

Newsletter



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September 2014

Silent Auction in October:

The anticipation builds: what will be on the auction tables next month? There is always the unexpected. Hopefully something you will cherish and for which you will bid and bid again. The evening, besides being an excuse to clean out your attic/cupboard/shed and being a major club fundraiser, is a great time to socialize. With minimal room for seating, a lot of mingling and people watching happens. It is great fun! The meeting is for NWHS club members only. No guests for the October meeting.

What you can donate: Almost anything. Please no computer components. Nor anything fragrant. Also, unless it is very unique or specific, no clothing. If you have a large item, leave it at home. Bring a photo of it instead. Remember, people have to transport the item home. Very welcome are "Made at Home" preserves, baking, produce.

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

Early drop off: This is promoted because it makes the evening run much smoother--especially if you are donating a large number of items. Just a few items? Feel free to drop them off early too. This means you don't have to lug them to the lodge and make up the bidding slips at the start of the auction. Please drop off your items to Audrey's back (sheltered) kitchen door. Please add your name. Sometimes it's hard to identify objects. Items dropped off early are pre-processed: the bidding slips are made up and the items are sorted as to type easing table set-up. Please, no items with residual fragrance dropped off at Audrey's. Her address: 117 Seventh Avenue.

Bringing items to the meeting: Check in at the receiving table (near the treasurer). There will be members willing to assist you in filling out bidding slips and placing your items in the appropriate location. Come early as a crush is anticipated.

The bidding slip: Slips are available tonight for you to take home. Each item has its own bidding slip. Try to make your description unique to the item by including some identifying details such as the book title. If you have several identical items, designate them "A", "B", "C" ...using masking tape.

Minimum (starting) bid: This should be "a real deal". The lowest bid for any item is 25¢. If you have several small items, bundle them together. It is not anticipated that any minimum bid will be lowered during the auction. You can specify the starting bid for your item—it definitely can be over the 25¢ but have the increased amount a multiple of 5¢. Also, if nobody bids for your item, you can take it home again at auction's end. Leftover items will be donated to charity.

How auction night works: Assuming you are not arriving with auction items, check in and get your "unique bidder number". You use this when you bid on an item. You put this number on the left side of the bid and the amount you are bidding on the right. If there is no other bid, your first bid can equal the minimum (starting) bid or it can be greater. Any increase in bids must be 10¢ or a multiple of 10¢. Bidding can start as soon as an item has a bidding slip. You will be alerted when there is 5 minutes left for bidding. At auction end, exit the bidding area. The winning bidder number and amount will be highlighted. When instructed you collect your items, get your total bids tallied and then proceed to the cashier. Payment for your items can be by cash or cheque (payable to NWHS).

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Marilyn Holt

Topic: Fertilizers - What and Where?

Deadline to register for BC Council of Garden Clubs meeting.

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 7:30pm

Silent Auction - no in-house Plant Sale,

no library, no free table

Contest Entries Due

The 21st Annual Riverview Horticultural Society Treefest

Saturday, Sept. 13, 11am to 4pm

Riverview Hospital Grounds, 2601

Lougheed Hwy (at Colony Farm Rd.)

Coquitlam- Festival site adjacent to

Henry Esson Young Building

Tree tours, History bus tours, Heritage

building tour, Blackberry tea, Free

For more info: www.coquitlam.ca/treefest

treefest

BC Council of Garden Clubs

Oct. 18 - 8:30am to about 3pm

Location: Firefighters' Meeting and

Conference Centre, Burnaby

Keynote Speaker: Des Kennedy

NWHS members \$30, non-NWHS: \$35

Deadline for registration: Tonight

New West Seniors' Festival/IMBY Fair

Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10am to 3pm

At the Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia St.

Free underground parking at the

Anvil Centre - Speakers, Recreation

opportunities and Businesses that

provide seniors services in New West

If you plan to pay for Christmas tickets by cheque, please bring two cheques to the meeting.

Auction Manpower needed with pre-processing the items at Audrey's; transferring items to lodge on auction day; setting-up tables; highlighting winning bids; tallying bids; tearing-down. Please talk with Audrey. Many thanks.

