

Newsletter



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April 2012

PLANT SALE LOOMING!!

Where are the plants? It's hard to believe that in less than a month our final big sale will be history. It is even harder to believe when you look at the yard and see all that space not occupied by plant material. Yikes! Undoubtedly the weather cooled the enthusiasm of people to get out into their gardens and dig up their unwanted plants—BUT this is the last big sale, let's make it a really super sale. Hats are off to those braved the weather and dropped off plants or potted them at the table. Thank you. Originally the final drop off date for plants was Monday, April 16th but because of the fact that more than half of the plants have yet to arrive at the yard, the deadline is extended one week to **MONDAY APRIL 23rd**...but please don't wait until the last minute to deliver your plants.

Help needed in the Yard: With the compressed time to finalize the potting and to write tags and to groom and price the plants, the work load for the final two weeks will really be intense. Please sign up to help in the yard. Once the potting is completed, an early evening shift will be added to the work day i.e. there will be morning, afternoon and early evening times available for you to help. The work will be done in teams so there is no worry about having personal responsibility for pricing. Don't forget that it is very possible that we will still be working on the plants right up to the last moment—including set-up Saturday. We need your help. Contact Audrey Barnes to volunteer in the yard or with writing tags.

Set-Up and Sale Day Volunteers still needed. We still need people to help on Set-Up Day and Sale Day. Enjoy this last chance to be part of what has become our annual "celebration of plants". Lots of opportunities for both days. There is sure to be a job that will suit your talents and skills. The sign-up sheets will be posted tonight. Contact Sharon Seki or Anna Camporese to volunteer.

Publicity: Don't forget to tell your friends about the sale. Grab a handful of the small sale flyers and hand them out. We have a limited edition of the larger posters. Know of a bulletin board? Pick one up and post it. There is no better location for a moving bulletin board than your car window!

Boxes, boxes, boxes: The plants going to the sale need to leave the sale in a box. Start collecting appropriate boxes now and take them to the Armoury on sale weekend. Do not bring them to the yard! Thanks.

Think Green!! Bring your Mug!! As an added bonus for bringing your own mug, we offer a free draw ticket when you buy a ticket at regular price!



Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 7:30pm

Membership Renewals

Speaker: Laurelle Oldford-Down

Topic: APPLES, BERRIES and Grafting

Mark Your Calendar

May Meeting:

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 7:30pm

Speaker: Elmer Ogryzlo

Topic: Chrysanthemums

Plant Sale Set-Up

Saturday, May 5

4:00pm until done

Plant Sale

Sunday, May 6

10:00am - 4:00pm

Location: the Armoury,

Queen's Avenue and 6th Street

Parking: City Hall parking lot

Queen's Park Greenhouse Tour

with Claude Ledoux our Parks

Horticulture Manager

Sunday May 13th at 2pm – 3:30pm

Please meet at the Greenhouse facility at 2pm.

Club Garden Tour and Picnic

Saturday, July 14

Details to be announced later

No Scents Please!

Club meetings and events are scent free zones. Please refrain from using perfume or strongly scented products when attending club functions. Some members are adversely sensitive to perfumes and scented products. Thank you for thinking of the health and welfare of all our members.

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Member Shopping at the Sale!!

All paid-up club members receive 10% discount on their plant purchases but plant sale volunteers have opportunities to purchase early.

Purchases at the Yard:

- Only members who have helped with the sale prep (donating plants, helping with potting, writing tags, grooming and pricing plants) can purchase at the yard
- After a plant has been priced, it is available for sale. The purchaser cannot be the pricer.
- Audrey will process the payments for all yard purchases
- There is absolutely no shopping at the yard on Saturday, May 5th.

Purchases at Sale Set-Up at the Armoury on Saturday, May 5th:

- Members volunteering with loading at the yard and with the sale set-up at the Armoury can purchase plants after set-up is complete. Anna will make an announcement when shopping can begin. All shopping ends at 8:45pm.

Purchases on Plant Sale Day, Sunday, May 6th:

- Volunteers working on May 6th can shop prior to their shift.
- Volunteers scheduled at 9:30am may come in at 9:15am to shop.
- All early volunteer shopping ends at 9:45am when volunteers must report to their sections.
- Volunteers can leave unpaid purchases in a box behind the NWHS table. Must complete a HOLD slip.
- All volunteer HOLDS must be purchased by 1:00pm
- Members who have not volunteered can purchase from 10:00am onwards as part of the general public and will receive their 10% discount.

Membership Renewals:

May is the final month for membership renewals. Members need to pay for their membership by the May meeting to be considered a renewal and maintain their continuous membership record. Remember after 25 years, you become a Life Member and your membership is free.

NWHS Sketching Group

Drop in meetings are the third Wednesday of each month (excluding May & Dec.) from 7pm to 9pm at Arts Council gallery. Bring sketching supplies. A \$2.00 drop in fee is requested. **All NWHS members** are welcome to participate.

Garden Clubs Plant Sales and Shows

April 21, Saturday, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Fraser Valley Dahlia Society Tuber Sale
George Preston Recreation Centre
20699 42nd Ave., Langley, BC

April 22, Sunday - South Burnaby
Garden Club 10am-3pm
Royal Oak & Rumble, Burnaby

April 28, Saturday, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Park and Tilford Annuals, Perennials and Shrubs Sale - Cash Only
333 Brooksbank Ave., North Van

April 28, Saturday, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Langley Garden Club - Annual Spring Show and Sale-Sharon United Church
216 Street and 48th, Langley, BC

May 5, Saturday, 9am - 2pm
Coquitlam Dogwood Garden Club - Plant Sale Centennial Room,
Dogwood Pavillion

624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam
May 6, Sunday, 10am - 4pm, NWHS
SUPER PLANT SALE, Armouries,
Queens St and 6th Ave, New West.

May 12, Saturday, 9:00am to Noon
South Surrey Garden Club, Annual Plant Sale - St. Mark's, 12953 - 20th Ave., South Surrey

May 12, Saturday - Lynn Valley
Garden Club - 10am-1pm
St Clement's Anglican Church
3400 Institute Road, North Van

Upcoming Tours: This year the NWHS Executive Committee is planning four tours or outings:

- A guided tour of the New Westminster greenhouses will take place Sunday May 13th at 2pm - 3:30pm
- A guided tour of the Riverview lands and gardens
- A tour of Pacific Northwest Propagators (featuring over 1500 different varieties of trees and plants), located on 10188 Chapman Road, Rosedale with an additional stop to Brian Minter's garden store in Chilliwack
- A shopping tour to It's About Thyme Nursery on 7509 Meadow Ave., Burnaby

Club Contests/June Show

If you have not yet done so, pick up the rules of the 2012 contests (photo, container and garden design). The June Show schedule will be available at the May meeting. The vegetable and cut flower sections are identical to the 2011 schedule.

Treasurer's Report Mar. 14-31

Total Revenues: **\$480**

Total Expenses: **\$324.16**

See the bulletin board for full report.

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