

Newsletter



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SHOW TIME!

Have you been watching your garden with show schedule in hand (or at least in mind)? That allium might just be prime...oops, those iris are long gone... if I snip back those past-bloom roses, that other bud might develop...my lettuce is looking pretty good.... It is really going to be interesting to see what are currently "the flowers of your gardens". Definitely a weird spring & summer. For all that have entered, congratulations and good luck!

Exhibiting is easy:

At the show check-in table, you will be assigned your personal exhibitor number and given one exhibit slip for each of your entries. Your "Exhibitor Number" goes in the box at the top of your slip. (Your name is not put on the slip.) For the "Class Number", refer to the show schedule. For example if you have an Echinacea exhibit, put in "4" for the class for daisy-like flowers. When you do this, double check that you have the right number of blooms, stems, etc for your exhibit. If you know the specific name or variety of your exhibit, write that in the "Exhibit Description". Some classes require this, others do not. If it is not required, this space can be left empty. Finally, place your exhibit with its slip on the showbench area specified by its class number.

Class Placement Ribbons:

Jennifer Zuk, our judge, has the task of awarding the First, Second & Third Place ribbons for each of the individual classes. Within each class, she judges each entry against the others. If she thinks quality of the entries warrants it, she may award a tie.....or not award a ribbon if she thinks the entry quality does not deserve it. Often, with the more general classes, the entries will be subdivided and ribbons awarded to each of these new sub-classes. On the slip, the space "Judge's Comments" is reserved for Jennifer. While she is judging please do not touch any of the exhibits and give her plenty of room to do her job. Please do not talk with her until after judging is completed. Thank you.

"Members' Choice" Awards:

All exhibits are eligible for the Members' Choice Awards. Everyone in attendance gets to vote for his/her favourite in each of the three general categories. Each winner receives a rosette ribbon.

It is easy to place your vote but let's not have any spoiled ballots this year!!!! On your chair, there is a packet of ballots for voting. These are color coordinated to each category. Use only the appropriate color (wrong color = spoiled ballot) when voting.

- Pink for Flowers: Classes 1 to 25
- Green for Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits: Classes 26-40
- Orange for Floral Art: Classes 41-45

The table signs are color coordinated with your ballot—as are the ballot box lids.

To vote put your choice's exhibit number on the appropriately colored ballot. It is in the lower portion of the exhibit slip on your ballot. It is the only 3 digit number on the slip. This is the ONLY number that is unique to the exhibit. (Invalid number = spoiled ballot). Note: on the slip it says to "use this number when voting for Best in Show". "Best in Show" was re-named "Members' Choice" a few years ago to more appropriately reflect the nature of the awards. We are using up old slips. Voting ends at the end of refreshments.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Your personal EXHIBITOR NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLASS NUMBER from the Show Schedule
EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION:	
JUDGE'S COMMENTS:	
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Use THIS NUMBER to vote!</p> </div>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXHIBIT NUMBER Use this number when voting for Best in Show

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, July 11, 7:30pm
Annual In-Club Show
Speaker: Conway Lum on "Answers to your Gardening Questions"

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Garden Tour & Pot-Luck Picnic
Sat, July 15.

Tour 1:30pm; Picnic 4:30pm
Rain or Shine (or heat wave!)
See article

Vancouver Shade Garden Society Annual Show

Sun, July 16, 10am-4pm
VanDusen Botanical Garden

BC Fuchsia & Begonia Society Annual Show & Competition

Sat, July 29 & Sun, July 30; 10am-5pm
VanDusen Botanica Garden
www.bcfuchsiasociety.com

NWHS Regular Meeting

Tues, Aug 8, 7:30pm
Speaker: Kristin Crouch on "Winter Vegetable Gardening"
Kristin, a Master Gardener of 26 years, is passionate about growing and has taught sustainable garden classes for the Corporation of Delta for the past three years.

Royal City Farmer's Market:

Every Thurs, 3pm-7pm,
Tipperary Park (next to City Hall)
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

LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Thanks to our snow pack, we are still at stage 1 in watering restrictions. Lawn sprinkling only from 4am to 9am
Even addresses: Mon, Wed, Sat
Odd addresses: Tues, Thurs, Sun

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2017

Total Revenue: 668.82
Total Expenses: \$635.70
See bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

New Westminster Horticultural Society July 2017

NWHS GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

ANNUAL TOUR & PICNIC:

Sat, July 15th---this weekend! And the weather forecast is great!!!!

