

# Newsletter



## PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!!

Sorry, there is no report of “sold out” in this newsletter. Not because the sale did not sell out—just that this edition of the newsletter had to be created before our actual sale. We don’t want to jinx the event with pre-mature headlines. However, we know the sale was a success no matter the monetary gains. Any club event that pulls together the membership is a success. Thank you, Janet, for taking on the overall responsibility. Well done. Also, a thank you goes out to every member who helped whether you potted up plants or helped tear down at the sale end—or at any time in between. Your efforts are truly appreciated as the success of the sale goes a long way to us enjoying the club without worrying about the financial situation. Did you meet other club members? Did you enjoy yourself? We hope so. Now, let’s get those purchases planted.

### NWHS ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

Mark Sat, July 15 on your calendar. You are going to be busy in the afternoon, visiting a series of gardens and busy in the evening, enjoying a pot-luck picnic with fellow members. Although these are two separate events, they are held in conjunction and, by many, are considered one of the premiere garden club social activities of the year. Both events are rain or shine.

**The Tour:** Alright! The search for members gardens to visit is on! Every year we visit 5 or 6 gardens with those of members given highest priority. The gardens are visited according to a set itinerary (about 20 minutes spent at each) so that the garden hosts get to view the other gardens on the tour. At the moment we have two gardens confirmed—neither belonging to a member. One is slated as our grand finale. It is absolutely amazing. The other is the Learning Garden at Century House. (Did you know it exists?) We have leads on other gardens but are holding off on confirming them to allow you to come forward with an invitation to visit. So, how about your garden? As gardeners, we are always in the middle of projects so if your garden is in that state—excellent! Need to say, being on the tour is best “get it done” deadline you can have. Please talk with Audrey (fireplace table) if you would like us visit your garden. The tour is for adults only—no kids, no pets. Members and their friends are welcome. There will be no sign-up sheet. The map and itinerary will be available as a hard copy at the July meeting. It will be your ticket for the tour.

The tour starts about 1 or 2pm, depending on the number of gardens and time needed for driving.

**The Pot-Luck Picnic:** The picnic starts at about 4:30pm—and is usually wrapped up at about 7pm. As with the past few years, it will be held in the Barnes garden. Although the picnic is adult oriented, kids (but, sorry, not pets) are welcome. Members are also invited to bring their friends. The sign-up sheet for your pot-luck donation will be available at both the June and July meetings and with Audrey in between. On the sign-up sheet there is a space for indicating the number of people in your party. Great food! Great company! Come and socialize. And, yes, the “Garden Stumps” contest will be returning.

### WAGON AUCTION IS ON:

This is your chance to get a great wagon at a great price. Since the termination of our big plant sale, our 4 wagons have been in storage. They were only used for plant transport at the sales. At all other times they have been in the back of Audrey’s crawl space. A bit scratched from work at the sale but never exposed to rain. When we purchased the wagons from Lee Valley we paid about \$120 for each. They are now listed at \$209. No side racks.

**Auction starts tonight:** Bidding starts at \$40. Bid increments must be \$2 or more. Tonight, the bidding sheet is either at the sale table or fireplace table. Yours at a steal. The auction will terminate at the end of our June meeting. In June we hope to have the actual wagon here for viewing. Tonight, pictures will have to do.

## Tonight’s Meeting

Tues, May 16, 7:30  
Speaker: Michael Lascelle on “The Rare Fruit Revolution”  
Mike will have plants for sale.

## Mark Your Calendar

### New Westminster Annual Heritage Homes Tour

Sun, May 28, 10am-5pm  
Tickets \$35  
Info: [www.newwestheritage.org](http://www.newwestheritage.org)

### Succulent Container Workshop

Sat, June 10, 10am & 1pm  
Carport at 117 Seventh Ave  
Pre-registration required as cost is \$30 (see article)

### Denman Island Home & Garden Tour

Sat & Sun, June 10 & 11.  
[www.denman-conservancy.org](http://www.denman-conservancy.org)  
(see article)

### NWHS Regular Meeting

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

### Succulent Walk & Talk at WIG

Sat, June 18, 10:30am  
WIG Nursery, 6151 Thorne Ave, Burnaby  
Sign-up sheet  
(see article)

### NWHS Annual Garden Tour & Picnic

Sat, July 15, Afternoon & early evening. (See article)

### LAWN SPRINKLERING REGULATIONS:

It may seem weird but lawn watering restrictions are in effect starting May 15. Lawns can be watered only from 4am to 9am.  
Even Addresses: Mon, Wed, Sat  
Odd Addresses: Tues, Thurs, Sun

### TREASURER’S REPORT - April 2016

Total Revenue: \$434.10  
Total Expenses: \$262.82  
See bulletin board for Ellen’s detailed report.

