

Newsletter



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November 2015

AGM TONIGHT-VOTING IS ON THE AGENDA:

CONSTITUTION REVISION:

Please refer to the additional handout. In simple terms, we will be voting on:

1. Executive composition: Replacing "show chairperson" position with a "Member at Large" position.
2. Length of terms for the executive positions and who will be elected when.
3. Interim procedure to elect the 2016 Executive.

2016 EXECUTIVE: At the time of printing, only the members of our current executive have been nominated for next year's executive committee. Don't let that intimidate you. If you are interested and want to run for a specific position, nominations will be taken from the floor tonight. All positions are open. If the constitution revision is passed, for 2016, some positions will be for one year, some for two.

The positions, term length, and nominee:

- President (2 yr): Julia Goulden
- Vice President (1 yr): Lorna Cloutier
- Treasurer (2 yr): Ellen Berg
- Secretary (1 yr): Mary Barnard
- Member at Large (2 yr): Terri Clark-Kveton, Joy Makepeace-Smith, Monica Mowat
- Member at Large (1 yr): Deirdre Antonelli, Trudy Findlay, Lea McDonald

2015 CHRISTMAS COMPASSIONATE

CHARITY VOTE: Over the years we have donated to a variety of local groups. Lots of response last month when we called for nominees to receive half of the profits from our Christmas Party Draw. The 2015 nominees are:

- Monarch Place
- Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation
- Group of 5 and Friends Benevolent Society
- Honour House
- New West Food Bank
- Senior Peer Counselling at Century House
- New West Salvation Army

Past recipients of our Christmas Party

Donation:

- 1996/7 New West Food Bank
- 1998 Royal City Humane Society
- 1999 Wildlife Rescue
- 2000 Lord Kelvin School Community Garden
- 2001 Monarch House
- 2002 Alzheimer's Society of B C
- 2003 Union Gospel Mission Drop-In Centre
- 2004 Royal Columbian Hospital Auxiliary
- 2005 New West Salvation Army
- 2006 Crossroads Inlet Hospice Society
- 2007 Purpose Society
- 2008 YWCA Vancouver Rooftop Food Garden
- 2009 New West Family Place
- 2010 Pacific Assistance Dog Society (PADS)
- 2011 Honour House
- 2012 New West Victims Assistance Assoc.
- 2013 St. Barnabas Community Church Outreach
- 2014 Aunt Leah's Place

CONTAINER CONTEST: Wow! What a fantastic number of entries—17! Thank you for sharing your containers with us. All entries are posted on the wall. Write the number of the one which you like the best on your pink ballot slips—and put it in the bucket. Your decision might be based on how the plants go together (form, scale, colours), the appropriateness of the plants to the container and the uniqueness of the combination. Or, maybe, you just really like one of them.

SILENT AUCTION: What an amazing evening! Thank you to everyone who helped pull it off: the donators of the items, the folk who made up those bidding slips, the work horses who lugged the items to the lodge and then arranged them so well, the highlighters, the talliers, the cashiers, the tear down crew—and, most of all, the bidders who bid often and generously. We did good. Ellen will tell you just how well.

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Nov 10, 7:30pm

AGM: Constitution votes; 2016

Executive Vote

Speaker: Radina Jevdevic

Topic: Herbs for Healthy Living

Christmas Charity vote

Container Contest vote

Christmas Party tickets on sale

Mark Your Calendar

Christmas Crafting

Mon, Nov 16 to Sun, Dec 6

9am-9pm available for scheduling.

Fresh materials: Sat, Sun Dec 5, 6

daylight hours only

Basement, 117 Seventh Ave

(additional handout available)

NWHS Christmas Celebrations

Tues, Dec 8, 6:00 onward

Centennial Lodge

Tickets must be purchased to attend

NWHS member \$20, guest \$25

(see article)

VanDusen Garden Festival of Lights

Dec 1-Dec 31

Info: www.vandusengarden.org

TREASURER'S REPORT - Oct 2015

Total Revenue: \$2,842.97

(includes Christmas party ticket sales & Silent Auction)

Total Expenses: \$256.50

See Bulletin Board for complete report

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Lea McDonald - Contests

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Audrey Barnes - Contests,

Christmas Crafts, 604-526-8284

(Before 8pm) or

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New Westminster Horticultural Society October 2015

ACTIVE LIVING GUIDE SURVEY:

New Westminster Parks, Culture & Recreation is seeking feed-back on how to best inform the community of the programs and services it offers. Currently, the printed Active Living Guide is the main form of communication. The survey can be done online at www.newwestpcr.ca. If you are a non-computer type, we have a limited supply of the printed survey at the table in front of the fireplace. Just do the survey and hand it back to Audrey. She will deliver it. The survey must be done by Dec 11.

