

Newsletter



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WE HAVE A DEAL FOR YOU!

We have a super selection of items tonight. Everybody is sure to walk away with a treasure. A thank-you goes out to everyone who helped with this special event.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO TONIGHT'S ACTION:

Bidder number: Get yours in the foyer.

Placing a Bid: Your bidder number goes on the left side of the slip; your bid on the right side. Your bid can equal the starting bid or increase the previous high bid by a multiple of 10c.

Keep Track of Your Items: When you are checking out the room, keep a list of items that interest you—and especially those items you bid on. Very handy later.

5 Minute Warning: You will be alerted 5 minutes before auction end.

At End of Bidding: You must exit the auction area while a crew highlights all the winners and their winning bids.

Gathering Your Items: When instructed, gather all your won items. Double check that you have the correct slip for each item and that you are the winner. Once you have everything, look for a tallier to total your contribution to the club.

Get Your Bids Tallied and Pay: Once your bids are tallied, you can proceed to the cashier to pay with either cash or cheque (payable to NWHS). *All bidding slips must be given to the cashier.*

No Bid Items: If at auction end, you see an item that has not been bid upon, you can purchase that item at its starting bid. *Your bidder number must be put on the slip.*

GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN!

PHOTO & CONTAINER CONTESTS:

Got those entries ready? Hope so. They are to be submitted at the podium tonight.

Photo Contest: Instead of your name on the back of each entry, put your exhibitor number. Select your number at the podium. There is an envelope for each of the 4 categories—just put your entries in the appropriate envelopes. You can submit 3 photos/category.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lorna:

Networking seems to be the buzz word you hear a lot in business these days. It is not just in business that you should network but, also, in any organization you belong to since it helps you feel part of the whole. Networking, as the definition says, is to interact with other people to exchange information—to get to know them. In NWHS by volunteering to help at the plant sale, helping with refreshments, attending workshops, or participating in the garden tour and picnic, you are meeting other members and getting to know them. Our Christmas Crafting sessions are another great way to do a bit of networking. It is a fun time and lots of great gardening and other conversations take place around the friendly table. At these sessions we are making the wreaths, centerpieces and other decor items for our draw at the Christmas Party. Often others around the table help each other with advice or even finishing off a piece. You don't need to be super crafty. As you are hunting through the reams of supplies in Audrey's basement you may find something perfect for the project of the person next to you. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the Christmas draw benefits our Charity of Choice that we select, by vote, in November. I encourage all members, no matter how long you have belonged to NWHS, to come out and do some Christmas Crafting with us! Come with another member or invite a non-member friend to attend with you.

Container Contest: There is a stash of empty envelopes at the podium. Use one for each of your (up to 3) entries. Do not write on or seal the envelope. Each entry must include your name, your photo(s) and the container's plant list.

2019 COLOUR IN THE GARDEN: This will get you really looking at your garden. It is turquoise/teal aka greenish-blue in all its intensities. Glauca is included.

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, Oct 9, 7:30pm
Silent Auction
Container & Photo Contest entries due
Christmas party tickets on sale
Florissa order deadline
Nominations for Christmas Charity

Mark Your Calendar

UBC Apple Festival

Sat, Oct 13 & Sun, Oct 14, 11am-4pm
UBC Botanical Garden
6804 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver
Adults \$5 (cash), kids under 12 free.
No parking at the garden, shuttle from other lots. Learn all you ever wanted to know about apples. Apples and apple trees for sale. Additional fee applies for apple tasting. A fun day for the whole family.
www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/apple-festival

TD Tree Days in Queen's Park

Sun, Oct 14, 9am-noon. Rain or Shine.
Join this tree planting event in Queen's Park. Pre-register (required) at www.tdtreedays.com/en-ca/events/945
info: ltwaites@newwestcity.ca

BC Council of Garden Clubs' Fall Meeting

Sat, Oct 20, 8:30am-4pm
Firefighters' Conference Centre
6515 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby
(pre-registration required)

Century House Craft Sale & Tea

Sat, Nov 3, 10am-2pm
Century House, 620 Eighth St, New West

NWHS AGM & Regular Nov Meeting:

Tues, Nov 13, 7:30pm
AGM: Elections for 2019
Christmas Charity vote
Container Contest vote
Christmas party tickets on sale
Speaker: Ian Connor on "Everything you wanted to know about Bamboo"

NWHS Christmas Crafting

Mon, Nov 19 to Sun, Dec 9, 9am-9pm
117 Seventh Ave, basement
(extensive details next month)

NWHS Christmas Party

Tues, Dec 11, 6-9pm
Centennial Lodge
Ticket must be pre-purchased
Members \$20, guest \$25 (see article)

TREASURER'S REPORT - Sept 2018

Total Revenue: \$315.30
Total Expenses: \$281.20

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM precedes our regular Nov 13 meeting at 7:30. It should be quick as the only item on the agenda is the election of 2019 executive committee members.

