

# Newsletter



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November 2017

## NOVEMBER IS FOR VOTING:

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please refer to the final page of this newsletter for the agenda. We will be voting on the personnel for the 2018 Executive Committee and on some minor changes to the club's constitution.

### CHRISTMAS CHARITY NOMINATIONS:

In line with Christmas being the season of giving, next month we are continuing a tradition which started in 1996, donating proceeds from our Christmas party draw to a local group in need of funds. In the hay-day of our huge plant sale, we donated 100% of the take. We actually topped it up in a few instances. Financial times change. Now we give 50% (approx \$400) to a compassionate charity. In the past, often a club member presented a plea for funds for a group and we just went with it. In a way, we continue that tradition too but we ask the membership for input and everyone votes on the selection. Last month we asked for nominations for a charity to be the lucky 2017 recipient. Ten charities were nominated. Tonight, further nominations from the floor are welcome. To vote, use your "charity" ballot. Just write the name of your choice on the ballot and put it in the appropriate bucket. Voting ends at the end of refreshments.

### The nominees:

- **Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation:** raises money for equipment for various areas of the hospital
- **Royal Columbian Serenity Garden:** a quiet space for ICU patients
- **Variety Club Children's Charity:** improves the lives of children and young people who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged.
- **Queen's Park Health Care Foundation:** purchases care equipment and runs programs for this residential care facility for seniors.
- **Canadian Mental Health:** One of the oldest volunteer organizations in Canada. Yearly, over 10,000 volunteers and staff in 300 Canadian communities provide

direct service to 1.2+ million Canadians.

- **BC SPCA:** rescues animals from abuse and works to protect and enhance the quality of life for all animals in BC.
- **Monarch House Place:** a second stage transition house in New West, offering temporary safe housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence. They also have two outreach programs.
- **Union Gospel Mission:** Meals, shelter, outreach & chaplaincy services that relieve suffer and renew hope. Life recovery programs that offer freedom from addictive lifestyles. Education and job preparation that equip for successful living. Affordable housing that fosters community and personal contribution. Preventative programs that build healthy families.
- **New West Food Bank**
- **Senior Services Society:** Runs programs that support seniors such as Meals on Wheels, daily phoning to homebound seniors.

### CONTAINER CONTEST VOTE:

Check out the wall. We have some talented people in the club who really know how to put a container together. For all of you who entered, "Thank You". We will get some great ideas. Might even steal a few for 2018. Tonight you get to vote for the container you like the best. One might just jump out at you. An easy decision. If not, your vote may be based on these criteria: how well do the plants go together (form, scale, colours), are the plants appropriate for the container, is the combination unique, did the container satisfy its location challenges. Answer these questions and you will have learned a lot about growing containers. That's what the contest is about: sharing. The monetary prizes (\$15 for first, \$10 for second, \$5 for third) just adds a bit of perk. Use your pink ballot to vote. Voting ends at the end of refreshments.

## Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Nov 14, 7:30pm

Speaker: Rob Butler on "Creating Gardens for Bird Habitat"

AGM (see article)

Christmas tickets on sale

Container Contest Vote

Christmas Draw Charity Vote

## Mark Your Calendar

### Bottoms Up

Ongoing until Mar 26, 2018

Anvil Centre museum, 777 Columbia, A look at New West's saloons, breweries, distilleries, afternoon teas, soda fountains and other places and habits.

### GardenWorks Christmas Open House

Thurs, Nov 16, 6pm-9pm

GardenWorks Mandeville and Lougheed

### Christmas Crafts

Mon, Nov 20 to Sun, Dec 10, 9am-9pm

Basement of 117 Seventh Ave

(see article)

### Chicks, Cheese & Christmas

Wed, Nov 22, 6pm-9pm

GardenWorks Mandeville

No ticket required

In support of the the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Assoc.

