

Newsletter



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June 2012

WELCOME TO THE 2013 JUNE IN-CLUB SHOW

Congratulations to all of you who have entered. What a show! Many thanks for taking the time to select and prepare your entries. Viewing them tonight will be a special treat.

Placement Ribbons: Our judge tonight, Jennifer Zuk, has the task of selecting First, Second and Third in each of the individual classes. Please facilitate her evaluations by not touching any of the exhibits and by giving her lots of room. Please do not talk with Jennifer until after the judging is complete.

Best of Show: There will be three Popular Choice Best of Show awards (rosette ribbons plus some cash) given out tonight. One for each of the three major categories: Cut Flowers; Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits and Floral Art. Everybody in attendance tonight gets to vote for his/her favorite in each category.

How to Vote for your Best in Show

Favorites: You have received a packet of three colored ballots. Everything is color coordinated: The table signs for each class, the ballot box lid, the "how-to vote" sign by the ballot box and the ballot. For Cut Flowers (classes 1 to 16), everything is in hot pink. For Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits, (classes 17 to 24), everything is in lime green. For Floral Art (classes 25 to 29), everything is in deep orange. Vote during refreshments. Write the exhibit number (on the lower left corner of the exhibit slip) of your favorite in Cut Flowers on your pink ballot and put it in the pink ballot box. Likewise with Vegetables, Herbs and

Fruits using the green ballot and Floral Art using the orange ballot. Not clear? Please ask Lea or Audrey for assistance before you vote. Refer to the "how to vote" signs near the ballot boxes for voting criteria guidelines.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW

You can drop off your produce for the Food Bank on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30am. The drop off spot is at the entrance to St. Thomas More Collegiate on 12th Avenue, just where the street turns as a cul-de-sac. Thank you for participating in this very worthwhile program. Produce will be gratefully received every Sunday morning until October.

UPCOMING TOURS

- 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 guided tour of the Riverview lands and gardens in September.

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Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 7:30pm

June Show

Speaker: Angela Drake

Topic: Solar Greenhouses and How to Extend Your Growing Season

Mark Your Calendar

July Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2012 7:30pm

Speaker: Bill Terry on 'Poppies From the Roof of the World'

Westminster Pier Park Opening

Saturday, June 16

11am to 3pm

'It's About Thyme' Nursery

Tour and Shopping Opportunity

Thursday, June 21, 1 to 3pm and

Saturday, June 23 (all day)

7509 Meadow Avenue, Burnaby

Offer: 20% off your entire purchase upon presentation of your club card.

Club Garden Tour and Picnic

Saturday, July 14

'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 per person

Contact: Des Wilson at wilsondt@telus.net

TREASURER'S REPORT - May

Total Revenues: \$13,817.54

Total Expenses: \$3,265.29

See bulletin board for full report.

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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CLUB TOUR & PICNIC UPDATE

You'll definitely want to keep July 14th reserved for the club garden tour and picnic. It's shaping up to be an event not to be missed. The tour will be starting just the other side of Metrotown (two gardens confirmed) and will work its way through the Lord Kelvin area near the New West Secondary School (two gardens confirmed) and finally end at Anne McNamara's garden in Queens Park. Anne's garden is the picnic site. Will we be going near your garden? How about adding it to the tour? Please talk with Audrey as soon as possible if you want to be included. In a few days she plans to approach the owners of a couple of non-member gardens.

The starting time for the tour is yet to be established. It depends on the number of gardens, the complexity of each garden and the time needed for driving between the sites. Usually it is about 1:30 or 2:00pm. The map and itinerary will be available next month. There will be no sign-up sheet for the tour. Adults only please.

The picnic usually starts about 4:30pm (coffee will be hot) and ends roughly at 7:00pm. As in previous years, it is pot-luck. The sign-up sheet, on which you can state what dish you would like to bring, is available tonight and at the July meeting. This is also our record of expected number of attendees at the picnic. As in previous years, members are responsible for bringing their own plate and cutlery. Mugs will be available for coffee and tea. The picnic is for members and their families. Although children are welcome, it is not geared for them. The Garden Stumps Contest will return.

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

GREENHOUSE TOUR

If you were amongst the two dozen attendees of the New West Parks Greenhouse Tour on May 13th, lucky you! Claude LeDoux with his trusty sidekick, Joan Miller, proudly showed the facility. There have been major improvements, many state-of-the-art, since our last club tour. Can you imagine having an irrigation system that supplies water at the same temperature as the plant's soil? We learned a lot about greenhouses—problems they had with the old ones and how the new ones were designed to eliminate the problems. Lots of discussion of the use of beneficial insects for disease control. Half of us

were drooling over what it would be like to have such a structure in our own yards. The whole group was drooling over the fantastic plant material. It was perfect timing, as in two weeks, much of the plant material was destined to be in the city's gardens. A whole greenhouse of gorgeous hanging baskets— you had to see it, to believe it. Claude, Joan, thank you for the most informative tour. Our hats are off to you and the (amazingly small) greenhouse crew for the huge amount of quality plant material produced in the complex. New Westminster is so very lucky to have the greenhouses and the dedicated staff.



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PHOTO, CONTAINER & GARDEN DESIGN CONTESTS

As with the June show, these contests are an enticement to really look at your garden (and other gardens) and a way to share ideas with your fellow members. Most of your entries will be probably based on photos you take during the growing season. Now that it is actually upon us, get that camera out and take the photos. Don't use the excuse: "You should have seen it yesterday". Keep your camera handy and use it.

Photo Contest: There are three categories:

- *A visitor to your garden* (must be your own garden)
- *The colour blue* (can be any garden)
- *View of a NWHS member's garden* (Bring your camera on the tour!) The photo contest is judged by a qualified judge who is not an NWHS member.

Container Contest: You can enter up to 3 containers. Take the photos when they look the best. In November, all in attendance choose the container they like the best.

Garden Design Contest: Gates and Passages. Take photos of your own garden, highlighting how you treat the movement from one area to another. This contest is also judged in November by all in attendance.

We urge you, again, to take photos now. You will be very pleased with the quality of your entries when you submit them in October. Further contest details are in the Club Contests Handout. If you missed picking it up earlier in the year, or have just misplaced your copy, more are available tonight.

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.

NWHS SKETCH GROUP:

The NWHS Sketch group is offering a Watercolour Workshop with noted artist Frank Townsley (frank-townsley.artistwebsites.com) on the evenings of September 24th and 25th from 6:30-9:30 at the Arts Council of New Westminster lower gallery. Space is limited to a maximum number of eight students, you can secure your spot by first contacting Merrill Hall, then paying Ellen Berg with a cheque marked NWHS and noted for: F.T/sketch group. The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non members, supplies would be an extra cost with a supply list sent by email in early September.

The NWHS Sketch Group aka The Garden Gals are shaking things up from our usual program. We meet at the Lower Gallery in the Arts Council Of New Westminster on the third Wednesday of each Month, January to November, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Its fun and casual, come out and join us, all you need is a sketch pad and set of pencils plus a \$2.00 drop in fee which goes in the donation box at the gallery. We are sharing art world information and inspiring each other to try new art techniques. We form friendships and make spontaneous plans to car pool to various events. Currently we are planning to participate in the City's Culture Crawl by exhibiting at Carolyn McLaughlin's lovely garden.

