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MONTHLY FEATURE

Ledbury: An artistic, sustainable, productive garden in Eden Valley

Eden Valley's Ledbury is an unforgettable combination of creativity, environmental sensitivity, and delicious productivity.

The Wynns Road property will be open on March 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme.

Ledbury is the achievement of Sue and Steve Proeve, a house and garden design that must be enormously satisfying for them both.

Travelling together, ideas started forming and what you see today is the result of hard work, experimentation, and perseverance.

Newly planted, the area leading up to the house will eventually exist predominantly on natural rainfall.

The poured earth house rests above a slope planted with olive trees, uses power generated from solar panels and has the qualities of an energy efficient home; capturing light, warmth from a wood stove, alternatively cooled by its spaciousness and air flow, a composting toilet, and beautiful rusted ironwork outside on a pergola and balcony.

If the vegetable garden at Ledbury does not inspire visitors to have a kitchen garden, nothing



The Ledbury garden at Eden Valley will be featured in Australia's Open Garden Scheme this month.

will!

Heavily mulched beds maybe edged with woven wire fencing, maybe guarded by a 'growing scarecrow', maybe sheltered by espaliered fruit trees.

Rows of corn are used to divide areas and the variety of fruit and vegetables planted is extensive. There is even a poured earth and cement boundary for the raspberry patch.

Structures and buildings have been put together with recycled

timber and all have unique features such as interesting doors or windows.

The raised bantam house is sensational with a curved roof, steps made from branches and lift up windows to collect eggs.

But there's more: a reed bed water system and a dam with an old rose covered shade house.

Ledbury celebrates the good things in life and for the Proeves, life will have lots of celebrations.

NOTE: Article taken from "The Leader" Barossa Newspaper.

For future Open Garden Days at Ledbury, go to: www.ledburygardendesign.com.au