

Newsletter



LOTS OF VOTING TONIGHT!

Yes, your opinions matter. Tonight you get to vote on a bylaw change motion and your 2014 NWHS executive. You get to pick your favorite entry in both the Container and Garden Design contests. You get to nominate and vote on the group that will receive the profits from our Christmas Party Draw.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Constitution Change Motion:

Bylaw 2.7 currently reads: The annual dues shall be payable at the first general meeting of the calendar year. Those whose dues are not paid by the general meeting in May shall cease to be members.

Proposed change: Those whose dues are not paid by the general meeting in April shall cease to be members.

2014 Executive Elections:

All positions are up for election. President and Vice-President will serve two year terms. All other positions are for one year.

The nominees at printing:

President: Julia Goulden
Vice-President: Lorna Cloutier
Secretary: Mary Barnard
Treasurer: Ellen Berg
Show Chair: Lea MacDonald
Members at Large (5 positions):
Deirdre Antonelli, Trudy Findlay,
Monica Mowat, Marjorie Pauch,
Meighan Scott.

Nominations from the floor are encouraged!!!

SEEKING A COMPASSIONATE CHARITY:

Every year we select a compassionate charity to be the recipient of the profits of our Christmas Party Draw. Ideally the charity will be local. Tonight we are asking the membership to nominate groups of their choice and a vote to select this year's lucky recipient.

PARTY TIME NEXT MONTH:

There is no regular club meeting in December. Instead we have our Christmas Party on our regular meeting night, at our normal meeting place but starting much earlier than our meetings. Doors open at 6:00. Because it starts with a catered meal, tickets must be purchased to attend. Expect an evening a fun shared with garden club friends. For most, the dress is nice casual but if you want to come spiffy, please do so. This year our feast is supplied by Austen Gourmet Caterers. Besides the devouring of delicious food, the evening includes contest award presentations, the traditional trivial Christmas trivia quiz and, of course, our super draw for prizes made at our crafting sessions.

Tickets: Seating limits the number of tickets to 120. There is a slim possibility that some may still be unsold. If so, they are available (member \$20, guest \$25) from Ellen at the treasurer's table.

We will have a waiting list if we sell out. If, for some reason your plans for the evening change, up until Dec 1st, you can get a refund from the club. After Dec 1st, if you cannot use your ticket and we can sell it someone on the waiting list, you will receive the money paid by the new purchaser. The tickets are a hot commodity—we don't want any to go to waste. After tonight, contact Ellen for all things ticket related.

Table Reservations: If you have not yet told Ellen who you would like to sit with, please do so. All seating is reserved. When you arrive party night, there will be a map in the foyer showing where you are seated.

Party Day Time Line: 12:00 noon: transfer of prizes and room set up. If you would like to help, see Audrey. *(continued next page)*

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30pm

AGM / Speaker: Dan Bednarczyk, speaking on Orchids There might be plants for sale.

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6pm - Doors open at 6:00pm, buffet dinner starts at 6:30pm

Garden Gals Art Show - Nov. 16 to 22, 11:00am to 7:00pm - presenting 'Glory in the Garden' - original art exhibit at the Consignment Boutique La Fashionista, 706 - 6th Street

NWHS Christmas Crafting -

At Audrey's starting Monday, Nov 18 to Sunday, Dec 8 - 9am to 9pm
Fresh materials Dec 7 & 8th.

Festival of Lights - Vandusen Botanical Gardens - Dec. 11 to Jan. 4
Wednesday - Saturday, 4:30 to 9 p.m

NWHS First Regular meeting in 2014
February 11, 7:30pm

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TREASURER'S REPORT - October

Total Revenues: \$ 3,056.63

Total Expenses: \$ 753.92

See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

New Westminster Horticultural Society November 2013

(Christmas Party cont.)

6:00: *Party starts:* Our deadline to have everything ready

6:30: *Buffet starts*

7:30: *Buffet closes*

9:00: *"We wish you a Merry Christmas!"*

When you arrive: You will be given two beverage tickets at the door when you check in. Present these to the bartender for wine. The non-alcoholic punch is help yourself. Find your table. Browse the room. Check out the photo contest entries—and the winning entries. Pre-select the your prize for when your draw number is called. Visit the Arts Council "Treasure Room" for a bit of Christmas shopping.