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EDIBLE/ORNAMENTAL CHALLENGE:

Got your photo(s) ready? When you check-in, make sure you pick up a numbered post-it to attach to your photo. Ready to vote for the photo that you think shows the best integration of edible and ornamental plants within one bed? Write your choice (one number only) on your green ballot and drop it in the bucket. Votes will be counted at the end of the refreshments. Winner gets \$10. Good luck!

UNIQUE TO THE OCTOBER MEETING:

- Members only. No new memberships sold at the meeting.
- No name tags or attendance sheet
- No free table
- No From Our Garden Sale
- 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

FLORISSA:

We are again participating in the Florissa. Our emphasis is the Fall program of spring bulbs. However, you can also order from their Christmas flyer which features bulbs you can force inside for the Christmas season. See Audrey for the flyers and to order. Please make cheques available to NWHS. The deadline for both flyers is our October 14 meeting. Audrey should have your filled order ready for the pick-up by October 18.

Florissa feedback: Through the grapevine, we have been hearing of positive & negative results regarding your purchases. Florissa would love the feedback. Please tell Audrey your experiences so she can forward them.

CLUB T-SHIRT:

Last chance to give your wardrobe a boost by adding a new club T-shirt. Your dark green short-sleeved golf style shirt with logo over the heart can be ordered at the head table or through Trudy Findlay tonight. \$22 most sizes, \$25 for XXL.

CONTEST ENTRIES DUE NEXT MONTH:

Your entries for the photo and container contests must be submitted at the October meeting. They are to be submitted at the table next to the podium. The detailed contest hand-out is available tonight, but here is a brief review of entry rules & categories:

- Photo size: ideally 4"x6" but can be up to 5"x7". If panoramic, one side must be 5" or less.
- Photos must have been taken since Oct 1, 2013
- Any member can enter up to 3 entries each category
- Macro photos can be only entered in the macro category

Photo Contest Categories:

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

Colour in the Garden, Chartreuse : An image of something chartreuse (yellow green or lime green) in any garden.

View of a Members' Garden: An over-all or partial view of a NWHS member's garden.

Macro: Extreme Closeup; can be of any subject matter in any garden.

Container Contest: Each entry can be a container, a hanging basket or a coordinated group of containers or baskets. Up to 3 photos of each entry can be submitted. 3 entries/member allowed. A list of the plants used must be included with each entry.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS:

Because a delicious catered meal is an integral part of our Christmas celebrations, tickets must be purchased to attend the event. The party is at Centennial Lodge on our regular meeting night, Dec 9th, but the evening starts earlier (6pm). The high demand tickets will be for sale at the start of the October meeting (not when auction monies are being received) and at the November meeting and through Ellen Berg at non-meeting times. Members \$20, guest \$25. Next month, if you plan to pay for both auction items and Christmas tickets with cheque, you will need to bring two cheques as the payments must be made at different times during the evening.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:

Craft sessions are pending. They will be from 9am to 9pm daily (including weekends) for 3 weeks (Mon, Nov 17 to Sun, Dec 7) in Audrey's basement. We make the raffle prizes for our super Christmas party draw. No two of our creations are alike. The sign-up calendar will be available next month.

Donations of Christmas stuff: If you have any Christmas items, that are tired or that you are just tired of, drop them off at Audrey's back sheltered kitchen door. Remember: no glitter, no fragrance. Thanks.

WHAT'S COOKING AT NWHS:

Pastry Class: With regrets Silina apologizes that she is cancelling the Sept 27th class. She has shingles.

Fun with Chocolate Class: Friday, Nov 21st, 6pm-8pm. Prices to be confirmed but in line with that of previous classes. Deadline to register: Nov 11th meeting. More details next month.

PLANT A ROW GROW A ROW:

Please bring your excess home grown edibles to the entrance of St. Thomas More Collegiate, 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby. Collection takes place Sunday mornings 8:30 to 9:15.

TREASURER'S REPORT - August

Total Revenues: \$331.95

Total Expenses: \$802.05

See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

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