

Newsletter



TOUR AND PICNIC GREAT SUCCESS!

What a fantastic day! Perfect weather, sunny but not too hot. Beautiful gardens, each enticing in its own way. Fantastic hosts, all primed with deserved pride for their creations. A huge number of members touring, meeting other members while drooling over the gardens. As for the picnic: what great cooks we have within the club. Thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to our garden hosts: Joy, Aldina & Rob, Kathy, Maureen & Rob, Lisa & Kevin, Darlene & Bruce and Diane & Neal. Extra special thanks to Anne & Eric for hosting the picnic. Congratulations to Marya McLellan and her husband Jim, winners of the Garden Stumps Contest with a high score of 16 out of 20.

OCTOBER IS SILENT AUCTION MONTH:

Only a few months away! If you will be donating a huge number of items (or just a few), it would be advantageous if they could be dropped off early at Audrey Barnes' back kitchen door. Of course, you can just bring your items directly to the meeting but by having the majority pre-processed at Audrey's allows them to be sorted by theme and set-up early. We have already received some pristine and unusual items. Looks like it should be a good auction. Remember to put your name on your donation, just in case we have a question. Thanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT - May

Total Revenues: \$305.00

Total Expenses: \$1074.53

See bulletin board for full report.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 7:30pm

Speaker: Margaret Nakahara

Topic: The Art of Drying Herbs and Flowers

Mark Your Calendar

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 - 7:30pm

Speaker: Peter Cech on "Zero Waste Challenge"

The CanWest Hort Show

September 19 and 20

Location: Vanc. Convention Centre

Tickets: \$15.00 (before Sept. 7,)

\$20.00 at the door

General Meeting, Members Only

Tuesday, October 9, 7:30pm

Silent Auction. No speaker

Christmas dinner tickets on sale

Members: \$20.00

Non-members: \$25.00

The BC Council of Garden Clubs -

Fall Meeting - Saturday, October 13,

doors open at 8:30am to 2:00pm

adjournment. Our Lady of Sorrows -

555 Slocan St., Vancouver

NWHS Tour of Riverview Gardens

October 14 - Details in the newsletter;

sign-up sheet at the September

meeting

"The Glory of Autumn Colours"

Time: October

Location: The New Westminster

Public Library, Reference Department

(Second Floor). The NWHS Sketch

Group aka The Garden Gals will have

an exhibition of their art .

General Meeting and Executive

Committee Elections

Tuesday, November 13, 7:30pm

Speaker: Mike Weinmaster on "Green Over Grey"

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BRING TO SHARE IN SEPTEMBER

As you know, NWS is all about members sharing with other members. Many club activities, including our Spring and Fall 'Bring to Share', are centered on this principle. You are invited to bring in an exhibit for others to view or to solicit an answer to a puzzling question you have encountered. Want to do a short (no more than a few minutes) demonstration of a technique? Excellent, just make sure you inform Lea or Audrey ahead of time. Exhibits can be presented in physical form, or by photos or diagrams. Exhibiting is only half of the event—the other half is offering feedback on the forms. Each exhibitor has made the effort to bring something in. The least the rest of you can do is to respond to the exhibits. Sharing is mutual. There is no judging of the exhibits. There is, however, 3 participation draws of \$10 each. Each exhibitor gets one chance at the draw.

What to share:

The exhibits will be organized according to the following categories. Hopefully, this will give you some hints as to what you to bring in.

- Garden Glory: beautiful or unusual plants, blooms or foliage
- Insect: exhibit or question
- Great tips: your own idea or other sources
- Photos: Garden related
- Plant identification
- Weeds and disease: questions or info
- Garden design: problem or info
- Demonstration
- Other exhibits: Anything not listed above. For the Sept Bring to Show, the Sketching Group will be showing their latest creations.

It's easy to participate:

- Check in at the "sign-up table" to get an exhibit slip for each of your exhibits and to register for the draw.
- Fill out the exhibit slip: Put your name at the top and state the reason for the exhibit: this could be as simple as "love this plant" or a detailed

question.

- Put your exhibit under the appropriate category on the tables.
 - Leave feedback for exhibitors before the meeting or during tea break.
- Share your knowledge. If you want to speak to the exhibitor but don't know the person, ask the show chair or another executive to help you.

COLLECTING AND SAVING SEEDS FOR THE EXCHANGE

We received positive feedback after the announcement of the seed exchange, but it will only be possible with donations from you!

Have a look around your garden and think about what plants you enjoyed that you think someone would enjoy growing from seed.

Good candidates for the seed exchange:

- Plants that are preferably propagated from seed, such as annuals, vegetables, and perennials that do not divide.
- Rare or usual plants that members might be interested in.
- Ensure plants come true from seed. (e.g. Hybrids do not come true from seed.)

