

Newsletter



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Welcome to the June Show

We are all looking forward to seeing what is on the show bench this year considering the unusually cold spring we've had. Congratulations to everyone who is exhibiting.

Best of Show — You Vote

During refreshments, make sure you check out the exhibits and vote for the one you think the best in each of the broad categories. The bucket lids and ballots have been colour-coded for ease of category voting.

Pink = Cut Flowers

Lime green = Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits

Deep orange = Floral Art.

To vote, write the unique number (found on the lower left of each exhibit slip) on your ballot and put it in the appropriate bucket. Need some help deciding? Try using the following judge's criteria: for Cut Flowers and Vegetables consider condition, colour, shape, maturity (ripeness) and uniformity within the exhibit; for Floral Art consider design, balance, scale, colour, condition of materials and originality.



Club Tour and Picnic July 16 — Update

At the moment, we've got two member's gardens confirmed for the tour. We hope to visit five or six gardens. Although Audrey Barnes, the tour organizer, has several non-member gardens as back-up, she wants club members to have first crack at being on the tour. There is no better incentive to get your garden in top-shape than to invite 50+ people to view it. Please contact Audrey if you want to be on the tour.

The sign-up sheet for the picnic is available tonight and will be at the July meeting as well.

Queensborough Urban Farmers Fall Fair

The theme of this year's fair is butterflies. Think now of how the club booth can reflect this theme.

Like a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, the Queensborough Community Centre will undergo its own metamorphosis over the next couple of years from the present building to a brand new enlarged centre. Because the current fair site will be a construction zone in September, the fair will be held in the nearby Queensborough Middle School and its surrounding area.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

June Show

Speaker: Conway Lum Q&A

Mark Your Calendar

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

Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

Speaker: Christine Allen on

Latin Terminology

Sunday, September 18

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No Newsletter in July

Anna, your newsletter editor, will be away June and July.

Therefore, there will be no July newsletter.

Another Great Plant Sale



Thank you to each of you who donated plants, and/or your time and energy to make this sale a huge success. We could not have done it without you. It was an impressive sale. Despite the late Spring and less than desirable weather, we served 782 customers and sold 7,802 plants. That's 89 more plants than we sold last year!

In appreciation to all of those who had a part in this sale, we will draw eight volunteer appreciation prizes of \$25 each at tonight's meeting. Thanks everyone.

Sharon Seki, Chair of the Plant Sale Committee

New Watering Regulations for Your Lawn

In case you missed the notices in the local paper, Metro Vancouver's new watering regulations for your lawn are as follows:

- Lawn watering is restricted to **4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** This early morning time for lawn watering is when the least amount of water will evaporate
- The number of watering days is increased from two to three days a week, alternating between even and odd numbered addresses:
Even-numbered addresses: Monday, Wednesday or Saturday
Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday

For more information go to www.metrovancouver.org

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