

Newsletter



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HAVE WE GOT DEALS FOR YOU!

Welcome to the 2016 NWHS Silent Auction—also known as “the room of deals”. We thank everyone who has helped make this evening happen. Now, let’s bid!

YOUR GUIDE TO AUCTION ACTION:

Bidder Number: Get your bidder number in the foyer.

To Place a Bid: Like an item? Put your bidder number on the left side of the slip (under “Bidder’s Number”) and the amount you bid on the right side (under “Amount Bid”). If you are the first bidder your bid can equal the starting bid amount. To place a higher bid, it can be any number ending in zero i.e. a multiple of 10¢. During the evening, the bidding slips will be scrutinized and any bids not ending in a zero will be deleted.

5 Minute Warning: At 5 minutes before the end of the auction, you will be alerted.

At End of Bidding: At the auction end, everyone leaves the bidding areas while a group highlights each winning bid and its bidder number.

Gathering Your Items: When signaled (not before!) you can enter the bidding area to gather your won items. Double check that you are actually the final bidder. Please do not take someone else’s items.

Get Your Bids Talled and Proceed to Cashier: Once your bids are tallied, you can proceed to the cashier. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to NWHS). *All bidding slips must be given to the cashier!!!*

“No Bid” items: If at auction end, an item has not had any bids, you can purchase it for the “starting bid” amount. *Your bidder number must be written on the slip.*

TREASURER’S REPORT - Sept 2016

Total Revenue: \$361.85
Total Expenses: \$1511.29
(Includes \$1000 deposit for Christmas Party caterers)
See bulletin board for detailed report.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This will be held just prior to the regular meeting in November. There will be a vote on a motion and the election for half of the 2017 Executive Committee.

Motion:

“That the Executive Committee update the NWHS Constitution and By-Laws to make the language more gender inclusive.” A simple 50% majority is required to pass the motion.

Executive Committee: The following positions are up for election.

- Vice-President: 2 year term
- Secretary: 2 year term
- 3 Members-at-Large: 2 year terms
- 1 Member-at-Large: 1 year term

Nominations: If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please talk with either Ellen or Audrey. Nominations will also be taken from the floor in November.

CONTEST ENTRIES DUE TONIGHT:

You’ve done the hard part—Deciding on your best and getting them printed! Submitting them is easy. All the action happens at the podium. Problems? Ask Audrey

Photo Contest: There is a box containing 4 large envelopes, one marked for each category. Get an exhibitor number (right next to the box). Put that number, instead of your name, plus an arrow pointing up, on the back each of your entries and put your entries in the appropriate envelopes.

Container Contest: There is a stash of large plain envelopes. Use one envelope for each of your entries. Each envelope should contain your photo(s), your name, your plant list and a (optional) description of the growing conditions or design considerations. *No need to seal the envelopes.*

Now what happens: The photo entries will be delivered to non-partisan Kevin Hudkins for judging. In Nov, everyone will get to vote for their favorite among the container entries. At the Christmas party, all winners receive their awards.

Tonight’s Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 11, 7:30pm

Silent Auction, Contest entries due
Nominations for Christmas Charity
Nominations for Evil Weed ends
Florissa order deadline
Christmas Party 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

UBC Botanical Garden’s Apple Festival

Sat-Sun, Oct 15-16, 11am-4pm
UBC, 6804 SW Marine Drive, Van
Admission \$5 cash only (kids under 12 free) No parking at the garden
www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca

BC Council of Garden Club’s Fall Mtg:

Sat, Oct 15, 8:30am-4:00pm
Firefighter’s Conference Centre,
6515 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby
(Metrotown) Pre-registration required

NWHS AGM & Regular Nov Meeting

Tues, Nov 8, 7:30pm
Speaker: Emma Holmes
Topic: Composting

GardenWorks Mandeville Workshops

Covering Bananas & Palms for Winter
Sat, Oct 15, 10am. Putting your Pond
to Bed for Winter Sat, Oct 15, 1pm

Tool Sharpening Workshop with Henk Suijs

Sun, Oct 16, 1pm
117 Seventh Ave (Audrey’s)
\$5, Pre-registration req.(See article)

Point Grey Chrysanthemum Assoc Late Chrysanthemum Show

Sat, Nov 5, Noon-4pm; Sun, Nov 6,
10am-4pm GardenWorks Mandeville
Free admission

NWHS AGM & Regular Nov Meeting

Tues, Nov 8, 7:30pm
Speaker: Emma Holmes on Composting
AGM: Elections for 2017 Executive and Motion Vote (See article)
Christmas Charity vote, Container Contest vote, Evil Weed vote
Christmas Party tickets on sale

Christmas Crafts

Mon, Nov 21 to Sun, Dec 11, 9am-9pm
(See article)

NWHS Christmas Celebrations

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

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REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE:

