

Newsletter



LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GREW:

Wow! With this year's hot & then cool & then wet & then hot... weather, selection of show entries has really come down to last minute decisions. Mind you, it has been fun to monitor how the flowers have changed with the weather. That is the great thing about entering the show—you really observe what happens with your plants. Hopefully, things matured right-on in your garden—just in time for tonight. Thank you for persevering and bringing your entries in. It ain't now show, if nobody shows!

Exhibiting is Easy:

Check in at the show table (probably manned by Audrey). You will be assigned your personal exhibitor number (Your name does not go on the slip!) and given one exhibit slip for each of your entries. Fill out each slip and place your entry in the appropriate place on the tables. If you are unsure of any step, please consult Lea or Audrey.

Voting for "Members' Choice" Awards:

Everyone in attendance gets to vote for his/her favorite in each of the general categories. You have a different colored ballot for each category.

- Pink for Flowers: Classes 1 to 19
- Green for Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits: Classes 20 to 31
- Orange for Floral Art: Classes 32 to 36

To help reduce mistakes, your ballot color corresponds with the class table signs and the ballot box lid. To vote for your favorite, using the appropriately colored ballot, write the entry's "exhibit number" (*lower left corner of the exhibit slip*), and nothing else, on the ballot and put the ballot in the appropriate box. If you use the wrong colored ballot or put your ballot in the wrong box, your vote will be invalid and deleted. Let's not have any spoiled ballots this year! Voting closes at the end of refreshments.

Members' Choice Prizes:

The Members' Choice winner in each overall category will receive a rosette

ribbon plus a Caran d'ache pen. The pens were donated by Audrey's neighbour, Patrick Clark. They are limited edition pens celebrating the Caran d'ache's 100th anniversary and retailed at \$40+.

Individual Class Placement Ribbons:

Jennifer Zuk is once again our judge. She will select the First, Second & Third Place entries in each class. While she is judging, please do not touch any of the exhibits and give her lots of room to do her job. Please do not talk with her until after judging is complete. Thank you, Jennifer.

WISH LIST by Janet Butts

The Fund Raising Committee and the "Plant Sale Table" have a new initiative for the Club called the "Wish List".

If there's a specific plant you want, let Joan Stevenson know—or anyone on the plant sale table or on the Fund Raising Committee—and she will keep her eyes and ears open in the hunt for it.

If you don't know the exact name of the plant you want, here are some variations that might work for you:

1. You might need for example a red flowering sun-lover for an empty spot, or some other garden need, and are looking for options;
2. You might want that perfect something to make your bouquets sing;
3. Maybe you have a plant in mind but don't know its name.

The anonymous Wish will then get announced to the Club, written up in the Newsletter, and otherwise circulated. When a match turns up, Joan will play matchmaker and facilitate an exchange. Voila! A match made in heaven!

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW:

No matter how well you plan, it always seems that, at some point, if you grow vegetables you will have a surplus of produce. Don't let it go to waste. Donate it to the New Westminster Food Bank via PAR GAR. Volunteers will gladly receive your donations at the St Thomas More Collegiate main entrance (7450 12th St, Burnaby) between 8:30 and 9:15am Sunday mornings.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30pm
Annual In-Club Show
Speaker: Barry Roberts on "Hydrangeas"

Mark Your Calendar

Bowen Island People, Plants & Places Biennial Tour

Sat & Sun, July 16 & 17, 10am-4pm
Tickets: \$25; buy 10 or more at \$20 each
www.bowenislandmuseum.ca

NWHS Garden Tour & Pot-Luck Picnic

Sat, July 23. Tour 1pm, Picnic 4:30pm
Rain or Shine
See article

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tues, Aug 9, 7:30pm
Speaker: Terry McIntosh
Topic: "Xeriscaping with Native Plants"

Branching Out: Plants in New Westminster's History

Until Nov 13, daily 10am-5pm,
Thur 10am-8pm
3rd floor, New Westminster Museum, Anvil Centre
From Stump City to green city, this exhibition traces the ways plants have affected local citizens. Learn how to identify local trees, find out about the Royal City Rose and more.
www.anvilcentre.ca

Royal City Farmer's Market:

Every Thurs, 3pm-7pm, Tipperary Park
www.rcfm.ca

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Produce Drop Off:

Every Sun, 8:30-9:15am
St. Thomas More Collegiate front entrance, 7450 12th St, Burnaby

New Westminster Cultural Crawl Aug 13, 14

Garden Gals will be exhibiting at 1013 Cornwall St (Brenda Fairfax's Garden)

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2016

Total Revenue: 196.60
Total Expenses: \$116.23
See bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

New Westminster Horticultural Society July 2016

NWHS GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

July 23rd Tour 1:00pm Picnic 4:30pm

Keep your fingers crossed. The long-term weather report has the day sunny, 22C. Regardless, the events are on rain or shine, cool or hot. We just have to show how that weather can't keep gardeners from enjoying themselves.

