

Newsletter



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July 2012

JUNE IN-CLUB SHOW - A WINNER!

It was great fun viewing all the entries last month. However it was disappointing to see so few after the great response to the show schedule a month early. We blame it on that pesky wet and cool June weather. Thank you to the 20 members who entered and congratulations to the winners in each category. There were 67 entries—drastically down from the number in 2011. A special high-five to the three who won the Best in Show popular-choice awards: Jan Potter for her beautiful Bearded Iris, Audrey Barnes for her unusual Egyptian Onion and Gillian Escalante for her downright gorgeous “Green is the Colour” entry.

Gillian Escalante's Winning "Green is the Colour"



2012 NWHS JUNE SHOW PLACEMENT RIBBONS

Competition	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Aquilegia	Karen Low	Dan Tessaro	
Delphiniums	Margaret Boom	Molly Stone	
Dianthus	Jacqueline Shephard		
Iris, Bearded	Jan Potter	Ellen Berg	Karen Low
Iris, not bearded	Julia Goulden	Dan Tessaro	Aldina Isbister
Pansies or Violas	Colleen Graham		
Peonies	Julia Goulden	Julia Goulden	Aldina Isbister
Roses, single flower	Dan Tessaro	Melinda Aikin	Dan Tessaro
Spathes	Audrey Barnes		
Any other flower	Audrey Barnes	Ellen Berg	Dan Tessaro
Leaf Vegetables	Gillian Escalante		
Green Onion	Dan Tessaro		
Herbs	Gillian Escalante		
Rhubarb	Gillian Escalante	Dan Tessaro	Linda Brown
Any other vegetable	Audrey Barnes		
Framed	Audrey Barnes	Jacqueline Shephard	
Green is the Colour	Gillian Escalante	Audrey Barnes	Audrey Barnes
Wedding Guest	Audrey Barnes	Silina Nakatsu	Audrey Barnes
Miniature/	Jacqueline Shephard	Audrey Barnes	Jacqueline Shephard

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 7:30pm

Garden Tour and Picnic

Speaker: Bill Terry

Topic: Poppies From the Roof of the World

Mark Your Calendar

August Meeting

Tuesday, August 14 - 7:30pm

Speaker: Margaret Nakahara on 'The Art of Drying Flowers'

Club Garden Tour and Picnic

Saturday, July 14.

Tour starts 1:30pm; picnic, 4:30pm

Pick up the tour handout tonight.

After the meeting, contact Audrey Barnes for pot-luck sign-up and tour details.

'Art in the Garden' Sunday, July 15. A 10 garden tour in Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra; fundraiser for the Port Moody Arts Tickets: \$20/person

Contact: Des Wilson at wilsontd@telus.net

New West Cultural Crawl

Saturday, August 11 & Sunday, August 12 from 11:00 to 5:00 daily

NWHS Sketch Group at 405 Buchanan Ave - page 3 for details

September Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:30pm

Speaker: Peter Cech on 'Zero Waste Challenge'

REMINDER

This is a reminder that if you have to leave the meeting early, before the speaker has finished, please use the kitchen door. Members using the main entrance to leave distract the speaker in his/her presentation. Thank you

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Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

Our garden tour and picnic are this Saturday, July 14th. Rain or shine! We're hardy types. What's a little rain? In many of our minds, it's one continuous event: go on the tour and end up at the picnic. But this doesn't mandate that you need to attend both events. Go on the tour only or just attend the picnic. Or if you want, join the tour part way. Just arrive at a garden at the time specified on the itinerary. There is a separate handout of the tour map and itinerary. Contact Audrey if you need the handout.

The Tour:

We had great response from members who volunteered to open their gardens but two available non-member gardens were too enticing to pass up. For those of you east of McBride Avenue, we'll concentrate on your area next year. Many of the gardens are return visits. It is interesting to see how they are evolving with the owners' lifestyle changes. The tour starts at 1:30 with Joy Makepeace-Smith's and Aldina & Rob Isbister's gardens, just the other side of Metrotown. We then whip back to New Westminster for a four garden cluster near the high school. These gardens (Kathy Wilford's, Maureen & Rob Johnson's, Lisa & Kevin Hudkins' and Darlene Carty & Bruce Hemstock's) are so close together that people are advised to park once and walk to each. After that we travel a short distance to Diane & Neal Escalante's and then another hop to the Anne McNamara & Eric Jackson's for the picnic. More details of each garden are on the special tour handout. To our garden & picnic hosts: Thank you all for volunteering to be a special part of our day. The tour is open to all members and their adult guests. Out of respect for the gardens, please no children. There is no sign up sheet for the tour. Possession of the map and itinerary

is your ticket. Please adhere to the schedule so that the garden hosts can enjoy the tour as well. Water will be available on the tour in the rear of the Barnes' Volvo wagon.

