

Newsletter



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READY.....SET.....GARDEN!

NWHS BOULEVARD PLANT SALE!

Notice that we have upgraded our sale. It is no longer a road-side sale or side-walk sale. It is a Boulevard Sale to reflect its high class status. Whatever its name, it is a great opportunity to join fellow club members in our premier fund-raising event of the year. It is also a great opportunity to hand-off of some those "too good to toss" plants from your garden.

Date: Saturday, May 3rd, 10am to 3pm. Rain or Shine!

Place: The boulevard in front of 720 5th Street, New Westminster (Monica Mowat's home)

Plant drop off: All plants must be potted. Deliver your potted plants early Saturday morning, between 8am and 9:30am, to the sale site. Plants arriving after 9:30am are too late to be included in the sale. Alternatively, deliver them Friday evening, between 6pm and 8pm, to the back of Monica's driveway.

Potting your plants: To eliminate pot-shock, please have your plants potted at least 2 weeks before the sale. Consider Easter weekend to be the deadline for potting. If you need pots, contact Julia or Monica. We regret that we do not have a supply of soil for potting. If you are short of soil, use what you have for potting up your most valuable plants and just donate those ones. Instead of a lot of plants of one kind, we would like a large variety of many different plants. It would be great if everyone donated one or two plants.

Tagging your plants: Julia has a supply of venetian blind tags available tonight. Write the name (botanical is best), plant size, light needed, color—anything that you consider

important to entice someone to buy the plant. Sharpie pens are best. A comprehensive listing of the plant tag info that we used for the Super Sales is available from Audrey. Email her if you would like it.

Volunteering Sale Day: See Lorna at the head table to sign-up tonight or Dan Tessaro after tonight. We have a job for anyone who would like to help. Whatever your expertise, we can use you. Want the job of putting up the sign (A map will be provided.)? How about collecting the signs at sale end? Between 8am and 10am a crew is needed for sorting and pricing. Like selling and talking up NWHS? Sign-up for a 10am- 1pm or 1pm- 4pm shift. The latter shift involves sales plus tear-down of the site. We don't anticipate lowering prices during the day but if some plants are still available at the end of the day, there is a chance that you could possibly get real deals.

If you volunteer sale day: Got a club shirt? Wear it! Got a fanny-pack (empty), bring it along. If you plan to stay all day, you might want to bring some consumable calories as we will have water but no organized food.

Boxes: We have some, but probably not enough. Bring them with you on sale day.

Tell your friends and neighbours about the sale!

Fund-Raising Committee Report for March: The campaign has gotten off to a great start! In March we raised \$112 from the draw (some call it a raffle), \$120.50 from the "From our Gardens" at-meeting sales and \$119 from the What's Cooking at NWHS Sushi. Well done everyone. The committee thanks all who supported the activities.

Looking forward, in April we will have the draw and sales table at tonight's meeting and the completion of the spring Florissa campaign. In May, besides the meeting events, we will have the Boulevard Plant Sale on May 3rd plus the second What's Cooking at NWHS class.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Tom Baumann

Speaking on Raspberries

April is Bring to Share

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Plant Sale

Saturday, May 3, 10:00am-3:00pm

The boulevard in front of 720 5th St.

See Article pg. 1

Rose's Rhododendron Garden Tour

Saturday, May 10, 11am

13895 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows

See article pg.2

NWHS Regular Meeting,

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Senga Lindsay

Topic: Growing the Edible Landscape

NWHS - Beginner's Dim Sum

Friday, May 23, 6pm to 8pm

5356 Sperling, Burnaby (near Deer Lake), See article pg. 2

NWHS June 10 Regular Meeting

80th Anniversary Celebration

Maple Ridge Garden Club Country

Garden Tour, June 22, 9am-4pm,

Tickets - \$20.00

Contact: Gayle(604-467-2956) or

Margaret(604-467-1885)

All proceeds will go to The Sunshine

Foundation "Dreams for Kids"

TREASURER'S REPORT - March

Total Revenues: \$ 827.50

Total Expenses: \$ 741.09

See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

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WHAT'S COOKING AT NWHS:

BEGINNER'S DIM SUM

Following the success of the first cooking class presented by Silina Nakatsu, another class scheduled on Friday, May 23, 6pm to 8pm on the basics of making Dim Sum. Definitely, do not eat a large meal before attending!

