

Newsletter



'SHOW-TIME' IS NEXT MONTH:

As a salute to the beginnings of NWHS, next month we hold our annual show competition. When the club started in 1934, a primary focus was how to grow flowers that would win at competitions. Obviously, the emphasis in gardening has changed drastically since then but there is still value in showing what you grow and having it judged against standards. It gets us out into our gardens, evaluating how flowers are maturing. We observe details usually overlooked in our more casual assessments of our gardens. We learn to re-appreciate the wonders of nature. July's show is a judged event—but a "fun" judged show. Please enter and compete against what others enter. Winning is fun but the process of evaluating your plant's progress and entering is more fun.

If you haven't yet picked up your show schedule, grab one from the foyer or fireplace tables, it is also on our website. Check out the classes and match them to what you are growing in your garden. Watch your plants and then, come next month, enter those closest to prime. You can enter 2 exhibits in each class as long as they are botanically different. The schedule offers all sorts of hints of what "perfection" is for each class—and it also states criteria for entering each class. The hints are for your guidance in selecting your entries. The criteria must be complied with when you enter. If it says "3 stems", enter 3 stems (not 2, not 4). If your entry does not comply with the schedule, even though it will be lovely to view, it cannot be judged and will receive the dreaded "NAS" (Not As Scheduled) notation. If you have a query about the schedule, please contact Audrey. She will gladly answer your question.

Floral Art: Not growing anything? Then these are the classes for you. You can purchase your plant material! (Dollar stores on 6th Ave are a good place.) Look at the classes, think of possibilities, evaluate and refine your plans and then go for it. Have fun!

Submitting your Entries: Entries must be on the showbench by 7:25. When you get to the Lodge (early as there may be a crush of activity), pick up an exhibit slip for each of your exhibits at the sign-in table. Fill in the slip and place your exhibit in the appropriate location on the show tables. If you need help, just ask. Arriving with your exhibits, already in vases ready for display, enhances a speedy and non-stress set-up.

Placement Ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd): Our judge, Jennifer Zuk, will be evaluating the entries in each class, comparing them to each other. It is up to her to decide which entry gets which ribbon. She may award a tie. Or, if the quality of the exhibits is poor, not award any ribbon(s).

Members' Choice Awards: Everyone in attendance gets to voter for his/her favourite entry in the three overall categories: Flowers; Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits and Floral Art. Each winner will receive a rosette ribbon. Details instructions on how to vote will be in the July newsletter.

LET'S SEE A FULL SHOWBENCH IN JULY!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lorna Cloutier
Beautiful Homes, Beautiful Gardens... that is what our advert said in the Heritage Home Tour ticket-book. The New West Heritage Preservation Society kindly invited NWHS to participate in their renowned event on May 27th. We had a display table, featuring work by the Garden Gals and information about our club, in one of the homes. Possibly we will get a few new members as many tour attendees showed interest in our club. We thank NWHS for the free advert and table space. Also, several of our members volunteered as tour guides at homes. NWHS appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the tour. Thank you for inviting us. It was a great pairing for both of us. Heritage and Gardening just go together. You might want to check out the Heritage Vancouver Society's fundraising garden tour later this month (see Mark Your Calendar). Beautiful Gardens, Beautiful Homes.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 7:30pm
Speaker: Jim Parkes on "Soils & Compost"

Mark Your Calendar

New Westminster Farmers Market
Ongoing, every Thurs 3-7pm
Tipperary Park, NW

UBC Botanical Garden "Garden Days"
June 16-17. For details of activities and to register go to www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/events

Heritage Vancouver Garden Tour
Heritage Vancouver Garden Tour: Sat & Sun, June 23 & 24, 10-4 both days. Self guided tour of 15 private gardens on Vancouver's westside. \$35 for the 2 days. Advance ticket purchase required. On-line ticket purchase ends June 14. They can also be purchased, while quantities last, at several businesses listed on their website, including GardenWorks. www.heritagevancouver.org

Quadra Island Quilt & Garden Tour
Sat & Sun, June 23 & 24.
See May newsletter for details.

NWHS Regular July Meeting
Tues, July 10, 7:30
Annual In-Club Show (see article)
Speaker: Daniel Mosquin on "Tips & Techniques for Garden Photography"

NWHS Annual Garden Tour & Picnic
Sat, July 15, Tour in afternoon, Picnic in evening (see article)
Sign-up sheet for picnic at fireplace table.

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Food Collection
Every Sun starting June 24
8:30-9:15am
St. Thomas More Colligate entrance
7450 12th Ave, Burnaby
Garden grown as well as store bought food donations gladly accepted to help those in need.

