

Newsletter



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Unbelievable weather for getting ready for the growing season!!! Hopefully we won't have a drastic downturn back to winter. Crow is not a tasty dish.

SPRING BRING TO SHARE:

Next month you get to participate in the first Bring to Share of 2015; the second being in September. Renewing club members should be well acquainted with these events. If you are new to the club, hopefully you will participate. It is all about sharing. Members are urged to bring something of gardening interest that they have encountered in their gardens or elsewhere. As a small perk for those who exhibit, there will be a draw for three \$5 participation prizes.

Suggestions of Exhibits:

At the fireplace end of the room, several tables will be set up to receive your exhibits. The table designations suggest what you might want to bring to share:

- Garden Glory: beautiful or unusual plants, blooms or foliage from your garden
- Photos: Garden related—can even be of crows cultivating your lawn
- Great tips: may be a book or magazine you recommend
- Garden Design: info or questions
- Plant identification: bring in the plant or leaf
- Insects: please keep specimens enclosed
- Weeds and disease: please keep infected materials enclosed in plastic
- Other: anything that doesn't fit into the other categories

How to Participate:

- If you are bringing in one or more exhibit(s), check in and get a slip for each of your exhibits and register for the draw. Then fill out the slip by putting your name at the top and any details under your name; place your exhibit on the table under the appropriate category.
- Before the meeting and tea break, everyone views the exhibits and writes down feedback on the slips. Sharing is mutual. Share your knowledge, opinion or questions with the exhibitor. If you would like to talk with the exhibitor in person, ask the show personnel for help.

FLORISSA:

If you haven't decided just what to select from the spring catalogue, you have until March 25th to do so and get your order and money (cash or cheque payable to NWHS) to Audrey. She will contact you as soon as she receives the club order, shortly after the start of April. Does your neighbor want to purchase any bulbs or plants through the program?

SALMON FRIENDLY GARDENS

SEMINAR: This is an annual event is put on jointly by LEPS (Langley Environmental Partners Society) and the Township of Langley in promotion of environmentally friendly gardening practices. They always have first class speakers. This year is no exception. Cisco Morris, "Eek, Squish, Splat: Knowing the Good Bugs from the Bad; Susie Egan, "Shade Gardening" and Kim Greenwood, "Edible Container Gardens". FREE but pre-registration required. Register by emailing outreach@leps.bc.ca

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Mar 10, 2015, 7:30pm

Speaker: Barry Belec on "Garden Design"

NWHS Membership due: \$15

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tues, April 14, 7:30pm

Speaker: Beverly Welsh on "Roses" Spring Bring to Share

PAR GAR Gardener's Party

Thurs, Mar 12, 6pm-9pm.

St Thomas More Collegiate, 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby (see article)

BC Council of Garden Clubs Spring Meeting & AGM

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

Firefighters' Banquet & Conference Centre, 6515 Bonsar St, Burnaby.

Registration is required for this event.

If you haven't signed up, it is \$40 at the door. Parking is simple: enter the Metrotown parkade near the conference centre, go up 3 levels.

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Salmon Friendly Gardens Seminar

Sat, Mar 14, 1pm-4:30pm

Township of Langley Civic Facility

(see article)

NWHS Boulevard Plant Sale

Sat, May 2, 10am to 3pm.

Plan how you want to participate now.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Feb.

Total Revenues: \$1949.50

Total Expenses: \$1218.56

See bulletin board for full report.

PHOTO AND CONTAINER CONTESTS:

Pick up your detailed contest hand-out this evening. We're looking forward to receiving your entries in October.



New Westminster Horticultural Society March 2015

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:

Probably most of us have uncovered a stash of pesticides which we no longer want to use or can no longer legally use. This is how you get rid of them:

- If your domestic use pesticide has both the poison symbol (skull & crossbones) and a pest control product (pcp) number on its label, it can be dropped off at one of two local depots at no charge: Wastech at 1200 United Blvd, Coquitlam (604-517-6556) or Edmonds Return-it Depot at 7496 Edmonds St, Burnaby (604-527-0466)
- If you have a small amount of pesticide without its original label, it can be put in the garbage if treated as follows. If liquid, pour it on some cat litter or sawdust until it is completely absorbed. Let it dry completely and then triple bag it and put it in your normal household garbage. If it is a dry pesticide, triple bag it and put it into the garbage. To triple bag something, you put it in a garbage bag and securely seal that bag, repeat with a second garbage bag and again with a third bag. Each bag must be securely closed. Do not put liquid pesticides directly into the garbage.
- Large amounts of pesticide must be handled by hazardous waste personnel (Tervita Corporation, 1-800-667-0444).

NEW WEST PARKS HANGING

BASKETS: If it is spring, it must be time to create baskets at the Queen's Park Greenhouse. This popular series of classes run in April and May but phone the Queen's Park Arena office, 604-777-5111, to sign-up ASAP. The classes fill fast. Class details can be found in the Active Living Guide (page 68). This guide can be found on the Parks, Culture & Recreation website: www.newwestpcr.ca.

RECYCLING DEPOT:

If you have been to the New West Recycling Depot recently you will know there have been some big physical changes. There are also changes as to what is acceptable for the various bins. Check out the poster on the wall. You can get your own copy of this two sided handout from Daniel at the depot or find it on the City of New Westminster site (www.newwestcity.ca). It is a bit hidden there. The actual file can be found as "soft plastics recycling information" under the recycling depot section of residential services garbage & recycling. There are some surprising changes as to what is not acceptable.

NWHS PLANT SALE:

In no time, the sale will be upon us. Saturday, May 2, 10-3pm, on the boulevard in front of 720 – 5th Street. How do you want to participate? Grow some seedlings? Plant up some plants? Tell your friends? Help with set-up & tear down? Help sell plants? However you help, your gardening club thanks you! This is one of our major fund-raisers of the year. Hint: This is the perfect time to pot up those plants—when they are just emerging from the soil. Do it now and sit back and relish that empty spot perfect for a new purchase.

SKETCHING GROUP AKA GARDEN

GALS: If you are interested in joining in the activities of this vibrant artistic group, contact Merrill Hall. The name "Garden Gals Plus" has a nice progressive ring i.e. being a guy is no reason not to join.

SEED EXCHANGE:

Woe is the seed exchange. Once again it is without a guardian. We need someone willing to re-package donated seeds and to promote the donation of seeds. Please see Audrey (table in front of fireplace) if you would like to help.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW GARDENERS' PARTY

This is a great evening to get enthused about vegetable gardening and about donating your extra produce to the New West Food Bank. Admission is free however a non-perishable donation to the Food Bank is strongly encouraged. This year Claude LeDoux, the host for the evening, has once organized a great line-up of speakers: Conway Lum on "Not too Hot, Not too Cold, Just about Right"; Pasquale Porico on "Mason Bees"; Mike Campbell on "Edible Gardening" and June Hewko on "New Garden Gadgets from Lee Valley". Brian Minter will zip in and inspire us to get out and garden and to participate in PAR GAR. The fast paced evening starts at 6pm sharp! Enjoy the speakers, collect useful handouts, have a snack, win a prize and get enthused.



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