

Newsletter



GREAT DEALS TONIGHT!

From the items dropped off for the auction, it looks like this could possibly be the club's most profitable Silent Auction ever. A huge number of things including several pristine, new items that would retail over \$100 were dropped off for pre-processing. Need to say, some starting bids are higher than 25¢. NWHS thanks all who donated. Also thank you to the crew who stepped in to help with the accelerated set-up today. What a start to an exciting event.

Simple suggestions to make your evening fun.

1. Get your bidder number in the foyer
2. Scan the room to see what you like
3. Make generous bids (it is to the benefit of *your* gardening club)
4. Keep a list of what you bid on for easy reference
5. Follow Julia's instructions at the auction's end and all will run smoothly.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This takes place on Nov 13 as part of our general meeting. Time-wise it is a very small portion of the evening-but a very important portion. The 2013 NWHS Executive Committee will be elected and a few motions voted upon. One motion is regarding the increase in our annual membership dues. The others are slight changes to our constitution. All three motions are being recommended unanimously by the current Executive Committee.

Executive Elections: The term for all positions, except President and Vice-President, is one year. If you want to get involved in the running of the club, its time to step forward to be on executive. The fact that every member of the current executive is willing to return indicates it is what a rewarding experience.

Even though they are keen, come forward if interested in any position. Speak with any executive member.

The positions open are: Treasurer, Secretary, Show Chair and 5 Members-at-Large.

There are no specific duties assigned to members-at-large. It is a great starting position to getting involved on the executive.

Motions:

1. Membership Dues: Starting with 2013, the NWHS annual membership fee be raised from the current \$10.00 to \$15.00

2. Constitution change: Part 9, Art. 41: Current Wording: The executive shall appoint an auditor on or before Dec 31.

Proposed Wording: The executive shall appoint an auditor in the month of January to review the financial statement of the preceding year.

3. Constitution Change: Part 9, Art.44: Current Wording: Said reviewed report must be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the February general meeting.

Proposed Wording: Said reviewed report shall be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the March general meeting.



GET YOUR TICKET ASAP!

NWHS Christmas Celebration
December 11, 2012 - Available tonight and at November meeting and through Ellen Berg in between. \$20.00 Members, \$25.00 Non Members. You must have a ticket to attend this festive and fun event.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, October 09, 7:30pm

Silent Auction - Members Only

Contest Entries Due!

Christmas Dinner Tickets on Sale!

Mark Your Calendar

November Meeting - NWHS AGM

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:30pm

Speaker: Mike Weinmaster on "Green Over Grey" (Beautifully designed vertical gardens and green walls) .

2013 Executive Elections; Voting on three motions; Christmas dinner tickets are on sale (Correct change or Cheque please), table reservations will be taken; Container and Garden Design entries judged.

The BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting - Saturday, Oct. 13, doors open at 8:30am; adjournment at 2:30pm - Our Lady of Sorrows 555 Slocan St. Vancouver

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UBC Botanical Gardens-Applefest

Oct. 13-14 at 11am to 4pm - Family friendly celebration of apples - free samples - \$4 Adults, free if under 12.

6804 SW Marine Drive @ 16th Ave., Vancouver

Vancouver

www.botanicalgardens.ubc.ca

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NWHS Tour of Riverview Gardens

October 14 - 1pm - Sign up tonight

See article pg. 4.

NWHS Sketch Club

"The Glory of Autumn Colours"

exhibition during October

on the second floor of the NWPL

Late Chrysanthemum Show, Pt. Grey

Chrysanthemum Association -

Nov. 3(12pm to 4pm) and Nov. 4(10

am to 4pm) Gardenworks Mandeville,

4746 SE Marine Drive, Burnaby

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CONTEST ENTRIES READY?

