

Newsletter



WOW! THAT WAS SOME WIND!!

Who would ever have guessed our summer-to-remember would end so dramatically? Hopefully none of you suffered too badly. Was your garden re-designed by nature? If so, it's time to make lemonade from lemons. Proposition: how about taking photos now and show off your changes during our 2016 or 2017 July club tour?

CONTEST ENTRIES DUE IN OCTOBER:

Hopefully you took lots of photos this year. Now is the time to select your best and get them printed. Remember, the contests are all about sharing. Even if that photo you took of "something really neat", didn't turn out as well as expected, enter it. We would love to view it. In October, submit your entries at the table next to the podium. The detailed contest hand-out is available tonight or our website.

Brief Photo Contest rules:

- Photo size: ideally 4"x6", but can be up to 5"x7". If panoramic, one side must be 5" or less.
- Photos must have been taken since Oct 1, 2014.
- Any member can enter up to 3 entries in each category.
- Macro photos can be entered only in the macro category.

Photo Contest categories:

- **Visitors in the Garden:** a photo of something living or a representation of something living in your *own* garden.
- **Colour in the Garden, Burgundy:** An image of something burgundy (deep red to almost black) in *any* garden.
- **View of a NWHS Member's Garden:** An overall or partial view of a NWHS member's garden.
- **Macro Image:** Extreme close-up. Can be of any subject in any garden.

Container Contest: In this contest, it is the container being judged not the photo. Since the purpose of the contest is to share container ideas, we have added a new optional component to your entry. Besides your name, your list of plants and your photo(s), include a title or a brief statement about your container such as: "for shady area", "for tight space", etc. Photo size as with photo contest. Maximum 3 entries/member.

BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS PHOTO CONTEST:

Enter through www.bcgardenclubs.com. Very easy. Before Sept 15, electronically send your garden photo with a small description. Winners will be determined by popular vote—details on the website. To enter, you must be a member of an affiliated club such as NWHS.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:

From Nov 15 to Dec 6, we will be creating our Christmas celebration draw prizes in Audrey's basement. Join in the fun. The calendar to record when you would like to craft will be posted in October. Sign-up for any time between 9am & 9pm, 7 days a week. Non-NWHS crafters welcome.

Donation of Christmasy stuff: If you have any Christmas items that are tired, or you are just tired of, donate them for crafting. Sorry, we cannot use fragrant or glittery items. Just drop items off at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. Please include your name.

GARDEN GALS AKA THE SKETCHING GROUP:

This group is always busy. In affiliation with the Century House Artists, they participated in the recent Cultural Crawl and are currently showing in the Arts Council Gallery, right next door in the Lodge. Show ends Fri, Sept 11, 1-5pm. Did you see their circle of dancers (with dog) in the Eco Art display in Moody Park in August? Very clever. In Sept, as part of the NW Public Library's 150th Anniversary, they are showing their sketches of the library's gardens.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW:

Time is running out to say thank you for that great Gardeners' Party last March. Collection of produce takes place at St. Thomas More Collegiate, 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby, Sundays 8:30-9:15am. The final day to donate is Oct 4th.

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Sept 8, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Margaret Calwaladr on "Our Patio Garden, A Case Study".
Fall Bring-to-Share

Mark Your Calendar

South Burnaby Garden Club Fall Fair

Sat, Sept 12, 1-5pm
Sun, Sept 13, 11am-4pm
Bonsor Complex,
6550 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby
Free admission. No fees to exhibit.
For show schedule see
www.southburnabygardenclub.org

Southlands Shopping Trip

Sat, Sept 19, 11am coffee's hot!
6550 Balaclava, Van
20% off reg priced items
Sign-up tonight, carpool if possible.

Riverview Treefest

Sat, Sept 19, 11am-4pm
Riverview Hospital Grounds
2601 Lougheed Hwy, Coq.
Guided tree tours, heritage walk,
history bus tours, entertainment, food
www.coqutlam.ca/Treefest
or 604-927-3583

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tues, Oct 13, 7:30
Silent Auction—no At-Meeting Sale,
no library, no free table
Contest entries due
Christmas ticket sales start

BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting

Sat, Oct 24, 8:30am-4pm
Firefighters Conference Centre,
6515 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby
Keynote speaker: Steve Whysall
Register with Ellen by Sept 15
\$30 for NWHS members

UBC Apple Festival

Sat and Sun, Oct 17,18

NWHS Christmas Celebrations

Dec 08, Centennial Lodge

TREASURER'S REPORT - August

Total Revenues: \$139.90
Total Expenses: \$517.48
See the bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

New Westminster Horticultural Society September 2015

SILENT AUCTION IN OCTOBER:

Our Silent Auction is just one month away. Plenty of time for you to go through those dark corners of your cupboards, closets, sheds—you know, those places where you stash things. Dig them out. Donate them to the auction. We anticipate the room will once again be a “glorious sight” with treasures galore awaiting your bids. As well as being a major fundraiser for the club, it is a great time to socialize - lots of mingling and people watching. The meeting is for NWHS members only. No guests for the October meeting. If you have a friend who wants to attend, make sure you sign them up for an NWHS membership (prorated to \$10) tonight at the treasurer’s table.

