

Newsletter



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May 2016

CHECK THAT OFF ☒ PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!!

Not a sell-out but still a super success—we almost sold out. It is amazing what a bunch of keeners can pull off. If nothing else, our members are keen! Many thanks to all who contributed. Definitely a group effort. Some of the many ways members (& friends) helped:

- Organized sale volunteers
- Offered (again) a great sale location
- Talked the sale up with neighbours & friends
- Grew & nurtured seedlings
- Dug & potted plants
- Wrote up those tags
- Washed & cut the blinds so tags could be made
- Cared for the plants pre-sale
- Transported plants to the sale
- Collected & delivered boxes
- Received the plants for early drop off Friday
- Put up and took down directional sale signs
- Lent us and arranged the tables
- Lent us awnings and put them up
- Sorted the plants and then sorted them again as the day progressed
- Organized the \$\$ floats
- Supplied refreshments for the team
- Shared plant knowledge with the customers
- Acted as floating tills to receive money
- Were club ambassadors by setting a great example and telling people about NWHS
- Broke down the tables and awnings and other paraphernalia
- Loaded non-solds into vehicles and babysitting them until tonight
- Counted the sale proceeds
- BOUGHT PLANTS!

Again, we would like to thank Monica Mowat and her husband, John, and their neighbours for the loan of their driveways. John, you have the most fantastic lawn. Just beautiful—and comfortable on a hot spring day. Thanks.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!



TREASURER'S REPORT - April 2016

Total Revenue: \$879.00

Total Expenses: \$683.70

See bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30pm

Speaker: Kathy Friesen of Bloomsbury Designer Gardens on "Patio and Balcony Design"

Mark Your Calendar

New Westminster Annual Heritage Homes Tour

Sun, May 29, 10am-5pm

Tickets \$35

Info: www.newwestheritage.org

Desert Plant Society of Vancouver Show & Sale

Sat, June 11, 10am-7pm

VanDusen Gardens Floral Hall

Admission by donation - Info: www.desertplantsocietyofvancouver.com

Heritage Vancouver Society Self-Guided Garden Tour

Sat & Sun, June 11 & 12, 10am-4pm

Tickets \$30 on line until May 11

\$35 after May 11

Info: www.heritagevancouver.org

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Produce Drop-Off

Sun, June 12, 8:30am - 9:15 am

Saint Thomas More Collegiate

entrance 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby (off Kingsway)

Every Sun until Oct

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tues, June 14, 7:30pm

Speaker: Julia Common of Hives for Humanity on "Bee Keeping"

She will bring honey & bee products for sale.

Vancouver Rose Society 64th Rose Show & Sale

Sun, June 26, 12:30pm-4:30pm

VanDusen Gardens Floral Hall

Guest speakers; roses & bouquets for sale. Free Admission

Info: www.vancouverrosesociety.org

Bowen Island People, Plants & Places Biennial Tour

Sat & Sun, July 16 & 17, 10am-4pm

Tickets: \$25; buy 10 or more at \$20 each

Info: www.bowenislandmuseum.ca

NWHS Annual Garden Tour & Picnic

Sat, July 23, Afternoon & early evening.

New Westminster Horticultural Society

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JULY IN-CLUB SHOW:

The 2016 schedule is finalized. Pick up a copy tonight and start planning how you will join in the fun of the friendly competition in July. Let us see what you have grown or created.

Unlike our April & September Bring to Share evenings, there are rules to be followed when entering the show. Basic rules are outlined on page one of the schedule. They are very logical and are aimed to make the show easy to organize, enter and judge. The additional three pages list the classes that you can enter under the broad categories of Flowers; Vegetables, Herbs & Fruit; and Floral Art. For each class there are criteria for showing your entry or entries—and for many there are hints of how to show each entry at its best. All entries will be judged by an independent qualified Judge according to the guidelines set forth in the Judging Manual. Placement ribbons for first, second and third will be awarded for each class. In addition, all in attendance at the July meeting get to vote for their favorite in each of the three overall categories to determine who gets to take home the “Members’ Choice” rosettes.

