

# Newsletter



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March 2012

## THE LAST BIG PLANT SALE!!

### Let's Get Digging and Potting!

Wow! In two months our sale will be history! Yikes! The time has definitely arrived for you to get out into your gardens and industriously dig up those unwanted plants...and for you to volunteer to help with the potting in the carport. "Panic Potting" has begun!

Our plant sale is not only the largest club plant sale in the lower mainland, it is also the one club event in which it is expected that all club members will partake. There are plenty of opportunities. It is a prolonged club social event.

Because the sale is so large, it is mandatory that all plant material be processed through "the yard"—this includes the potting, nurturing, pricing (and, perhaps, culling to maintain our high standards). Plants grown from seed are nurtured off site until during the week prior to the sale when they are brought to the yard for labeling and pricing. No plant material bypasses the yard on its way to the Armoury.

Please get out into your gardens and dig up those plants. Not out of the ground yet? Perfect! The best time for us to pot is while they are dormant—before the above ground growth starts. When you drop them off, please put your name with each clump or bag along with the plant's name and as many defining details as possible. We love botanical names. On our label, we want to be able to tell our customers why they just

cannot pass up buying the plant.

Worried about huge holes in your garden? No problem. We have a huge pile of soil. We will gladly fill any divots.

**Sign-up to Volunteer:** Audrey's calendar is awaiting your name on the date you want to help in the yard. Sharon and Anna are posting last year's set-up and sale day volunteering sheets tonight. Confirm with them if you want to volunteer for the same position this year—or if you would like to try something different. For those who have never volunteered, the plant sale is a great opportunity to get to know other members and perhaps learn something new about gardening.

**Dues are Due:** If you haven't already renewed, your membership expired at the end of February. You have another chance to renew at our March meeting and be entered in a draw for one of two \$10 gift certificates for our plant sale.

### 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.

### Cherry Blossoms? It Must be Spring!

Check out the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival site, [www.vcbf.ca](http://www.vcbf.ca).

There are an endless number of activities honoring these special trees.

## Tonight's Meeting

**Tuesday, March 13, 7:30pm**

**Membership Renewals**

Speaker: Marilyn Holt

Topic: HERITAGE SEEDS

## Mark Your Calendar

### April Meeting:

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 7:30pm

Speaker: Lorelle Oldford-Down

Topic: Growing Apples in the Urban Orchard

### Plant a Row - Grow a Row

#### Spring Gardeners Party

Thursday, March 15 at 6 pm

St. Thomas More Collegiate

7450 12th Avenue, Burnaby

### Vancouver Orchid Society 2012

#### Show and Sale

Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25

VanDusen Botanical Garden

5251 Oak St., Vancouver

Admission: \$7 - Seniors & Students \$6

### Vancouver Master Gardeners

#### Spring Seminar 2012

Sunday, March 18 from 9am-3:30pm

Location: Michael J. Fox Theatre - at

Burnaby South Secondary School

Cost: \$50.00 / \$60.00 at the door

Speakers:

Jeff Lowenfels - "Teaming with Microbes"

Carolyn Herriot - organic gardener - "the Zero Mile Diet"

Ruth Olde - "Landscape Made Easy by Design"

Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott - "Sustainable Landscapes and Gardens"

# New Westminster Horticultural Society March 2012

## Bring to Share in April:

**What is "Bring-to-Share"?** It is a chance for all members to share our gardens and ourselves with the rest of the club. Members can bring exhibits for others to look at, offer feedback or arrange to give a short (no more than a few minutes) demonstration of some gardening tip. There is no judging of exhibits: however, there will be a participation draw at the end of the evening; 3 prizes of \$10 each will be awarded.

### What to share?

Exhibits can be presented in physical form or by photos and diagrams. The categories are:

- Garden glory: beautiful or unusual plants, blooms or foliage
- Insect: info or questions
- Great tips: your own or other sources
- Photos: Garden related
- Plant identification
- Weeds and disease: info or questions
- Garden design: info or questions
- Demonstration: contact Julia Goulden in advance
- Other exhibits

### How to Participate:

1. Fill out a slip for each exhibit you bring. Exhibit slips will be provided. Enter your name at the top, state the reason for the exhibit (ie. why you think it is interesting or the information you are seeking)
2. Put your exhibits on the tables under the appropriate category.
3. Register for the draw: check in with the show chairperson or other volunteers when you bring in an exhibit to ensure your name is down for the draw. Each exhibitor can enter the draw only once regardless of the number of exhibits she/he has brought in.
4. Leave feedback for exhibitors before the meeting and during the tea break. Sharing is mutual. Let the exhibitors know that you appreciate their efforts by leaving a comment or share your

knowledge by answering questions posed on the exhibiting slip. If you want to speak to the exhibitor but don't know the person, ask one of the executive committee members to help you out.

### Plant a Row - Grow a Row:

You'll definitely want to be in attendance of the kick-off party for the 2012 PAR-GAR season. It starts 6pm sharp on Thursday, March 25th at St. Thomas More Collegiate. As in past years, a super line-up of speakers has been assembled: Brian Minter, Conway Lum, Pasquale Porico, Azeena Hamir, June Hewko, Lyle Courtice. Lots of great information on the program and on growing vegetables. Claude LeDoux is the evening's host. Admission is free but a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank is suggested. Did we mention giveaways and prizes?

### 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.

**Going Green:** The executive committee is encouraging all members to bring their own mug for use at teatime. We are trying to find ways to cutdown on unnecessary costs both financial and environmental. As an incentive we are extending the policy of giving a complimentary raffle ticket to members who bring their own mug if they buy at least one raffle ticket.

### LEPS' Salmon Friendly Garden Seminar:

Saturday, March 17, 10am to 3pm, Township of Langley Civic Facility, 20388 65 Ave, Langley  
Pre-registration required. Admission by donation (includes a light lunch).  
Contact: Kim Greenwood  
kgreenwood@tol.ca or 604 532 3513  
for more information or to register.

Register as soon as possible as response has been fantastic. There will be three presentations: vertical landscaping, container gardening and Carolyn Herriot of the "Zero Mile Diet". Langley Environmental Partners Society (LEPS) is a non-profit, partnership-driven organization with the mission of "protecting and restoring the natural environment through education, cooperation and action."

### Speaker Etiquette:

As a courtesy to the speaker and the other club members please remember that:

- there is no talking while the speaker is making their presentation,
- if you must leave before the speaker is finished presenting, please leave very quietly, and preferably through the kitchen door,
- be mindful that no other business is conducted during the speaker's presentation. The treasurer's table, refreshment area, etc. are closed.

Thank you for following these simple, polite guidelines.

### Treasurer's Report Feb. 14-28

TOTAL REVENUES: **\$968**

Membership Fees: **\$772**

(70 renewals; 7 new; 1 guest)

Raffle **\$120** Total Expenses: **\$234.94**

Complete Treasurer's Report on the Bulletin Board and Ellen's presentation during tonight's meeting.

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