What you can donate: Almost anything - except computer components, items strongly fragrant, clothing (unless unique or suitable for a Halloween costume). If you have a large item, you can donate it but please leave it at home. Bring in a photo and description instead. Remember our space is limited and people have to transport the item (as well as all their other won treasures) home. How about bringing in something “Made at Home” such as preserves, baking, produce? If your item does not sell, you have the option of taking it back home or donating it to charity.

Who can donate: Although the auction is for NWHS members only, anybody can donate. Got a neighbor who just has garage sale leftovers? Gather the free items for the auction.

Early drop-off at Audrey’s

(117 Seventh Ave): Is that box of destined-for-auction items in your way? Solve the problem by delivering it early to Audrey’s. She has already started collecting. Actually, dropping your items off at Audrey’s is highly recommended—even more so, if you have a huge number of items. It makes it easier for you—no need to make out those slips. It makes it easier for the set-up crew as Audrey & her team will already have tagged each item and sorted them as to location at the Lodge. If dropping off items at Audrey’s, leave them at her sheltered back kitchen door. Don’t forget to add your name in case we need help identifying an item. Important: no items with residual fragrance at Audrey’s please. Deadline for drop-off: 5pm Sunday, Oct 11.

Bringing Treasures to the Auction:

Check in at the receiving table (near the treasurer) where there will be members to assist you in filling out

bidding slips and placing your items in the appropriate locations. Come early if you have several items. A crush is anticipated.

The bidding slip: Each item must have its own bidding slip. Slips are available tonight at the Sign-Up Table. When filling out the slip, make sure your description is unique to your item. When your item is placed a table with similar items, is it obvious which slip goes with which item? For books put the title on the slip. If you have several identical items, designate them “A”, “B”, “C” ...using masking tape.

Starting bid: This should be a “real deal”. If you have several small item, bundle them together. *New for 2015: following the advice from talliers, we have eliminated “5¢” from all bids. The lowest bid for any item is now 30¢. An item’s starting bid can be higher than 30¢, but the number must end in “0”. No 5¢ increments!*

How auction night works: Assuming you are not arriving with items, check in and get your “unique bidder number” which you will use when you bid on an item. To bid, put your “unique bidder number” on the left side of the slip and the amount you are bidding on the right side. If you are the first bidder, your bid can equal the starting bid or it can be greater—as long as it is a multiple of 10¢. To raise a bid, it must be by an amount that is a multiple of 10¢. No 1¢, 5¢, 15¢... bids allowed. Bidding can start as soon as an item has a bidding slip. You will be alerted when there is 5 minutes left for bidding. At auction end, everyone exits the bidding area. The winning bidder number and amount will be highlighted. When instructed, collect your items (double check that you won the item!), get your total bids tallied and then proceed to the cashier. Payment for your items can be cash or cheque (payable to NWHS). If you plan to pay for Christmas tickets by cheque, please bring two cheques to the meeting.

Auction manpower needed:

Talk with Audrey if you would like to help. Thanks.

- Pre-processing items at Audrey’s
- Transferring items to lodge on auction day
- Setting up tables
- Help members make out slips at Lodge
- Highlighting winning bids
- Tallying bids
- Tear down and transfer of items back to Audrey’s.

UNIQUE TO THE OCTOBER MEETING:

- Members only. No new memberships sold at the meeting.
- No name tags or attendance sheet
- No free table
- No At-Meeting Sale
- No draw
- Newsletter at the treasurer’s table
- No library. Books returned at the podium
- Seed exchange donations at podium
- Refreshments in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS:

As our Christmas celebrations (Dec 8) begins with a catered buffet feast, tickets must be purchased to attend the event. Sales start at the October meeting. \$20 members, \$25 guest. Ellen, our Treasurer, will be selling from her home at non-meeting times. If you plan to pay for both your ticket(s) and your auction items by cheque, please bring two cheques to the meeting as payments must be made at different times during the meeting.

FLORISSA:

The Fall & Christmas flyers are here. Gorgeous! To ensure there is stock to fill our orders, the Fall deadline is Sept 30, Christmas Oct 13. You will be contacted as soon as Audrey receives the bulbs—probably within a week of the final deadline. Place your order through Audrey at the table in front of the fireplace or at her home. Cash or cheque (NWHS) acceptable..

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