

Newsletter



THE LAST BIG PLANT SALE!!

After this year's sale Audrey Barnes is retiring from being in charge of Plant Preparation. Accompanying her retirement will be the termination of the use of her carport for potting and her yard as the plant holding area. Instead of bemoaning "the sale will never be the same", let's focus on how we can make this year's sale the biggest and best ever. Let's make it the grand finale of the club's super sales!

SALE TIME LINE: *Mark your calendars*

Right now: Think of which plants you would like to cull from your garden, and make a list of them so you won't forget. This could be the last chance you get to donate those plants to benefit the club. Get ruthless! What seeds would you like to grow for the sale?

Sunday February 19th 11am: Plant Sale Organization Meeting. Contact Sharon Seki if interested in attending. If you were part of the main crew from last year (such as a sale area head) or would like to get involved in a greater capacity, please attend this meeting.

March 1st: Potting starts in earnest. The weather should have warmed, the carport will be set-up, our bodies will be keen.

April 16th (Monday): Last day to drop of plants

May 5th (Saturday): Transport and set-up

May 6th (Sunday): SUPER SALE DAY! The Armoury has been reserved.

HOW AND WHEN TO VOLUNTEER:

You'll want to take advantage of being part of this landmark event.

To help with potting in the yard:

Audrey will have her yard calendar available tonight. Phone or email her if you would like to sign-on later. It would be really appreciated if one or two bodies would come forward to be her assistants. This year she will be making special effort to pass on how she does things.

To help with sale weekend: set-up and sale day: Talk with Sharon Seki or Anna Camporese. The actual sign-up sheets will not be available until the April meeting but it would be wonderful knowing in advance that some jobs, especially that of cash supervisor, are covered.

After this sale, what then....

Well, we don't really know. It depends on what people are willing to do and what they want. We will definitely have future sales but how big, what form, when and where are things to be discussed in earnest over the next few months. Please come forward with your opinions. If you visit the sales of other clubs, don't just look at the plants but look at how their organization works. How do you envision our future sales?

ONE MORE CHANCE! Forgot your fees this month? Pay in March and still get your name in to March's draw for a \$10 Plant Sale Gift Certificate!

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, February 14, 7:30pm

Membership Renewals

Speaker: Dr. Zamir Punja

Topic: MOULDS, PLANT BLIGHT AND GENETIC ENGINEERING

Mark Your Calendar

Vancouver Hardy Plant Group

Spring Study Day - Saturday Feb 18th

9:30am-3pm

2 Speakers:

Keith Wiley: "On the Wildside - An Experiment in New Naturalism"

Anthony Archer Willis: "History of Using Water in the Garden and Water Gardens Now"

Cost: Members (VHPG): \$40

Non-members: \$45

Place: HR MacMillan Space Centre

1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver

Plant Sale Organization Meeting

Sunday February 19th - 11am

Contact: Sharon Seki

B. C. Council of Garden Clubs AGM

Saturday March 3rd, 2012

Place: 555 Slocan St. Vancouver

Time: Doors open @ 8:30am

Meeting is from 9am to 3pm

NWHS General Meeting

Tuesday March 13th, 7:30pm

Speaker: Marilyn Holt

Topic: HERITAGE VEGETABLES

Plant a Row - Grow a Row

Spring Gardeners Party

Thursday, March 15 at 6 pm

St. Thomas More Collegiate

7450 12th Avenue, Burnaby

New Westminster Horticultural Society February 2012

BC Council of Garden Clubs

The BC Council's spring meeting will be on Saturday, March 3. The morning speaker will be **Ann Kent: "Gardens That Heal"**. The afternoon speaker is **Ron Long: "The Endangered Species of Pink Mountain"**. 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. Tonight, because the treasurer will be very busy processing membership renewals, pay for your BC Council meeting admission at the fireplace end of the room. Contact Ellen Berg to pay after tonight. **The Deadline for payment is February 17, 2012.** This is a great meeting if you are able to make it!

NWHS Sketching Group

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

Although the group has been known as the "Garden Gals" in the past, **all NWHS members** (male or female) are welcome to participate in any of the Sketch Group activities.

Treasurer's Report

For those who missed hearing the figures of the December's Treasurer's Report, the money raised from the Christmas draw was **\$651**. We bumped it to **\$700** with a very grateful **Honour House** being the recipient (see their thank you card posted on the bulletin board). Other expenses of interest were for our new microphone (**\$620.48**) and the Christmas Party (**\$4,636.56**). For a full accounting stay tuned for Ellen's presentation during tonight's meeting.

Your 2012 Executive

There has been a large turnover on the club executive committee this year with seven new members. We are please to have three returning members to help guide the executive in its duties. At our first meeting held on January 24th, Lea McDonald agreed to become Show Chair. She will be working with Audrey Barnes to ensure the April and September "Bring to Share", the "June In-Club Show" and the Photo, Container and Garden Design Contests are successful. The NWHS has elected a hard working and capable executive committee:

President	Julia Goulden
Vice-president	Lorna Cloutier
Treasurer	Ellen Berg
Secretary	Mary Barnard
Show Chair	Lea McDonald

Members-at-Large:

<i>Librarian</i>	Monica Mowatt Marjorie Knutson Deidre Antonelli
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Getting Tired of Just Drooling over Seed Catalogues?

How about a **Visit to the new West Coast Seed website**. For years, the West Coast Seeds Catalogue has been the reference for growing vegetables from seed in the Lower Mainland. Now you can get even more information on their newly launched www.westcoastseeds.com. Check it out. Very impressive!
Or, **Attend Seedy Saturday** February 25th at VanDusen Botanical Garden.
Where: Floral Hall, Admin Bldg.
Time: 10am - 4 pm
Presented by the BC Master Gardeners Association.
"A celebration of heritage varieties and organic gardening featuring more than 30 growers, seed companies and exhibitors and Heritage Seed Swap. Admission by donation."

Plant a Row - Grow a Row

is holding its annual Spring Gardeners Party on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 6 pm at St. Thomas More Collegiate, 7450 12th Ave in Burnaby.

Plant a Row-Grow a Row acts as a conduit between the Food Bank and backyard gardeners who have a little (or a lot!) of extra fruit and vegetables. Our mandate is to provide fresh produce to needy families, especially those with children.

This year's speakers include **Conway Lum** on growing fruit, **Pasquale Porico** on mason bees, **Azeena Hamir** on starting seeds, **June Hewko** on garden tools, and **Lyle Courtice** on growing vegetables in pots. **Brian Minter** will have inspiring words for us, and our own **Claude LeDoux** will host the event.

Admission to the event is free, though we would appreciate a donation of non-perishable food for the Food Bank. There will be coffee, tea, treats, and giveaways from West Coast Seeds and GardenWise magazine.

Where else could you hear this line-up of speakers for the price of a few cans of food? Join your friends and neighbours for a great evening and start planning your garden now. Why not plant a couple of rows of peas this weekend - one for your family and one for a family in need?

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