

Newsletter



“MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL ...”

TIME TO PARTY! Yes, the night has finally arrived. Let’s give a salute to the people who have made tonight possible.

- The hard-working NWS executive who not only have overseen this party but all the activities we enjoyed throughout 2018
- Austin Caterers for the delicious feast
- New West Parks Greenhouse for growing the best poinsettia
- Linda Turnbull who spent some of her off-season in January creating party favors
- Merrill Hall, she of steady hand, for the beautiful calligraphy
- Micheline Ipperseil who pulled the décor together utilizing her expertise in staging
- Audrey Barnes for creating the trivial trivia quiz
- The multitude of elves who created the amazing draw prizes at craft central and in their own homes
- The crews who transported “all the party stuff” to the lodge and set up the room
- Frank Seki and Dan Tessaro who are our bartenders tonight
- Sharon Seki, Carla Sharp and Claude leDoux for selling the draw tickets and pulling the right numbers

CHRISTMAS GIVING:

Our Christmas Draw Recipient:

At our November meeting, the membership voted for Normanna Care Home to be the recipient of money from the proceeds of tonight’s Christmas Party Draw. It beat out several other nominated groups—all who would have been worthy recipients. Normanna is a non-profit assisted-living facility operated under the auspices of the Fraser Health Authority. It is one of the few facilities in Canada to have earned Accreditation with Exemplary Standing for 2014-2018. It relies on public support to enhance programs and activities that make it a “home” for its residents. It has been very supportive of NWS, donating many plants for our sale.

The Food Bank: Thank you for your donation of non-perishables for the Food Bank. Please place yours in the bins in the foyer. If you forgot your offering tonight, drop it off at Audrey’s back kitchen door (117 Seventh Ave) before the weekend. Many thanks. Let’s share our good fortune.

The Santa Larry Christmas Toy Drive: In memory of Larry Tamkin who spent many Decembers as Santa at the Royal City Centre Mall (6th & 6th), an annual toy drive has been established in his name. Recipients of the donations range in age from toddler to teen. Every present is appreciated. You can make your donation at the “Visit Santa Claus” enclosure during the photo shoot hours. If you are stuck with ideas, they have a list of “most wanted” items. Ideally, to facilitate the distribution of the presents, donations should be done by Dec 15—however, feel free to donate right up to Dec 24. Of course, cash donations are welcome—if writing a cheque, make it out to New Westminster Firefighters Charitable Society in Santa Larry’s name.



Tonight’s Meeting

NWS Christmas Celebration
Tuesday, Dec 11, 6pm-9pm
Buffet dinner 6:30-7:30

Mark Your Calendar

VanDusen Garden Festival of Lights
Dec 1-Jan 6 (closed Dec 25)
Hours vary.

The popularity of the display has forced VanDusen to implement attendance number restrictions. To ensure that you get to see the lights, it is recommended that you buy your tickets online as soon as your plans are made. You will be assured of entry plus save a bit of money. There is a maximum number of online tickets available each night and they anticipate selling out from Dec 15 to 24. A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate. The best time for walk-up entry is after 8pm.
www.vandusenfestivaloflights.ca

Northwest Flower & Garden Festival
(aka “the show”)

Feb 20-24, 2019. Seattle

This is always a great way to kick-off the gardening season. Details of a possible bus trip to the show will be known at a later date.
www.gardenshow.com

NWS First Regular Meeting of 2019

Tues, Feb 12, 2019

Speaker to be announced

Memberships due & payable (\$15)

TREASURER’S REPORT - Nov 2018

Total Revenue: \$786.75

Total Expenses: \$534.47

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Audrey Barnes: Food Bank, Garden

Brooms

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas and a
happy New Year*

*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy
New Year.*

*Now bring us a figgy pudding,
Now bring us a figgy pudding,
Now bring us a figgy pudding and
a cup of good cheer.*

*We won’t go ‘til we’ve got some,
We won’t go ‘til we’ve got some,
We won’t go ‘til we’ve got some, so
bring some out here.*

*We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas and
a happy New Year.*

New Westminster Horticultural Society

December 2018

NWHS PHOTO & CONTAINER CONTESTS:

The winners, as well as all the entries in the photo categories, are posted on the wall tonight for us all to enjoy. View them and get a window into the experiences of your fellow garden club members. Will we see what you see in your garden next year? Tonight, the winners get to take a bow while receiving their congratulatory envelopes containing some folded money. All first place winners get \$15, second place \$10 and third place \$5. Honorable mention nets, just that, honorable mention. Congratulations to all who entered and, especially, those who won.

