

Newsletter



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IT'S TIME TO BID:

Congratulations to all who took advantage of the Silent Auction to clean out that cupboard, attic, shed...you are winners! A fantastic array of items has been donated. NWHS thanks you. Thank you to Audrey and her sidekick, Anna, for tagging and organizing the "delivered to the basement" donations. It certainly does make the organization of the auction easier. Of course, there are the pick-up, deliver and set-out crews as well...and the highlighters & talliers & cashiers & tear down people & a whole bunch of others. It takes a lot of manpower. Thank you everyone. Now, let's decide which items you want to take home and get bidding.

YOUR GUIDE TO AUCTION ACTION:

Bidder Number: Get your bidder number in the foyer.

Like an Item? Place a Bid: If an item has a bidding slip, it can be bid on. No need to wait. Double check that you are writing your bid on the right slip. Put your bidder number on the left side of the slip (under "Bidder's Number") and the amount you bid on the right side (under "Amount Bid"). If you are the first bidder your bid can equal the starting bid amount. To place a higher bid, it can be any number ending in zero i.e. a multiple of 10c. During the evening, the bidding slips will be scrutinized and any bids not ending in a zero will be rounded up to the next multiple of 10.

Keep Track of Your Items: Note that part of the last page of the newsletter is blank. That's so you have a place to list the items you bid for. The list will be very handy at auction's end when you are collecting your won items.

5 Minute Warning: At 5 minutes before the end of the auction, you will be alerted.

At End of Bidding: At the auction end, everyone leaves the bidding areas and a group of members highlight each winning bid and its bidder number.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Sept 2016
Total Revenue: \$343.85
Total Expenses: \$505.80

Gathering Your Items: When signaled (not before!) you can enter the bidding area to gather your won items. Double check that you are actually the final bidder. Please do not take someone else's items.

Get Your Bids Talled and Proceed to Cashier: Once your bids are tallied, you can proceed to the cashier. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to NWHS). *All bidding slips must be given to the cashier!!!*

"No Bid" items: If at auction end, an item has not had any bids, you can purchase it for the "starting bid" amount. *Your bidder number must be written on the slip.*
HAVE FUN! GOOD LUCK!

PHOTO & CONTAINER CONTESTS:

Got your pictures printed? Excellent! Bring them to the podium to enter them in the contests. If you have questions, please ask Audrey.

Photo Contest: The first step is to get an exhibitor number. Put the number on the back of your photos instead of your name. The exhibitor number sheet is right next to the podium. On the back of each entry put an arrow indicating which is the top of your image. Put your photo in the appropriate category envelope next to the exhibitor sheet. Easy! You can enter 3 photos in each category. Photos are delivered to our photo judge, Kevin Hudkins. In Dec, all entries will be on display and the winners announced.

Container Contest: Note the stash of empty envelopes. Put each of your entries into an envelope i.e. one entry per envelope. Do not write on the envelopes. Each envelope should contain your photo(s), your name, the plant list and a description of the growing conditions or design considerations. That last item is optional. Each member can submit 3 entries. In Nov, posters for each entry will be on the wall. Everyone in attendance votes for his/her favorite. The winners will be announced in Dec.

2018 COLOUR IN THE GARDEN:

Purple. It can range from pale mauve to almost black, including hues with red or blue tints.

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Oct 10, 7:30pm
Silent Auction
Container & Photo Contest entries due
Christmas party tickets on sale
Florissa order deadline
Nominations for Christmas Charity

Mark Your Calendar

BC Council of Garden Clubs' Fall Meeting, Sat, Oct 14, 8:30am-4pm
Firefighters' Conference Centre
6515 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby
(pre-registration required)

UBC Botanical Garden's Apple Festival

Sat, Oct 14 & Sun, Oct 15, 11am-4pm
UBC Botanical Garden
6804 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver
\$5(cash only) admission for adults; kids 12 & under free. Festival admission includes Garden admission. No parking at the garden; shuttle from other lots; Learn all you ever wanted to know about apples. A fun day for the whole family. Apples & trees for sale. Additional fee applies for apple tasting. www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/apple-festival Phone: 604-822-4208

Royal City Gogos' Annual Artisan Craft Fair Sale

Fri, Nov 3, 4-8pm; Sat, Nov 4, 10am-3pm; Sun, Nov 5, 11am-2pm
UNIFOR Hall, 326 12th St, New West
All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Grandmothers Campaign in solidarity with African grandmothers caring for children orphaned by AIDS.