THE TOUR:

All NWHS members and their adult friends are invite to enjoy our garden tour. No kids, no pets. The gardens will be visited in sequence, according to a time schedule and map. Your possession of the map is your ticket to be on the tour. There are no electronic versions. The map/itinerary is available tonight or from Audrey after tonight.

The gardens:

The 2016 tour winds through four gardens in Burnaby and ends with four gardens in New Westminster. It wasn't planned but most of the gardens have a strong vegetable component. In Burnaby, we will visit the gardens of Janet Butt, Dan Tessaro, Michael (a friend of Dan's) & Rose Fuchs. Then it is to BARAGA, that huge allotment garden, to check out plots of some club members and other "friends of NWHS". Zipping into New Westminster, we first hit the extravaganza known as "Claude's garden". Then across town to the St. Mary's Park Allotment Gardens on the old hospital site. The tour ends with a "park once, visit two" treat. Sheila (a past NWHS member) and Mark Lechner are only a few houses from Audrey's, the picnic site. The tour handout gives many more details.

It is highly recommended that you car-pool. The map will show at least one route between the gardens. You may have a different preferred route. This year we reduced the amount of time actually viewing some of the gardens but we think it is sufficient. The time allowed for transit between the sites should be plenty for travelling and parking. Remember the day is a social event. It is not a race to see who gets to the next garden first. There doesn't seem to be any strict parking regulations near any of the gardens but keep your eyes peeled in case the signs were overlooked. Please do not park in nursery lots unless you are purchasing plants.

The tour starts at 1:00 and ends at 4pm. Water will be available in the rear of the Barnes' white Volvo wagon.

THE PICNIC:

The pot-luck picnic is at Audrey's (Steve will be away.), 117 Seventh Ave. It is primarily for members and their families or very close friends. Kids are welcome but the event is adult oriented. No pets please. A half hour has been allotted between tour end and picnic start so you can zip home and collect your pot-luck offering. Audrey plans on emptying the fridge so there will be room for some of the dishes. Talk with her to reserve some of the available space. Unlike the tour, you are welcome to arrive before the official picnic start of 4:30. Warning: you might be corralled into helping with the final set-up. At 4:30, our goal is to have the coffee hot. Actual eating is to begin at about 5pm. If you do arrive early, you can get a head-start in identifying the plants listed in the Garden Stumps contest.

Picnic Sign-up.

The sheet is at the head table this evening. On it you indicate how many people are in your party and the specifics of the dish you are contributing. The sheet will go home with Audrey. Please notify her regarding any additions or deletions—or other changes. Thanks. The size of your dish should be about the amount to serve 10 people. The club will be supplying beverages: water, non-alcoholic punch, wine, coffee & tea.

Bring to the Picnic Check List:

- Pot-luck offering in serving dish
- Serving utensils
- A plate, a knife, a fork
- *Put your name on everything you bring!* There are always items left behind.
- DO NOT bring a chair. We have sufficient.

Picnic Set-up:

How much we need to do at the last minute depends on the weather. We will probably doing the majority of the final set-up at about 11am. Tell Audrey if you would like to help. If the weather turns ugly, we would love to borrow some awnings. If it turns hot, a couple extra umbrellas will be welcome. Please tell Audrey if you are a potential loaner. Thanks.

SEED EXCHANGE:

Have you collected seed this summer? For this evening, the donation box will be at the head table. Next month, it returns to the fireplace table. Seeds, organized for pick-up, are on the Free Table in the foyer. Thank you for sharing some of your favorite plants via the exchange.

LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

We are at stage 1 in watering restrictions
Residential Lawn Sprinkling:
Only the hours from 4am to 9am.
Even addresses on Mon, Wed, Sat
Odd addresses on Tues, Thurs, Sun

MOST HATED WEED:

The nomination sheet for the most hated garden weed is at the head table tonight. A weed can be nominated more than once. Tell us why you hate it. Your reasons for despising your most-despicable weed will be used in the final campaign for "most hated" title in the November vote.



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