### Northwest Flower & Garden Festival

Nov 27 (cyber Monday). Watch for their ticket deal. In the past they have offered an additional \$5 off the early bird price (i.e. \$10 off the at-door price). Show runs Feb 7-11 in Seattle. [www.gardenshow.com](http://www.gardenshow.com)

### VanDusen Garden Festival of Lights

Dec 1-Jan 7 (closed Dec 25), hours vary

Buy your tickets on line and save and avoid the line

[www.vandusenfestivaloflights.ca](http://www.vandusenfestivaloflights.ca)

### NWHS Christmas Celebrations

Tues, Dec 13, 6-9pm Centennial Lodge

Tickets pre-purchased: members \$20

guest \$25 (see article)

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Oct 2016

Total Revenue: \$3,236.55

(Ticket Sales, Silent Auction, Florissa)

Total Expenses: \$1,123.94

See bulletin board for details.

# New Westminster Horticultural Society November 2017

## **SILENT AUCTION:**

Again, thank you to all who donated, to those of you who helped organize and run the auction....and to those who bid on the array of super deals. We did well. When you consider only four items had a final bid of over \$10 (ecru hexagonal lace tablecloth, \$12; LED landscaping light system, \$27; teak garden bench, \$40; red wool blanket, \$42), it is obvious that we moved a huge number of items! We didn't sell out but the left-overs were a much smaller volume than in some recent years.

## **Where the left-overs went:**

- Royal Columbian Auxiliary: the cream of the left-over books, 2 boxes, for them to sell
- Sapperton Street-Side Library: 2 boxes of books
- Century House Thrift Sale: everything else

**Donation of items:** Please DO NOT leave any silent auction items at Audrey's until further notice. There is absolutely no room to store them. Christmassy stuff is welcome at her kitchen door. Thank you.

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## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:**

What to expect when we meet next month: *A good time!* We start with some mingling, finding our seating location, checking out the photo/container contests displays on the walls and the fantastic draw prizes. Buying your draw tickets. Then we enjoy the catered buffet. After we are sated, draw action is interspersed with the contest awards and the trivia quiz. Lots of fun. The evening goes by fast.

### **The feast:** (by Austin Caterers)

(Note: last month, a minor mistake was made in listing the menu. Oops! This is the correct menu.)

- Carved Roast Free Range Turkey with Cranberry Compote & Giblet Gravy
- Three Cheese Rainbow Tortellini
- Traditional Ukrainian Cabbage Rolls in Sweet Tomato Sauce
- Marinated Greek Salad with Mounds of Feta
- Green Salad
- Butter Whipped Potatoes
- Cranberry Apple Stuffing
- Roasted Root Winter Vegetables
- Gourmet Fruit Display
- Vegetable Crudities Basket with Dipping Sauces
- Antipasto Platter: An Assortment of International Pickles, Onions & Olives
- Fresh Bread Rolls & Butter
- Coffee & Tea
- An Assortment of Christmas Desserts & Shortbread

### **Christmas Party Tickets:**

Assuming there are still tickets left (only 100 are available), they are \$20 for members; \$25 for guests.

Purchase your ticket(s) from Ellen Berg, our treasurer. After tonight, contact Ellen at her home.

- All seating is reserved. When you purchase your ticket(s), tell Ellen your seating preferences, if any.
- We will refund your ticket up to Dec 1.
- After Dec 1, if you find you cannot attend, please tell Ellen. We anticipate a waiting list. We do not want to have a meal wasted. Tell her even if it is last minute. She will try to broker your ticket.

### **Party Day Time-Line:**

- 9am-11:30am: Draw prizes are loaded into vehicles at Audrey's.
- Noon: Prizes are delivered to lodge and room set-up commences.
- 5pm: Hopefully set-up will be complete.

- 6pm: Party starts. You will be given two beverage tickets at the door when you check-in. These are to be presented to the bartender for wine. Find your table. Your wine glass is at your table setting. Our liquor license stipulates no other alcoholic beverages are allowed. Help yourself to the non-alcoholic punch and water (glasses near punch bowls). Browse the room. Check out the photo contest entries and contest winners. Pre-select your draw prize(s). Buy draw tickets.
- 6:30pm: Buffet starts
- 7:30pm: Buffet closes. Last call for purchase of draw tickets. Door prize draw
- The draw interspersed with the photo/container contest awards and the trivia quiz
- 9pm: "We wish you a Merry Christmas"
- Tear down.

**Help Needed:** As with any club event, the evening's success is dependent upon members pitching in and helping. Things don't just happen by magic. Can you...

