

Newsletter



TONIGHT WE BID—AND WIN!

First, a sincere thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction. The success of evening is because of you. It also depends on the generosity of the bidders. Sure everything will be a deal but remember this is one of the club's major fundraisers. Be generous in your bids. Remember the evening is supposed to be fun.

Auction Agenda:

- Bidder number: If you haven't already done so, get your bidder number in the foyer. You will use it each time you place a bid.
- Check out the items. If an item has a bidding slip, you can bid on it.
- Place bids on items you would like to own. Your bidder number goes to the left on the slip, your bidding amount to the right. You will find it handy, later in the evening, to have made a list of the items you are bidding on.
- The amount you can bid: If you are the first bidder, you can bid the "starting bid" amount. If you are increasing the bid, your increase must be at least 10¢. Or you can increase by 10¢ plus a multiple of 5¢, i.e. you can increase the bid by 10¢, 15¢, 20¢ etc. No penny increase amounts. Of course, increasing by dollar amounts would be much appreciated.
- There will be a 5 minute warning before the end of bidding.
- When Lorna announces that bidding has ended, everyone leaves the bidding area while a group of members highlights each winning bid and its bidder number.
- When signaled, everyone gathers up their won items. Double check that you are actually the final bidder.
- When all your items are collected, go to a tallier to get the amounts totaled and then proceed to a cashier. You must submit all the bidding slips to the cashier.

•If, at auction end, there are items for which there is no bid has been placed, you can have it for the starting bid. Your bidder number must be put on the slip.



JACQUELINE SHEPHARD:

Recently Jacqueline Shephard died—way too young. She wasn't a "big name" in NWHS but to those in the club who knew her, she is leaving a "big hole". Always enthusiastic,

generous, creative and quick to see the humor of the situation—that was Jacqueline. She will be greatly missed by the members who were fortunate enough to have worked or created next to her—especially by her close friends in the Garden Gals. It just won't be the same.

ENTER CONTESTS AT PODIUM:

Do not write your name on your entries. At the podium, sign up for your exhibitor number. A maximum of two entries are allowed in each contest or category.

Photo: Put your exhibitor number on the back of each photo (plus an arrow pointing upward so no mistakes are made when viewing the image). Each photo goes into the appropriate envelope.

Container: Use a blank envelope for each of your entries. Do not write on the envelope. Put in the envelope: your photos, the list of plants and your name.

Garden design: Put your exhibitor number on the back of each photo and put it in the Garden Design envelope.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 7:30pm

- Silent Auction - Members Only
- Contest Entries Due
- Christmas Party Tickets on sale

Mark Your Calendar

November Meeting - NWHS AGM

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30pm

Speaker: Dan Bednarczyk, speaking on Orchids

There might be plants for sale.

NWHS Nov. 12 AGM, Elections, Notice of Bylaw Change to the Constitution: see article page 2.

Vote for best in Container and Garden Design Contests.

Christmas Party tickets on sale.

Garden Gals Art Show - All of October
New Westminster Public Library
Reference Department (2nd Floor)

Minter Garden Closing -

Monday, October 14, Get 2 for 1 coupons at Chevron Gas Stations

BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall

Meeting - Saturday Oct. 19, 8:30am to 3:30pm

Executive Inn Hotel, 4201 Lougheed
You need to have registered for this event.

NWHS Christmas Craft Dates -

At Audrey's 9am to 9pm, starting Monday, Nov 18 to Sunday, Dec 8.

Fresh materials available Dec 7 & 8th. See article page 2.

NWHS Christmas Dinner -

Dec. 10, 6:00pm

Tickets: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-member guests. Tickets must be purchased for this event. See article page 2.

UBC Botanical Garden Apple Festival

Oct 19th-20th, 11am to 4pm

TREASURER'S REPORT - September

Total Revenues: \$1,490.50

Total Expenses: \$ 1,152.22

See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY:

On December 10th, instead of a meeting, we have our annual Christmas Party. The doors open at 6pm, the feast starts at 6:30. The evening ends at roughly 9pm.