# New Westminster Horticultural Society

May 2017

**JULY IN-CLUB SHOW:** With the unusual weather this year, when creating the show schedule it was tricky to try to visualize what plants will be in their prime in July. The problem was solved by looking at past schedules and combining previous June and July listings. There are a lot of classes! Hopefully, you all will spy on the list a plant you are growing. Keep your eye on it. Watch how that flower or vegetable is maturing. Anticipation is what really makes entering the show fun. You will appreciate your plant so much more. Generally classes are arranged from those for specific plants to those for more general types of plants. Enter your exhibit in the most specific class appropriate. Because this is a judged show, there must be rules upon which judging is based. Each exhibit must comply with the rules for its class. Read the rules so you are not disappointed. There is no class for mixed bouquets. A full show-bench is show organizer's dream. Let's make it materialize this year. Read the schedule. Look at your garden. Enjoy your garden. Have fun.

**Floral Art Classes:** This part of the show is different from Flowers and Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs in that you don't have to grow what you use in your exhibits. You can purchase your vegetative material. The mind immediately does a scan of the offerings at the Dollar Stores on 6th Street. You must, however, follow the rules for each class. Mull over the classes (Red Riding Hood's Basket; "Oh Canada"—a celebration of our country's 150th birthday; Misty Morn; Red Hot Rhythm—Miniature; A Secret Lies Within). Then look at the restrictions for the classes. Refine your options. A large part of entering Floral Art is mental: a challenge for your imagination. Go for it.

**DENMAN ISLAND HOME and GARDEN TOUR:** This tour happens every two years. 2017 is a special year. Not only is the home & garden of our Ann & Rick Paisley on the tour but so is the homestead of Des & Sandy Kennedy. What a double treat! The tour is on for 2 days but can easily be covered in one day. As travel time from Vancouver to Denman is horrendous, it is advisable to stay on Vancouver Island and just zip to the Denman Island ferry in the early morning. Make sure you are early so as to miss the ferry line-up. It is a popular tour. Also, if you plan to see all the listed locations be prepared to do some walking. It is rural. Best to pack a picnic lunch.



## **SUCCULENTS:**

Last month Anna and Diane canvassed the membership for speaker topics and found members wanted to hear about succulents. To their dismay, they couldn't track-down a willing speaker knowledgeable on the topic. Their ears are still open for any suggestions from the membership. Not to be thwarted, the executive has arranged other ways for members to learn how to enjoy (and not kill) these amazing plants.

## **SUCCULENT CONTAINER WORKSHOP:**

**Instructor: Joan Miller.** Joan is a long time club member. Until recently, she worked at the New Westminster's Queen's Park greenhouse. She was in charge of creating the city's gorgeous hanging baskets. She also organized and ran the hanging basket classes—as well as numerous classes on other topics. As a botanist, she has always been fascinated by succulents, especially those not naturally adapted to our normal climate.

**What is the workshop about:** As you make your own planter of succulent plants, you will learn how to take care of it summer and winter. Joan talk to us about the plants, the soil and propagation.

**Cost: \$30.** This covers the cost of the making one container: container, soil and plants will be provided. If you want to make two containers, register twice.

**Time:** Sat, June 10, at either the morning (10am) or afternoon (1 pm) session. The maximum size of a session is 10, the minimum is 6. If less than 10 people register, then only the 10am session will happen. When you register, specify your preferred time. Each session will be 1 ½ to 2 hours long.

**Place:** the carport of Audrey Barnes, 117 Seventh Ave.

**How to register:** See Joan & Audrey at the fireplace table tonight. Obviously a member who pays the \$30 tonight will get a space in a workshop before someone who owes the money. After tonight, register through Audrey. The deadline to register is June 3 as supplies must be purchased.

## **SUCCULENT WALK & TALK AT WIG (Western Independent Greenhouses):**

While searching for a succulent speaker, over and over Anna and Diane heard "get Alfred from WIG". When asked to speak Alfred declined, saying he doesn't like to get up in front of big groups.

He suggested members come to the WIG greenhouse for a personal guided tour. Alfred is renowned as "a guy who should write a book on succulents". He is passionate about them. So, if you couldn't attend Joan's succulent workshop, or did and still want more succulents, join us for this tour. **Time:** Sun, June 18 (Father's Day), 10:30am.

**Place:** WIG (Western Independent Greenhouses), 6151 Thorne Ave, Burnaby. Meet at the nursery gate.

**Cost:** none. However preregistration is required. But you'll probably want to bring your wallet as we know you won't be able to resist temptation.

**How to register:** Sign-up at the fireplace table or through Anna after the meeting. Deadline for sign-up is our June 13 meeting. We'll want to give Alfred an idea of the number to expect.

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