



SINGING (and gardening) IN THE RAIN!

NWHS BOULEVARD SALE A SUCCESS!

How could it not be? Lots of good quality plants delivered by members, a keen group who priced and organized the tables, an ever-club supporting Nes Berg who performed magic raising the awnings, and lots of customers who went home happy after being served by enthusiastic club members. And the weather....fantastic compared to the forecast! A few scary spits during the day and then the rain started at fifteen minutes to go. It was like a grand finale, a definite signal to the end of the sale. Lots of friendships made—and, oh, a lot of money made too. Thank you to everyone who took part.

ROSE'S GARDEN VISIT

What a treat it was to visit the garden of Rose Grabenhorst on Saturday, May 10th! It is much more than a rhododendron garden. For Rose, it is a passion. She was a delightful host, relating interesting stories of the history of her garden. It started as a 5 acre tree farm and as a tree was removed, Rose replaced it with a nursery plant (usually one on sale). Even the towering trees on site were planted by her. This replacement planting continued until she was asked to babysit a friend's rhododendrons. That started her love of the plant. She now has a huge number of rhododendrons and is growing a multitude from collected seed. Her criteria for selecting a "keeper" plant: beautiful leaves; flowers are secondary. Her garden is an excellent example of "got lemons, make lemonade". Horsetail arrived with a load of mulch. It now has spread throughout the garden as a beautiful groundcover, contrasting nicely with other foliage. Thank you, Rose.



Rebecca Sophonow & Dan Tessaro at the sale



Karen Low and Lesia Godja finding the best plant



Rose's Garden Tour: Horsetail and Iris

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Senga Lindsay

Topic: Growing the Edible Landscape
She will be selling her book "Edible Landscaping" for \$22.

Mark Your Calendar

What' Cooking: Beginners Dim Sum

Friday, May 23, 6pm to 8pm

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

NWHS Regular Meeting,

Tuesday, June 10, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Kevin Hudkins, our photo contest judge

Topic: Taking great photos.

NWHS July 8 Regular Meeting

Annual In-Club Show

Schedule available tonight

Annual In-Club Garden Tour &

Pot-Luck Picnic

Saturday, July 12. Tour in afternoon, picnic in early evening. Article page 2

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ANNUAL CLUB GARDEN TOUR & PICNIC:

The date is Saturday, July 12. Just the right amount of time to finish that garden project so you can show it off to club members. ...Or if you are just starting a project, show us what you are planning so that we can join in your anticipation. Just a nice garden... perfect!

Although the in-club tour and pot-luck picnic are held on the same day, they are two events. Members are invited to partake in either or both events. For the tour, the gardens are visited according to a set timed itinerary so that the gardens are visited consecutively as opposed to each garden being open for the total time of the tour. This allows our garden hosts to visit the other gardens. The pot-luck picnic is held after the tour.

We are looking for a total of 5 or 6 gardens to visit, concentrating on gardens within New West this year. Thank you to the two members who have already volunteered. Please talk with Audrey if you would like to be added. Thanks. The tour will start about 1pm, depending on the driving distance between the gardens and the number of gardens. The map and itinerary will be available at the July meeting. The tour is open to members and their friends—adults only. The pot-luck picnic will be in the Barnes garden. There will be a sign-up sheet in June & July for you to indicate your attendance and what you would like to contribute. The event is open to members and guests. Kids welcome too—but it is definitely adult oriented.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW:

While you are planting your veggies this month, think about planting a few extra plants so you will have a bit of excess produce to donate to the food bank. Thanks. Sunday morning drop-off at St. Thomas More begins in June.

WE'RE 80 YEARS YOUNG!

In June we are celebrating the club's 80th Anniversary. Amazing, how the years go by. We'll be digging out some artifacts and serving cake.

WHAT'S COOKING AT NWHS: BEGINNER'S DIM SUM

Silina Nakatsu has offered to teach several cooking classes at her home—to the benefit of NWHS. All instructional fees (\$15 for members; \$20 for non-members) are being donated to the club. The first class was Beginner's Sushi. It was a resounding success! The next class, Beginner's Dim Sum, will be Friday May 23rd, 6pm to 8pm. The course will be part demo and part hands-on. The class outline just makes one's mouth water: Sui Mai, Wor tip, green onion pancakes, rice in lotus leaf, squash dough mini orange dumplings, Cheong fun, Har gow. Definitely do not eat before the class and bring several containers to take home food. Pick up a detailed class outline at "the table in front of the fireplace".

The deadline to sign-up is this evening. See Audrey to do so. Members \$30, non-members \$35. These prices include \$15 for materials. Because this course is a fundraiser for NWHS and fees are very reasonable, FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE but can be transferred to another person if the registrant is unable to attend. Please make cheques payable to Silina Nakatsu. If you want to attend but you are without money tonight, talk with Audrey or Silina this evening. There is the possibility of more cooking courses in the future, especially dim sum concentrating on different dishes and techniques. Please sign-up on the sheet with Audrey if you are interested in such—or if you have additional cooking class suggestions. Would you like to teach a course? Talk with Silina about the possibility of using her spacious kitchen—or using your own kitchen.

EDIBLE/ORNAMENTAL CHALLENGE:

One of the latest trends is the intermingling of edible and ornamental plants in the garden. Try it when planting this year. You'll find, "yes, you do have space for vegetables in your garden". Take some photos (and get them printed!) to display as a special section of the September Bring to Share.

JULY IN-CLUB SHOW:

In the early days of NWHS, parlour shows ruled! Learning how to grow and then show that perfect bloom was one of the prime reasons for the club's founding. But society changes and with it, NWHS has changed. We now have only one judged show per year, as opposed to one a month. Instead of competition to the extreme, our July show is more "have some fun and show everyone else what you have grown or what you can create". Sure the entries are judged and prizes are awarded, but the emphasis is on "look at your gardens and see what you have that you can share with your fellow members".

The schedule for the July In-Club Show is now finalized. Pick up a copy tonight (or get it electronically from Audrey) and see what you can enter. For those of you who do not have gardens but have a creative bent, check out the floral art section. You do not need to be the grower of the materials used in the decorative floral art categories. Be wildly creative!

PHOTO CONTEST:

With things really happening in the garden, it is time to grab that camera and take some photos. To enhance your photos, we have invited Kevin Hudkins, our photo contest judge, to speak to us at the June meeting. He will give you some guidelines to change that photo from "pretty good" to "excellent".

As a review, here are the Photo Contest Categories:

1. Visitors in your garden.
2. The color chartreuse in any garden.
3. An overall or partial view of any NWHS member's garden.
4. Macro

Pick up a detailed copy of the Photo & Container Contests rules at "the table in front of the fireplace" or contact Audrey to receive them electronically.

TREASURER'S REPORT - April

Total Revenues: \$ 1366.79

Total Expenses: \$ 1102.22

See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.