

Newsletter



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July 2013

IT'S SHOW TIME!!!

VOTE FOR 'BEST OF SHOW' TONIGHT:

With this fantastic weather, we should have a great showing tonight. Congratulations to all who have entered. We will all enjoy viewing your entries and picking our favorites in each of the overall categories: Cut Flowers; Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits and Floral Art.

How to Vote for "Best of Show":

You have received a packet of three colored ballots. One ballot is to be used for your favorite in each of the categories. Everything is colour coordinated: the table signs for each class, the ballot box lid, the "how to vote" sign by the ballot box and the ballot.

- Hot pink is for Cut Flowers: classes 1 to 15
- Lime green is for Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits: classes 16 to 25
- Deep Orange is for Floral Art: classes 26-30

To vote for your favorite, using the appropriate ballot, write the exhibit number (on the lower left corner of the exhibit slip) of the exhibit of your choice and put it in the appropriate box. Not clear about which number? Ask Lea or Audrey for assistance before you vote. Vote for only one exhibit for each of the overall categories. Refer to the "how to vote" sign near the ballot boxes for voting criteria. Ballots put in the wrong box or with more than one number listed will be discarded. Vote during refreshments.

TREASURER'S REPORT - June

Total Revenues: \$333.00
Total Expenses: \$448.39
See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

Placement Ribbons:

Besides the coveted "Best of Show" rosettes, placement ribbons will be awarded in each individual class for First, Second and Third placings. Jennifer Zuk is our judge. 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.



PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW:

Has your vegetable garden taken off with this weather? Excellent. We have just the time and place for you to drop off your excess. Plant a Row, Grow a Row is accepting donations of fresh produce every Sunday morning (8:45-9:15am) at the entrance to St. Thomas More Collegiate (7450 12th St, Burnaby). All donations go to the New Westminster Food Bank. Aren't growing anything but see a great deal on some produce? Why not buy some extra and drop it off. It will be much appreciated.

THYME ON 43rd JAPANESE GARDENS:

It took 5 years, utilizing authentic Japanese construction and landscaping techniques and materials, to create this beautiful and tranquil Japanese stroll garden in Langley. Join club members on a visit on September 28 (exact hour yet to be determined). The cost to you is \$7, payable to Ellen asap. Once there, you will realize what a deal \$7 is. For more info on the garden visit www.thymeon43rd.com.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Claude LeDoux who will host a Q and A session.

In-Club Show

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Sharon Hanna who will be speaking on Kale and Winter Gardening. Copies of her book *The Book of Kale* (\$25.00) will be on sale

NWHS Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic:

Saturday, July 13

Garden Tour starts at 1:00pm

Potluck Picnic starts at 4:30pm

See details on page 2.

Perennial Plant Symposium Seminar

Sunday, July 21, Sheraton Wall Centre 1088 Burrard St., Vancouver

Registration fee: \$99

Website: www.perennialplant.org

Thyme on 43rd Japanese Garden

Club Outing: Sept. 28 - Time TBD

Admission Fee; \$7.00 (Payable by the Sept. 10 NWHS Regular Meeting)

Sign-up sheet at the July meeting

Carpooling to the site.

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GARDEN TOUR AND POT-LUCK

PICNIC:

Keep your fingers crossed that the gorgeous weather will continue for this Saturday, July 13th, as that is the date of our annual in-club garden tour and picnic. The event goes rain or shine. As you know, this is one of our major socials of the year. We hope that you take advantage of one or both events by attending and making friends with fellow garden club members. If you want to join the tour part way, just arrive at a garden at the time specified on the itinerary. Please do not arrive early at a garden—there is nothing more frustrating than to have someone interrupt last minute tweaking! There is a separate handout of the tour map and itinerary. Contact Audrey if you need a copy.

The tour:

6 super gardens on tour this year! We will visit 4 member and then finish with 2 non-member gardens. Thank you to everyone who is opening their garden gate for us. You will love each garden. Unlike the past couple of years, there is minimal driving involved this year: less than 6km total! The itinerary allows for 20 minutes for viewing each garden. The tour will start at 1:30pm at Lisa Escalante's. So nice that Elaine & Rob Carroll's garden is only a half block away—no driving! Then a quick hop gets you to Terri Clark-Kveton's and another hop to Sarah Johnson's. A bit longer drive to John & Susan Webb's and then a hop to Steve & Kimberley Azyans. Then another hop back to the picnic at the Barnes residence. The itinerary has the tour ending at roughly 4pm. More details of each garden are on the special tour handout. The tour is open to all NWHS members and their adult guests. No children or pets please. There is no sign-up sheet for the tour. Possession of the map and itinerary is your ticket. Water will be available on tour in the rear of the Barnes' Volvo wagon. Again, thank you to all our hosts for helping make the day special.

The picnic:

Although the tour ends at 4pm, the picnic at the Barnes residence, 117 Seventh Ave, doesn't really start until 4:30pm. This is to allow you time to scoot home and pick-up your food donation and to allow the crew to finalize picnic set-up. Preliminary set-up of the picnic will be at about 11am—if you would like to help, talk with Audrey—thanks. Although the picnic is organized as an adult affair, kids are welcome but please be aware that the garden is not kid-proof. The picnic is primarily for NWHS members and their families. There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. On the sheet, you are asked how many people are in your party and which dish you will be bringing. The food offering categories are: main dish vegetarian, main dish non-vegetarian, salad, dessert and other. Please give details of your dish, eg. instead of just checking "salad", specify "bean ". No need to make an amount to have as a main course for the 50-60 people expected—enough for a side course for about 10 would be appropriate. In order to leave a couple of "easy" offerings open, the club has decided not to supply cold cut and cheese trays this year. We will be supplying beverages: water, non-alcoholic punch, wine, tea and coffee. The sheet is available tonight at the head table and will be in Audrey's possession until Saturday. Please contact Audrey if your plans change and you cannot make the picnic. We will once again featuring the Garden Stumps quiz at the picnic. This is a combination of a test in plant identification and word associations. You can work in teams of two.

Please bring the following with you to the picnic:

- Your pot-luck offering with a serving utensil.
- 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 lost & found after the picnic.

NWHS CONTESTS:

Besides the July show, NWHS has several other contests to encourage members to really look at their gardens and to share with their cohorts. Now that the growing season is well underway, get out your camera and take photos. Entries are submitted at the October meeting. If you want a complete set of rules, pick one up at the sign-up table.

Photo Contest:

1. Visitors in the Garden: must be in your own garden
2. Colour in the Garden: red is the colour of choice for 2013; can be any garden
3. Over-all or partial view of any NWHS member's garden

Container Contest:

Not a photo contest but a good photo shows a container better than a poor photo. Take a photo of your container or group of containers while plants are at their peak. Remember, you will need a list of the plants used when you submit your entry.

Garden Design Contest: Using the third dimension, height:

Again not a photo contest, but a good photo is advantageous. Show how you incorporated the use of height as element of garden design: hard landscaping? plant usage? center of interest? tricky slope solution?

MINTER GARDENS CLOSING:

As you are probably aware, Minter Gardens is closing for good mid October for this year. The executive mulled over the possibility of club visit but decided against it. However, in the July/August BC Council of Garden Clubs Bulletin there are two Garden Club Appreciation coupons valid Aug 12-16, 2013. One is "Bring a friend for free" i.e. Buy one, Get one admission to Minter Gardens. The second is 33% off any one item at Brian's Minter Country Garden nursery on Young Rd. (It's a great nursery!) The nursery is not closing. We have printed several copies of the coupons. If interested, see Julia tonight or get one at the picnic.