THE TOUR:

All NWHS members and their adult friends are invited to join our garden tour. No kids, no pets. The gardens are to be visited in sequence, according to the map & itinerary that is outlined in the separate handout. There is no electronic version of the map. If you did not get one tonight, contact Audrey.

The Gardens:

Alright! The gardens are finalized—finally!! After suffering through several cancellations, we scraped the bottom of the barrel—and asked Claude le Doux if we could add his garden to the itinerary. We thank all the garden hosts for being so gracious and inviting us to visit their creations. There wouldn't be a tour without you.

- Be transported out of the urban setting. Visit the garden of Marielle Gauvin & her husband.
- You are never too old to learn to garden. Joan Miller presents the Century House Learning Garden.
- Is it a home garden or a botanical garden? We think it as both. The amazing garden of Claude le Doux & Adrian Michielsen.
- The garden as a piece of art. The immaculate mind-blowing creation of Dan Morasse & Jerry Stochansky.
- Making the most of small. Two adjacent small gardens treated completely differently by their owners, Marg Gorrie & Jane Armstrong.

Tour guidelines:

- Carpool. It is a social outing. Often close parking is a premium. May we suggest drop off & park.
- Keep to the itinerary. This cannot be stressed enough. Do not arrive earlier or leave a garden later than on the itinerary. The garden host(s) probably want to join the tour to see the other gardens.
- Obey all traffic regulations. Please do not try to do left turns across double solid lines.
- *Bring your own water.* In our ongoing quest for environmental consciousness, we will not be supplying bottled water on the route.
- Bring your sunhat, sunscreen and camera and own water.

THE POT-LUCK PICNIC:

The picnic starts at 4:30—or at least that is our target. We might be scurrying about with final fine-tuning but the coffee should be hot, the punch cool and the Garden Stumps ready to start. The location: the back garden of 117 Seventh Ave (Audrey's home). You are welcome to rest your tour-tired feet and arrive earlier. Although for club members and their families, the picnic has become an adult oriented event. Kids are welcome but no pets please. Feel free to invite close friends.

Picnic Sign-up:

The sheet is at the head table this evening. It will be going home with Audrey. Contact her for amendments to the list after the meeting. On the sheet, we ask you to tell us how many will be in your party and what pot-luck dish you plan to donate. When you sign-up, give specifics of what you plan to bring. We don't want to end up with 5 Greek and 5 potato salads and no other kind. Although we expect about 60 people at the picnic, don't feel you personally have to feed everyone to the gills. Think more the size to feed 10 people. The club supplies beverages: coffee, tea, non-alcoholic punch, wine, water.

Bring to Picnic Check List:

- *Your name must be on everything you bring.*
- Pot-luck offering in serving dish
- Serving utensils.
- A plate, knife & fork
- No need to bring a wine glass. We are going up-scale: using our newly purchased club wine glasses in place of Ellen's jam jars.
- DO NOT bring a chair. We have sufficient.

Garden Stumps:

This fun competition aims to get people moving about the garden and interacting. The contest sheet lists 20 plants and 20 "clues". The 20 plants are numbered in the garden. You must find each plant and match its number with its name. You then must match the plant name to the "clue". Groups can be a maximum of 2 people. The person or team with the most correct matches, get their name(s) engraved(!?) on the coveted Garden Stumps trophy. The winner also gets to take home the engraving pen (a Sharpie). No electronic assistance is permitted.

TAKE YOUR PHOTOS NOW:

If you haven't got your camera out, the time is now prime to get pictures to later enter into the club's photo and container contests. Act now before the summer heat hits. Your photos will be submitted at the October meeting,

Here's a brief recap of our contest categories:

Container Contest: show us your container creations. Each of your 3 entries can have 3 photos.

Photo Contest: You can enter 3 photos in each of the categories.

- **Colour:** Best capture of the colour white (including very pale colours & silver) in *any garden*. White can often fool a camera. To try to "unfool" it, take several different exposures.
- **Garden Visitor:** Photograph of something living or representation of something living in your *own garden*.
- **View of NWHS Garden:** Can be over-all or partial view of *any NWHS member's garden*.
- **Macro Image:** A macro photo of any subject matter in *any garden*.

Complete contest rules are available in a separate handout (and on website).

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