Tickets go on sale tonight: \$20 for members and \$25 for a guest. Sales stop at about 10 minutes after the business to keep it completely separate from the auction. We have a maximum of 120 tickets. Tickets will be available from Ellen at her home after tonight's meeting—and at the November meeting if they are still available.

When you purchase your tickets, make sure you inform us who you would like as table-mates. All seating is reserved.

The feast: As promised, here is the mouth watering menu from Austin Gourmet Caters.

The club will be supplying water, wine and non-alcoholic punch.

Carved roast free range turkey with cranberry compote and giblet gravy, Traditional Ukrainian cabbage rolls in sweet tomato sauce,

Traditional Tuscan beef and ricotta lasagna,

Butter whipped mashed potatoes, Cranberry apple stuffing,

Glazed baby carrots and Brussels sprouts,

Smoked salmon and cream cheese bow-tie pasta salad with capers,

Marinated Greek salad with mounds of Feta,

Tossed green salad,

Fresh bread rolls and butter,

Coffee and tea,

Assorted Christmas desserts and shortbread.

And then we party: The evening is pretty fast paced. We're following with the popular format of our past parties. Door prizes, trivia quiz, contest awards and the fantastic draw. Remember you must purchase a ticket to attend.

THE CLUB THANKS...

...all of you who purchased bulbs through the Florrisa program. A successful campaign. Details from Ellen tonight. Depending on what they are offering, we may participate in their spring program.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:

A big part of our Christmas celebrations is the draw featuring amazing one-of-a kind Christmas decorations. Most prizes are created by our own members—and most are created during the crafting sessions in Audrey's basement. The basement will be available for your creative urges 9am to 9pm, starting Monday, Nov 18 to Sunday, Dec 8. The basement is available dependent on when you indicate you would like to be there. There is a sign-up Calendar (on the window by the podium tonight). Just write down your full name and phone number and when you would like to craft on the appropriate day. Audrey will confirm your attendance evening before. We will be working with fresh materials Dec 7 & 8, daylight hours. It is great fun socializing around the table. Even if you don't "craft" feel free to drop in to socialize and view the prizes created. At non-meeting times contact Audrey by phone or email to get on the calendar. Please do not wear fragrance.

The crafting materials: An eye-boggling amount of stuff is available to play with. The whole basement is converted to "craft central". Boxed for storage, it takes up a volume 4.5' x 6.5' x 7', stuffed solid. Even with all this to work with, we are constantly on the look-out for more. If you have crafting materials that you no longer want, or Christmas decorations that are tired or you're just tired of, please drop them off at Audrey's kitchen door. We cannot use fragrant or glittery materials. Thanks.

MIRACLE IN MY BACK YARD:

What a summer we had! Did you exclaim to yourself, when viewing a plant "It never did that before!?" Tell us what new and unusual things your plant(s) did this year because of the super summer. Audrey will take the details tonight. If you like, you can send her an email (deadline is Nov 5). We will compile the "List of Miracles" and publish it in the November newsletter.

NWHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This occurs at our November 12th regular meeting. Although we don't anticipate it being the shortest ever, it won't take long. The record is about 3 minutes! We will be electing the 2014 NWHS Executive and voting on one change to the constitution.

Executive: All positions are open: President and Vice-President are 2 year terms. All others (Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chair and 5 Members-at-Large) are 1 year terms. Although all current executive have indicated they would like to return, nominations from the floor for any position are definitely invited. Being on executive is work but satisfying fun as well.

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.

SEED EXCHANGE:

We are looking for someone to take over managing the club's seed exchange. Sound like you would like to do it? Karen Low would be willing to mentor you. Contact her or an executive member if you are interested. Since this is the time of year that seeds are maturing, many of you may have seeds to contribute. They will gratefully be accepted at the podium tonight and in future meetings.

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