

Newsletter



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June 2013

SHOW OFF YOUR BEST!

July In-Club Show:

The excitement grows! What will the weather be like between now and the July meeting? Will that flower be finished or in its prime? The schedule is available for you to plan what you will enter. Not only does it list the categories, it gives hints on selecting and showing your exhibits. Please read the category details. We hope that everyone will enter at least one class. Entering is much more fun than just viewing the exhibits. It really does make you look at your garden in a different way. You will appreciate your flowers and vegetables so much more when you evaluate them as possible show exhibits.

Show day is always a rush. If possible, gather your cut materials early in the morning and keep them, in water, in a cool dark place until just before the meeting. Vegetables can be harvested and wrapped in a damp towel and refrigerated. Word of advice: make a list of what you have put in the fridge—it is so easy to leave your exhibits at home. Get to the meeting early. There will be a bit of a crush around the sign-in table. Because the exhibit tags are numbered, we cannot hand them out ahead of the meeting. If you have a lot of exhibits, you might want to prepare them ahead of the meeting i.e. have them already in their vases. Know how many exhibit slips you will need when you sign-in. The exhibit slip is easy to fill out but if you need help, just ask, one of the show personnel. Set-up time is from 6:45 to 7:25. If you are uncertain as to where to locate your entry, ask for assistance. Once the exhibits are on the tables, we will double check to see if we should create sub-classes. For example, we

anticipate we will be pulling “radish” from the more general class of “root vegetables”. Three or more similar entries warrant a new sub-class being formed.

Jennifer Zuk is our judge again this year. She will be awarding the first, second and third ribbons in each class. If all entries in a class are rather pitiful, it is possible no entries will be awarded. Also she may award ties. For the “Best in Show” competition, the winners are selected by everyone in attendance at the meeting. Details of how to vote for your favorite in “Cut Flower”, “Vegetables, Herbs + Fruits” and “Floral Art” will be in the July newsletter.

How Do Your Radish Grow?:

We hope you have taken up the challenge to enter the radish competition. If you are like most of us: if they are planted, it is only recently the seed got buried. We may have lots of “young” radish entered in the July show. Just show what you have grown. It’s for fun.

Showing them is easy. You will need three radishes for your entry. Keep harvesting until you have three that are in their prime condition (1/2” - 1” dia.) and match in colour and size. Wash but don’t scrub them. Keep the roots and leaves intact. You can carefully remove any old brown leaves. Gently wrap your radish in a damp towel and put them in the fridge until you are leaving for the meeting. When setting up your entry, place your best and matching three on a small plate. Orient them as to emphasize their good points and hide any blemishes. Good luck!

TREASURER’S REPORT - May

Total Revenues: \$1,274.00

Total Expenses: \$980.34

See the bulletin board for Ellen’s detailed report.

Tonight’s Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Sharon Hanna will speak on Kale and Winter Gardening. Copies of *The Book of Kale* (\$25.00) will be on sale. She may be bringing kale seedlings.

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30pm

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

Hardy Plant Group Sale

June 15 - Woodward Instructional Resource Centre (IRC), 2194 Health Science Mall, UBC
Sale is open to Garden Club Members for one hour only: 1:30-2:30pm. Cash only. Bring your membership card.

Desert Plant Society Show and Sale

June 15, 10am - 5pm
June 16, 10am - 4:30pm
Admission Free

Floral Hall, VanDusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak St., Vancouver

Denman Island 20th Anniversary Home and Garden Tour

June 15 -16, 2013
www.denmanconservancy.org

Glenbrooke North Residents

Association Garage Sale: Sat, June 15th, 9am -3pm. Rain or shine. Proceeds donated to Monarch Place

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

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NWHS Garden Tour & Pot-Luck Picnic:

Saturday, July 13th. Rain or Shine. Tour starts at approximately 1pm, depending on the number of gardens and the travel times. Picnic starts at 4:30, again an approximate time.

The garden line-up is looking great. Three are confirmed. The confirmation of other gardens is being held off until after the meeting in case members come forward tonight offering their gardens for viewing.

