

Newsletter



GREAT DEALS GALORE:

Welcome to the 2015 NWHS Silent Auction! Have we got deals for you! Hopefully each of you will find one or more treasures. Thanks to all who donated items for this club fundraiser. Enjoy your evening.

YOUR GUIDE TO AUCTION ACTION:

Bidder number: Get your bidder number in the foyer. You will use it each time you place a bid.

Check out the items: If an item has a bidding slip, you can bid on it. If you think you might be interested in an item, note it on a piece of paper to remind you to double-check its status.

To place a bid: Write your bidder number on the left side of the slip (under "Bidder's Number") and your bid amount on the right side (under "Amount Bid"). On the first line, "Starting Bid" indicates what the starting, or minimum, bid for the item.

Your bid amount: If you are the first bidder, your bid can equal the "starting bid" if you want, or you can place a higher bid. Any increase in a bid must be a multiple of 10¢ i.e. it can be in any amount greater than the starting bid as long as it ends in "0" (zero). *During the evening, the bidding slips will be scrutinized and any bid not ending a zero will be deleted.*

5 minute warning: There will be a 5 minute warning before the end of bidding.

At end of bidding: When end of bidding is announced, everyone leaves the bidding area while a group of members highlight each winning bid and its bidder number.

Gathering your items: Please do not enter the bidding area until signaled by the person in charge. When signaled, everyone gathers his/her won items. Double check that you are actually the final bidder. Please don't take someone else's item. Also, double check your list to make sure you have not forgotten something you won.

Get your bids tallied: When you have collected all your items, go to a tallier to get the amounts totaled.

Go to the cashier: Pay in either cash or cheque. Please submit all your bidding slips to the cashier—this is very important. If you want to know what you spent on specific items, just write the amounts down on piece of paper.

"No Bid" items: Often it is not until all the won items have been collected that "no bid" items become visible. You are welcome to purchase those items at the stated starting bid. Your bidder number must be put on the starting bid line.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This meeting immediately proceeds the general meeting in November. This year we will be voting on some constitution by-law changes and electing our 2016 Executive Committee. The proposed by-laws are on page 3. Do you want to try your hand at being on executive? Talk with any of the current executive. It is very rewarding.

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Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Oct 13, 7:30pm

Silent Auction—members only

Contest entries due

Christmas Party tickets on sale

Submit Christmas charity nominations

Mark Your Calendar

UBC Apple Festival

UBC Botanical Garden,

6804 SW Marine Dr. at 16th Ave, Van

Info: applefestival.ca; 604-822-4529

BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting

Sat, Oct 24, 9am-4pm

Firefighters' Conference Centre

6515 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby

Registration required for this event

Pt. Grey Chrysanthemum Assoc Late Chrysanthemum Show

Sat, Nov 7, noon-4pm; Sun, Nov 8,

10am-4pm

At GardenWorks Mandeville

4746 SE Marine Drive, Burnaby

NWHS November Meeting & AGM

Tues, Nov 10, 7:30pm

AGM: Vote on proposed changes

to NWHS Constitution By-laws plus

election of 2016 NWHS Executive

Committee

Speaker: Radina Jevdevic on "Herbs

for Healthy Living"

Container Contest vote

Christmas Charity vote

Christmas Party tickets on sale

Christmas Crafting

Mon, Nov 16 to Sun, Dec 6, 9am-9pm

In basement of 117 Seventh Ave, NW

(see article)

NWHS Christmas Celebrations

Tues, Dec 8, 6:00 onward

Centennial Lodge

Tickets must be purchased to attend

NWHS member \$20, guest \$25

(see article)

TREASURER'S REPORT - Sept 2015

Total Revenue: \$225.75

Total Expenses: \$745.90

See Ellen for full report.

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2015 PHOTO & CONTAINER CONTEST ENTRIES:

Please submit your entries at the podium. It's easy. If puzzled, ask Audrey for help.