Election of Executive Committee:

To ensure continuity on the executive, each year half of the positions come up for election. Next month we will be electing persons to fill these positions:

- Vice-President (2 years)
- Secretary (2 years)
- 3 Members-at-Large (2 years)

Nominations: Julia Goulden, our past president, is the nominating committee. If you are interested in any of the open positions please talk with her (see contacts listing). Any of the current executive will gladly give you the scoop as to what's involved. At present we do have a full slate, but wouldn't it be exciting to have a vote!

NWHS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Not long now until the festive season. NWHS celebrates with a party on our regular meeting night, Dec 11. It starts with a feast of turkey and all the trimmings (full menu next month), created by Austin Caterers. Because of this, tickets must be purchased to attend. The evening also includes door prizes, a trivia quiz, photo and container contest awards, our fantastic Christmas draw and the good friendship of fellow NWHS members. The evening starts at 6pm and ends at 9pm. Dress is "nice casual" and up.

Tickets on sale tonight: With subsidizing by NWHS, the price to attend the event is \$20/member and \$25/guest. There are only 100 tickets available. See Ellen Berg at the Treasurer's table tonight to purchase yours—sales end 15 minutes after business ends. Tickets cannot be purchased in conjunction with payment of your auction items. After tonight, contact Ellen at home (see contacts listing) to purchase tickets. If there are some still available, they will be sold at the Nov meeting. Until Dec 1, you can get a refund if you are forced to change your plans. We expect there will be a ticket waiting list.

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 friends? At a specific table location? Some tables seat a maximum of 7, others 8.

OUR CHRISTMAS CHARITY:

We give half of the proceeds of our Christmas Party draw to a charity. We are in search of the 2018 recipient. Think: local, compassionate, horticultural/gardening. Do you know of a likely group? There is a box for nominations in the kitchen tonight. When you nominate a group, please include its name and a brief description—and your name! Alternately, you can email your nomination to Lorna (see contacts listing) prior to the Nov meeting. We select the group, by ballot, in Nov.

FLORISSA

Well, what do you think? Do you like the new on-line experience—or not? Our friends at Van Noort Bulbs, who run Florissa, would like your feedback. Tonight is the deadline to order. As stated before, Audrey is willing to do the on-line transaction on your behalf. She will be collecting the filled NWHS order on Friday and will phone you asap for pick-up. Thanks for participating.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING SESSIONS:

Before we celebrate at the party, we socialize around the crafting table whilst creating the prizes for the Christmas Party Draw. We aim for 80 prizes—but usually create more. The action happens in Audrey's basement (117 Seventh Ave) for the 3 weeks prior to the party, Nov 19 to Dec 9. The basement is available from 9am to 9pm but crafting takes place when you tell Audrey that you will be there. Next month, there will be a calendar on which you claim your spot(s). Why not plan to come with some friends. Using normal materials, 4-5 crafters can fit around the table. With fresh materials (daylight hours of the last two days), the number is reduced to 2-3. Once your name is on the calendar, Audrey will confirm your attendance during the evening prior. Your name on the calendar is not engraved in stone. It is really a lot of fun—even if you consider yourself "craft-challenged". A good excuse to socialize. No fragrance please.

Materials: We have an amazing amount of material to work with but never say "no" to donations—unless they are fragrant or shed glitter. Donations of Christmassy "stuff" can be left at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door (go up the concrete steps), please include your name so we can thank you (at least mentally). Much appreciated.

PLANT A ROW, GROW A ROW: To those who participated in the program by dropping off produce, the crew in charge extends a big thank you. Your efforts were much appreciated by those less fortunate.

GARDEN BROOMS: These brooms are great! Audrey is taking orders on behalf of the Kwantlen Park School (Surrey) dry grad fundraising group. If you would like one, give Audrey \$20 and she will get you one. Great Christmas gift idea. www.TheOriginalGardenBroom.com.

NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTATION:

Ian Connor is the owner and operator of Connor Bamboo, a specialty bamboo nursery in Oregon. It carries over 300 varieties, including many rare species. He has over 30 years experience lecturing and publishing on the topic of bamboo and will definitely be able to tell us "Everything We Want to Know about Bamboo".

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