

Newsletter



LOTS OF VOTING TONIGHT:

- Constitution Update
- 2017 NWHS Executive Committee
- Compassionate Charity
- Container Contest
- Evil Weed

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Constitution update: Voting will be done by show of hands. A 50% majority is needed to pass the motion. The motion: *That the Executive Committee update the NWHS Constitution and By-laws to make the language more gender inclusive.*

2017 Executive: Half of the executive positions are to be filled tonight. As of printing, we have a full slate of nominees but definitely invite nominations from the floor. Will we have an acclamation or an election tonight? Voting will be by hidden ballot.

The nominees:

- Vice President (2 years): Lorna Cloutier
- Secretary (2 years): Mary Barnard
- Member-at-Large (2 years) 3 to be elected: Trudy Finday, Lea McDonald, Diane Perry
- Member-at-Large (1 year) 1 to be elected: Anna Camporese

The remainder of the executive, President (Julia Goulden), Treasurer (Ellen Berg) and Members-at-Large (Terri Clark Kveton & Monica Mowat) have terms that will end next year.

SEEKING A COMPASSIONATE CHARITY:

Since 1996, NWHS has supported a charity or group through the Christmas Party Draw. Except for the first 2 years when we gave to the Food Bank, it has been a different recipient every Christmas. Who do you think should receive half of the proceeds from our draw? Nominate them tonight. Ideally, it should be a local charity or group—and not one we have supported previously. Of course, that latter rule is not written in stone. Use your green ballot to vote during tea.

CONTAINER CONTEST:

The entries are on the wall. Thank you to all who made the effort to show their containers to the membership. Not as many entries as last year but just as impressive quality-wise. Vote for the one you like the best. Your decision might be based on how well the plants go together (form, scale, colours), the appropriateness of the plants to the container, the uniqueness of the combination or how well the container works for its setting ...or you might just really like one. Use your pink ballot to vote for your favorite.

EVIL WEED:

Which weed is the most hated? Your ballot lists all the weeds nominated over the past few months. Space does not allow the reasons for the nominations but they are posted on the wall near the bucket for your ballots. Morning glory got the most nominations by far but that doesn't mean it will be deemed most pesky in the long run. There is space on your ballot for a write-in candidate.

SILENT AUCTION:

Thank you for making the auction a success once again. What a variety of items! One can never predict what will be available. We did good!

The left-overs were distributed to different organizations:

- Fiction books: Royal Columbian Hospital Auxiliary
- Non-fiction books: New West Public Library
- The cream of the left-overs: Century House for their white-elephant sale
- Other left-overs (depending on the quality of the items): Bases Thrift Store (on Edmonds); Crossroads Hospice Thrift Store (Coquitlam); Value Village (Burquitlam).
- Some items were kept for the Christmas Crafts

A small portion was sent to that recycling depot in the sky.

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Nov 8, 7:30pm
 Tuesday, Nov 8, 7:30pm
 Speaker: Emma Holmes on "Composting"
 AGM (see article)
 Christmas tickets on sale

Mark Your Calendar

Branching Out: Plants in New Westminster's History

Until Nov 13, daily 10am-5pm
 Thur 10am-8pm; 3rd Floor
 New Westminster Museum,
 Anvil Centre, www.anvilcentre.ca

Christmas Crafts

Mon, 21 to Sun, Dec 11, 9am-9pm
 Basement of 117 Seventh Ave
 (see article)

NWHS Christmas Celebrations

Tues, Dec 13, 6-9pm Centennial Lodge
 Tickets pre-purchased: members \$20
 guest \$25 (see article)

VanDusen Garden Festival of Lights

Dec 1-Jan 2
 Info: www.vandusengarden.org

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Feb 22-26, 2017; Seattle
 Watch for a cyber-Monday (Nov 28) ticket deal. For the last few years, they have offered an additional \$5 off the early-bird price. It's been on their Facebook page. www.gardenshow.com

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New Westminster Horticultural Society

November 2016

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

'Tis the time to enjoy friendships within the club (and to make new friends) around the crafting table and at the party.

THE PARTY:

The party starts with a catered buffet (why we must sell tickets) followed by non-stop action: door prize, contest awards, trivia quiz—all interspersed with our fantastic Christmas Draw. It is a fast paced, packed evening.