OOPS! Entry deadline extended: We keep forgetting to remind you about the October Meeting Deadline for Contest Entries! Because of this, the entry deadline has been extended one week. The new absolute deadline is Tuesday October 18th, 5pm. Submit your entries to Audrey at her home, 117 Seventh Avenue.

A BRIEF RECAP OF OUR CONTESTS:

(The Contest Handout, with more details, is posted near the podium.) All members are urged to enter. For all contests, photos can be no larger than 5"x 7" (unless panoramic).

Photo Contest: Three categories, you can enter 3 photos in each category. Photos must have been taken since October 1st, 2011. Entries are judged as photos.

1. Visitors in the Garden: May include humans, animals, insects, gnomes... (something living or a representation of something living). Photo must be taken in your own garden.
2. Colour in the Garden—Blue: Capture the colour blue in any garden.
3. View of a NWHS Garden: An overall or partial view of any member's garden.

Container Contest: You can enter up to 3 containers—and can submit up to 3 photos of each container (most people only submit one photo). Along with the photo, you must submit a list of the plants used in the container.

Garden Design: Gates and passages: You can submit up to 3 entries with one photo per entry. Must be of your own garden. Show how you have treated moving from one area of your garden to another. Do you have a formal or informal gate? How do you treat that passage down the side of the house? Do you have steps leading to a different area? These are only some suggestions. For the Container and Garden Design Contests, judging is done on the content of the photos, not the photos themselves.

ENTERING TONIGHT: There is a "contest entries accepted here" location next to the podium.

Photo Contest: Do not write your name on the back of the photos. Instead write your exhibitor number (get it at the podium). If it is not really obvious which way your photo should be viewed, also put an arrow pointing "up" on the photo's reverse. There will be three large envelopes: one for garden visitors, one for colour and one for garden view. Put your entries in the appropriate envelope. Easy, eh?

Container + Garden Design Contests: There will be a stack of empty envelopes available. Do not write on the envelopes. Use one envelope for each entry i.e. for each of your entries, take an envelope and put your photo(s) and plant list in the envelope—and your name or exhibitor number of course. Then put that envelope in the appropriate box. Repeat for each of your entries.

THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

Photo Contest: Entries given to Kevin Hudkins for judging.

Container and Garden Design Contests: Posters are made of all entries. At the November meeting, all present get to vote for their favorite—and, hopefully, get some ideas that they may wish to incorporate into their own gardens. Winners are announced at the December festivities. Prizes are \$15 for first, \$10 for second and \$5 for third.

FROM AUDREY

Wow, was I surprised last month. Speechless! I would like to thank the membership again for all the goodies. I'm still over-whelmed. I love NWHS & its members. Thanks.



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CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

For many garden club members, the start of the Christmas season is playing with all the club's crafting materials and creating the prizes for our annual Christmas Party draw. As of yet, the charity recipient of the proceeds of the draw has not yet been confirmed. All members (and their friends) are invited to come to Audrey's basement to let their creative juices flow and to socialize—or just to socialize if you consider yourself "craft-challenged". We aim to create eighty one-of-a-kind prizes. Usually we go over that number as the materials suggest more and more ideas as we become familiar with them. Most of our creations are Christmas themed. It is an understatement that there is a lot of material available.

So, just what is available to use? The basement is so stuffed that, often for the first visit, people just wander about checking things out. Here's a partial list, taking a virtual tour of the basement: wreath forms (wire, grapevine, Styrofoam); baskets and containers (some with liners, some without); Oasis & Sahara; Styrofoam forms of all shapes; pieces of board & trays for bases; ribbon & ribbon & ribbon; candles & candleholders; a huge multitude of decorations & picks; glass balls & beads; strings of lights;

TREASURER'S REPORT - Sept.

Total Revenues: \$296.00

Total Expenses: \$1,105.22

See bulletin board for full report.

THINK GREEN!! BRING YOUR MUG!!

