

Newsletter



OCTOBER IS SPECIAL AT NWHS:

Our October meeting is like no other NWHS meeting. In many ways. To start, we don't have a speaker. Instead, we have deals for you. Your deal might be getting rid of something you no longer want or it might be acquiring one or more new treasures. If you participate, you win. There are several unique aspects to the meeting.

- Only members and their registered guests are allowed. No walk-ins. No new memberships will be sold at the meeting.
- No name tags or attendance sheet.
- No free table
- No At-Meeting Sale table.
- No draw.
- No library. Books can be returned at the podium.
- Seed exchange donations can be made at podium.
- Refreshments will be served in the kitchen.
- Suggestion box will be in the kitchen.

Who can attend the auction?

Although the auction is primarily members offering deals to other members, in recent years we have invited sponsored guests. If you, a member, knows someone who would like to attend, you can invite them as your guest. Ellen must know prior to auction night. Phone her at 604-525-7827. You and your guest must arrive and get your bidding numbers together.

What can you donate?

Almost anything...except computer components, clothing (unless very unique or suitable for Hallowe'en), books that are in rough shape, items strongly scented or that shed glitter. All items are to be in good condition.

How about big items?

It is best to leave large, awkward or heavy items at home. Instead make a mini poster. Room is tight at the Lodge. Also, people have to transport their won items home at the end of the meeting. So, make a mini poster: take a picture, describe the item (eg dimensions, special details) and say where it is located, add your contact info. The winner will take the poster home and contact you regarding pick-up.

Pre-Processing of items at Audrey's:

We strongly recommend that you drop off your donations at Audrey's (117 Seventh Ave). It makes the evening so much easier for the organizers and for you. Pre-processing means that Audrey & her crew will make the bidding slips up for you well in advance of auction night. We welcome suggestions of minimum bids. Also, if the bulk of the items are at Audrey's we can get an idea of how much table space will be needed for each category. If dropping off items, please leave them (with your name in case you in case we need to consult with you) at the sheltered kitchen door. If Audrey is home, they can be brought directly into the basement. Do not put items under the wood deck—rain comes right through! If you are donating Christmas craft items as well, they can be mixed in with the silent auction items. Deadline for drop off is Sun, Oct 7, 5pm.

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Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 11, 7:30pm
Speaker: Randal Atkinson on "Fall & Winter Containers"
Fall Bring-to-Share

Mark Your Calendar

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Produce

Drop Off: Every Sun morning, 8:30-9:15am
Front entrance, 7450 12th Ave, Burnaby
Got a super crop this year? Drop some of your excess off to be enjoyed by those less fortunate. Thanks.

NWHS Oct Regular Meeting:

Tues, Oct 9, 7:30
Silent Auction (no speaker)
Photo/Container Contest entries due
Florissa order deadline
Christmas Party ticket sales start
Nominations for Christmas Draw Charity

UBC Applefest:

Sat, Oct 13; Sun, Oct 14 11am-4pm
<https://botanicalgarden.ubc.ca>

BC Council of Garden Clubs' Fall Meeting - Sat, Oct 20, 9am-4pm

Firefighters' Conference Centre
6515 Bonsor Ave (Metrotown)
Pre-registration required (see article)

AUCTION MANPOWER IS NEEDED:

As with any big club undertaking, your help is needed before, during and after the event. Please talk with Audrey if you can help in any of the following ways. Thanks.

- **Donate items:** Don't want it? Donate it to the auction. Dropping off at Audrey's is best. If that doesn't work, bring it the Lodge early on auction night.
- **Pre-processing items at Audrey's:** This involves creating bidding slips and sorting items as to themes. A two hour shift is ideal. Day-time best.
- **Transporting items on Auction Day:** For security reasons (and the uncertainty of the weather!) covered vehicles are needed. We load at Audrey's in the morning, hold the goods, and then arrive en masse at the Lodge at noon. Everyone helps unload.
- **Setting up the tables:** Set-up starts at noon. At that point, some people are re-arranging the tables while others are unloading the vehicles. Arrival at 1pm coincides nicely with low panic and clearer task instruction.
- **Help process last minute donations:** Some people with only a few items (some with more!) will bring them directly to the Lodge. Helping them fill out the bidding slips and placing their items in the appropriate spots in the room.
- **Highlighting winning bids:** At auction end, a crew is needed to highlight the winner's number and winning bid for each item.
- **Tallying bids:** If you are good at math, this is the job for you. Once a member has collected all his/her won items, their bids must be totaled before going to cash.
- **Tear down and transfer back to Audrey's:** All unbid-upon and unclaimed items are collected, boxed and transported back to Audrey's. Tear down people and transport people are needed.