Photo Contest: Get your exhibitor number at the podium and write that instead of your name on the back of each of your entries. Also, put an arrow pointing upward on the back so no mistakes are made when viewing the image. There are 4 large envelopes, label one for each photo category. Just put your entries into the appropriate envelopes. You can enter 3 photos in each category.

Container Contest: There is a stash of blank envelopes at the podium. Please do not write on the envelopes. Use one envelope for each of your entries. Each entry should include your photo(s), your name, the list of plants used and a brief description (or title) which tells of the growing conditions or what your aim was for your container. 3 entries/member.

What happens next: The photo contest entries will be forwarded to Kevin Hudkins, our photo judge. If you want to see some of his work check out www.flickr.com/photos/prestidigitize. Each container contest entry will be posted at the November meeting. Everyone in attendance can view, evaluate and hopefully glean some ideas while selecting the one he/she likes the best. Awards for both contests will be presented at our Christmas Celebrations. The awards are monetary: \$15 for First; \$10, Second; \$5, Third. Photos will be on display the Christmas party.

2016 PHOTO CONTEST: COLOUR IN THE GARDEN:

Due to popular demand, the colour for next year's contest is being publicized early. It is **ORANGE** and can range from pale peach to deep rust. Photos taken after Oct 1, 2015 are eligible for entry in the 2016 contest. So get taking those pictures of our fantastic fall colour. Remember it must be from a garden with "garden" being a place cultivated by humans. Fall colour in the wilderness does not qualify. Nor can your colour category photo be a macro. **Macro definition:** An image is a macro image if, when printed 4"x6", an item in the print is larger in size than it is in reality. If you get a great orange macro shot, keep it in mind for the macro image category.

FLORISSA:

Tonight is the absolute deadline for you to order from the Fall or from the Christmas brochures. Audrey will gladly take your order (cash or payable to NWHS cheque). The total order will be placed tomorrow and will probably be available in a few days. She will contact you when she gets the bulbs. Thank you for supporting this NWHS fundraiser.

SUGGESTION BOX:

Look for the return of the Suggestion Box in November. It will be at the Treasurer's Table. Its an easy way to relay information to the executive.

Suggestions of suggestions: a speaker to get or one which "we should never get again", a topic you would like presented, an outing you are interested in, a place we should shop. Add your name so your idea can be clarified. This is just another way to make NWHS the club you want.

THE SUMMER TO REMEMBER:

A few months ago, we asked for you to relate your and your garden's experiences during the long hot, dry summer. (We got one response!) Share how you managed it. Did you just let things be? Que, Sera, Sera. Did you enjoy the freedom of not being allowed to water your lawn? How well did it come back? How did your garden do? Did you find some plants just loved it?—others definitely did not! Did you find a specific weed thrived? Are you planning to do things differently in the future? Did you think the summer, combined with the warm spring seemed just to long and you were impatient for fall tear down? Please submit your experiences to Audrey via email, or written note tonight. We will publish them in either the Nov or Dec newsletter, depending on space allowed. Some experts say for us to expect the same weather in the future.

GEORGE WHITE:

Recently, at 94 years, NWHS life-member, George White passed away. For a good portion of his life he was a NWHS member. He made the most of his NWHS membership. For eons, George and his wife, Clarice, were the club's dynamic duo. Very, very involved. Both served as club president. George's term was 1991-92. Their time was pre-computer. For many years George wrote the monthly newsletter and created hand-drawn publicity posters. The artwork of our current dogwood logo is his. Just listing his many accomplishments within NWHS does not do him justice. His sly humor came through in the fun quizzes and crazy skits that he co-wrote with Gordon McIntosh, another of our life-members. A true gentleman. He treated everyone with respect. Later executive members appreciated his generous sharing of his experiences. What a great smile and chuckle! The well-seasoned of the membership remember him fondly and feel sorry for the newer members who never met George. Clarice, George's wife of 66 years, is doing well.



PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE NWHS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

Part 5 – Officers and Executive

19. The executive of the society shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus six (6) Members at large.
20.
 - a) The executive members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in November.
 - b) **(Same wording remains)** They shall assume their duties at the first executive meeting following the December general meeting.
 - c) The terms of office for all executive member positions are for two (2) calendar years.
 - d) On even numbered calendar years, the positions of President, Treasurer and three (3) Members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General Meeting for two (2) year terms each. Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.
 - e) On odd numbered calendar years, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) Members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General Meeting for two (2) year terms each. Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.

Part 6 – Procedure for Election of Executive Committee Officers and Members at Large

21.
 - a) The nominating committee shall be made up of a NWHS Past-President and up to four (4) society members in good standing whose duties shall commence with the September Executive Committee meeting.
 - b) **(Same wording remains)** Nominations, in addition to the report presented by the nominating committee, may be in writing or from the floor. In both instances, the nominator must have the prior consent of the nominee.
 - c) Insert the word “**secret**” in front of “**ballot**”. The new clause will read as follows:
In event that two or more are nominated for one of the executive committee positions, election shall take place by **secret** ballot.
 - d) **Omit the current clause:** “If no successor is elected, the person previously elected may continue to hold office, if they so wish”.

REPLACE WITH A NEW d)

NEW d) In the event that a vacancy occurs resulting in a member of the Executive Committee being unable to complete his/her term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee or by election at a subsequent regular general meeting of the membership. Vacancies of less than one calendar year shall be filled by appointment and vacancies of one year or more shall be filled by the election process.

INTERIM PROCEDURE FOR THE NWHS NOV 2015 ELECTION OF THE SOCIETY'S 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The positions of President, Treasurer and three (3) Members at Large shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the 2015 Annual General Meeting as proposed in revised **By-Law Part 5—Officers and Executive**. The term of office shall commence on January 1, 2016.

For the 2016 NWHS Executive Committee, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) Members at Large shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the 2015 Annual General Meeting. The term of office shall commence on January 1, 2016.

This Interim Procedure is in place only for the election of the 2016 Executive Committee. At the 2016 Annual General Meeting the newly enacted “Procedure for the Election of the Executive Committee Officers and Members At Large” shall be in place.

This Interim Procedure for the NWHS election of the 2016 Executive Committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2016.

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NWHS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

In December, instead of a regular club meeting, we have our Christmas Party. It is a pretty fast-paced evening. Because it starts with a catered meal, seating is limited and tickets must be purchased to attend. Besides the socializing and the feast, the evening highlights include door prize, trivia quiz, photo & container contest awards and the fantastic Christmas draw. The evening starts at 6pm and ends about 9pm. The buffet is from 6:30 to 7:30. Dress is nice casual but if you want to get the spiffy duds out, go for it.

Tickets on Sale Tonight: A super deal: \$20 for members, \$25 for a guest (Obviously subsidized by NWHS). Seating maxes out at 113 sold. Buy your ticket at the treasurers table. Because tonight is auction night, sales end at 15 minutes past the close of business. After tonight, contact Ellen Berg to purchase tickets. If some are still available, they will be sold at the Nov meeting. Until Dec 1, you can get your ticket refunded if you are forced to change your plans.

Who do you want to sit with? All seating is reserved, so make sure you tell Ellen your seating preferences. Some tables (those butting the windows) will seat 7, others 8.

