

Newsletter



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September 2013

Going Once...!!!

SILENT AUCTION IN OCTOBER

Yes, it is only one month away. October in NWS means Silent Auction. It is a great time to purge your closets, attic, basement, shed or garage. Evaluate whether or not you really want that item or would you value the space it now occupies more. All donated items are put on display at the October meeting and everyone (the meeting is "members only") gets to bid on each. It is great fun. You never know what will be donated.

Donation of items:

Early drop-off: You don't have to wait until the meeting to unload your donations. You can drop them off at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door (117 Seventh Ave) anytime up to the Sunday before the auction. This is highly recommended if you have a huge number of items—or if you have an awkward item you don't want to lug in on meeting night—or if you just want to "get the stuff outta here". The early drop off allows us to pre-process the items and organize them as to type.

Bringing items to the meeting: Near the treasurer's table there will be a receiving table and some members willing to assist you in filling out each bidding form. Remember to come early as a crush is anticipated.

Who can donate: Although purchasing at the Silent Auction is for members only, anybody can donate.

What you can donate and room organization: We will take almost anything. Remember that people have to be able to carry it home. If you have a huge item, why not bring a photo. Please no computer components. The room is roughly organized into these areas: Books, plants, CD's, DVD's, plants, jewelry, things that hang on walls, crafts,

"good" dishes, utilitarian dishes, knick-knacks, candles, linens, Halloween, Christmas, gardening tools, gardening pots, baskets, electrical appliances, home décor, personal care, food, toys, pets, sporting goods, small furniture.

Two new areas will be added this year:

- "Made at Home" to feature your home made treats: canning, baking, even produce
- "Specialty Items" to include items unique and/or high-demand. This table will have high security and scrutiny.

Filling out your bidding slip:

- Each item has a bidding slip.
- Try to make your description unique to the item by putting in some identifying details such as the book title.
- If you have several identical items, identify them as "A," "B," "C" ... using masking tape.
- Each item has a minimum (i.e. starting) bid of 25¢. Each item must be a steal at that price. If you have several small items, package them together in a zip-lock bag.

How Auction Night works:

Basically, as you enter you will get your "unique bidder number" which you use to identify yourself on the bidding slips of items you want. On the slip your number goes on the left side, your bid on the right side. If you are the first bidder, you can bid the minimum or starting bid if you like. Any bid after the first bid must be an increase of at least 10¢. Bidding can start as soon as an item has a bidding slip. There will be a 5 minute warning before all bidding stops. At auction end, just follow the instructions of the person in charge. Payment for your items can be in cash or cheque made out to NWS (note: if you plan to purchase Christmas tickets by cheque also, you will need to bring two cheques to the meeting). A detailed description on how the evening progresses will be in next month's newsletter.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: David Wilson will be speaking on Heathers and Heath.

David will bring plants for sale.

Mark Your Calendar

NWS Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 7:30pm

Silent Auction - Members Only

Contest Entries Due

The 20th Annual Riverview

Horticultural Society Treefest

Saturday, Sept. 14, 11am to 4pm

On the Riverview Hospital Grounds

Free Family friendly event.

For more information: visit www.coquitlam.ca/city-services/

environment/events.aspx

or phone: 604-290-9910

Thyme on 43rd Japanese Garden

Club Outing: Saturday, Sept. 28, 10am

Admission Fee: \$7.00 (Payable to Ellen tonight) - Carpooling to Langley site

Sign up sheet/maps at front table

Minter Garden Closing

Monday, October 14, Get 2 for 1

coupons at Chevron Gas Stations

BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall

Meeting - See article page 2

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

Executive Inn Hotel, 4201 Lougheed

Sign-up at the Sept. regular meeting

or by Sept. 15

Cost: \$20 with a \$5.00 subsidy for

members, includes a buffet lunch.

Cheques payable to NWS

KALE OF A DIFFERENT SORT:

Sharon Hannah, during her presentation on kale, mentioned a seed source from Oregon which has several different types of kale seed available. It is Adaptive Seeds. They sell seeds for all sorts of delicious sounding vegetables. Check out www.adaptiveseeds.com. They are very speedy in their shipping.

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CONTEST ENTRIES DUE NEXT MONTH:

Hopefully you have had your camera out to document the gorgeous summer we just experienced...and within all your photos you have several possible entries for the NWHS contests. Your entries must be submitted at the October general meeting. Contest handout is available tonight.