The Picnic:

Thanks Anne, for hosting our picnic. Although the picnic is organized as an adult affair, kids are welcome. Be aware that Anne's garden is not kid-proof. The picnic is primarily for club members and their families. There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic—it is the sheet upon which you stipulate your pot-luck offering. On the sheet, you are asked how many people are in your party and which dish you are bringing. The categories for food offerings are: main dish vegetarian, main dish non-vegetarian, salad, dessert and other. Please give details of your dish i.e. instead of just checking "salad", specify "bean salad" if that is what you are bringing. The club is supplying beverages (water, non-alcoholic punch, wine, tea and coffee) plus trays of cold cuts and cheeses. The sheet is available at the meeting tonight or with Audrey after the meeting. If your plans change and you cannot make the meeting after you have signed up, please inform Audrey. Usually we have about 60 people at the picnic.



Catherine Cartwright and Lesia Goida, proudly receiving the Garden Stumps Trophy 2011

Please bring the following with you to the picnic:

- Your pot-luck offering with a serving utensil. (Please do not drop it off before the tour. There is limited cool storage. No heating of food will be done on site)

- Your eating plate and cutlery

- A lawn chair, if you have one, as we have a limited number

Please put your name on everything you bring. We always have a boost in the lost & found after the picnic.

The Garden Stumps Contest is shaping up to be the best yet. You may have your own interpretation of that statement. For the uninitiated, it is a combination of a test in plant identification and word associations. You can work in teams of 2. Will your name be added to the trophy as the 2012 winner?

Picnic Time-Line:

- Set-up: Noonish. Want to help?

Contact Audrey. If you have a lawn umbrella or awning that we can borrow, please tell Audrey.

- Picnic Starts: 4:30pm. Meaning the coffee should be hot and the Garden Stumps Quiz available.

- Eating Starts: 5:00pm. Please have your food donation on site by this time.

BOTH EVENTS ARE RAIN OR SHINE!

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WHAT! NO JUNE SHOW IN 2013?

It is a very strong possibility. After many frustrating cool and wet Junes, we are throwing in the shovel. Instead of June, we propose moving the Annual In-Club Show to July in 2013. This will guarantee June 2013 will break all record high and hours of sun records. There will be a show of hands vote this evening regarding this move. If the vote is in favor of a July Show, it would be much appreciated if members would record what flowers and vegetables are in their prime in the July 1 to July 31 timeframe. Give your list to Lea McDonald or Audrey Barnes.

PLANT A ROW GROW A ROW:

There has been a change in the drop off hours for your produce offerings. Instead of 9:30 to 10:30am on Sundays at St. Thomas More, the hours are now 9:30 to 10:00am.

SILENT AUCTION:

Has the weather enticed you to clean out those cupboards instead of gardening? Just don't feel like having your own garage sale? Audrey is now collecting donations for the club's October Silent Auction. Leave them at her kitchen door—with your name attached, please. No items with fragrance please.

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.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT - May

Total Revenues: \$206.00

Total Expenses: \$299.60

See bulletin board for full report.

NWHS SKETCH GROUP

The Sketch Group regularly meets in the Lower Gallery of Centennial Lodge (below where we have our garden club meetings) on the third Wednesday of each month, January to November, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Everyone is invited to join the group and get inspired to actually sketch instead of just thinking about it. Just arrive with your sketch pad and set of pencils and a \$2.00 drop in fee. The money goes into the donation box at the Arts Council Gallery. Join this informal group – inspire each other to try new art techniques, share art world information, form new friendships. Often a session results in spontaneous plans to car pool to an event. The group is known as The Garden Gals but the group would welcome a new moniker. Guys are welcome.

Watercolour Workshop:

The Sketch Group is excited to offer a Watercolour Workshop with noted artist Frank Townsley (frank-townsley.artistwebsites.com) on Monday, September 24th and Tuesday, September 25th, from 6:30-9:30pm. It will be in the Arts Council Lower Gallery. This is a fabulous opportunity! Learn from the best in a small group. Space is limited to only eight students. The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members with supplies extra. Talk with Merrill Hall about reserving your spot. The fee is to be paid to Ellen Berg, our NWHS treasurer. A cheque payable to NWHS with the notation F.T/sketch group is preferred. This workshop is sure to continue the tradition of the high quality instruction of past workshops.

New Westminster Cultural Crawl:

The Cultural Crawl is a two day event in which you, the public, is invited to several venues such as studios and galleries to view the works of emerging and established artists. This year, the dates are Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12; the hours, 11:00am to 5:00pm. It is free. Carolyn McLaughlin's husband, Jerry, has been is a fixture on the tour at his home studio at 406 Buchanan Ave (corner of Buchanan and Sherbrooke in Sapperton). He is stepping back this year but the Sketch Group (aka the Garden Gals) have decided to use the well known location for their annual public exhibition of their artwork. Their work will be on display in Carolyn's garden. In the past, the group has had exhibits both on the ramp and in the upstairs gallery at the NW Public Library. Look for the crawl map available tonight. It will also be available from the Arts Council Gallery next to our meeting room. The gallery hours are 1:00-5:00pm daily, closed Monday. You might want to check out the crawl website: www.newwestculturalcrawl.com. Hopefully it will be updated soon. Or, for more information, contact Carolyn McLaughlin.



Garden Tours of the past!