The Winners:

PHOTO CONTEST

Visitors in the Garden

1. Gillian Escalante
2. Heather Corbett
3. Linda Turnbull

Honorable Mention: Audrey Barnes

Garden Colour: Purple

1. Linda Turnbull
2. Diane Escalante
3. Diane Escalante

Honorable Mention: Brenda Fairfax

NWHS Garden View

1. Brenda Fairfax
2. Diane Escalante
3. Linda Turnbull

Honorable mention: Diane Escalante

Macro Image

1. Gillian Escalante
2. Brenda Fairfax
3. Brenda Fairfax

Honorable mention: Audrey Barnes

CONTAINER CONTEST

1. Terri Clark-Kveton
2. Diane Escalante
3. Linda Turnbull

JUDGING THE CONTEST: For the container contest, the winners were selected by the members at the November meeting. The entries, which included plant lists, were posted on the wall for all in attendance to evaluate. Hopefully, while choosing their favourite, people gleaned some container 'to do' or 'not to do' ideas. For the photo contest, entries were evaluated and winners selected by Kevin Hudkins. Kevin is not an NWHS member. He really knows what makes a good image. His passion is macros. Check out his photos on line. www.flickr.com/photos/prestidigitize.

Kevin's General Comments on the 2018 Photo Contest Entries:

As usual, I have enjoyed looking through the submitted photographs, and choosing between the entries was in some cases very difficult. Once again this year it was nice to see many photographers using diagonal lines, the rule of thirds and visual balance to make their compositions more effective. I also found several photographers using the depth of field very effectively: keeping the subject in sharp focus while blurring the background to provide depth but not compete for attention in the frame. With respect to the rule of thirds, I would suggest that if you find yourself centering the subject, take a moment to assess if placing it in one of the 1/3 points (or lines) within the frame would make it feel more dynamic. Sometimes, of course, a centered image is appropriate, but try to evaluate that on an individual basis. It is often well worth taking some extra shots to try more than one composition for a scene that you are shooting: it gives you the option to choose once you have time to view it on your computer, not just on the camera back.

I would like to thank the New Westminster Horticultural Society for inviting me to again participate in this year's photo contest. I had a very enjoyable time viewing the entries. Congratulations to the winners, and to everyone for taking an interest in photography and working to improve their skills.

2018 COLOUR IN THE GARDEN:

Bluish Green: This ranges from bluish glauca to intense turquoise/teal. The colour must be of plant material. We suspect there may be a few foliage pictures submitted. Have fun.

New Westminster Photography Club:

If you are keen on improving your photographic skills, you might want to consider joining the New Westminster Photography Club. The membership includes people from beginner to advanced levels. In other words, it is open to all interested people, regardless of their photographic skill level. Check them out at www.nwphoto.org.

GARDEN BROOMS:

Until 5pm, Fri, Dec 14, Audrey will be taking "in time for Christmas giving" Garden Broom orders. Each broom is \$20. Contact her if interested. www.originalgardenbroom.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Lorna

Merry Christmas one and all. Wishing you a Merry Christmas means another year of gardening fun with NWHS has come to an end as has my first year as your President. I have enjoyed the tradition I started of writing a President's Corner for each newsletter and I hope you have enjoyed it too. Christmas is a time for traditions. I believe traditions are what help make Christmas just a bit more special. Our NWHS Christmas tradition is our Christmas Party and the Christmas Charity draw, not to mention the Christmas trivia quiz we all try to answer. What kind of Christmas traditions do you or your family have? Do you have favourite cookies, Christmas cakes or baking you do at this time of year? Do you have a favourite ornament you always put up in a special place on the Christmas tree or some other decoration that just has to go up? A poinsettia in the house is tradition for many. The following is from Teleflora's website: "What is the meaning of poinsettias? Also known as the Christmas Star and Christmas Flower, it's said that poinsettias' association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend. The story goes that a child, with no means for a grander gift, gathered humble weeds from the side of the road to place at the church altar on Christmas Eve. As the congregation witnessed a Christmas miracle, the weeds turned into brilliant red and green flowers." Merry Christmas everyone and all the best in the New Year.

YOUR 2019 NWHS EXECUTIVE:

The only business for our 2018 AGM was the election of our 2019 executive. All positions were filled by acclamation.

President: Lorna Cloutier
Vice-President: Diane Perry
Secretary: Heather Corbett
Treasurer: Ellen Berg
Members-at-Large:
Anna Camporese
Terri Clark-Kveton
Trudy Findlay
Terry Koziel
Lea McDonald
Monica Mowat

“...AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!”