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

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.

small fake trees; more decorations; cones of many types and sizes; interesting seeds & seed heads; stalks of dried vegetation; silk flowers; silk greenery; fake evergreen branches and garlands; glue guns & sticks; florist wire & tape; more decorations; pliers & wire cutters & scissors, books with ideas.... Just lots and lots of stuff. Where does it come from? Some we have collected from nature, some the club has purchased but probably the most unusual and inspiring are those things donated by club members. If you have any Christmas decorations that you know longer want, drop them off at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. It is always nice to know who is donating what i.e. please leave your name with your donation. We're not offended if your return something you won at last year's Christmas party. If it was one of our favorites, it might just be spruced up and offered again this year. Usually donated decorations are dismantled and the parts used in completely new ways. It is important that the materials be "fragrance free". Also, we found out last year that we cannot use glitter that might flake off—it is in our lease. Oops!

How about fresh greenery? As we want the prizes to be fresh, we won't be working with fresh materials until the December 7, the Friday before the party—and only in the daylight hours. Also since it is hard to avoid fragrance with fresh materials, this means they are in the basement for a very limited time. If you have any greenery that we can use, please talk with Audrey about pick-up or drop-off.

OK, when can I craft? The basement will be available for crafting Monday, November 19th to Sunday, December 9th from 9am to 9pm. However the actual hours of crafting depend on when you say you will be coming. If nobody is scheduled, it is very possible that the house will be locked and Audrey will be out getting groceries or partaking in a likewise mundane activity. It's easy to schedule. Tonight (near the podium) and at the November meeting, Audrey will have

a huge calendar for you to write in when you would like to come. A usual session is 2 to 3 hours long. Just write your full name and phone number and the hours on the date you would like to craft. With 4 or 5 people at one time, the table gets crowded (fewer people with fresh materials). The first to sign up for a particular time slot, gets priority if a lot of people want to come at that one specific time. Putting your name on the calendar does not mean you can't change your mind. About dinner time the evening before you are due to come, Audrey will phone to confirm your attendance. If after tonight's meeting, you would like to attend, just phone or email Audrey. You will probably find that you will want to come more than once. If your plans change, it would be nice to let Audrey know.

Who can come to craft? Anybody who wants to. These are not closed member-only workshops. It is for anyone who likes to create things—and appreciates not making room for them at home later. One of our current executive members, sat at the crafting table before sitting at a club meeting. A word, again, about fragrance: Please do not use any personal fragrance if coming to the sessions.

Where are the sessions? In Audrey's basement. The address is 117 Seventh Avenue, New Westminster. There should be lots of Christmas lights up. Park in the front. Follow the sidewalk around the back deck to the basement door. Please do not try to cross the deck. It is sure to be slippery.

What about other prizes? We realize that it is not viable to everyone to attend a craft session away from home. We would be delighted to accept your offer of one or more unique prizes. In the past people have created Christmas decorations, festive baking (we have some nice tins you can use), knitting and quilting projects in their own homes. Tell Audrey if you plan to do this so that she can reserve room on the prize table for your offering(s). Thanks.

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RIVERVIEW ARBORETUM TOUR

Our visit to the arboretum on the grounds of the Riverview Hospital has been confirmed for 1pm on October 14th. The Riverview Horticultural Centre Society will be guiding our tour. The Riverview Lands are the site of the first botanical garden in Western Canada and contain a huge selection of mature trees from around the world. They are magnificent. Unique to this arboretum is the luxurious spacing of the trees—each has grown to its own potential without being crowded by its neighbours. **YOU CAN STILL SIGN-UP TONIGHT!** Visit the website at www.rhcs.org for more information about getting there. There is also plenty of information on the history of the site, the Arboretum, Finnie's Garden and the rich architectural heritage.

