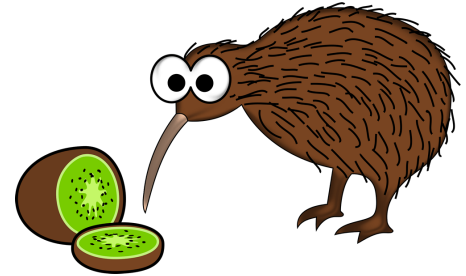


LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI - Our New Zealand Link WI AND JULIA IN BASLOW WI



Note from Julia in Baslow, 4 October 2018:

Despite the difference in membership there are so many similarities – they are knitting baby blankets etc, they support a community garden, issues with National/subs. Also they are remembering their soldiers who made such sacrifices in the various wars. Such a waste of young people.

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 4:29 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: October!

Hello Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

We hope this finds you all well and ready to do your fruit picking at the orchard. What a marvellous idea!

We had our September/October meeting last Wednesday at Sue's home. Just six of us there. Three are tied up with calf rearing for August/Sept/Oct, so put their apologies for the meetings. We had a bit of paperwork to work through with it being two meetings and not having had a meeting for August either! Flexibility is the name of the game!

Southern Hawkes Bay Federation have their 1/2 yearly Council Meeting at the end of October and there are competitions for that – a baby blanket/beanie/booties to be donated to an organisation. Cooking is a Hummingbird Cake and Floral is spring flowers. We will have entries for those. Then they have their annual Craft Show on the 1st and 2nd November. One of the competitions is for a baby blanket, but they will hold the October competition entries and enter them for that competition – expensive otherwise.

Getting back to your Community Orchard. Eketahuna has a Community Garden which is well patronised with planting of seeds/plants, then weeding and finally harvesting. It is a great boost for the community. No fruit trees though, perhaps that is something that our Institute could support.

At our NZ AGM in May, it was moved that subs and the Home & Country magazine be combined into one fee of \$45. It went through without any problems at all – quite different to other years when it has been proposed. There are some members who can receive it on line and others a hard copy. Then others who actually don't want a copy, but I am sure they will be able to pass it on in the community.

A few drizzles this afternoon which is welcome. Gardens haven't had a watering for a while now! I have paeonies which are budding now and I look forward to them. Magnificent flowers. Lillies also are pushing through. We have had a mild winter and spring so far, so lawns and paddocks are growing very well – a pain for the lawn mowers, but great for farmers!

Our school holidays started today, so there are a few Grannies who will be having grandchildren to stay. My Olivia starts back at work on Thursday after a year's maternity leave. Ayla will be here on Thursdays and Fridays. She is usually fine when she is here when Liv works on the farm, but not having Mum around at all during the day might be different!

We are starting to dock our lamb's tails this weekend. We have 2,000 ewes, so there will be at least 2,000 lambs! I might be excused a bit this year with Ayla to babysit at times!

I have organised a group of 30 girls to travel down to Wellington this Saturday to see the 'Wearable World of Arts'. It is their 30th anniversary show, so it will be even more spectacular than usual. Elaine and Pat come from Institute, then there are others in the district who join us, plus other friends and family members. We have a great day. We leave here around 6.45am for the 7.45am train from Masterton, arriving in Wellington at 9.30am. Then we return on the 6.55pm train and get into Masterton around 8.30pm. A long day, but so enjoyable. The winning entry was in one of our national papers. A gown, saluting the sacrifices our soldiers made in the various wars and made of plastic toy soldiers and other bits & pieces. I will send you a programme to have a look. The ideas some of the designers have are incredible.

OK.

All for now, take care, happy 'scrumping'!!

Love to you all

Denise and the H-H Darlings! x x x