Century House Craft Sale & Tea

Sat, Nov 4, 10am-2pm
Century House, 620 Eighth St, New West

NWHS AGM & Regular Nov Meeting:

Tues, Nov 14, 7:30pm
AGM: Elections for 2018 Executive and Motions Vote (See article)
Christmas Charity vote
Container Contest vote
Christmas party tickets on sale
Speaker: Bob Butler on "Creating Gardens for Bird Habitat".
Bob is a biologist & bird specialist who lives in New Westminster. Check out his extensive resume at www.sfu.ca/biology/wildberg/butler.htm

NWHS Christmas Crafting

Mon, Nov 20 to Sun, Dec 10, 9am-9pm
117 Seventh Ave, basement
(see article)

NWHS Christmas Celebrations

Tues, Dec 12, 6-9pm
Centennial Lodge
Ticket must be pre-purchased
Members \$20, guest \$25 (see article)

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

In Dec, on our regular meeting night, instead of hearing a speaker, we PARTY! It is an evening of socializing and spreading good will. Because the evening begins with a catered meal, seating is limited and tickets must be purchased to attend. The evening highlights include door prize, trivia quiz, photo and container contest awards and our fantastic Christmas draw. The evening starts at 6pm and ends at 9pm. The buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30. Dress is "nice casual" but "spiffy" is definitely OK.

Tickets on sale tonight: These are a super deal: \$20 for members, \$25 for a guest (obviously subsidized by NWHS). There are only 100 tickets available. Tickets can be purchased from Ellen Berg at the treasurer's table. Tonight, because of the auction, sales end at 15 minutes after business ends. After tonight contact Ellen to purchase tickets. If some tickets are still available, they will be sold at the Nov meeting. Until Dec 1, you can get a refund if you are forced to change plans. We expect there will be a waiting list for tickets.

All seating is reserved: When you purchase your ticket(s), make sure you tell Ellen your seating preferences. Do you want to sit with specific people? table location? We will do our best to accommodate you. Some tables have a maximum of 7, others 8.

The feast: Besides the wine, non-alcoholic punch & water supplied by the club, we will enjoy a delicious feast catered by Austin Caterers.

- Carved Roast Free Range Turkey with Cranberry Compote & Giblet Gravy
- Swedish Meatballs with Caramelized Onions & Sautéed Mushrooms
- 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

NWHS CHRISTMAS GIVING

Christmas Draw Charity: One of the highlights of the party is the Christmas Draw. We give half of the proceeds to charity. We are now in search of the 2017 recipient. Nominations can be made in the kitchen tonight. We are looking for a local, compassionate group. Add details that would support your nomination. In Nov, we will vote on which charity we will support this year.

New West Food Bank: We urge everyone attending our Christmas Celebrations to bring a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank. The collection bins will be in the foyer. Thanks.

FLORISSA

"I long for the bulbs to arrive, for the early autumn chores are melancholy, but the planting of bulbs is the work of hope and is always thrilling."

- May Sarton

Tonight's meeting is the deadline for submitting your order from the Fall and/or Christmas flyers. Please see Audrey with your order and payment (cash or cheque payable to NWHS). Hopefully, she will have received the mass shipment by the weekend. She will be calling you when they are ready for pick-up.

Have you checked out their website: www.florissa.com ? Sign up for the newsletter. Enter their bulb of the month contest.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

As with belonging to any group or organization, the benefits you receive are in proportion to how involved you are. You get to know other members, make friends, feel good that you have done something to enhance the enjoyment others have in the group. Well, NWHS is no exception. There is a multitude of ways to participate. Almost monthly, we hear that the Fund-raising group or the Refreshment team needs help. Helping doesn't mean you will be in charge of the whole thing. You don't have to be a financial wizard to help with the fund-raising. How about just helping at the in-club sale table? Helping with the refreshments doesn't mean you will be running the whole show. It means just that—helping. The whole club benefits from your volunteering to come forward and pitch in—but you benefit the most.

Call for 2018 Executive Nominations:

If you really want to be involved, consider being on the NWHS executive. It is where you really learn how the club operates. Even though they ask the membership for guidance, it is the executive committee that runs the show. The final implementation is up to them. More than half of the executive positions are open for nomination. Normally, a term on executive is for two years but because of shifting of personnel within the executive, there are a couple for one year. Enticing, for those who are looking for a short term "see if I like it" responsibility, is the single year member-at-large position. The nominating committee is Julia Goulden, Lorna Cloutier and Anna Camporese. Not sure who any of these folk are? Ask anybody really busy tonight and they will gladly point you in the right direction. Consider it. Join the executive committee.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFTING:

For the three weeks prior to the Christmas Party, members and friends hang out in Audrey's versatile basement to create the prizes for our Christmas draw. We aim for about 80 unique prizes. Why not join the gang this year? Some attend just to socialize.

What do we create?