A quick review of the rules:

- A maximum of 2 entries can be submitted by a member in each of the photo categories and in each of the container and garden design contests.
- Photo size: ideally 4" x 6" but can be up to 5" x 7" (if panoramic, one dimension must be 5" or less)
- Photos must have been taken since Oct 1, 2012
- The photo contest is judged by a qualified judge who is not a NWHS member
- The Container and Garden Design Contests are judged by all in attendance at the November general meeting
- Winners are on display and prizes are awarded at the December party. The awards for each contest: First, \$15; Second, \$10; Third, \$5.

Photo Contest Categories:

Visitors in the Garden: A photo of a something living or a representation of something living in your garden. (Must be your own garden).

Colour in the Garden, Red: An image of something red in any garden.

View of a Member's Garden: can be an over-all or partial view of a NWHS member's garden

Container Contest: Your entry can be a container, a hanging basket or a coordinated group of containers and baskets. Each entry can have up to 3 photos. A list of the plants used must be included in the entry.

Garden Design: Using the Third

Dimension, Height: Show how you have used height or elevation in your garden design. Submit only 1 photo per entry.

TREASURER'S REPORT - August

Total Revenues: \$308.10
Total Expenses: \$341.60
See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

UNIQUE TO THE OCTOBER MEETING:

- Members only. No new memberships sold at the meeting.
- No name tags or attendance sheet
- No free table
- No raffle
- Newsletter at the treasurer's table
- No library. Books returned at the podium
- Refreshments will be set-up in the kitchen. Please be careful not to spill crumbs or liquid on the auction items.

BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS FALL

MEETING: Join a group of your fellow club members at this event. It is on Saturday, October 19th. Doors open at 8:30. Meeting starts at 9:30, ends approximately 3:30. New location: Executive Inn Hotel at 4201 Lougheed Hwy (just west of Brentwood Mall). With the new location, there are new caterers. No longer will you have to pre-select a main entrée. Come early and enjoy plant sales, coffee and muffins before the actual meeting starts. For the fall meeting, committee reports will be presented—no long discussion motions! The morning will see presentations on Fair Haven Project (a school project supported by the Council) and on Hives for Humanity by Julia Common. The afternoon starts with a Tech Talk (how club's can benefit from new technology). Then Brian Minter presents. The draw, once again run by NWHS, rounds out the day. Normal admission is \$25. However, NWHS is subsidizing each member's admission by \$5—meaning you will be paying only \$20. See Ellen at the Treasurer's table tonight to sign-up, or either Ellen or Audrey before 5pm, Sept 15th after tonight. Please make cheques out to NWHS.

CHRISTMAS COMING SOON:

It won't be long until we are enjoying our Christmas Party. Instead of a meeting on December 10th, we will have our Annual Christmas Celebration. This is one of the club's prime social events. Sadly, because the evening starts with a catered buffet, members must pay to attend. After dinner, the evening progresses with the Contest Awards presentations, a trivial Christmas

trivia quiz and our fantastic draw in support of a local compassionate charity. We have a new caterer this year: Austen Gourmet Caterers. They come well recommended as they have served several events for the City of New Westminster.

Feast tickets available soon:

With seating limited to 120, tickets will sell out. Tickets will be for sale at both the October and November meetings and through our treasurer, Ellen Berg, at non-meeting times. The price for members is \$20. Each member is invited to bring a guest for \$25. Both of these prices reflect a subsidy by NWHS. If next month, on Silent Auction night, you plan to pay for both your dinner ticket(s) and auction items by cheque, please bring 2 cheques to the meeting. When you purchase your ticket(s), please inform us who you would like as tablemates.

FLORISSA: NWHS is participating in the Florissa Fall 2013 fund-raising program. Pick up a colorful flyer from either Ellen at the Treasurer's table or Audrey at the Bring-to-share table. You can place your order through either Ellen or Audrey up to Sept 15th, 5:00pm. Cheques should be payable to NWHS. You will be phoned when the bulbs are received.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW:

Bring your excess edibles to the collection spot on Sunday mornings at the entrance to St. Thomas More Collegiate, 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby. Volunteers will be there from 8:45 to 9:15am each Sunday.

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