

Newsletter



CONTEST ENTRIES DUE IN OCTOBER:

Hopefully you have been taking lots of photos and now just have to sort through the images, select your best and get them printed. Your entries are due at the October meeting—if you have problems with that date, please talk with Audrey about arrangements. There is a contest handout which has all the tiny details but here are the basics:

- Submit entries at the podium.
- Photos taken since Oct 1, 2015 only
- You are allowed up to 3 entries in each photo category and for the container contest.
- Maximum photo size is 5" x 7" but it is 4" x 6" is desired due to wall space for the posters. Use whichever size suits your composition the best. Rules for panoramics are slightly different.

Container Contest:

You can enter up to 3 containers. Each entry must contain your name, a list of plants used and up to 3 photos of your container. It is suggested, but optional, to include details of its growing conditions or design considerations.

Photo Contest Categories:

- Colour in the Garden: Orange—can range from pale peach to deep rust. Can be any garden.
- Visitors in the Garden: Must be your own garden. A living visitor (or representation of such) to your garden—animals, birds, fish, people, etc.
- View or partial view of a NWHS member's garden.
- Macro Image: Can be any subject in any garden. An image is considered a macro if, when printed on 4" x 6", the image is larger than in real life. Only macro images can be entered in the macro category. Macros are NOT allowed in the colour, visitor or view categories.

For the photo contest, do not write your name on your photos. You will get an exhibitor number in October.

There are monetary prizes for the winners in both contests: First, \$15; Second, \$10; Third, \$5.

FLORISSA:

Check out the Florissa Fall & Christmas flyers. The October meeting is the deadline to participate in this NWHS fundraiser. We keep roughly half of our order amount. Please see Audrey to place your order. Cash or cheque payable to NWHS. Taxes are included in the prices. She should have the bulbs within days of the deadline. Expect a call from her.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Instead of having a regular meeting on Dec 13th, we party!! Because part of the evening is a catered buffet, you must purchase a ticket to attend. We have a limit of 113 tickets available. Sales start at our October meeting. \$20 for NWHS members; \$25 for a guest. If you plan to pay for auction items and Christmas tickets by cheque, please bring two cheques to facilitate keeping the monies separate. More party details next month.

EVIL WEED: Nominations continue for the "most hated garden weed". The nomination sheet is on the Bring to Share tables. In Nov we vote. In Dec, we will announce which is deemed most despicable.

UNIQUE TO THE OCTOBER MEETING:

- Members and registered guests only
- No new memberships sold at the meeting.
- No name tags or attendance sheet
- No free table
- No At-Meeting Sale
- No draw
- Newsletter at the treasurer's table
- No library. Books returned at the podium
- Seed exchange donations at podium
- Refreshments in the kitchen.

TREASURER'S REPORT - August 2016

Total Revenue: \$179.75
Total Expenses: \$437.88
See bulletin board for detailed report.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 13, 7:30
Speaker: Marilyn Holt
Topic: How to Attract Beneficial Insects

Mark Your Calendar

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Produce Drop Off: Every Sun until Oct 2, 8:30
9:15am, St. Thomas More Collegiate front entrance, 7450 12th St, Burnaby. Thank you.

Tool Sharpening Workshops with Henk Suijs

Sun, Sept 18, 1pm and 3pm
117 Seventh Ave (Audrey's)
Pre-registration required (See article)

NWHS Oct Regular Meeting:

Tues, Oct 11, 7:30
Silent Auction (no speaker)
Photo/Container Contest entries due. Florissa order deadline.
Christmas Party tickets sales start.

BC Council of Garden Clubs' Fall Meeting - Sat, Oct 15, 9am-4pm

Pre-registration required. (See article)

NWHS AGM & Regular Nov Meeting

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

BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Reserve Sat Oct 15 for the Fall Council Meeting. It is an all-day affair, 9am-4pm. Again, it is at the Firefighters' Conference Centre, 6515 Bonsor Ave (Metrotown). They have fantastic caterers which means your included-in-admission lunch is superb. A benefit of NWHS running the draw is that we are first in line for the buffet. Enjoy the day with NWHS friends or friends from other clubs. Usually there is about 50 clubs represented. You'll also want to browse the vendors and purchase draw tickets. The fall meeting has a minimal business component. Two of three speakers have been confirmed: Ryan Foster, an organic gardening guru, and Egan Davis, a passionate-about-plants instructor from the UBC Botanical Garden. As a NWHS member, your attendance is subsidized by the club. Instead of \$35, you pay only \$30. The deal expires on Sept 21. See Ellen to register.