Dart's Hill Plant Sale
June 17, 11am-3pm
Sat, July 170 St at 16th Ave, Surrey

TREASURER'S REPORT - May 2018

Total Revenue: \$5014.20
(includes blvd plant sale proceeds)
Total Expenses: \$815.68
See bulletin board for Ellen's report.

New Westminster Horticultural Society June 2018

NWHS GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

Sat, July 14, 2018

Get ready to have a good time next month at our dual social events. Lots of socializing with fellow members. In the afternoon we enjoy visiting gardens as a group; in the evening we enjoy a picnic feast. Plan to participate in one or both "rain or shine" events.

THE TOUR:

Things are looking positive that, for 2018, we may have a tour of minimal driving. We have a garden in Glenbrooke, one in Queen's Park and the cluster at 8th Ave & 12th St. Still looking for more. Please come forward and offer your garden for a visit. Talk with Audrey. As mentioned many times before: as we are all in the never-ending process of garden evolution, gardens in the midst of a major project are of special interest. Being on the tour is the ultimate incentive to "get things done". If no other members come forth, this weekend Audrey will be approaching non-members as possible garden hosts.

Each garden is open for 15-30min (depending on complexity) in a set sequence, thus enabling garden hosts to visit the other gardens. Until the gardens are confirmed and the driving times between them determined, the exact tour starting time will not be known. It probably will be between 1 and 2pm. The tour will finish at about 4pm, giving a half hour break before the picnic. There is no sign-up sheet for the tour. It is open to all NWHS members and their adult friends (no kids, no pets please). At the July meeting, the map and itinerary will be available. Your possession of the map is your tour ticket. If you are unable to attend the July meeting, contact Audrey for a copy. There will be no electronic version. Carpooling for the tour is highly recommended.

THE POT-LUCK PICNIC:

The picnic location is the Barnes' back garden and deck (117 Seventh Ave). Audrey's neighbours would love it if you would carpool. The picnic is a casual social. Smooze with your garden club friends while enjoying a communal feast. It starts at 4:30 and finishes about 7pm. The picnic target group is members and their families. Kids are welcome, but the event is adult oriented. No pets please. Feel free to bring along a couple of non-NWHS friends—just tell us the number in your party.

Sign-up sheet: Unlike the tour, there is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. The sheet on which you state your pot-luck contribution also has a column for you to say how many are in your party. The sign-up sheet is at the fireplace table tonight and with Audrey after the meeting. When you indicate your dish, give some details eg. Instead of just "salad", specify the kind of salad. The club looks after beverages: tea, coffee, punch, wine. If your plans change before the picnic, please tell Audrey.

Garden Stumps: It will be returning. That's a promise, not a threat!

NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTATION:

In July we get a lesson on garden photography tips and techniques by Daniel Mosquin. We were wowed with Daniel's presentation on native plants at the March BC Council of Garden Clubs Meeting. It was obvious that he loves and knows plants and how to photograph them. We immediately asked him to speak at our club. Now we see we are not the only ones impressed: on the UBC Botanical Gardens (where Daniel has his day job) website, he was a finalist in the Black & White category of the International Garden Photographer of the Year Competition! We look forward to learning how to improve our entries in our club's photo competition. His website: www.danielmosquin.com

WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 1 Lawn watering restrictions are in place.

Residential lawn watering is allowed between 4am & 9am only

- Even addresses: Wed & Sat
- Odd addresses: 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. All hoses must have an automatic shut-off device. www.metrovancouver.org

DART'S HILL OUTING:

We picked the perfect day for our stroll in the park. Dart's Hill Garden Park is immense and is truly filled with treasures. Having a guide was definitely a bonus, especially for first-time visitors. Lots of details of the history and the continued maintenance of the park. It is hard to imagine having a personal garden so large, even with the help of a gardener. The numerous spent rhodo blooms entice one back for a re-visit earlier in spring. Check www.dartshill.ca/events for their garden strolls and plant sale dates.

PHOTO CONTEST:

When taking pictures of garden happenings, keep in mind our contest categories. In October, share your garden experiences with us by entering. The complete contest rules are available on the foyer & fireplace tables and on the website.

Visitors in the Garden: Photo must be taken in your own garden. Photo can be of something living or a representation of something living eg. humans, animals, insects, fish or even statues.

Colour in the Garden: Purple, including images from pale mauve to deep royal purple. Besides "pure purple", hues with tints of red & blue are also included. Photo can be taken in any garden.

View of a NWHS Garden: Can be an over-all or partial view of any NWHS member's garden. Please note that not all gardens on our July tour will be members' gardens.

Macro Image: Must be a macro photo. (any subject in any garden)

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