

# Newsletter



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## TIME TO “SHOW WHAT YOU GROW” COMING UP!

Have you looked at the July Show Schedule yet? Don't have one? Grab one from the foyer or fireplace table. Even with our weather turning from winter to mid-summer heat in a matter of days, the 2017 schedule is designed to accommodate 95% of the plants in your garden. More classes than ever this year as we combined June & July schedules from the past. We know there are classes for your flowers and vegetables—now it is up to you to get out there and select your best and bring them to the showbench next month. Please make the effort. Even though it is a judged competition. It is a friendly competition. Entering is much, much more fun than winning. You can enter 2 exhibits in each class as long as they are botanically different.

**It is a competition:** An inherent factor of a competition is that there are rules that must be followed. Basic rules are on the cover page of the schedule. They are important but more important are the rules for each of the individual classes. Entries must comply with the detailed specifics for each class. If it says “3 Stems”, check the definitions above the classes for the definition of “stem” and enter 3 stems for your exhibit. (Oops! Just discovered an omission of a word in the schedule—for Sweet Peas, it should be “3 stems”. Left out the word “stems”. Tsk!) If your entry does not comply with the schedule, even though it will be lovely to view, it cannot be judged and will receive the dreaded “NAS” (Not As Scheduled) notation.

**Hierarchy of Classes:** For the Flower schedule, there are many classes for specific flowers. If your exhibit does not match one of those, go to the next general class: “Flowering tree or shrub not listed above” or “Any annual not listed above”. Still doesn't fit, go to the final class “Any other flower not listed above”. This would be where unspecified perennials would land. If on the showbench, your exhibit is discovered to be in the wrong class, show personnel will change its location. But it is better to consult the personnel before you put it in the wrong class.

Remember the limit of 2 botanically distinct entries per class. There is a similar hierarchy for the classes in Vegetable, Herbs and Fruits.

**Submitting your entries:** Make sure you get to the lodge early as there will be quite the crush (hopefully) with people picking up their exhibit slips and placing them at the appropriate locations on the tables. The slips are available from Audrey at the sign-in table. It would be appreciated if some members with experience will assist novices. Arriving with your exhibits ready for display (eg. already in vases) enhances a speedy and non-stress set-up. Exhibits must be in place by 7:25.

**Placement Ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd):** Our judge, Jennifer Zuk, will be evaluating the entries in each class—comparing them to each other. It is up to her to decide which entry gets which ribbon. She may award a tie. Or, if the quality of the exhibits is poor, not award any ribbon(s). If, within, a general class, there are numerous entries of specific type of flower or vegetable, those will be pulled to create a separate class for judging.

**Member's Choice Awards:** Everyone in attendance gets to vote for their favorite entry in the three overall categories: Flowers; Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits; and Floral Art. The July newsletter will highlight, in detail, which number on the exhibit slip you use to vote. Let's not have spoiled ballots this year! The three winners will receive rosette ribbons.

**Dish Garden: a planted scene.** Although this is not really a “Flower”, the class (#25) is included within the Flower category because it has no place more appropriate in the schedule. (Floral Art entries cannot be rooted in soil.) Last year, we split it into two classes: Fairy & Non-Fairy. We will probably do the same this year. Pleased with your succulent container? Enter it! If there is a lone plant in a pot, it should be entered in Class #22: Potted Plant. It is not a scene and will be judged differently. Remember if a Potted Plant or Dish Garden has previously earned a blue ribbon in our show it cannot be re-entered.

## Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 7:30pm  
Speaker: Willoughby Arevalo on “The Sex Life of Mushrooms”

## Mark Your Calendar

**Succulent Walk & Talk at WIG**  
Sun, June 18, 10:30am  
WIG Nursery, 6151 Thorne Ave, Burnaby  
Deadline to sign-up is tonight.  
Sign-up at the fireplace table.  
Reference map showing nursery location also at table.

**NWHS Regular Meeting**  
Tues, July 11, 7:30pm  
Annual In-Club Show (see article)  
Speaker: Conway Lum will be answering your gardening questions. Please submit questions in advance to Diane Perry

**NWHS Annual Garden Tour & Picnic**  
Sat, July 15, Tour in afternoon, Picnic in evening (see article)  
Sign-up sheet for picnic at fireplace table.

**Plant a Row, Grow a Row Food Collection**  
Every Sunday starting June 25  
8:30-9:15am  
St. Thomas More Colligate entrance  
7450 12th Ave, Burnaby  
Garden grown as well as store bought food donations gladly accepted to help those in need.