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SILENT AUCTION *Con't.*

The bidding slip:

Each item must have its own slip. In the "item" space at the top, include enough details that it will be obvious that the slip is unique to the item. It will be on a table next to similar items. If you have several identical items with separate slips, use masking tape to designate them "A", "B", "C", etc. Identify books, CDs & DVDs by writing the title on the slip. The starting bid (put directly under "Amount Bid" on the slip) should be a "real deal". There is to be no bid smaller than 30¢. If that seems high for your item, group it with other items.

Doing your own bidding slips at home:

Want to make out your own slips? Excellent! Slips are available from Audrey. You can deliver your tagged items to Audrey's or bring them to the lodge on auction night.

Bringing Items directly to the Lodge:

Bring your items to the receiving table, right next to the treasurer's table. Arrive early if you can. It may be a busy spot. Members will assist you in writing out the slips and placing your items in the appropriate area.

How auction night works:

- When you arrive, you will be assigned a "bidder number" in the foyer. It is to be used whenever you bid on an item. It goes on the left side of the slip, with your bid amount on the right side.
- If nobody has bid on the item, your bid can be equal to the "starting bid" or higher.
- Any increased bid amount must end in "0" i.e. you can raise it by 10¢, 20¢, \$1.00, etc. If any bid ends in "5", it will be rounded up by auction personnel.
- You can place a bid as soon as the item is on the table. It is handy to list the items that interest you for future reference.
- It will be announced when there is 5 minutes left for bidding.
- At auction end, everyone exits the bidding area except a highlighting crew which will highlight the winning bidder number and winning bid for each item.
- When instructed, you can re-enter the auction area and collect the items you won. Double-check that you actually did win them and that you have the correct slips. Look under the tables for useful boxes.
- Get your bids totalled by a tallier and proceed to cash.
- Cash or cheque payable to NWHS are acceptable. If you plan to pay for both Christmas tickets and auction winnings by cheque, please bring two cheques to the meeting.

What about Items that nobody bid on?

Once people have removed their won items, other treasures are often revealed. You can purchase those items at the starting bid price. Make sure you put your bidder number on the slip!! This is important. If you leave an item behind that you did not put your number on, there is no way we can identify you as the owner.

Why we want the bidding slips at auction end:

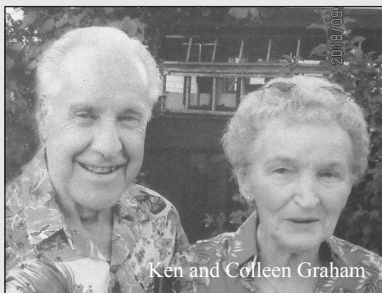
At the cashier, you will be asked to forfeit your bidding slips. This is for your own good. Every year, there are items left behind that have no slips - which means someone paid for it. But if we cannot find the matching slip for the item, we have no clue to identify the owner. Audrey contacts all owners of left behind items. Maybe not immediately as the sleuthing takes time, but she will do it.

Thank you:

The auction is a big fundraiser for NWHS. We appreciate all who donate and help with the many tasks. Most of all, we appreciate the members who bid generously. It is a fun night.

COLLEEN GRAHAM:

Colleen Graham passed away late July. Her daughter, Lori, gave a moving eulogy at the August meeting. If you didn't have the pleasure to know Colleen, and you are not sure who she was, think: front row, left side, petite, spiffy. That was her. She enjoyed the club. She liked the socializing. Colleen's garden was just like her: immaculate. She loved her garden and its individual plants --and had little patience with people who did not treat them with respect! If our garden tour was a spring tour, her garden would have been featured. Beautiful. Lots of plants for our sales came from that garden. Colleen missed her husband, Ken, who died about 9 years ago. Ken was also a club member.



TREASURER'S REPORT - August 2018

Total Revenue: \$ 207.00
Total Expenses: \$ 242.92
Details are on the bulletin board.

CONTEST ENTRIES DUE IN OCTOBER:

It is time to get serious about getting your contest entries organized...or, if you are like many of us, getting out there and taking some photos. Get that plant list for your container entry compiled. Entries for all contests are due at the October meeting (submit them at the podium). If you are unable to make the meeting, speak with Audrey about alternative arrangements.

Basic rules:

(Please refer to the detailed Contest Handout. If you can't find a hard copy, it is on the website.)