We knew it couldn't last forever. All things must pass—especially good things. Last month Dawn & Paul announced they were retiring from organizing our meeting refreshments as of the end of 2016. They have faithfully kept us sated for 15 years! Many, many thanks. The executive has proposed the formation of a refreshment committee of 5 or 6 members to take over some of the duties: organizing the donation of treats for each month, phoning to remind those who are bringing the goodies for the upcoming meeting, setting up the goodies and making and serving the tea and coffee and doing the final clean-up at the meeting. The executive would bring the equipment and provisions (other than the donated goodies) to each meeting. It would be expected that the Refreshments Committee would work in a rotation of 2 people. For their on-duty meeting, they would need to arrive at 6:30 for set-up. Dawn & Paul have detailed what is to be done. If interested sign-up tonight. The sheet will be in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Instead of a regular meeting in Dec, we enjoy the comradery of our garden club friends in a seasonal celebration. Same location but it starts earlier. Because we begin the evening with a catered feast, tickets must be purchased to attend. The buffet will be supplied by Austin Gourmet Caterers. It is a fast paced evening, starting at 6pm, ending at 9pm: socializing, door prize, trivia quiz, photo & container contest awards and our Fantastic Christmas Draw. Dress is nice casual but spiffy is definitely not frowned upon.

Tickets on Sale Tonight: See Ellen, at the treasurer's table, to purchase your tickets. Because tonight is auction night, sales will end at 15 minutes past the close of business. We have 113 tickets for sale—at a super price (heavily subsidized by NWHS): Members \$20, Guest \$25. After tonight, contact Ellen to purchase tickets. If there are some still available, they will be sold at the Nov meeting. Until Dec 1, you can get your ticket refunded if you are forced to change your plans.

Who do you want to sit with? All seating is reserved, so make sure you tell Ellen your seating preferences. Some tables (those butting the windows) seat 7, others 8.

NWHS CHRISTMAS GIVING:

Christmas Draw Charity: Every year we donate half of our Christmas Draw proceeds to a compassionate charity. We prefer to give to a local group. Tonight, in the kitchen, you can nominate an organization to receive the money. Add any details that will support your group. In Nov, we will vote on which charity we will support.

New West Food Bank: We urge all attending our Christmas Party to share their wealth. Plan to add your non-perishable item(s) to the collection bins in the lobby. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:

The purpose of our crafting sessions, besides to socialize, is to create one-of-a-kind prizes for our Christmas party draw. They are loads of fun. For 3 weeks from Mon, Nov 21 to Sun, Dec 11, from 9am to 9pm, Audrey's basement (117 Seventh Ave) is available for crafting. Look at your calendar now. At the Nov meeting, the sign-up calendar will be available for you to write in your name, phone number & crafting hours. Most people sign up for 2 hours. Warning: you might want to spend all your time in the basement once you see what materials are available. When you sign up, it is a notice of intent only. Plans change. The evening before you are scheduled, Audrey will confirm your attendance. Even though crafting is from 9am to 9pm, that is the time available—crafting time is only confirmed for those hours that Audrey is told to expect someone. The table can hold 4-5 crafters at one time. This is reduced to 2-3 when we work with fresh materials during the final weekend.

Crafting Material Donations: We have a huge (mind-boggling) collection of miscellaneous items and equipment. Some we purchase but a lot is donated by members. If you have any Christmasy or crafting items you no longer want, drop them off at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. Do not leave them at the basement door—water comes right through the deck at that point. Please include your name. We are not offended if your return a prize won at a previous draw. We might dismantle it or just spruce it up as a 2016 offering.

A few conditions re donations:

We cannot use anything with residual fragrance (Audrey is extremely sensitive) or anything with glitter (forbidden by the lodge lease). Thank you

TOOL SHARPENING WORKSHOP:

Unfortunately Henk had to cancel the September workshops. He was busy attending to getting a problem fixed: rain leaking through his living room ceiling. Luckily, we were able to reschedule him for Sun, Oct 16, 1pm only. It will be at 117 Seventh Ave (Audrey's)—in the carport. Dress warmly. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring 2 tools for him to sharpen. Learn tricks to easily keep things sharp yourself. See Audrey to attend. Non-members (\$5) are welcome if space permits.

Florissa: See Audrey tonight to submit your order from the Fall & Christmas brochures. If, by chance, you did not get a Christmas brochure, Audrey still has a couple—also she can put many orders onto one sheet. Tomorrow, she will be submitting the orders and will probably have yours in-hand by the weekend. Expect a phone call from her. Thank you for supporting the club with this fund-raiser.

Evil Weed Nominations: Tonight is your last chance to nomination your most hated garden weed. A weed can be nominated more than once. The sheet will be in the kitchen near the goodies. In Nov, we vote.

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