Most prizes are Christmas themed as it is the Christmas season and most of the materials lean that way. It is emphasized that prizes are one-of-a-kind. They can be inspired by something someone has seen in stores or books or just because of the materials on hand. Often a creation is a group effort. When a person starts a project and gets stalled, other crafters may offer suggestions such as trying a different item or technique. In fact, many prizes could be classified as "group projects". With so much material to work with, it is easy not to realize the one perfect bit is available. It is just hidden amongst the stash. We have books for ideas but often people just "wing it".

The materials:

The basement will be packed. Often for the first visit, people just wander about checking things out and gaining inspiration. It is impossible to fully itemize what is available as who knows what will be donated or what will be discovered in a thrift store.

Here goes a try:

- Wreath forms: wire, grapevine, Styrofoam
- Baskets & containers
- Oasis & Sahara
- Styrofoam forms in many shapes
- Trays and boards for bases
- Ribbon, ribbon, ribbon: an amazingly fantastic collection
- Candles & candleholders
- A multitude of Christmas picks & decorations
- Glass balls in many sizes & colours
- Beads
- Strings of lights
- Small fake drees
- Fake evergreen branches & garlands
- A huge selection of cones, many types & sizes
- Interesting seeds & seed heads
- Stalks of dried vegetation
- Stalks of imitation vegetation
- Silk flowers & greenery
- Glue guns & sticks
- Florist wire & tape
- Scissors, pliers & wire cutters
- Library of ideas, magazines

Always looking for more material:

Collecting material is on-going. Supplies get used. Often we are searching for an elusive item to complete a creation. Please donate any Christmassy materials you no longer want. Prizes won at a previous Christmas party are welcome returns. We are definitely not insulted to see a creation come back. It is possible that we will just spiff it up or change it slightly for a 2017 prize. Or we may tear it apart to re-use the materials in a completely new way. Win a fresh wreath in the past? Please donate the wire form back for re-use. If you have any items, please leave them at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. Left elsewhere (including the basement door) may render them useless if foul weather hits. We cannot use items which are fragrant or which shed glitter. Many thanks.

Fresh materials:

Baring -10°C daytime temperatures and snow, we will be working with fresh materials during the daylight hours of the final weekend of crafting (Dec 9 & 10). We would love your fresh cuttings. Do you have some nicely berried holly that needs a trim? Or even some without berries? How about conifers or broadleaf evergreens or interesting stems? Great! Please talk with Audrey about pick-up or delivery of your greenery. Thanks.

Crafting Hours:

The basement will be available from Nov 20th to Dec 10th, from 9am to 9pm daily. But only if you tell Audrey to expect you. Most people come for a 2 to 3 hour session. Reserve your spot on the calendar (posted tonight on the window near the podium). On the day you would like to come, write in your name (first & last), phone number and hours you would like to craft. Using regular materials, the table can accommodate up to 5 crafters; with fresh materials, up to 3. First sign-up for a specific time gets priority booking. At non-meeting times, you can phone or email Audrey to reserve your spot on the calendar. She will not expect you if you are not on the calendar. Please tell Audrey if your plans change. She will confirm, by phoning you, your attendance at about dinner time the evening prior to your scheduled visit.

Who can come?

Attendance is not limited to members. Anybody who like to create things is welcome to come.

Bring your crafty friends for some socializing and crafting fun. If you are one who loves to "create stuff" but has limited space for the items, this is the event for you. You get to have the fun but don't have to keep what you make. One request: please no personal fragrance as Audrey is very, very sensitive to fragrance. It is not that she doesn't like it, it is because it makes her ill.

The location:

Crafting occurs in Audrey Barnes' basement. Her address: 117 Seventh Ave, New West. If she gets her act together, her home will be easy to spot because of the seasonal light show. Park on 7th, follow the sidewalk around the house (the other side is mud!) and around the wood deck to the basement door. Please do not try to walk across the slippery wood deck.

What about other prizes?

They are very welcome. If you can't make the crafting sessions but still want to contribute, we will gladly accept your creations. We stress that we are looking for one-of-a-kind prizes. In the past members have donated baking, knitting, quilting and Christmas decorations made at home. Please tell Audrey that you plan to do this so she can reserve room on the prize tables for your offering(s). Thanks.

ROB ISBISTER:

Sadly Rob passed away on Sept 11th—at a much too young age of 62. Unlike Aldina, who has been in the club for eons, Rob joined only about 5 years ago. He was a regular attendee. He was the quiet one of the duo. Tall, silent and very, very nice. Rob, we miss you. Our condolences go out to Aldina.

"October gave a party;

*The leaves by hundreds came-
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.*

*The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band."*

- George Cooper, October's Party

*"Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow."*

- Author Unknown

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:

President:	2 year term
Vice-president:	1 year term
Treasurer:	2 year term
Member-at-large:	2 year term (3 positions available)
Member-at-large:	1 year term

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 allowed to use only a chartered bank. This addition will allow the society to use an accredited credit union to administer its funds.
- 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 a signed duty.