

Newsletter



Time to Start Thinking Plant Sale

It's never too early to start plant sale prep. Although it's too cold for you to actually pot up plants for the sale, that doesn't mean that you can't plan ahead for your donations. When looking wistfully out your window at the frozen ground, or at the downpour, does your eye travel to your flowerbed and you think "That plant just doesn't work", "Boy, this year I have to divide that hosta?", "Those iris really have spread too far" or "I guess this year I should clear out all those seedlings"? Write down the names and locations of the problem plants. It will be invaluable later when the weather improves and you can actually get rid of those plants, guilt-free, by donating them to our plant sale.

We declare March 1st the start of "THE BIG DIG". That is the date we hope everyone gets out and digs up the plants they would like to donate. Can't see any green shoot poking through

the soil yet? Perfect! The best time to pot is when plants are dormant, before the above ground growth starts. An added bonus to you is that the boring grunt removal work is done early; you can get on with making your dream garden into a real garden.

Potting up in the yard will start March 1st. Sign up on the calendar tonight or contact Audrey Barnes to help out. It really is fun and informative.

Reminder: Plant Sale Meeting Sunday, February 20th

If you are interested in either taking an active role in the Plant Sale organizing committee or have ideas on how to improve this year's sale, please attend the Plant Sale meeting on Sunday, February 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the home of Sharon Seki. Please contact Sharon for the address and to confirm your attendance.

BC Council of Garden Clubs General Meeting

The BC Council's spring meeting will be on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The morning speaker will be Ted Cathcart on The YWCA Community Garden. (We toured this garden two years ago and it was a recipient of funding from the Donation Committee.) A hot lunch and refreshments are included. The NWHS will provide a subsidy toward the ticket of any member who attends the meeting. Advanced payment for the balance of the ticket (\$19) is required to reserve your ticket. Only exact change or cheque accepted. See the treasurer during the break to sign-up and pay. Deadline for payment is March 8.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m.
Membership Renewals
Speaker: Jennifer Grenz on Invasive Plants

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting
Speaker: Ewan McKenzie on Grasses

Sunday March 13, 9:00 – 3:30
Master Gardener Update, non-MGs welcome
M.J. Fox Theatre, Burnaby
Fee : \$50.00, \$60.00 at door
www.bcmastergardeners.org/events.html
Speakers: Dan Hinkley, Christine Allen, Rosalind Creasy, Christine George, Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott

Saturday, March 26, 8:30 – 2:30
BC Council of Garden Clubs AGM
555 Slocan St., Vancouver

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The Sketch Group: *What's Happening in 2011*



All NWHS members are welcome to participate in any of the Sketch Group activities.

Sketching

As in previous years, we will be running the following drop-in sketching sessions:

- The third Wednesday of each month (excluding May & Dec.) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Arts Council gallery. Bring sketching supplies

- Every Saturday (except long weekends) starting in April through to July, meeting at the patio outside the Arts Council at 10:00 a.m. before walking to spot of seasonal interest in the park to sketch. Bring a chair and sketching supplies.

Classes and Field Trips

We are trying to organize three workshops and two field trips this year. We hope to have our two

established instructors Angie Au Hemphill and Teresa Bernard back to give classes. We are also considering Marnie Rose Edge as a third instructor. She is another local, well established and accomplished painter in acrylic, oil and water colour painting. Sign-up sheets for classes will be available once dates and fees are confirmed. Field trips are yet to be decided.

Exhibiting

We will be exhibiting work at the New Westminster Cultural Crawl the first weekend of August and at the New Westminster Public Library upstairs reference gallery during October.

In the Community

We are planning to form a work party to help complete the large and colourful wall mural in Victoria Hills this spring. Sketch group member Carolyn McLaughlin has been working on this project.

Pacific Assistance Dog Society (PADS): Christmas Raffle Recipient

In the December newsletter, PADS, the organization that trains and places assistance dogs with people with physical disabilities other than blindness, was listed as the Christmas raffle recipient. Club members were, as usual, very generous in purchasing raffle tickets – everyone seemed to be walking around with great fistfuls clutched in their hands. The total amount of raffle tickets sold was \$733.25 This amount was rounded up to \$800.00 and a cheque was sent to PADS in December.

Change in the Executive

Joan Miller and Sharon Seki were asked by the club executive to fill the two member-at-large positions left vacant when Maura Ingraham and Shelley Willson resigned due to family and educational obligations. Joan and Sharon accepted the appointments. These appointments are in accordance with our club's constitution. We are very pleased to have them back on the executive as they are extremely conscientious and possess a good sense of humour – two qualities much appreciated by their fellow executives.

2011 Executive

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