

Newsletter



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CLUB SHOW TONIGHT

Yes, the time has come to be past worrying that a downpour will destroy that perfect bloom. Hopefully, many of you have gathered entries from your gardens so we can appreciate your horticultural successes. We hope this will be the year that nobody says "My Is better than that." when it is still at home attached to a plant. Congratulations on entering.

Vote for "Best of Show": Everyone present gets to vote for his/her favorite entry in the three major categories: Cut flowers; Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits; Floral Art. On your chair there should be a packet of 3 colored ballots. Each ballot is to be used for voting for your favorite in a specific category. Everything is color coordinated: the table signs for each class, the ballot box lid, the "how to vote" sign by the ballot box and the ballot.

- **Hot Pink** is for Cut Flowers: Classes 1 to 16
- **Lime Green** is for Vegetables, Herb & Fruits: Classes 17 to 28
- **Deep Orange** is for Floral Art: Classes 29 to 33

To vote for your favorite, using the appropriate ballot, write the exhibit number (on the lower left corner of the exhibit slip) of the entry of your choice and put the ballot into the appropriate box. If the number you have selected does not have 3 digits, you are looking at the wrong number! Still not clear about which

TREASURER'S REPORT - June
Total Revenues: \$ 220.25
Total Expenses: \$ 377.05
See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

number? Ask Lea or Audrey for assistance before you vote. Do not write anything else on the ballot. Vote for only one exhibit for each of the overall categories. There is a handy "how to vote" sign near each ballot box. Ballots put in the wrong box or with more than one number listed will be discarded. Voting closes as the end of refreshments. Each "Best of Show" will be presented with a rosette ribbon plus a Sheaffer pen. Pens are compliments of Patrick Clark, Audrey's neighbor aka Little Cat's owner.

Placement Ribbons: Our judge, Jennifer Zuk, will select First, Second and Third placing entries in each individual class. Please facilitate her evaluations by not touching any of the exhibits and by giving her lots of room. Please do not talk with Jennifer until after judging is complete.
Enjoy the show!

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Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 7:30pm
Annual In-Club Show
Guest Speakers: Edith Scherk and Lorna Herchenson will be speaking on Begonias.

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Regular Meeting
August 12, 7:30pm
Guest Speaker: Barry Roberts
Topic: Hydrangeas

NWHS Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic: Saturday, July 12
See information on page 2

The Urban Bog (Carnivorous Plants)
July 16 from 12-4pm
Open to Garden Club members,
Location: 22018 64th Ave., Langley
Pre-Registration is required.
Contact: 604-427-1655

Point Roberts Garden Club Garden Tour - July 20, Self-guided tour into 7 private properties, plus the Point Roberts' own community garden. To join the tour contact Jennifer Urquhart, jurquhart@yahoo.com or go to the website, www.pointrobertsgardenclub.org

Hydrangea Display Garden Open Day
Sunday, July 20 from 10am to 4pm (also open every Saturday until Sept. 30th from 9am to 5pm)
13970 34th Ave., Surrey
For more information go to www.heritagehydrangeas.com

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW:
Now that vegetables are maturing in gardens, the Sunday morning collection of your excess produce is in full swing. Please drop off any contributions at the front entrance of St. Thomas More Collegiate (7450 12th Ave, Burnaby) between 8:45 and 9:15am. Volunteers will forward your offerings to those in need via the New Westminster Food Bank. Donations of purchased produce are also welcome.

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CLUB GARDEN TOUR AND POT-LUCK PICNIC:

The forecast for Saturday, July 12th, is fantastic weather, not too hot, not wet. If that changes, these 2 events are rain or shine. We're hardy! We're gardeners! We can take anything that nature dishes out! These combined events are one of the major club socials of the year. Join the tour! Attend the picnic! Do both! You will meet fellow garden club members in a way that is just not feasible at the monthly meetings. The tour starts at 1pm. The picnic, 4:30. The tour schedule and map is available as a separate document. Contact Audrey if you need a copy.