Food Bank: Don't forget to bring your offerings to the party. There will be bins in the foyer to receive the goods.

CONTAINER AND GARDEN DESIGN CONTESTS:

By submitting their entries in the Container and Garden Design contests, members offer suggestions and ideas that you might want to incorporate in your own garden. You will vote for your favorite in each of these contests tonight. With the Container Contest, evaluate how the plants go together (form, scale and colour coordination) as well as the appropriateness of the plants to the container and the uniqueness of the combination. With the Garden Design (Using the Third Dimension, Height), think how height has been used in the garden—is it effective, aesthetic?

Voting: All container entries are numbered in pink; all garden design entries are lettered in lime green. Using your pink ballot, write down the number of your favorite container and put it in the bucket with the pink lid. Use the lime green ballot for your favorite of the garden design entries. Vote for the one entry you think is best. Write only one number or letter on each ballot. Ballots marked differently will be discarded. Winners will be announced at the December Party.

Photo Contest: The entries are in the hands of our photo judge, Kevin Hudkins.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING:

Also known as the "3 week social at which we create the prizes for the Christmas Party Draw". All members (and their friends) are invited to come to Audrey's basement to let their creative juices flow and to socialize—or, if you consider yourself "craft challenged", just to socialize. People ask: "what do we create?" We make one-of-a-kind creations inspired by the materials on hand. Most are Christmas themed as it is the Christmas season and most of the materials lean that way. We aim for 80 unique prizes—usually we make more.

The materials: There is just loads of stuff! Often for the first visit, people just wander about checking things out. The basement is packed. Here is a partial list: 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; loads of beautiful ribbon; candles & candleholders; a multitude of decorations & picks; glass balls & beads; strings of lights; small fake trees; cones of many types and sizes; interesting seeds & seed heads; stalks of dried vegetations; silk flowers & greenery; fake evergreen branches and garlands; glue guns & sticks; florist wire & tape; scissors, pliers & wire cutters; books with ideas. Even with all that we have we still would like more. Often we are searching for one elusive item. We urge that you donate any tired Christmas materials you have—or, even, things you are just tired of. Many members win a prize and donate it back next year. We might just tweak it for this year's draw or tear it apart and re-use the materials in a completely new way. We would really appreciate the return of the wire wreath forms used for fresh wreaths. If you have items to donate, please leave them at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. If left at the basement door, they can be exposed to the elements and rendered useless. We cannot use things which shed

glitter or are fragrant.

Fresh greenery: As we want the prizes to be prime, we create prizes from fresh materials only on the last Saturday & Sunday, just prior to the party—and only during daylight hours as the materials are stored outside. Since it is hard to avoid fragrance with fresh materials, this means they are in the basement for a very limited time. We would definitely appreciate any donated greenery. Please talk with Audrey about pick-up or drop-off.

Crafting hours: The basement is available for crafting Nov 18 to Dec 8 from 9am to 9pm. However the actual hours of crafting depend on when you say you will be coming. Most people come for 2 to 3 hours at a time. Sign up on the huge calendar tonight or phone/email Audrey with your intentions. The space maxes out with 4 to 5 people around the table (fewer with fresh materials), so the first to sign up for a certain time gets priority. At dinner time the evening prior to your scheduled visit, Audrey will phone you to confirm your attendance.

Who can come: Attendance is not limited to members. Anybody who likes to create things (and appreciates not making room for them at home later) is welcome to come. The one request: Please no fragrance as Audrey is very, very sensitive to fragrance and it will make her ill.

Again, the location: In Audrey Barnes' basement. 117 Seventh Ave, New West. There should be lots of Christmas lights up. Park in the front. Follow the sidewalk around the house (The other side is still mud.) and 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? In the past, several members have created prizes at home (Christmas decorations, baking, knitting & quilting). We would be delighted to accept your offer of one or more unique prizes. Please tell Audrey if you plan to do this so she can reserve room on the prize tables for your offering(s). Thanks.