

Newsletter



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TONIGHT WE SHOW & VOTE:

Once again, the weather played with us as we contemplated our show entries. Recently, when monitoring what to exhibit, it has become a “come on, baby, produce that flower” scenario. Luckily the show schedule is inclusive: still loads of classes for which the flowers are prime. For all who persevered and brought in exhibits—thank you.

Exhibiting is Easy:

1. Go to the check in table to receive your personal exhibitor number and one exhibit slip for each of your entries
2. Write your “Exhibitor Number” in the box at the top of the slip. Your name is not put on the slip.
3. Refer to the show schedule for the “Class Number”. It goes in the appropriate box.
4. If you know the specific name or variety of your exhibit, write that in the “Exhibit Description” space. Some classes require this, others do not. If it is not required, this space can be left empty.
5. Place your exhibit with its slip on the showbench in the area specified by its class number.

Voting for Your Favorites:

Everyone gets to vote for his or her favourite in each of the 3 general categories. You have 3 colored ballots. To make your vote count, you must use the right colour for each category.

- **Pink for Flowers:** Classes 1 to 25
- **Green for Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits:** Classes 26 to 40
- **Orange for Floral Art:** Classes 41 to 45.

Table signs and ballot bucket lids are coordinated with ballot colours

THERE IS ONLY ONE NUMBER ON AN EXHIBIT SLIP THAT IS UNIQUE TO THE EXHIBIT. IT IS THE ONE AT THE BOTTOM. USE THIS 3-DIGIT NUMBER WHEN VOTING!!!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Your personal EXHIBITOR NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLASS NUMBER from the Show Schedule
EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION:	
JUDGE'S COMMENTS:	
Use THIS NUMBER to vote!	
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXHIBIT NUMBER Use this number when voting for your favorite

NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTATION:

“Rain gardens” are sprouting up everywhere. But surely every garden in Metro Vancouver is a rain garden? Not quite! Learn what rain gardens are, the many benefits they provide, and why they're essential to environmental sustainability and salmon. You will enjoy a photo tour of several North Delta school and community rain gardens, glean ideas for using rain gardens large or small to create drought-resilience, to reduce water pollution and/or to solve property drainage issues in an economical way.

As Rain Gardens Coordinator for Cougar Creek Streamkeepers, Deborah Jones has been involved in the design, construction, planting and maintenance of 28 rain gardens. She also advises The Nature Trust of British Columbia on their rain garden grant program.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lorna:

Larkspur is the English Style Flower of the month. The US Style Birth Flower is Water Lily. Larkspur is more common in gardens in England than here in Canada. It is the annual version of Delphinium, thus it's similar appearance. It comes in a range of colours, each with a different symbolic meaning. Blue symbolizes levity, lightness, joyful & fickleness; Pink, contrariness; White, a happy nature; and Purple, first love. Did you know that Larkspur is toxic to humans? The stem and seeds contain alkaloids. They can cause severe digestive discomfort if ingested and, also, skin irritation. Tall Larkspur is a native perennial weed in the western USA and is a significant cause of cattle poisoning on rangeland. Amazingly though, domestic sheep are not affected by the toxins in Larkspurs so are sometimes used to help eradicate the plants on cattle ranges.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Annual In-Club Show
Speaker: Daniel Mosquin on “Tips & Techniques for Garden Photography”

Mark Your Calendar

NWHS Garden Tour & Pot-Luck Picnic
Sat, July 14.

Tour 1:00pm; Picnic 4:30pm
Rain or Shine (or heat wave!)
See article

Vancouver Shade Garden Society Annual Show

Sun, July 15, 10am-4pm
VanDusen Botanical Garden

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Produce Drop Off:

Every Sun, 8:30-9:15am
St. Thomas More Collegiate front entrance, 7450 12th St, Burnaby

NWHS Regular August Meeting

Tues, Aug 14, 7:30pm
Speaker: Deborah Jones on “Introducing Rain Gardens”

CLAUDE HAS RETIRED!

Claude Le Doux, as of June 30th, is retired from his position as New Westminster Park's Horticultural Manager. 28+ years of making the city beautiful! Thank you, Claude, for your dedication. He will still be involved but now can pick & choose his endeavours such as PAR GAR and Great Plant Picks. We trust that also includes further involvement with NWHS.

LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

How nice we are still at stage 1 in watering restrictions.
Lawn sprinkling only from 4am to 9am
Even addresses: Mon, Wed, Sat
Odd addresses: Tues, Thurs, Sun
Watering trees, shrubs & flowers is permitted any day, from 4am to 9am if using a sprinkler, or at any time if hand watering or using drip irrigation.