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SILENT AUCTION

It is almost upon us. That magical evening when one person's cast-offs becomes another person's treasures. Time to clean out your cupboards, attic, shed... and donate those "unwants" to the club's silent auction.

New this year: Traditionally the evening has been members only. This year we are allowing up to 25 guests. If you would like to bring a guest, Ellen Berg (aka our Treasurer) must know by the end of tonight's meeting. We will need a phone number (just in case the person leaves something behind). You and your guest must arrive at the auction together and get your bidder numbers at the same time. Alternately, club memberships are available tonight (not in Oct) for the pro-rated amount of \$10.

What you can donate? It is probably easier to say what we don't want. We don't want computer components, items strongly scented or that shed glitter, or clothing (unless very unique or suitable for a Hallowe'en costume). If you have a very heavy or large item, don't bring it to the lodge. Instead take a picture of it. Make up a mini-poster with the picture and a description and where the item is located. Remember space is limited and people have to be able to transport what they win home.

Early drop-off at Audrey's (117 7th Ave): We strongly recommend that you do this. It helps the organizers in that the tags can be created at a relaxed pace and it gives them a better estimation of the space needed for the different categories. If you want to designate the starting bid for your item, please do so. If dropping off items, please leave them at the kitchen door unless you actually talk with Audrey. The kitchen door is sheltered. Something might sit outside the basement door for days before she sees it. Adding your name to your offering is a great help. The identification of something may be obvious to you but might have us scratching our heads. If you have Christmas crafting supplies, they can be mixed in with auction items. As we go through the donations, we pull items suitable for the crafting. The deadline for drop off is Sun, Oct 9, 5pm.

Bringing donations directly to the hall: Check in at the receiving table, right next to the treasurer's table. Members will assist you in writing out your slips and putting the items in the appropriate locations. Arrive early if you can.

The Bidding Slip: Each item must have its own slip. When filling out the slip, make sure your description is unique to your item. Think: if this item is on a table next to several similar items, will it be easy to tell which slip belongs to which item? If you have several identical items with separate slips, designate them "A", "B", "C"...using masking tape. Identify books, CDs, DVDs by writing the title on the slip. The starting bid should be a "real deal". If you have several related small items, make a grab bag of the items. There is to be no starting bid lower than 30¢.

How auction night works: Assuming you are not arriving with donated items, get your "bidder number" in the foyer. You will use this number when you bid on an item. Your number will go on the left side of the slip and your bid on the right side. If nobody has placed a bid, your first bid can be equal or greater than the "starting bid". If raising the bid, the amount you bid must end in "0" i.e. you can raise it by \$.10, \$.20, \$1.00...etc. No 5¢ increments—any such bids will be considered void. It makes the tallying at auction end much simpler when every bid ends in zero. You can place a bid as soon as the item is on the table. It is handy to make a list of items you are interested in. You will be alerted when there is 5 minutes left for bidding. At auction end, everyone exits the bidding area. A crew will highlight the winning bidder and the bid amount for each item. When instructed, you can re-enter the auction area and collect the items you have won (double check that you actually did win them!!). Get your bids tallied by a tallier and proceed to cash. Cash or cheque payable to NWHS are acceptable. If you plan to pay for Christmas tickets and auction winnings both by cheque, please bring two cheques to the meeting.

What about items that nobody bid on? Often, it is only after bid-upon items are collected that other items are noticed. You can purchase those items at the starting bid but your *bidder number must be put on the tag*.

Collection of bidding slips: When you pay, you will be asked to hand over the bidding slips for all your won items to the cashiers. This is for a couple of reasons. First, we always wonder how much items went for. Second (more important) when all the leftover items are collected at auction end, there is always some items without a slip. We go through the collected slips to match items to owners.

Auction manpower needed:

Please talk with Audrey if you would like to help. Thanks.

- Pre-processing items at Audrey's
- Transferring items on auction day
- Setting up the tables
- Help members make out slips
- Act as scrutinizers at tables
- Highlighting winning bids
- Tallying bids
- Tear down/transfer to Audrey's.

TOOL SHARPENING WITH HENK SUIJS.

What luck! Henk is returning once again to show us there is really no need to have dull gardening tools. On this Sun, Sept 18th, he will be returning to Audrey's back yard (carport if raining) to show us how to do it. We will have the 1pm workshop for sure, and the 3pm if numbers warrant it. Bring two tools you would like him to sharpen. To register, please pay your \$5 to Audrey this evening. Got a non-NWHS friend who would like to come? Space allowing, they are invited. Same price but pre-registration is required—a great way to introduce new people to the club. Henk has his own business: Green Edge Sharpening Services. His specialty: push mowers. His contact info: 604-732-5266; henksuys@shaw.ca.

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