

New Westminster Horticultural Society

January Mailer



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Welcome to NWHS 2010

This January mailer will give you a taste of what is to come in the 2010 season for the club. We have brief overviews from plant sale chair Sharon Seki and horticultural show chair Silina Nakatsu.

Most of you know Sharon from the raffle table. We are fortunate that she has volunteered to chair the plant sale committee: it's a big job. This is the club's premier fundraising event that allows the club to keep dues at an amazingly low \$10 a year, subsidize many outings and workshops, heavily subsidize the Christmas party, book great speakers and much more.

Although this is Silina's first time as show chair, she has been an avid participant and frequent winner of the club's various shows. She is sure to have advice and tips for those new to showing.

Other executives, new and old, plus general members have taken on many of the other tasks that need to be done. At the March meeting a list will be available of who does what, so if you have a question regarding that club activity you can go directly to the person responsible. Please consider volunteering if some task still hasn't got a name attached to it. Also at the March meeting, you will be asked to vote on the club's 2010 budget.

Your participation in the club is essential to all of us having a fun, entertaining and educational year with New Westminster Horticultural Society. Please get involved.

Membership Dues

At the February meeting, your 2010 membership fee (\$10) is due and payable. Along with your \$10 please bring your completed Member Contact Information and Consent to Release Form that has been either mailed or emailed to you. If you unable to attend the February meeting, your membership fee and the filled-in form can be mailed to:

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If you would like the newsletter mailed to you each month, please include an additional \$10 for this service.

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.

Membership Renewals

Speakers:

Jennifer Lukianchuk on New Westminster Pesticide-use Bylaw effective March 2010

Conway Lum on *What To Do In Your Garden Now*: an overview on what to do now to get your garden in shape.

2010 Executive

<i>President</i>	Anna Camporese
<i>Vice-president</i>	Val Fabick
<i>Treasurer</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	Mary Barnard
<i>Show Chair</i>	Silina Nakatsu
<i>Members-at-Large</i>	Ellen Berg Monica Mowat Joan Miller Carolyn McLaughlin Sharon Seki

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Our plant sale will be held on Sunday, May 2nd. This year we have a new location - New Westminster Secondary School's "Bubble" gym! Our primary reasons for changing venues were: lots more parking and an opportunity to forge a relationship with NWSS Athletic Department's annual manure sale fundraiser. More details to come in the months ahead.

NWHS 2010 Horticultural Shows

This year will be another interesting and exciting year for NWHS shows. The format, listed below, will be similar to that of the past four years. For those of you who are new to the club, this means that the shows are less formal and more fun. You can look forward to participating in:

- Two Bring-to-Share events that will take place at the April and September meetings.
- The June Show: a judged, in-club horticultural show where your best flowers, vegetables, herbs and floral arrangements can be entered
- Photo and Container Contests in October where photos showcase
 - Best planted container
 - Best garden and garden-related photographs taken from October 2009 to October 2010

It is never too early to start snapping pictures of your garden or planning the winning container. See the December 2009 newsletter for valuable comments and suggestions from our photo judge. Please watch for details and show schedules in the upcoming newsletters.

Treasurer Needed !!!

The treasurer elected by acclamation at the November club elections has resigned. The position of treasurer is still vacant at the time of writing (January 24th).

According to the club's constitution the treasurer's duties are as follows:

- Collect money for the club and deposit in the club's bank account
- Keep accurate records of all transactions with supporting invoices and receipts
- Provide a treasurer's report at each meeting of the executive and the membership

As well, as an executive member, the treasurer attends executive meetings that are held the last

Tuesday of the month. For the good of the club, we would prefer someone who is

- computer literate,
- has bookkeeping or accounting experience,
- has been with the club for a while and has some understanding of the club's activities.

However, please don't disqualify yourself if you don't fit that description exactly. The outgoing treasurer has offered to help the new treasurer get up to speed.

If you would like more information, please contact me, Anna Camporese by phone or email.

Garden Plots Available

At the time of writing there are garden plots (7' x 8') still available at the Port Royal Community Garden in Queensborough. There is an annual fee of \$30. To reserve a plot call Renee Chadwick (604.525.7388) at the Queensborough Community Centre.