

Newsletter



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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF NWHS!!!

It is hard to hold back with this very mild weather enticing us to get out into our gardens! Warning: hold off until your soil dries out a bit. If you try to work it when too wet, it will compact. Why not practice some stretching instead so your body will be ready when your soil is.

2015 Memberships are due: Note that your current membership card (handy for 10% off at many locations) expires at the end of February. Renew yours tonight by handing your \$15 to our treasurer, Ellen. A NWHS membership continues to be the best deal around!

THE 2014 EXECUTIVE:

President: Julia Goulden

Vice-president: Lorna Cloutier

Treasurer: Ellen Berg

Secretary: Mary Barnard

Show Chair: Lea McDonald

Members-at-Large: Deirdre Antonelli, Terri Clark-Kveton, Trudy Findlay, Monica Mowat.

Joy Makepeace-Smith, long-time NWHS member & recent New Westminster resident, has put her name forward to fill out the slate of 5 Members-at-Large. Tonight we ratify her addition to the executive.

BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

SPRING MEETING & AGM:

Sat, Mar 14th. The Council is the umbrella organization for all garden clubs in B. C. Other groups, such as community gardens, also belong. There is a spring & fall meeting. The annual AGM is part of the spring meeting. Two keynote speakers will present: Tom Bauman on "Fruit for Today's Gardens" and Lynn White on "Floral Art—What is it?" The regular price of admission (which includes refreshments & a buffet lunch) is \$35 per person. NWHS subsidizes the attendance of its members by \$5, reducing the cost for you to \$30. Tonight, Audrey (in front of the fireplace) will gladly take your cash or cheque (payable to NWHS). After

tonight, register through Ellen Berg.

The deadline to take advantage of the club subsidy is Feb 20th, 5pm. For more information about the event or BC Council, see www.bcgardenclubs.com.

PHOTO CONTEST:

People ask "Why do we have a photo contest? We're not a photo club." How many times have you heard "You should have seen the flower yesterday!" Well, take a photo and show it to us. You can bring them to the April & September Bring to Share. You can enter them in our Photo Contest (entries due in October). Our Photo Contest is aimed to get you to observe what is happening in your and other gardens. Having prizes at year end is just a perk for your efforts.

The 2015 Photo Categories:

Colour in the Garden: Burgundy. This can range from dark red to almost black. Can be any garden.

Visitor to the Garden: A living or artistic reproduction of something living. Not a plant. Must be your own garden.

Overall or Partial View of a NWHS

Member's Garden: Keep your eye out for what you like in a club member's garden.

Macro Image: Can be of any subject, from any garden. This is the category where you enter those extreme close-up photos that you took.

Coming in March: A hand-out of the detailed rules for both the Photo and Container Contests. In the meanwhile, if you have your smart phone with you, you have a camera. Use it before that perfect image disappears.

FLORISSA:

The spring fliers are here! Lots of selection: gladiolus, lilies, crocosmia, dahlia, oxalis, berries and more. Pick up a copy and one for a friend. Audrey (in front of the fireplace) will gladly take your order tonight or at the March meeting—or even at her home. Cash or a cheque payable to NWHS is fine. This is one of the club's fundraisers as we retain 50%! Order deadline is Mar 25th.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, 7:30pm

Speaker: Grant Watson on "Organic Edible Landscaping"

Approval of the 2015 Club Budget:

A motion to approve the 2015 Executive Committee Draft Budget, with any amendments, will be presented to the membership.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ONLY \$15!

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30pm

Speaker: Barry Belec on "Garden Design"

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Feb 11-15. Washington State Convention Center, Seattle
www.gardenshow.com

BC Home and Garden Show,

Feb 18-22. BC Place
www.bchomeandgardenshow.com

Ladner Seedy Saturday & Sunday and

Garden Expo Feb 21 & 22, 10am-3pm.

Harris Barn, 4140 Arthur Drive, Ladner
Admission by donation

www.ladnercommunitygarden.blogspot.com

Seedy Saturday - Feb 28, 10am-4pm.

VanDusen Gardens, Admission by donation - www.mgabc.org

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Spring

Gardeners' Party

Thur, Mar 12, 6pm-9pm. St. Thomas More Collegiate (more info in March)

BC Council of Garden Clubs Spring

Meeting & AGM (See article)

Sat, Mar 14, 8:30am-3:30pm.

Firefighters Banquet & Conference Centre, 6515 Bonsar St, Burnaby

NWHS Boulevard Plant Sale:

Sat. May 1

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