



In just over a month, the 2011 plant sale will be history. There's not much time left to get it all done. However, you've still got lots of opportunity to be involved in the club's biggest annual event. The following are ways you can help:

- Donate plant material. Easter Monday, April 25th is the deadline for delivery to the yard.
- Help with the potting in the yard. Many hands makes work light.
- Print plant tags. Have neat printing? This is the job for you. Print them at home.
- Help in the yard with the grooming and pricing of the plants. We work in teams.
- Help transport the materials from the yard to the Armoury. Trucks are needed.
- Help load the plants onto the trucks for Saturday set-up. Strong bodies are needed.
- Help with the Saturday set-up. A strong body and a willingness to follow instructions are more important than plant knowledge.
- Help sell on sale day. Share your love of our plants with our customers.
- Help tally the purchases on sale day. A super opportunity to be involved if you are not confident about your plant knowledge.
- Be a sale cashier. Perfect if you are familiar with handling money.
- Help transfer the unsold materials back to the yard. Trucks needed.
- Collect cardboard trays. We can't have too many. Start collecting now and store at your home until sale weekend, then take them to the Armoury. Do not drop them off at the yard.
- Volunteer to display a yard sign.
- Personally promote the sale. Talk it up. Take a stash of small sale notices to hand out. Put one in your car window.

We've had some great sales in the past. Let's make the 2011 sale the best ever. With everyone's help, we can do it! Thanks everyone. Contact Audrey or Sharon for further information and to sign-up.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Bring-to-Share
Speaker: Gary Lewis on
Avoiding Summer Doldrums

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 25 (Easter)
Deadline for donating plants for the sale.

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Speaker: Fred Wein Sr. on
Clematis

Sunday, May 15,
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
The NWHS Plant Sale

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting
June Show
Speaker: Conway Lum Q&A

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Speaker: Brian Minter on
Fall Containers

Saturday, July 16
Club Tour and Picnic

Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Speaker: Terry McIntosh on
Native Plants of BC

Garden Clubs Plant Sales, Shows and Tours

One of the perks of going to the BC Council of Garden Clubs meetings, like we did on March 26th, is finding your club's table covered in fliers from other garden clubs promoting their upcoming plants sales, special events and tours. Below is a list made from the fliers at our club's table. The fliers are posted on the bulletin board.

For other lists of upcoming garden events you can also look at the following:

- BC Council's newsletter *The Bulletin* that is attached to the club bulletin board each meeting.
- *Gardenwise* magazine's regular column "what's up" and their online listing at www.gardenwiseonline.ca/whatsup.
- The Vancouver Sun. If you missed the issue that listed garden club plant sales you can either patiently navigate through their website to find the list or patiently type in this long link <http://www.vancouversun.com/life/in-the-garden/Guide+plant+sales/4577745/story.html>

April 16, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Fraser Valley Dahlia Society
Annual Tuber Sale
George Preston Rec. Centre
20699 – 42 Ave, Langley

April 16, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
BC Fuchsia & Begonia Society
Spring Plant, Bake & Craft Sale
Floral Hall, *VBG

April 30, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Friends of the Garden (Park & Tilford)

Spring Plant Sale
Park & Tilford
333 Brooksbank Ave., N Van

May 1, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
VanDusen Botanical Gardens
Plant Sale
*VBG

June 25, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
June 26, 11:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Fraser Pacific Rose Society
Rose Festival and Show
Dogwood Pavilion
624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam
Admission \$3

June 26, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Maple Ridge Garden Club
Country Garden Tour: 8 gardens
Tickets \$15, available at Trice Farms Pond & Garden Ctr, Amsterdam Greenhouses, Triple Tree Nurseryland

July 17, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Vancouver Shade Garden Society
2011 Annual Show
Floral Hall, *VBG
No admission fee
Info: Chris: 604.602.6644 or sikokianumcj1@shaw.ca

*VBG = VanDusen Botanical Gardens

Looking for answers to your gardening questions?

Come to the June meeting and have garden savant Conway Lum answer your question. We would prefer to have the questions in advance, so please forward them to Ellen Berg by May 31st.

Tour and Picnic—July 16th
It's only three months away. We have the picnic venue, as Ellen Berg has kindly agreed to host the picnic again. We have one member who has volunteered to showcase her garden on the tour, but we need more to call it a tour. Please think about sharing your garden with all of us this July. Contact Anna or Audrey about volunteering your garden.

It's Not Too Early: June Show and Club Contests

Pick up your June Show Schedule and your Contests (Photo, Container and Garden Design) Rules and Guidelines tonight to get in the zone for entering the Show and any of the club contests too.

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