Class Outline: A detailed handout of the class is available as a Bring to Share exhibit.

- Wheat skin (wrapper) items: Sui Mai and Wor tip
- Wheat dough items: green onion pancakes
- Rice & rice dough items: rice in lotus leaf bundles, squash dough mini orange dumplings, Cheong fun
- Wheat starch & tapioca starch skin items: Har gwow
- Soy items

The course will be a mixture of demo and hands-on instruction.

If you are interested in gluten-free items, please inform Silina.

The Course Cost: The minimum class size is 8, the maximum is 15. The cost for instruction (100% donated by Silina to NWHS! Thanks, Silina.) is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. The cost of ingredients and supplies will be an additional \$15. When you register with Audrey, members will pay \$15+\$15=\$30; non-members, \$20+\$15=\$35. Because this is a fundraiser and fees are very reasonable, FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE but can be transferred to another person if the registrant is unable to attend.

Signing up for the Course: Tonight there are 2 sign-up sheets: One, in the Bring to Share area, is for you add your name saying you are interested. The other, with Audrey, is for you to pay for your registration. You are not considered registered until you have paid. Register tonight or at the May 13 club meeting. The May meeting is the deadline.

Bring with you to class: apron, rolling pin, several small containers to take home food.

ROSE'S RHODODENDRON GARDEN

TOUR: The details have been finalized for our visit to this jewel. We will meet at the garden, 13895 Harris Road in Pitt Meadows, at 11am, Saturday May 10. Leaving New Westminster at 10am will give you plenty of time. Since it is in a rural area, it is suggested that you pack a bag lunch to enjoy in the garden. This is assuming we have good weather. The tour is on rain or shine but if it is raining, we may have to adjust lunch plans. Wear shoes suitable for walking on irregular ground and a hat for protection from low branches and the sun. Don't forget your camera. Getting to the garden is easy. Immediately after the Pitt River Bridge, take a sharp left onto Old Dewdney Trunk Rd, follow it until it butts into Harris Rd, turn left. The garden is on your left, just over a km from the intersection. Look for yucca by the roadside and huge leaf variegated bamboo by the drainage ditch. After our garden visit, a stop at Amsterdam Garden Centre on Old Dewdney Trunk is recommended. You passed it on the way to Rose's. Remember your membership card. They give NWHS members 10% off.

Sign-up: The sheet is next to the Garden Tour exhibit in the Bring to Share area. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Rose would like to know how many to expect. Contact Merrill Hall after tonight's meeting.

Carpooling: Please indicate on the sign-up sheet: who you are getting a ride with, if you still have room in your vehicle and if you still need a ride.

EDIBLE/ORNAMENTAL CHALLENGE:

Did you notice that there is no Garden Design Contest this year? To keep the contest budget static, this contest was eliminated when we added the Macro Photography Category. The potential topic for the 2014 Garden Design Contest was the integration of edible and ornamental landscaping. How have you included edible plants into your ornamental borders and vice-versa? Photograph your efforts and show the pictures in the September Bring to Share.

NWHS CLUB GARDEN TOUR:

The tour date is Saturday, July 12. We are looking for 5-6 gardens for members to visit. Member gardens get preference but other gardens are often in the itinerary as well. Is this the year we will visit your garden? Talk with Audrey.

FLORISSA:

Tonight is the deadline to submit your order to Audrey. As soon as the order is filled (hopefully within a week), we will phone you. Thank you for supporting NWHS.

FRESH HORSE MANURE:

This manure will need to be composted before you apply it to your garden. Check the internet for instructions. Contact Rebecca Sophonow at 604-716-4748. She has an ever-renewing supply. Location: Queensborough. You dig.

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

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