Directions to the Arboretum:

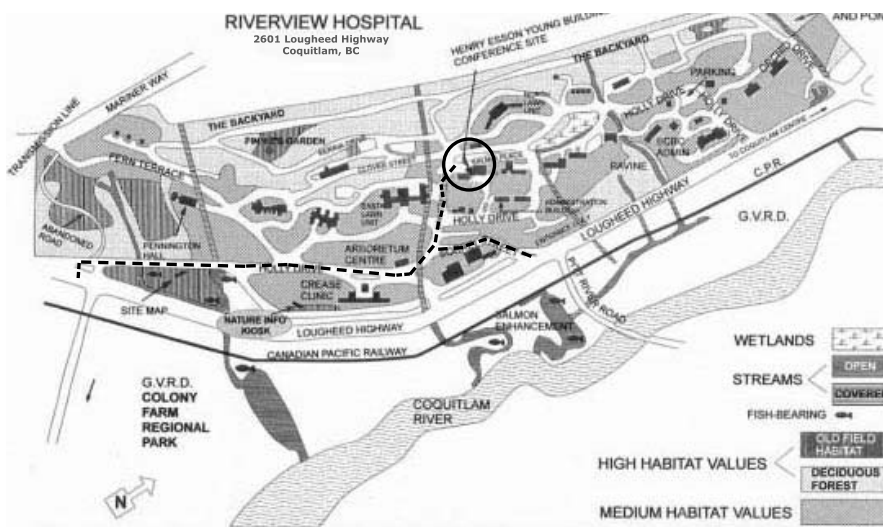
Riverview is on Loughheed Highway between the Cape Horn Interchange and Coquitlam. We will be meeting in front of the HEY Building. To reach HEY Building take Holly Drive through the hospital grounds, then go uphill on Oak Crescent, and the HEY Building is on your right on Kalmia Drive. Find parking, and meet at the front door. Buses do go through the grounds, ask to be let off above Crease Clinic.

PROPAGATING ROSEMARY by Linda Turnbull

Although Rosemary, *Rosmarinus officinalis*, is quite easy to propagate by seed, layering and cuttings in water, I prefer to do cuttings in soil. The cuttings can be done anytime during the growing season. If done early in the year, when planting your cutting, place it in the ground near the parent plant as you already know that rosemary grows well in this site. I grow the variety of Rosemary called "Arp". It is the most zone hardy. It is a shrub that will grow 5 feet high and 9 feet in diameter if unpruned. Luckily, it tolerates pruning well. Keeping its shape and size is easy.

Just follow these simple steps to grow your Rosemary cuttings in soil:

1. Take a 6 inch non-flowering stem and remove the leaves from the bottom 3 inches.
2. Dip in hormone rooting powder and shake off excess. Use the appropriate powder (#1, 2 or 3) for your stem type. There is a gel rooting hormone available on the market. I have not had any great success with the product so I cannot recommend it.
3. Place 1 or 2 cutting per 4 inch pot of sterile quick draining soil. Bury the stem of the cutting to just below the first retained leaf. Sunshine #4 works well. The soil should be just damp.
4. If doing several pots, use a growing tray and dome. If growing just one pot, a two litre clear plastic pop bottle (keep the cap on) works well as a dome. Lift the dome or pop bottle for a brief time everyday so mold or mildew does not form. Do not allow the leaves to brush or lean against the plastic cover.
5. Place in bright light in the greenhouse or on a window sill. Do NOT put in direct sunlight until your rosemary plant is rooted and established. This may take 2-3 weeks. Once rooted, the cutting will hold fast when gently tugged. If using a growlight, have the light fairly high until the cuttings are rooted.
6. Move your rooted plant into direct sunlight or under a bright light. If planting out in the garden, use hardening off methods.
7. Do not over water. Rosemary cuttings do not like wet feet and will die if not well-drained. Water well, when necessary; allow water to drain into tray or saucer. Remove saucer and empty. Water only when soil is dry again.
8. When planting out, a sunny quick draining site is best. Rosemary is an excellent foundation plant.
9. Provide some wind/snow protection, especially in the first couple of years.



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