

Newsletter



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April 2015

LET'S SELL!

Got your plant sale donations all potted up? We hope so. Our Boulevard Plant Sale is a mere 2 ½ weeks away! Then it will be all over, except for planting the treasures you acquire at the sale.

When: Saturday, May 2nd, 10am to 3pm. Rain or Shine

Where: on the boulevard in front of 720 Fifth St, New Westminster

Plant Delivery: Your potted plants (all plants must be potted) must be delivered to the sale site by 9:30am on Saturday to enable pricing and sorting. Saturday delivery starts at 8am. Alternately, if you can't deliver Saturday morning, drop the plants off between 6pm and 8pm to the back of the driveway on Friday evening.

Tagging your Plants: All plants must be tagged prior to arrival at the sale. Venetian blind tags are available tonight. On your tags, supply the details that you would like to see if you were completely unfamiliar with the plant: Botanical name (if possible), common name, size, growing conditions, special features such as flower color.

Volunteering Sale Day: Sign up tonight to reserve your place to join in the sale day fun. We will be selling the club as well as selling plants. A sign-up sheet will be circulated tonight during business and then at the special plant sale area of the Bring to Share during refreshments. We are asking people to sign-up for one (or more) time slots: 8-10am for sorting & pricing; 10am-1pm for selling; 1-4pm for selling & take down. If you want to put up & take down the street signs, there's a spot for that too. At

this point, we plan to have water available for the volunteers—but no plans for consumable calories. Got a club T-shirt? This is a perfect time to flaunt your club affiliation. Obviously, if your plans change, Dan Tessaro would like to know. He'll be too busy to confirm your promised attendance to volunteer so please call him.

Arriving for your Shift Sale Day: Please check in with Dan Tessaro. He will confirm how you want to help and perhaps assign specific tasks. Not everybody will be collecting money but he wants to make sure that those who do get a fanny pack.

Boxes: Yes, we will need boxes. Please deliver them Saturday morning.

Publicity: We don't plan on doing the massive blitz that we did with the super sales but small posters are available tonight to distribute to friends and neighbours who are gardeners.

See you at the sale - May 2

YES! IT'S UP!

Gillian Escalante has spent long hours this last month revamping the club website—her effort shows. It is really good!! Thank you, Gillian!

Check out our site: www.newwesthortsociety.org. It is a work in progress. As the material was recycled from past documents, it is possible that some facts are no longer valid. Gillian would appreciate being alerted to any corrections needed. (gillian@newwesthortsociety.org)

We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewWestminsterHorticulturalSociety> We are sure you will "like" it.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:30pm
Speaker: Beverly Welsh speaking on "Roses"

Last chance to renew to keep your membership continuous

Mark Your Calendar

Dart's Hill Garden Tour

Sun, April 19, 10am-noon.
Fee \$5. Sign-up tonight. Carpooling.

NWHS Boulevard Plant Sale

Saturday, May 2, 10:00am-3:00pm
The boulevard in front of 720 5th St.

Edible Oasis Mother's Day Plant Sale & Garden Tour

Sat & Sun, May 9 & 10, 9am-3pm.
Sapperton

More info: michael@edibleoasis.ca

NWHS May General Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30pm
Speaker: Amanda Jarrett
Topic: "Common Mistakes Gardener's Make"

Tool Sharpening Workshop with Henk Suijs

Sat, June 28, afternoon.
For NWHS members only, \$5 fee.
More details next month.

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SEED EXCHANGE:

We welcome Richard Harrison as our new Seed Exchange Co-ordinator. He is keen on making the seed exchange better than ever before. But in order to do so, he needs people to contribute seeds to the exchange. Did you buy a packet of lettuce seed to find that it had a zillion seeds in it and you only wanted 10? Contribute the packet to the seed exchange. Does your fridge act as a storage locker for packets of seeds of plants which would look so nice in the garden but you bought the plants instead because you just "didn't get around" to growing them from seed? Donate the packets to the seed exchange and reduce your guilt level.

Looking forward: Take note of which plants you really like and would like to share with other members. Maybe take a photo of it in prime condition so you will have on record where you grew it (sun or shade), how high it grew and what colour was the flower. And take a mental note not to deadhead the plant completely.

To reduce confusion, Richard asks for you to drop off any donated seed to the table in front of the fireplace (where Audrey hangs out). Seed re-packaged for pick-up will be at the free table in the foyer.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: By Janet Butts

This committee oversees all fund-raising done by the club. Silina Nakatsu, Terri Clark-Kveton, Lorna Cloutier, Dan Tessaro, Joan Stevenson, Micheline Ippersiel, Annemarie Mobach and Janet Butts are the club's Fund-Raising Committee. Annemarie & Janet are co-leaders. We meet 6-7 times a year to brainstorm creative ways of acquiring money for NWHS, and then how to implement them. Most of the projects have been on the go for years including the monthly draw with Sharon Seki and the Silent Auction, Christmas Crafts & Florissa with Audrey Barnes. For these endeavors, the committee offers support when needed.

Dan and Terri run the At-Meeting Sale (aka "From our Garden Plant Sale") most meeting nights. We welcome any plants, or garden related materials (books, tools, other) that you think are worth selling. If you have anything large (eg. a rhodo, a lawn mower, a compost bin) bring in a picture of it. If there's a buyer, they can pick it up at your home.

Please label what you bring. Botanical names are best (for plants—don't try to find a botanical name for your lawn mower!). If you don't know its name, a brief description taped onto the pot would be a good thing.

There is always a need for people to man the sales tables, either before the meeting or during the break. Dan will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers and will kindly send you a reminder before your designated date.

NWHS SKETCH GROUP & THE GARDEN GALS By Merrill Hall

Thank you for your interest & support over the years. Next year, 2016, will be our 10th Anniversary!

Last meeting I was proud to show the presentation, highlighting four main art events that took place last summer and fall, in and around Moody Park.

Apart from that we've had an ongoing revolving art show in the board office of Senior Services on Carnarvon Street. We also had an art show at an uptown shop. We met often to sketch in the Queens Park Rose Garden. As a group, we attended the Braid St. Studio Gala Opening and Burnaby Art Show at Shadbolt to support our members' participation. Individually, Garden Gals have achieved some wonderful goals, which as a part of the group, we applaud: starting a new business, teaching arts at the Anvil Centre, building an art studio, teaching community art programs, selling paintings at community events, gaining art related qualifications, joining art guilds. These are just some of the achievements that come to mind when I think of the very talented

group of artists & friends I've made through NWHS.

We have stepped up our outdoor sketching time to include a weekly drop in at Moody Park. We, the NWHS sketch group, meet by the entrance to Century House at 1pm every Tuesday throughout the fair-weather seasons. Every third Wednesday we meet at the Lodge here in Queens Park at 7pm to 9pm for "Tea & Topic", an indoor still life sketching time in the gallery. Anyone who is a member of NWHS is most welcome to join us. If you would like to get on our mailing list contact Lorraine Watson at lorraine@newwesthortsociety.org. If you are someone who would like to help us with your technical skills, we would appreciate your input. I've recently put us on the New West Cultural Map, an on-line directory of New West artists, and currently we are working on setting up a Facebook page for The Garden Gals.



TREASURER'S REPORT - March 2015

Total Revenues: \$ 889.50

Total Expenses: \$ 369.29

See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.