- You must be a NWHS member to participate.
- Photos must have been taken since Oct 1, 2017.
- You are allowed up to 3 entries in each photo category and for the container contest.
- Maximum photo size is 5"x7" but 4"x6" is desired due to wall space needed for the posters. Use the size that suits your composition the best. Rules for panoramas are slightly different.
- For the photo contest, do not write your name on your photos. You will get an exhibitor number in Oct.
- There are monetary prizes for the winners in each contest: First, \$15; Second, \$10; Third, \$5. One person can win no more than 2 prizes in any contest.

Photo Contest Categories:

(Please refer to Contest Handout for details.)

- *Color:* Purple. Can be any garden.
- *Visitors:* Must be own garden
- *View or Partial View:* Can be any NWHS garden.
- *Macro:* Any subject, any garden.

RAIN GARDEN HANDOUTS:

Deborah Jones spoke on Rain Gardens at our August Meeting. She distributed some excellent handouts after her presentation but, alas, demand surpassed supply. They are now electronically posted on our website, www.newwesthortsociety.org. The route to find them: "Calendar & Events"/"Meetings"/"August".

THE GARDEN BROOM SALES:

With the return of the school year comes the return of this Kwantlen Park School (Surrey) dry grad fundraiser. These are great brooms. For Audrey, it is her go-to broom for sweeping up pine needles on decks and sidewalks. If you would like a broom, Audrey will gladly take your order (and \$20/broom). The brooms will be delivered to Audrey's home for you to pick-up.

www.TheOriginalGardenBroom.com

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Lorna

It is fall! That means Christmas is just around the corner. The NWHS Christmas Party is only 3 busy months away! With our 85th Anniversary year coming up, the Executive decided to kick-start the celebrations by having a draw for a free non-transferable Christmas Party ticket this year, with the possibility of it becoming an annual tradition. At our September Executive meeting, we will draw a name from all those who have been NWHS members 20 years or more. I get the honor of contacting the lucky member prior to the October meeting. In case the person drawn cannot make the Party, we will draw a few extra names as back-ups. If your name is drawn but you cannot attend, your name will be put back in the hat for next year. This year the possible winners will have joined NWHS 1998 or earlier. Next year the cut-off will be 1999. Although the price of the catered meal has gone up, the club has increased the subsidy so that you and your guest will be paying the same as last year. Members, \$20; guest \$25. The Executive felt this is one way more members can benefit from the unexpected profits from our Boulevard Plant Sale.

NWHS CHRISTMAS COUNT-DOWN:

For some people Labour Day signals a time to change the wardrobe "No more white pants". For many in NWHS, it marks when we seriously start thinking about the club's seasonal celebrations. The menu is discussed, tickets created, calendars are consulted, mental lists are made... The executive runs the show but there are many ways members themselves can be involved—and have an enjoyable time doing so. Lots of chances for interaction with fellow members. The following highlights some activities that take place before the actual party on Dec 11th.

Donation of Christmas crafting items:

When you were looking for possible Silent Auction donations, did you come across Christmas decorations which said to you "Just why are you keeping me? You never use me!" Well, this is your chance to give those decorations a feeling of self-worth once again. Donate them to the club for use in the creation of our Christmas draw prizes. If you won something in a previous draw, don't feel inhibited to donate it back. It might be used intact as a prize, or it might be dissected for desirable parts. As with Silent Auction items, any Christmassy donations should be left at Audrey's sheltered kitchen door. Her address 117 Seventh Ave. Please include your name with the items. Thanks.

Christmas Party tickets:

Our party is on Dec 11th. If there were no party, this would be our regular meeting date. Location: the Lodge, again where we normally meet. It does start a bit earlier. Because the evening starts with a catered meal, tickets must be purchased to attend. They will be on sale at the treasurer's table at the Oct and Nov meetings—and with Ellen Berg between the meetings. 100 tickets are available. The meal is heavily subsidized by the club. The price for you: \$20 for NWHS members; \$25 for a guest. All seating is reserved. When you purchase your tickets, make sure you tell Ellen any seating preferences. In Oct, if you plan to pay for both your tickets and for auction items by cheque, please bring two cheques to facilitate keeping the monies separate. More party details next month.

Christmas Charity Nominations:

We give half of the proceeds of our Christmas Draw to charity—preferably one local and compassionate. Perhaps instead of "charity" we should say "worthy group". At our Nov meeting, we vote on who the lucky group will be. Think now: who would you like to receive the money (approx. \$400). At the Oct meeting, there will be a bucket in the kitchen for nominations.