The Feast (by Austin Caterers)

- Carved Roast Free Range Turkey with Cranberry Compote & Giblet Gravy
- Swedish Meatballs with Caramelized Onions & Sauteed Mushrooms
- Traditional Ukrainian Cabbage Rolls in Sweet Tomato Sauce
- Smoke Salmon & Cream Cheese Bow Tie Pasta Salad with Capers
- Marinated Greek Salad with Mounds of Feta
- Green Salad
- Butter Whipped Potatoes
- Cranberry Apple Stuffing
- Roasted Root Winter Vegetables
- Gourmet Fruit Display
- Vegetable Crudites Basket with Dipping Sauces
- Antipasto Platter: an Assortments of International Pickles, Onions & Olives
- Fresh Bread Rolls & Butter
- Coffee & Tea
- An Assortment of Christmas Desserts & Shortbread

Christmas Party tickets:

- Tickets are \$20 for members; \$25 for guests
- 113 tickets are available
- Purchase your ticket(s) from Ellen Berg, our treasurer. After tonight, contact Ellen at her home for tickets.
- All seating is reserved. When you purchase your ticket(s), tell Ellen your seating preferences.
- We will refund your ticket up to Dec 1. After Dec 1, if you find you cannot attend, please tell Ellen. She will try to broker your ticket for you.

Party Day Time-Line:

- 9am-11:30am: Draw prizes are loaded into vehicles at Audrey's.
- Noon: Prizes are delivered to lodge and room set-up commences.
- 5pm: hopefully set-up will be complete.

- 6pm: Party starts. You will be given two beverage tickets at the door when you check-in. These are to be presented to the bartender for wine. *Our liquor license stipulates no other alcoholic beverages are allowed.* Help yourself to the non-alcoholic punch. Find your table. Browse the room. Check out the photo contest entries. Pre-select your draw prize(s).
- 6:30pm: Buffet starts
- 7:30pm: Buffet closes
- 9pm: "We wish you a Merry Christmas"
- Tear down.

Help Needed: As with any club event, the evening's success is dependent upon members pitching in and helping. Things don't just happen by magic. Can you...

- Help transfer the prizes? Covered vehicles of large capacity are needed. The prizes are picked up in the morning and then held in the vehicle until noon when they are unloaded at the lodge.
- Help make the room festive? From noon (or 1pm) to 5pm.
- Help with an organized tear-down after the event?
- If your answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, please see Audrey.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: On Christmas Party night, we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank in the foyer. Share your good fortune of having plenty to eat. Non-perishable items, of course. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING:

It won't be long now until we are in Audrey's basement, sitting around the huge table, creating one-of-a-kind Christmas Draw prizes whilst catching up on each other's news and getting to know new members. What fun it will be!

- **When:** Mon, Nov 21 to Sun, Dec 11, between 9am and 9pm—when you tell Audrey when to expect you. The sign-up calendar is available tonight—or phone/email Audrey a couple of days in advance. She will confirm your attendance—probably around supper time the evening before you are scheduled. Usually people sign-up for 2-3 hour sessions.

- **Where:** In the basement of 117 Seventh Ave aka Audrey's lair. Follow the sidewalk around the house and wood deck to the back basement door.
- **Who:** Anybody. Non-members are definitely invited to join the crafting sessions.
- **Materials:** We are always on the lookout for donations of Christmasy stuff. If you have any, there are two options: leave it at the back kitchen door where it will be sheltered or bring it with you when you come to craft. Remember, we cannot use anything with residual fragrance or has glitter that may fall off. Thanks. There is no need for you to bring your own tools to the workshop but feel free to do so.
- **Fresh materials:** Creating prizes using fresh materials takes place during daylight hours of Dec 10-11. We will need greenery. If you have a bush/tree that can be pruned, please inform Audrey. Thanks. We will start collecting fresh stuff at about the Dec 1 but we won't need it until Dec 10. Drop-off would be really appreciated.
- **Other prizes:** Of course we will be delighted to accept your offer of a unique prize. Please tell Audrey of your intentions so she can make sure space is left on the display table. Thanks.
- **No Fragrance!** This is of upmost importance. Thanks.

WHITE IS THE COLOUR:

The 2017 Photo Contest Colour in the Garden is "white: includes very pale colours and silver as well as pristine white". For the Colour category, the photo can be taken in any garden. For the Visitors, it must be taken only your own garden. Garden View can include photos taken of any NWHS member's garden. Macro images can be from any garden. A garden is defined as a place cultivated by humans i.e. a wilderness is not considered a garden for our contest. Photos taken now (actually since Oct 1, 2016) are eligible for the 2017 contest.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Oct 2016

Total Revenue: \$2413.25
(includes Auction & Christmas ticket proceeds)
Total Expenses: \$441.09
See bulletin board for details.