If you are really keen, why not join the focus group which is meeting at Century House, Nov 12, 3:30 to 5:00 or 6:30 to 8:00. Sign-up by calling Century House @ 604-519-1066. Registration is required as there are limited spots.

SEED EXCHANGE: With the long hot summer, we are sure you all had blooms that nicely matured to seed status. Did you bring them in for the club's seed exchange? Excellent! The collection box is at the table in front of the fireplace. Forgot them? Just bring them along when you come to participate in the crafting, or drop them at Audrey's kitchen door. In spring, Richard will have the seeds divided and ready for you to pick up at the free table. Thank you for contributing.

HOW DID YOUR GARDEN GROW: We are still collecting feedback on how you and your garden survived the long hot dry summer? Please talk with Audrey—you don't even have to write it down! She will.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

So, do you have your ticket(s) yet? This is the prime social event of the NWHS year. Instead of a meeting on the second Tues of Dec, we party! Instead of starting at 7:30, the event starts at 6:00. Why? Because we eat at the party. Our feast is, once again, catered by Austin caterers. The menu is available for drooling at select locations tonight. Even though, NWHS subsidizes the evening heavily, tickets must be purchased to attend. Besides the feast, there will be a door prize, photo & container contest awards, the trivial Christmas trivia quiz and (drumroll please...) our fantastic Christmas draw.

Christmas Party tickets:

- Tickets are \$20 for NWHS members; \$25 for guests
- 113 tickets are available
- Purchase your ticket(s) from Ellen Berg, our treasurer. After tonight, contact Ellen at her home for tickets.
- All seating is reserved. When you purchase your ticket(s), tell Ellen your seating preferences.
- We will refund your ticket up to Dec 1.
- After Dec 1, if you find you cannot attend, please tell Ellen. She will try to broker your ticket for you. It is very likely we will have a waiting list.

Party Day Time-Line:

- **9am-11:30am:** Draw prizes are loaded into vehicles at Audrey's.
- **Noon:** Prizes are delivered to lodge and room set-up commences.
- **5pm:** hopefully set-up will be complete.
- **6pm:** Party starts. You will be given two beverage tickets at the door when you check-in. These are to be presented to the bartender for wine. *Our liquor license stipulates no other alcoholic beverages are allowed.* Help yourself to the non-alcoholic punch. Find your table. Browse the room. Check out the photo contest entries. Pre-select your draw prize(s). We regret that, with the revamping of the Art Gallery next door, the Treasure Room has been discontinued.
- **6:30pm:** Buffet starts
- **7:30pm:** Buffet closes
- **9pm:** "We wish you a Merry Christmas"
- **Tear-down.**

Help Needed: As with any club event, the evening's success is dependent upon members pitching in and helping. Things don't just happen by magic. Can you...

- Help transfer the prizes? Covered vehicles of large capacity are needed. The prizes are picked up in the morning and then held in the vehicles until noon when they are unloaded.
- Help make the room festive? From noon or 1pm on.
- Help with an organized tear-down after the event?
- If your answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, please see Audrey.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: As we have done in prior years, we ask, when you are anticipating our Christmas feast, think of others not so fortunate. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the New West Food Bank. There will be bins in the foyer to receive your offerings.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING:

We hope you are just itching to get over to Audrey's basement to play with all the crafting materials. Less than a week away now!

- Besides socializing, the purpose of the crafting sessions is to create one-of-a-kind prizes for our Christmas Party Draw. Our aim is to make about 80 but usually we create more. As people become more familiar with the supplies available, production accelerates.
- Audrey lives at 117 Seventh Ave. Follow the sidewalk around the house and deck to the back basement door.
- Time basement is available: 9am-9pm; Mon, Nov 16 to Sun, Dec 6
- Fresh materials will be worked with only during the daylight hours of Sat, Dec 5 & Sun, Dec 6.
- Sign-up: Reserve your time slot (2-3 hr standard length) by writing your full name, phone number and hours preferred on the calendar or phone/email Audrey to schedule.
- Audrey will contact you the evening before you are to attend to confirm.
- Non-members are welcome to join the crafting sessions.
- Bring supplies if you want, but really there is no need.
- No fragrance please.
- **Other prizes:** We would be delighted to accept your offer of unique prizes. Just make sure Audrey knows so that she can reserve room on the prize tables for our offering(s). Thanks.
- **Crafting donations:** Yes, we love them. Anything Christmasy, or crafty. But remember, no fragrance or glitter. Just leave them at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. Please include your name. Thanks.
- **Fresh materials:** Yes, if you have any, we can definitely use it. We won't be actively collecting until during the final week of crafting. See Audrey tonight so she will know what you have. Thanks.