The Tour:

TOUR SCHEDULE COURTESY: As you probably know, for our garden tour, the gardens are visited in a designated order and at scheduled times. All of us visit one garden and then move, in mass, onto the next. This allows those, who have their gardens on the tour, to visit the other gardens. Please be considerate and keep to the schedule. Do not arrive early as the garden host may be trying to do some final tweaking. Do not leave a garden late. The garden host cannot leave until you do and probably would like to see the next garden. There may seem to be extra time at a garden. That is planned so you can socialize with fellow club members.

THE GARDENS: This year we have 5 member gardens plus a friends-of-nwhs garden. Great diversity. Thank you to all who are opening your gardens to us. We start with Colleen Jakimchuk's and Sandra Hendrey's gardens Victory Heights, then we zip to Sapperton to view Betty McIntosh's. We then cross town to Ted Mason & Bruce Milne's garden on 3rd Ave near 6th St and to the Brow of the Hill to Brenda Fairfax's. Finally we end at Diana Behn's near the secondary school. Not that much travelling but a lot of fantastic viewing. For some gardens 20 minutes are allowed for viewing; for others 30 minutes. The

tour starts at 1pm and ends at about 4pm. Water will be available on tour in the rear of the Barnes' white Volvo wagon. Again, thank you to all our hosts for making our day special.

WHO CAN COME ON THE TOUR?

The tour is open to all NWHs members and their adult guests. No children or pets please. This is a closed tour in that it is not advertised anywhere but within NWHs. There is no sign-up sheet. Possession of the map and itinerary is your ticket. For this reason, the map is not available electronically.

The Picnic:

The picnic will be at the home of Audrey & Steve Barnes, 117 Seventh Ave. Although the tour ends at about 4:00pm, the picnic doesn't start until 4:30pm. That doesn't mean you can't arrive at the picnic site earlier than 4:30—just don't expect everything set-up. At 4:30 we hope to have the coffee hot. The half hour gap is to allow you to whip home and pick up your pot-luck offering.

SETTING UP: Set-up will be at 11am Saturday. If you would like to help, tell Audrey. She will be delighted. She thinks she has enough sun umbrellas but if the weather should change to wet (Even though we know this won't happen, it is best to be prepared!) the potential loan of a few awnings would be appreciated. If you can loan us some, please tell her.

WHO CAN COME TO THE PICNIC?

Again the event is primarily for NWHs members but if you would like to bring a friend or two, that is fine. Kids are welcome as well but the event is adult oriented. No pets please. There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. It is the pot-luck sheet. It will be at the head table tonight and with Audrey after tonight. If your plans change prior to the picnic, please tell Audrey.

WHAT TO BRING FOOD-WISE? When you sign-up for the picnic, you also indicate what you would like to contribute to the pot-luck. Please be

specific i.e. give details of your dish such as specifying what type of salad. Often, just before the event, people ask "What do you need?" It is nice to be able to specify what we don't need as you are already donating it. If there is some feature unique to your dish, such as it being gluten free, please make a small sign for it. Although we expect roughly 60 people at the picnic, make your contribution in the size for about 10 people as a side-dish. Think of the total volume you would probably eat and make your dish that size. The club is providing buns and beverages: water, non-alcoholic punch, wine, coffee, tea.

WHAT ELSE TO BRING TO THE PICNIC?

If you have a folding lawn chair, please bring it. Also, bring a plate to eat from and cutlery. We have vessels for drinking. Don't forget a serving utensil to use with your pot-luck offering. And — most important — put your name on everything you bring: chair, dish, plate, cutlery — everything! There is always a boost in our lost & found after the picnic.

GARDEN STUMPS: It's back! This quiz is a combination of plant identification and word associations. Teams of 2 acceptable. Your name may be added to the coveted trophy this year.

EDIBLE/ORNAMENTAL CHALLENGE:

This was put forth as a special category for our September Bring to Share. By popular demand, we will offer a prize for the photo that members vote as showing the best integration of edible plants and ornamental plants in a garden. Take a photo of how you have done this in your garden this year and bring it to the September Bring to Share. Put your name on the back of the photo. We will number them with post-its so votes can be cast. Prize to be determined. An idea: When you get your edible/ornamental pictures developed, why not get your photo & container contests photos developed at the same time. They will be due in October.