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Nuhaka Garden Club members enjoy visits to Hawke's Bay properties

THE November trip for 12 members of the Nuhaka Garden Club was a three-day stay in Havelock North.

The trip started with a visit to Joanie and Tom Lowry's Okawa Homestead. This farm can have up to 150 racehorses grazing on the property.

It is a beautiful old homestead with expansive gardens and lots of family history. The property features large trees, the homestead, a terraced garden and well-groomed lawns.

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We had lunch sitting with our hosts on a terrace and enjoying amazing views. Next was the Raukawa Iris Farm of John and Heather Trim on Highway 50. This was a picture of colour, just beautiful. We looked up and down the rows and purchased some plants from the nursery.

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On Wednesday we visited The Gwavas Garden and homestead owned by Phyllida and Stu Gibson.

We had an impressive ride up the road to the old homestead, with rhododendron and azalea in full bloom with many beautiful colours.

We were taken for a long walk among the large trees, rhododendrons and azaleas. Underneath was a carpet of plants and bulbs past their best but the new carpet of aquilegia in full bloom above them was impressive.

We had afternoon tea in the garden and were given a short tour of some of the rooms in this New Zealand heritage home, with its amazing staircase and woodwork.

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Our next stop was the home of Shirley Limbrick, who is so proud of her large garden. Plants were for sale here. The pool had a great garden around it with some parts surrounded by clipped buxus. The garden was a picture of many blooms and shrubs, and included a large rhododendron tree near the entrance. We stopped for lunch at the Tikokino Tavern.

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Next was the Peony Garden of Lynda and Graham Addis. There were many acres of peonies in two colours — pink and apricot. Many were in full bloom. Buds — thousands of them — are picked twice daily and put in a cool store until they are distributed. They will last up to a month.

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There was also a garden of long beds of roses, iris and buxus . . . very impressive. Our next call was to Springvale Garden Homestead and Sharon Holden. We found a well-manicured garden with a beautiful old homestead on a rise. This garden was expansive with large lawns and trees, a duck pond and a pergola reaching over the terraced beds of plants overlooking the garden. Two old whares in the paddock beyond showed the history of the property. Our last garden of the day was at the home of Val Moorhead. An art and craft day is held here every November. Large trees and garden were surrounded by waves of buxus hedges — very creative. Through her garden were large balls created from horse shoes. An old small cottage sitting in the garden is surrounded by colourful beds.

On Thursday, we called into the St George Plant Nursery to buy some plants. We also met up with gardener Annette, sister of Ray Sturm of Nuhaka.

She does all the work at the Pink Garden, where roses are just coming into their best. A large part of this garden is in hundreds of cleverly situated pots. There are no aphids, black spot and the like. The secret is to live next to an orchard.

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