- Help transfer the prizes? Covered vehicles of large capacity are needed. The prizes are picked up in the morning and then held in the vehicle until noon when they are unloaded at the lodge.
- Help make the room festive? From noon (or 1pm) to 5pm.
- Help with an organized tear-down after the event?

If your answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, please see Audrey. There is a space on the craft calendar for your name and phone number and how you would like to help. Thanks.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** On our party night, we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank. The bins are in the foyer. Please bring a non-perishable item. Share your good fortune of having plenty to eat. Thank you.

## **NWHS CHRISTMAS DINNER 2017**

December 12th  
6:00 Party Starts  
6:30 Dinner Starts  
7:30 Buffet Closes

And then the fun continues  
Centennial Lodge, Queens Park



# New Westminster Horticultural Society

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## **CHRISTMAS CRAFTING:**

(Please refer to the article in the Oct 2017 newsletter which describes the crafting sessions in detail.)

Ah, some of us can barely wait. The Christmas Crafting sessions have become a part of the Christmas season. It won't be long now. Crafting starts next Monday, Nov 20. We will be creating one-of-a kind draw prizes for the club's Christmas Party. At the same time, we will be catching up on each other's news and, hopefully, getting to know new members. One of my favorite seasonal activities. Why not join us?

While some of us are heavy-duty into creating things (especially when we don't have to find room in our homes for them), others come to socialize. Then there are those who come to just be awed by the materials. There is a definite Christmassy vibe in the basement.

**Where:** The action takes place in the basement of 117 Seventh Ave (Audrey's basement). Follow the sidewalk around the house and the wood deck to the basement door. Please do not try to walk across the wood deck—it is notoriously slippery in wet weather.

**When:** The basement is potentially available from Mon, Nov 20 to Sun, Dec 10, between 9am and 9pm. However, crafting will only occur if you tell Audrey to expect you! Sign-up on the big calendar (fireplace table) tonight or phone/email Audrey after tonight. If possible, contact her a couple of days in advance of when you would like to come. Usually people sign-up for a 2-3 hour session. The table will accommodate about 5 people, depending on the projects. When using fresh materials, 3 people is a crowd. First to sign-up gets to reserve a spot first. When you sign-up, it is not carved in stone. If you cannot make the date, tell Audrey as soon as you know. Audrey will confirm your attendance, probably around supper time, the evening prior to when you are due to come.

**Who:** Anybody. Non-members are definitely invited to join the crafting sessions, even if they just want to socialize.

**Materials:** Materials were described in detail in the Oct newsletter. We have a huge amount but are always on the lookout for donations of Christmassy stuff. If you have

anything there are two options: leave it (please include your name) at the back kitchen door where it will be sheltered or bring it with you when you come to craft. Remember, we cannot use anything with residual fragrance or has glitter that may fall off. Thanks. There is no need for you to bring personal tools to the workshop but feel free to do so. We have lots of tools.

**Fresh Materials:** We will be working with fresh materials during the daylight hours of Sat, Dec 9 and Sun, Dec 10. Do you have any suitable greenery: evergreen boughs (conifer and broadleaf), holly, interesting textures, colorful branches? If so, please tell Audrey. There is a place on the sign-up calendar for you to list what you are willing to donate. We will start collecting fresh materials about the beginning of the month. Drop-off would be appreciated but collection is possible. Thanks.

**Other Prizes:** Of course we will be delighted to accept your unique prize—you can either bring it to Audrey's or bring it directly to the Lodge. If the latter, please tell Audrey so that she can reserve space on the table or wall. Thanks.

**No Fragrance!** Sorry to harp, but this is extremely important. Please do use any personal fragrance when coming to crafting. Thanks.

## **FLORISSA:**

To everyone who put in an order: thank you. We did good. \$468.92 was retained by NWHs. Assuming the bulbs get into the ground, there will be some (especially one) colorful gardens next spring.

## **ROAMING THE ROOM: THE REFRESHMENT TABLE:**

This is definitely a popular feature of our meetings. Unlike many organizations which charge a fee to enjoy the treats or a beverage, our club does not. The club supplies the tea, coffee, juice, hot water. The goodies are donated by club members. Yours to enjoy during the refreshment period of the meeting. For several years, refreshments were run by Dawn Dutrizac-Larose and Paul Larose. They did a fantastic job. Now, it is under the auspices of the Refreshment Committee who have learnt to appreciate Dawn & Paul's dedication and commitment—and the very detailed instructions of "how to

do everything".