New for 2016:

Dish Garden: This is under the “Flowers” category as one stipulation for “Floral Art” is that the vegetation cannot be planted in soil. Quoting from the schedule: “Dish Garden: A planted scene. No larger than 16” x 16”. Scale and proportion important. Figurines should be used sparingly. Can be a fairy garden but not necessarily one.” If you have been entranced by fairy gardens and have mulled over creating one, go for it—and enter it in the show. If there are a number of fairy gardens plus a number of “non-fairy” gardens entered, the class will be split into two separate classes for judging. Get creative and have fun.

Floral Art: Why not rise to the challenge and create some entries in the floral art classes. We look forward to see your interpretations of the titles. The classes are: “Purple Rain: A Tribute to Prince”, “Twist of Nature—Miniature”, “Where Butterflies Dance”, “Botanical Bling” and “Once Upon a Time: An interpretation of a Fairy Tale”. There are different criteria to follow for each. Lots of fun. Hint: Read the details on the schedule and do some light daydreaming now about your creations. Hopefully, the conclusion for your daydream isn’t

“No way!” It’s lots of fun to view the member’s entries—but even more fun to run with an idea and pull it off when it comes to handling the plant material.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW

Have your vegetables been growing like weeds? Got a surplus crop? Well, you don’t have long to wait until the donation collection for Plant a Row, Grow a Row begins. Put that surplus to good use by donating to the New West Food Bank via this handy route. The first drop-off date is Sunday, June 12th. Bring your donation to the main entrance to St. Thomas More Collegiate, 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby, between 8:30am and 9:15am. The friendly volunteers will gladly receive and weigh your donations and arrange for it to be delivered to the Food Bank. Stop by for a gardening chat. Not growing vegetables, no problem. Why not buy some produce to donate? Produce collection happens every Sunday morning ending in October.

NWHS ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR AND POT-LUCK PICNIC:

If you are new to the club, write this event on your calendar as a must-attend! Sat, July 23. It’s one of our prime social events of the year. About 3 hours are spent touring gardens and the early evening spent enjoying the pot-luck feast. It is actually two separate events but timing is arranged so that one follows immediately after the other. Both events are rain or shine.

The Tour: We hope to have 5 or 6 gardens to visit. How about yours? Have you just completed a major project? Are you in the middle of a garden renovation? Are your plants matured to that perfect size? Do you need a deadline to “get that done”? All are sound reasons to volunteer to open your garden to fellow club members. See Audrey to get your garden on the map. The tour is open to all members and their adult friends. As a courtesy to our garden hosts, no children or pets accompany you on the tour. So that each garden host has the opportunity to visit the other gardens, the gardens are visited in a set sequence. We all visit one garden and then move onto the next as a group. The exact time the tour starts isn’t known until the garden locations are finalized. It depends on the number of gardens and the driving time between the gardens. The map & itinerary will be available at the July meeting. There will be no sign-up sheet for the tour as your possession of the tour map is your ticket. There will be no electronic version of the map.

The Pot-Luck Picnic: The picnic follows the tour with a bit of lag time between the two events. It will be in Audrey Barnes’ garden. If you know Audrey, you know that any event at her place is low-key and casual. The emphasis is to have a good, relaxing time with your garden club friends and their families. We say “families” because all family members are invited but, be warned, the event is definitely adult oriented. No pets please. If you have a special adult friend, he/she is welcome to join us. If you are new member, you are doubly welcome to attend. There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. It will be available at both the June and July meetings. On it, please indicate how many people in your group and your choice of pot-luck dish you would like to contribute. Audrey has started creating the 2016 version of Garden Stumps.

LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions commence on Sunday, May 15.

Residential Lawn Sprinkling: Only the hours from 4am to 9am.

Even numbered addresses:

- Mon, Wed, Sat

Odd numbered addresses

- Tues, Thurs, Sun

Also, as of May 15th, washing a car or boat can be done only using a spring-loaded shut off device.

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