Plants that don't come true but are likely to produce desirable offspring are welcome too. Perhaps you have a clump of spotted hellebores, or an oriental poppy in a beautiful shade of purple.

Consider labeling plants now for collection later. It might be hard to remember the colour of the flower once the petals go, or if that plant was a flat or curly leaved kale. Collect seeds from the best plants. (e.g. the most robust, or best traits for that plant)

Wait until the seeds are ripe – the husks turn papery brown, but before they split and cast the seeds to the ground. If you are donating seeds from fleshy fruit capsules, please separate the seeds from the pulp, and

dry. With our wet weather, consider taking seeds in a bit early.

Ensure seeds are dry before storing. Spread them out to dry if necessary. Place in a paper bag, envelop or fold in newspaper and LABEL with your name and contact info, the year, and plant details. Include the name of the plant, and if applicable, colour, height, spread, and any other info you'd like to provide.

There is no need to break and separate the seeds from the capsules. Volunteers will clean and sift the seeds out. Seeds will be sorted, packaged and labeled over the winter for distribution in the spring.

Send me questions and comments about the seed exchange. You can also send photos. We may use your photo for the label, or to confirm the identity of a plant.

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CANWEST HORTICULTURAL SHOW:

This annual event is Western Canada's largest horticultural trade show: the meeting place for buyers and sellers in BC's nursery, floriculture and landscape industries. Even though we are not members of BCLNA, we are invited to attend and browse—to check out what is new without the temptation of purchasing. (The exception to purchasing is the on-site bookstore.) You will be amazed at the breath of the industry—you will see things you have never even considered as being part of horticulture. There are 300+ exhibitors. If you see something you really like, the wholesaler can probably be able to tell you which retailer to visit.

The show is on Wed, Sept 19th and Thurs, Sept 20th. 10am to 5pm. At the Vancouver Convention Centre (under the "green roof"). Admission is \$15; before Sept 7th; \$20 at the door. HST to be added to those prices. Check out the website:

www.canwesthortshow.com.

CARPORT CLEAN-OUT:

As plant sale potting will no longer be done in Audrey's carport, she wants to get rid of all the excess pots and black trays and such. The desk with the never-full (also known as the 'always full') drawer is available—the drawer will probably be empty. Also, a very basic wood shelf. Talk with Audrey if you are interested. If materials are not gone by the September meeting, they will be taken to recycling. Please do not help yourself to the carport contents without Audrey since many of her personal items are also stored there.

THINK GREEN!! BRING YOUR

MUG!! As an added bonus we offer a free draw ticket when you buy a ticket at regular price!

WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Just a reminder of residential lawn watering restrictions.

- Odd numbered houses can sprinkle 4 to 9am, Tues, Thurs & Sun
 - Even numbered houses can sprinkle 4 to 9am, Mon, Wed & Sat
- Restrictions end Sept 30th.

NO JUNE SHOW IN 2013!

That's right! The membership voted at the July meeting to switch show from June to July in 2013. This means a whole new show schedule.

We would love to have your input as to what was in bloom or ripe in your garden in July. Talk with Lea McDonald or Audrey Barnes. Thanks.

NWHS SKETCH GROUP

New Westminster Horticultural Society's Sketch Group, aka The Garden Gals present ... "The Glory of Autumn" a study bursting in colour! October in the NWPL Reference Department.

The Garden Gals are a group of local artists who have worked together for the past six years. United by their common passions of art and gardening, they are most pleased to share their paintings in the New Westminster Public Library once again. Sketch Group Co-ordinator, Merrill Hall says "We have such a varied group of artists who are experimenting with many art styles yet are so supportive and encouraging to each other. As a group we find this to be one of the most important benefits. We often experience this support by making a point of viewing our work after every sketching session we do together for constructive comments. The group varies in size having as many as 15 members; typically 8 will come together for a public show such as this."

As well as being active within the Horticultural Society, Garden Gals have been a part of New West Cultural Crawl for several years.

RIVERVIEW ARBORETUM TOUR

We have planned a tour of the arboretum on the Riverview Hospital grounds for October 14, 2012. The Riverview Hospital site will officially close this year and the future of the grounds and the arboretum are uncertain. The Riverview Horticultural Society has been running tours of the arboretum for 20 years to raise awareness of this valuable asset. October 14, 2012 will be the last tour!

There are 1800 trees in the arboretum and 160 different species. Join your fellow members on a tour to enjoy spectacular fall leaves and a piece of history. The tour runs rain or shine. A sign up sheet will be available at the September meeting.

NO SCENTS PLEASE!!

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