Christmas Crafting Sessions:

Aha! The reason we solicit Christmas decorations. For the three weeks before the Christmas party, we create 80 (usually more) one-of-a-kind decorative items that are the prizes for our Christmas Party draw. Most of the prizes have a seasonal theme. The crafting sessions run from Mon, Nov 19 to Sun, Dec 9. The times available are 9am to 9pm daily. Location: Audrey's basement. Fresh materials are used during daylight hours of the final weekend. So check your calendar. Come Nov, the sign-up calendar will be available for you to reserve your spot. Very social. Lots of fun even if you consider yourself "craft challenged".

BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS FALL MEETING:

The BC Council of Garden Clubs is the umbrella organization for garden clubs, floral art groups and community gardens in BC. Besides maintaining a website, www.bcgardenclubs.com, which has a great listing of the member clubs, it holds two general meetings a year. The fall meeting is Sat, Oct 20, 9am-4pm. It has a very timely theme, "Incredible Edibles". The speakers are renowned to be first class. In fact, we often book them to later spread their news at our club. This time we get to hear Karin England, Mike Lascelle and Andrea Bellamy. Not bad for \$30 admission. The admission is \$40 (\$45 at the door) but the club subsidizes the attendance of NWHS members with \$10 each. But there is more...the price includes morning and afternoon refreshments...and one of the best buffet lunches you will ever have. If the caterers were not attached to the location, they would definitely be in the running to supply our Christmas feast. ...and then there are vendorsand then there is the grand finale, the draw. Quality prizes. Each club in attendance, plus many of the vendors, donates a prize. For the past several years, NWHS has run the draw. Not much significance to that except that it means our table(s) are first in line for the buffet. Alright you say: sign me up! Just see Ellen at the treasurer's table tonight with your \$30 in hand. No money tonight? You can still register with her until 5pm, Fri Oct 5. Give her a call, 604-525-7827. Once you have attended a few of these meetings, you can get to know members of other clubs. It's a good time to smooze with old friends and raid their club ideas.

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WELCOME TO FLORISSA ON-LINE: New for FALL 2018. (Sorry, no Christmas program for 2018.)

Instead of the old practice of hard copy handouts, you can now view the Florissa fundraiser selection and order your bulbs on-line at <https://florissafundraising.com/new-westminster-horticultural-society/> When you get to the bulb page, clicking on a picture will take you to a page with lots of that bulb's details (make sure you scroll down) and the opportunity to add to your cart. Make sure you take the free shipping option. When you order, Florissa pulls your order immediately and puts it with the total NWHS order.

THE DEADLINE FOR NWHS ORDERS IS OCTOBER 9TH, our meeting date. Audrey will pick-up the orders soon after the deadline.

The club gets 50% of our order value!

DON'T LIKE TO ORDER ON-LINE? Audrey is willing to submit your order on your behalf. Fill out the order form below and give it to Audrey with your money. Any cheques should be made out to "Audrey Barnes".

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____

	BULB NAME	PRICE	# PKT	TOTAL \$
A	Allium Atropurpureum (2 bulbs)	\$6.00		
B	Allium Purple Sensation (5 bulbs)	\$6.00		
C	Anemone Blanda Mix (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
D	Anemone Blue Poppy (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
E	Chionodoxa Forbesii (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
F	Colourful Companions—Blueberry Swirl Collection (16 bulbs)	\$12.50		
G	Colourful Companions—Hello Spring Collection (12 bulbs)	\$12.50		
H	Colourful Companions—Spring Has Sprung Collection (15 bulbs)	\$12.50		
I	Colourful Companions—Sun Shower Collection (14 bulbs)	\$12.50		
J	Crocus Large Flowering Mix (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
K	Iris Sapphire Beauty (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
L	Muscari Big Smile (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
M	Narcissus Geranium (5 bulbs)	\$6.00		
N	Narcissus Mix (20 bulbs)	\$12.50		
O	Narcissus Queen's Delight (5 bulbs)	\$6.00		
P	Narcissus Yellow Cheerfulness (5 bulbs)	\$6.00		
Q	Scilla Campanulata Mix (10 bulbs)	\$6.00		
R	Tulip Ballerina (6 bulbs)	\$6.00		
S	Tulip Canadian Celebration (6 bulbs)	\$6.00		
T	Tulip Rainbow Mix (20 bulbs)	\$12.50		

ORDER TOTAL