**Floral Art:**  
This group of classes offers you a different kind of challenge. Read the schedule now and start daydreaming. You might need something specific for your exhibit—for example the basket for “Red Riding Hood's Basket”. Thrift stores are a great source. You might need oasis (wet foam). Most dollar stores carry it. Read the guidelines at the top of the page for hints. Have fun! It is a great thrill to think of possibilities, evaluate you plans, and then actually create your entry. Often a simple creation is most effective. Remember you do not need to be the grower of the vegetative material you use—it can be purchased or borrowed from a friend.

# New Westminster Horticultural Society June 2017

## **NWHS GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC: Saturday July 15, 2017**

These two events, highlighting members sharing with and enjoying other members, are both held on the same day. The tour is in the afternoon, the picnic in the early evening. A half-hour of "get organized" time is allotted between the two. Both events are rain or shine.

### **THE TOUR:**

Traditionally, this was members visiting members' gardens but has evolved to include other sites. The 2017 version has started to shape up nicely but we are still soliciting members' gardens. How about your garden? Please talk with Audrey at the fireplace table. Remember, as we are all in the never-ending process of garden evolution, gardens in the midst of a major project are of special interest. Getting on the tour is the ultimate incentive to "get things done".

Each garden is open for 15-30 minutes (depending on complexity) in a set sequence, thus enabling garden hosts to visit the other gardens on the tour. The starting time for the tour won't be known until all the gardens and the driving times between them are confirmed. It should finish about 4pm, giving a half hour break before the picnic. There is no sign-up sheet for the tour. It is open to all NWHS members and their adult friends (no kids or pets please). At the July meeting, the map and itinerary will be available. Your possession of the map is your ticket. If you are unable to attend the July meeting, contact Audrey for a copy. There will be no electronic version.

### **THE POT-LUCK PICNIC:**

Enjoy an evening in casual comradery, chatting with your garden club friends whilst enjoying delicious food. We have some excellent cooks in the club—others know great take-out joints. The picnic starts at 4:30. Location: the Barnes' back garden and deck. The picnic target group is members and their families. Kids are welcome but the event is adult oriented. No pets please. That said, feel free to bring along a couple of non-NWHS friends.

**Sign-up sheet:** It is at the fireplace table tonight and during the July meeting and with Audrey at non-meeting times. Please indicate, with details, what dish you plan to bring and how many people are in your group. The club looks after beverages: tea, coffee, punch, wine.

### **LAWN SPRINKLING REGULATIONS:**

Stage 1 lawn watering restrictions are now in effect. Lawns can be sprinkled only from 4am to 9am.  
Even addresses: Mon, Wed, Sat  
Odd addresses: Tues, Thurs, Sun

### **OUR WAGON AUCTION:**

So nice to see the great response for our wagon. It is a steal of a deal! Place your bid before the end of refreshments. We will announce the winner before the speaker begins. You can take the wagon home tonight or pick it up at Audrey's. Pick up ASAP appreciated. Good luck.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT - May 2016**

Total Revenue: \$3545.36  
(includes blvd plant sale proceeds)  
Total Expenses: \$452.25  
See bulletin board for Ellen's report.

### **SKETCHING GROUP:**

This group always welcomes new participants. It started over 10 years ago with a workshop on "sketching in the garden" and has evolved since into a friendly vibrant group of artistic people who are delving into trying many mediums including watercolors and acrylics. They meet for a Tea & Topic get-together on the 3rd Wed of each month, 7-9pm in the basement section of Centennial Lodge. Participants rotate in supplying sketching subjects and goodies. If you are interested, contact Merrill Hall. Drop in fee is \$2.

**Art on Display:** The groups current shows:

*Ongoing, rotating shows:*

- Senior Services Society (750 Carnarvon): hall way and board-room.
- The Castle Neighbourhood Grill (BC Pen site): Special events room.

*July shows:*

- Queens Park Bandstand: Visual component of the Mosaic Art Exhibit. July 10 & 31 evenings.
- Pier Park Art Event: Thurs evenings in July.

## **SUCCULENT WORKSHOP ATTENDEES AND THEIR CREATIONS**



Sharon Seki, Val Fabick, Joan Miller (many thanks), Mary Barnard, Trudy Findlay, Lorna Cloutier & Audrey Barnes.

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