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2018

Total Revenue: \$379.53
Total Expenses: \$692.31
See bulletin board for Ellen's detailed report.

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NWHS GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

Saturday, July 14.

Tour starts 1:00pm. Picnic, 4:30pm. The prediction is for Sun, 23°C (feels like 27°C) with a bit of a breeze.

THE TOUR:

All NWHS members and their adult friends are invited to go on our tour. Sorry: no kids, no pets. The gardens will be visited in sequence, according to the map & itinerary. This map, a separate handout, is your ticket for the tour. There is no electronic version. If you did not get one tonight, contact Audrey.

The gardens:

Wow! We will have a full afternoon! Nine gardens if you include the picnic site. We are grateful to have so many generous members and friends opening their gardens. Thanks.

- We will be transported back to "I remember when" with Shona Neufeld's garden.
- A garden as a showcase for fantastic ceramic pieces: the garden of Celia and Keith Rice-Jones
- It's a zoo out there! We get to re-visit Manny Fernandes amazing topiaries.
- Perfect complement to the home: Terry Koziel's and Sherri Summers' designed and constantly being redesigned garden.
- A shady seclusion: the delightful garden of Lori Walker & Stephen Bruymeel
- "Reingardenated" once again: re-visit to Terri Clark-Kveton & Moony Kveton's garden.
- A place for entertaining: Andrea Mead's garden
- Birds & bees are welcome at the eclectic garden of Janet & Judy Langford
- R & R (rocks & red) at the picnic site in Audrey & Steve Barnes garden.

Tour Guidelines:

- Carpool. It is a social outing. Often close parking is a premium. "Drop-off & Park" might be needed.
- Keep to the time schedule. This cannot be stressed enough. Do not arrive earlier or leave a garden later than on the itinerary. If you find yourself behind timewise skip a garden and then re-join the tour at the time stated on the itinerary.
- Bring your own water: The club is not supplying water en-route.

- Bring your sunhat and sunscreen.
- Don't forget your camera. Photos of the member (Sonya, Terry, Lori, Terri, Audrey) gardens are eligible for the garden view category of our photo contest. Photos of the non-member gardens cannot be entered.

THE POT-LUCK PICNIC:

The picnic starts at 4:30 in the backyard of 117 Seventh Avenue. As a gesture to Audrey's neighbours, please carpool. The picnic is open to club members, their families and close friends. Kids are welcome but the event is adult oriented. No pets please. We plan to eat at 5:15. Please arrive, with your dish, by then.

Picnic Sign-up:

Unlike the tour, there is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. Tonight it is at the head table. After tonight, it will be with Audrey. If your plans change, please tell her. We ask how many are in your party and what dish you are bringing. Please provide some details eg "chocolate cake" if bringing a desert. If bringing a salad, one big enough to feed 10 would be ideal. The club supplies coffee, tea, non-alcoholic punch, wine, water. If you would like to drop off your dish before the tour, Audrey will be at the house until 12:40. If bringing something for the fridge, select a serving dish with a small footprint. Cooler drop-off is welcome.

Picnic set-up:

If you would like to help set-up please talk with Audrey. Thanks.

- Fri, 3-5pm: major set-up: hanging tarp, arranging tables & chairs
- Sat, noon: final tweaking.

If the Forecast Changes: If it looks like rain (yikes!), we will be using canopies. If you have one which we could borrow, please tell Audrey. All loaned items should be delivered by Thurs.

'Bring to Picnic' Check-List:

- Your name must be on everything you bring.
- Your pot-luck offering in a serving dish, with serving utensils
- A plate, knife & fork, a wine glass if you cringe at drinking from a jelly jar
- Do NOT bring a chair. We have sufficient.



Garden Stumps:

This is a fun competition which culminates with one person or a two-person team getting their name inscribed on the coveted perpetual trophy. There are 20 plants numbered in the yard. Match those numbers with the names on the contest sheet. Then, you must match the plant name with the word-association clue. Electronic assistance is not permitted.

GARDEN PONDERINGS by Audrey:

While cleaning up the yard in preparation for the picnic, I came across an emerald mat of wild cress (aka spitting weed). Decision time: should I leave it intact as a lush ground cover or should I remove them? Fear of the future made my decision for me. I removed the "breeders" and disturbed the rest in hope that most would die. Ah, the power over life or death! A re-visit to the area discovered a multitude of hardy specimens. Obviously, a re-application of my hand rake is required.

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