**The Refreshment Committee:** Ideally the committee consists of at least 6 members. Working in 2 groups of 3, each member is "on" only every other month. This allows the freedom of missing a meeting. Ellen and Nes Berg look after the equipment so that it is on site enabling the committee to start the coffee & tea water at 6:30. Please consider volunteering to be on the committee. Besides, manning the refreshment table, there are individual tasks assigned to committee members: keeping inventory and filling the stock of supplies such as coffee and tea; phoning reminders to people who have volunteered to bring goodies; being the committee's public face by announcing thank-yous at the meeting; picking up perishables such as milk, cream, juice. There are detailed instructions for everything from putting the water on for the tea & coffee, setting up the tables to re-packing the equipment box. Think about joining the crew.

**Want to help without being on the committee?** Thank you. Volunteer to bring goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the goodies table. (Note: if you donate some food, make sure your name is on this sign-up sheet so that the committee knows and you can be thanked.) Every month, excluding Feb when the executive supplies the goodies and Dec when we party, 8 people are needed to supply the eats. Your donation can be savory or sweet. If you bring a plate, please put your name on it. The sheets for the 2018 goodie commitments are now available. Or why not help the kitchen crew?—just say "hi, how can I help?" A great way to meet new friends.

**Interested in joining the committee next year, great!** Although she is not a "member" of the committee, Diane Perry is the person to contact if you are interested in joining this vital crew. Her email is listed in the contacts portion of the newsletter. It is not a huge commitment—but one much appreciated. No volunteers = no refreshments. That's unthinkable!

**Thank You:** We would like to thank the 2017 committee: Louise Meville, Pauline Baldoumis, Dan Tessaro, Diana Behn and Devona Adams...and all who bought treats for us to enjoy. The meetings would just not be the same without you.



## NEW WESTMINSTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:

The AGM precedes the Regular Meeting on Nov 14, 7:30pm

### ELECTION OF THE 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Usually every year we vote on half of the executive positions. The other half would be voted on in 2018. However, because of the potential internal movement within the executive, more positions than normal are up for grabs. Secretary (Mary Barnard) and 2 member-at-large (Trudy Findlay & Lea McDonald) terms end in 2018.

Nominations will be received from the floor tonight. As of printing, the following have been nominated. If further nominations are received, ballots will be distributed.

President: 2 year term: Lorna Cloutier

Vice-president: 1 year term: Diane Perry

Treasurer: 2 year term: Ellen Berg

Member-at-large: 2 year term (3 positions available): Anna Camporese, Terri Clark-Kveton, Monica Mowat

Member-at-large: 1 year term: Terry Koziel

### MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

The following changes are proposed to reflect current practices.

These motions require a 2/3 majority to pass.

- 1. Part 2 - 7b: Membership**  
Currently states: Anyone joining during the year shall pay on a pro-rata basis.  
Action: **omit**  
Rationale: We no longer charge a pro-rata fee. We offer an annual \$15 membership or a \$2 drop in fee.
- 2. Part 5 - 19:**  
Currently states: Not currently in constitution  
Action: **insert:** The executive of the society shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer plus up to six (6) members at large.  
Rationale: This reflects current composition of the executive committee.
- 3. Part 8 - 36a: Duties of Officers: The Treasurer shall:**  
Currently states: Collect all monies due to the society and deposit same in a chartered bank in Canada.  
Action: **revise to:** Collect all monies due to the society and deposit same in a chartered bank in Canada or in a credit union covered by the Credit Union Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.  
Rationale: Currently the society is permitted to use only a chartered bank. This addition will allow the society to use an accredited credit union to administer its funds.
- 4. Part 8 - 40: Duties of Officers:**  
Currently states: The show chairperson shall be in charge of all in-club activities in which members show or exhibit display  
Action: **omit**  
Rationale: We no longer elect a show chairperson. The duties surrounding "in-club activities in which members show or exhibit display" are allocated to one of the elected "Members-at-Large" as an assigned duty.