

# Newsletter



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## WELCOME TO NWHS 2016!!!

Time to start another year of garden club activities. Make sure you renew your membership tonight to keep your membership continuous. We know you won't want to miss any club activities or the 10% discount that many (sadly, not all) retail outlets offer upon presentation of your card.

### LIFE MEMBERS:

This year, Ellen Berg, joins the hallowed group.

**Other life members:** Elsie Ansdell, Audrey Barnes (honorary), Jane deMarchi, Gordon & Verna Mackintosh, Norma McFadden, Nina Osanic, Florence Ustare, Bev Yates. Many centuries of support for NWHS are represented by this group.

### THE 2016 EXECUTIVE:

President: Julia Goulden  
Vice-President: Lorna Cloutier  
Treasurer: Ellen Berg  
Secretary: Mary Barnard  
Members at Large: Deirdre Antonelli, Terri Clark Kveton, Trudy Findlay, Joy Makepeace-Smith, Lea McDonald, Monica Mowat.

### FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE:

This is the steering committee for the club's money-making ventures. It offers support for the well-established At-Meeting Draw, Florissa Program and Silent Auction and runs the At-Meeting Plant Sale and the Annual Boulevard Sale (with much support from other members). It's members also try to think of new avenues the club can take to raise money. At the moment, the committee is seeking new members. It is not a life-long commitment but staying at least one year is expected. It is fun being involved! If this interests you please talk with Janet or Annemarie (see contacts list). The club thanks you.

### BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS SPRING MEETING & AGM:

Sat, Mar 12th. You have until Feb 23rd to register via NWHS to attend. See Audrey tonight at the fireplace table or Ellen at her home after tonight. Since NWHS subsidizes our members' attendance by \$5, the price for you is reduced to \$30. Keynote speakers are

urban ecologist, David Tracey, and fire ant specialist, Dr Rob Higgins. The day includes morning coffee/tea & goodies, vendors, a buffet lunch, the chance to win at the 'super draw'.

**NWHS CONTESTS:** Pick up your contest flyer tonight. Let us re-iterate: 'garden' means an area cultivated by humans. Wilderness is not considered a garden within the parameters of our contests.

**FLORISSA:** The 2016 spring flyers are here. Looks good. See Audrey (fireplace table) to place your (or your non-NWHS friend's) order. Deadline March 22.

### GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:

Three of our club members recently passed away. Joyce Goodman & Clarice White joined the club before the start of recorded time. That is, before 1973, when NWHS started keeping continuous records of when people joined. Erika d'Esterre joined in 2000.

**Joyce Goodman: 1927-2015.** It's been a few years since Joyce occupied her spot on the front row at our meetings. She was in her early forties when she joined NWHS and made her mark in club history. As a floral artist, her outstanding work was a highlight of the then summer-long parlour show. In 1972 she was our president—the second woman to hold the position.

**Clarice White: 1922-2015.** A few months ago when George White, Clarice's husband, passed away, we saluted George & Clarice as the club's 'dynamic duo'. Actually, Clarice was dynamic one first. She was heavily involved in club activities before George retired and joined her in her passion for NWHS. During 1977/1978 Clarice was our president—the third woman to hold the position. Over the years she filled every position on the executive.

**Erika d'Esterre: 1935-2015.** Don't let those dates fool you. Erica may have been 80 years old but actually she was more like 70 years young. Until recently, when health issues interfered, you could count on her being involved: plant sale, BC Council meetings, Silent Auction, Master Gardeners, Honour House.... Quiet and competent—a pleasure to be around. Her chuckle will be missed.

## Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 9, 2016  
Speaker: Gwen Odermatt on "Great Plant Picks"  
Membership Renewals: only \$15  
2016 Club Budget Vote

## Mark Your Calendar

### NWHS March Regular Meeting

Tues, Mar 10, 7:30pm  
Speaker: Allan Ladha on "Garden Lighting"

### Boulevard Gardens of New West

A show by the Garden Gals  
Feb 1-Apr 1, Anvil Centre  
www.anvilcentre.ca

### Ladner Seedy Saturday & Garden

**Expo**, Sat, Feb 20, 10am-4pm  
Harris Barn, 4140 Arthur Drive  
www.ladnercommunitygarden.blogspot.ca

### Northwest Flower & Garden Show,

Seattle Feb 17-22.  
www.gardenshow.com

### VanDusen Seedy Saturday,

Sat Feb 27, 10am-3pm.  
www.mgabc.org

### Plant a Row, Grow a Row Spring Gardeners' Party

Thurs, Mar 10; 6pm-9pm

### BC Council of Garden Club's Spring Meeting & AGM

Sat Mar 12, 8:30am-4pm  
Firefighters Banquet & Conference Centre, 6515 Bonsor St, Burnaby  
Registration required.

Info: www.bcgardenclubs.com

### NWHS Boulevard Plant Sale

Sat, May 7

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