To reiterate some of what was written in the May newsletter: Although the tour & picnic are held consecutively on the same day, members are invited to attend one or both events. There is no sign-up sheet for the tour. Possession of the map and itinerary, available at the July meeting or from Audrey after that meeting, is your ticket. The tour is restricted to adults only—no children or pets (of any size), please. You can invite your friends to enjoy the gardens. The sign-up sheet for the picnic is the pot-luck sheet. On it, you indicate the number of people in your party plus what you plan to bring. When indicating your pot-luck dish, please specify details of your dish eg. instead of just putting a check under salad, specify the type eg. "potato". Audrey will have the pot-luck sheet after tonight's meeting. Although the picnic is adult-oriented, kids are welcome. Again no pets please. The picnic is primarily for members and their families.

Wanted: Do you have a sun umbrella with a heavy base (i.e. not one that jabs into the ground) that we could borrow for the picnic? Please talk with Audrey.

Watering Restrictions Have Started:

Lawn sprinkling restrictions are now in effect. Lawns can be watered only between 4am and 9am. Odd numbered residential addresses water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings. Even numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

PAR GAR:

With the vegetable harvesting season upon us, so is the donation of "we can't eat all of that" to the New Westminster Food Bank via the Plant a Row, Grow a Row program. Considering the number of NWHS club members at the March PAR GAR Gardener's Party, there should be quite a few of us who will be trekking to the St. Thomas More Colligate School with our extra produce. The drop-off at the school entrance will be 9:00 to 9:30 every Sunday starting June 23rd. Volunteers from PAR GAR will be on hand at that time to receive your offerings and deliver them to the Food Bank.

"Long about knee-deep in June,
'Bout the time strawberries melts
On the vine." James Witcomb Riley

Club Plant Sale Season Over?

Our very successful club roadside sale is past. It was a good day of club camaraderie that made a nice bit of money for the club coffers. Thank you everyone who helped—especially those who spent the whole day at the sale. But in NWHS, that doesn't translate to "the sale is over". Our "From Our Gardens Sale" will be a fixture at every monthly meeting except October (Silent Auction) and December (Christmas Party). Please bring in potted plants and gently used garden tools and accessories for the sale table. Next month, because the July Show will be occupying the area in front of the fireplace, the plant sale will be on the head table immediately across from the treasurer's table.

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New West Parks Greenhouse Classes:

Did you think that hanging baskets were the only things that are created in classes at the New West Parks Greenhouse? Think again. Here are a few other opportunities presented by Claude le Doux, Joan Miller and the Greenhouse team. Contact the Arena office 604-777-5111 between 9am and 4pm weekdays to register. You cannot leave a message at this number.

Summer Vegetable Planter: Sat, June 15th, 10am-11am OR Tues, June 18th, 6:30pm-7:30pm. You'll be filling a container with vegetables that thrive in summer heat, including red tumbler tomatoes, purple peppers and multi-coloured eggplants. We'll provide tips on growing, harvesting and cooking. If you have taken a container vegetable class from us before, bring the container back and refill it. If you didn't take an earlier class, we will have a new one waiting for you. Cost: \$18 if bringing back a container from last year. \$23 if you are getting a new container. (includes container, plants, organic fertilizer, soil, instruction, and tips for care.)

Succulent Bowl: Thurs, June 20th, 6:30pm-7:30pm OR Sat, June 22, 10am-11am. Create a mini succulent garden in a terra cotta pot. It can be kept outdoors in a sunny spot until fall, when it can be brought in and placed in a sunny window for the winter. We'll give you information on growing and propagating succulents. Cost: \$23 (includes bowl, succulents, fertilizer, special soil blend, instruction and tips for care.)

Basil Bonanza: Thurs, June 27th, 6:30pm-7:30pm OR Sat, June 29th, 10am-11am. Fill a container with different types of basil. We will have many kinds to choose from, because you can never have too much basil! Try Siam Queen, Cinnamon, Lime, Cardinal and more. Basil loves warm weather, so this is the perfect time to plant up a basil bonanza. Cost: \$20 (includes container, plants, fertilizer, soil, instruction and tips for care.)