The Feast: Besides beverages (wine, non-alcoholic punch, tea, coffee, water), we will be enjoying a feast catered by Austin Caterers. The following is their description of the buffet menu:

- Carved Free Range Turkey with Cranberry Compote and Giblet Gravy
- Prawn & Chicken Creole
- Jambalaya with Chorizo Sausage
- Swedish Meatballs with Caramelized Onions and Sauteed Mushrooms
- Butter Whipped Potatoes
- Cranberry & Apple Stuffing
- Glazed Baby Carrots & Brussel Sprouts
- Gourmet Fruit Display
- Vegetable Crudites Basket with Dipping Sauce
- Antipasto Platter, an Assortment of Pickles, Onions & Olives
- Green Salad
- Marinated Greek Salad with Mounds of Feta
- Empress Salad with Fresh Seasonal Berries & Toasted Pine Nuts

- Fresh Bread Rolls & Butter
- Coffee/Tea
- An Assortment of Christmas Desserts and Shortbread

NWHS CHRISTMAS GIVING:

Christmas Draw Charity: Every year we donate half of our Christmas Draw proceeds to a compassionate charity. We prefer to give it to a local group. Think now of an organization that you would like to nominate to be our 2015 recipient. There will be a box in the kitchen tonight for nominations. Add any details that will support your group. In November, we will vote on which charity we will support this year.

New West Food Bank: We urge everyone attending our Christmas Celebration to bring a non-perishable item for the food bank. Collection bins will be in the lobby. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:

For many club members, participation in the club's crafting sessions signals the start of the Christmas season. For 3 weeks, we create one-of-a-kind prizes for our annual Christmas Party draw. It is fun but it can be addictive. You might want to spend all your time crafting in the basement.

What's so great about it?

- It's a social event. Spend a couple of hours chatting with other club members while being creative...or just drop in to chat and check out what has been made.
- It's for a good cause. Half of the proceeds from the draw at the Christmas party will be donated to a compassionate local charity.
- The stash of materials available for use is amazing. Often for a person's first time at crafting, they just wander and drool over the variety of materials to use.
- You don't have to find room in your home for your creation(s). However, it is amazing how many people pick their own creation when their ticket is drawn.
- You can really wing it and create something wild. No restraints (almost!).

When & Where:

The crafting sessions run from Mon, Nov 16 to Sun, Dec 6. Three weeks! Possible attendance hours are anytime between 9am & 9pm. The location is Audrey's basement. Audrey lives at 117 Seventh Ave, NW. That doesn't mean that the basement is

available for drop-in for that entire period of time. There is a calendar (on the window by the podium, tonight) on which you indicate when you would like to attend. Just write your name, phone number and the hours you would like to attend on the appropriate date. The crafting table accommodates 4 or 5 using regular materials; 2 or 3 using fresh greens. This is not a written-in-stone commitment. Audrey will confirm your attendance the evening before your attendance.

What are these "amazing materials"?

You just never know—a lot depends on what is donated, or what we find in a thrift store, or what we collect. Taking a virtual tour of the basement may give you an idea: wreath forms (wire, grapevine, Styrofoam); baskets and containers; Oasis & Sahara; Styrofoam in many shapes; pieces of board & trays for bases; ribbon & ribbon & ribbon; candles & candleholders; a huge multitude of decorations & picks; glass balls & beads; strings of lights; small fake trees; more decorations; cones of many types and sizes; interesting seeds & seed heads; stalks of dried vegetation; silk flowers; silk greenery; fake evergreen branches and garlands; glue guns & sticks; florist wire & tape; more decorations; pliers & wire cutters & scissors; books of ideas.

Always looking for more material:

No matter the variety of materials we have, we are always on the look-out for more. If you have any Christmasy or crafting items you no longer want, drop them over to Audrey's back kitchen door (where it is guaranteed to be dry). Please include your name. Depending on the item, we might just spruce it up as a 2015 draw prize or we may dismantle it and use parts in an entirely new way. *A few conditions apply:* the items cannot have residual fragrance (Audrey is extremely sensitive) and they cannot have glitter that may fall off (forbidden by our lease with the lodge). Thank you.

Can I bring a friend?

Of course! Anybody who likes to create things is welcome. Who knows? Maybe they will join the club when they hear about it from others.

Fragrance, again:

Sorry to harp about this but please do not use any personal fragrance if coming to the sessions. Thanks