

Newsletter



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TIME TO PAUSE AND RE-GROUP:

The time has come to reflect on the great club events of the last two months and brace ourselves for the activities of fall and winter. The show, tour & picnic were all great successes. It's time to take a breather before we are into the Silent Auction and Christmas celebrations. Let's sit back and enjoy the rest of summer.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lorna

In past issues of my President's Corner I have written about attracting hummingbirds and beneficial insects to your garden. What about the opposite, discouraging certain pesky wildlife from your garden! I am talking about squirrels, raccoons, skunks, rats, mice, voles and maybe even deer that tend to wreak havoc by eating veggies & fruit and digging up and eating bulbs! Generally, the same sort of method disuades them all. Clean up your yard; scare them; repel them; take away food sources and possibly build a barrier to keep them out. The internet is a great resource to find deterrents for specific animals. Chili peppers and mint are said to repel squirrels; mint and catnip repel rats and mice; ammonia and moth balls tend to repel raccoons and skunks. When planting your fall bulbs remove any planting debris to rob squirrels of the scent clues. We quite often mulch our plants and bulbs to help to retain soil moisture, maintain cooler soil temperatures in the summer and to keep it warmer in the winter. With fall mulching it is best to wait to mulch your fall planted bulbs until the weather is colder. If you mulch too soon you will create overly warm soil that may promote disease and mildew. Also, premature mulching will give a warm cozy place for mice, voles and rats to bury into and create their nests. Keeping animals out can be a serious challenge as they can be very persistent. Good luck.



BRING TO SHARE:

September is the month for our Fall Bring to Share. This is the counter-event to our Spring Bring to Share that we had in April. You are invited to bring something to share with other members. This is a participation event, not a judged event like the July show. Everyone who brings in an exhibit, gets his/her name put in a draw for one of the three participation prizes of \$5.

As in April, areas of display are:

Garden glory: Beautiful or unusual plants, blooms or foliage from your garden

Photos: Garden related

Great tips: Can even be from a book
Garden design: Got a question or have plans to show?

Plant identification: Should I toss it or keep it? Bring in the plant, or a leaf, or even a photo

Insects: What is this? What did this? Please keep specimens enclosed

Weeds & diseases: Please keep infected materials enclosed in plastic

Other: Anything that doesn't fit into the above categories.

In addition, there will be areas for:

Garden Gals: a special exhibit of some of their creations

Botanical Prints: creations from the June Botanical Print workshop.

NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTATION:

We get another chance to be wowed by Amanda Jarrett. She was our scheduled speaker for our ill-fated February meeting that had to be cancelled due to snow. She is an extremely qualified horticulturalist and educator. Clients of her business, Amanda's Garden Consulting Company, range from novice gardeners to professional landscapers. Check out her website: www.TheGardenRoom.com. Very interesting and informative. Make sure you leave a little time to explore. Next month she will be talking about "Garden Mistakes and Misconceptions". There will be a lot of "Been there, done that!" going through our minds.



Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 13, 7:30pm

Speaker: Conway Lum and Carole Forsythe on "Lawns: the pros and cons of keeping the green or tossing the turf"

Mark Your Calendar

Plant a Row, Grow a Row Produce Drop Off:

Every Sunday, 8:30-9:15

St. Thomas More Collegiate entrance
7450 12th Ave, Burnaby

Vancouver Dahlia Society Annual Show:

Sat, Aug 31, 1-5pm; Sun, Sept 1, noon-3:30pm - VanDusen Floral Hall

Admission by donation (does not include admission to the Garden)
www.vancouverdahliasociety.com

NWHS Regular Sept Meeting:

Tues, Sept 10, 7:30pm

Speaker: Amanda Jarrett on "Garden Mistakes & Misconceptions"
Fall Bring to Share

CanWest Hort Show:

Wed, Sept 25, 10-5; Thurs, Sept 26, 10-4, Abbotsford Tradex
(see article)

Glenbrooke Ravine

Invasive Species Removal:

Sat, Sept 28, 10am-1pm
(see article)

Florissa Fundraising Deadline:

Tues, Oct 1, midnight.
(see article)

NWHS Regular October Meeting:

Tues, Oct 8, 7:30pm

Our Annual Silent Auction
Submission of Container & Photo Contest Entries

BC Council of Garden Clubs

Fall Meeting:

Sat, Oct 26, 9am-4pm
(see article)



TREASURER'S REPORT - July 2019

Total revenue: \$258.05

Total expenses: \$766.43

See the bulletin board for details.

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JULY SHOW:

What a fantastic showbench! 25 members brought in 102 exhibits. You are growing some beautiful plants and luscious edibles. Unbelievable Floral Art. Congratulations to all who brought in exhibits and further kudos to those who won ribbons. Many thanks to Jennifer Zuk for judging. So many excellent exhibits presented a challenge. It was a pleasure for all to view the exhibits.

Members' Choice Awards:

As selected by ballot vote, the following were picked as the favourite in each of the broad categories:

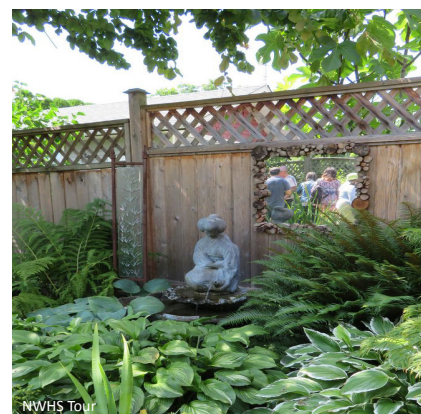
Flowers: Dan Tessaro with his vivid Eryngium 'Sapphire Blue' (sea holly)

Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs: Tammy Chambers with her plump garlic

Floral Art: Rhonda Malyuk with her Lemon-Lime Twist masterpiece

Participation Ribbons:

Competition	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Alliums	Audrey Barnes		
Clematis	Marilyn Aldworth	Marilyn Aldworth	Susan Tamkin
Daisy-like Flowers	Dana Nowak		
Daylily	Audrey Barnes	Freda Heinrichs	Karen Hasselfelt
Dianthus	Shelagh Penty	Audrey Barnes	
Fuschia	Dana Nowak	Audrey Barnes	Jean Johnson
Gladiolus	Marielle Gauvin		
Hosta	Audrey Barnes		
Lily	Susan Tamkin		
Pansies, Violas	Lesia Gojda		
Phlox	Dana Nowak	Jean Johnson	Lesia Gojda
Roses, single flower	Susan Tamkin	Marilyn Aldworth	
Spathes	Audrey Barnes	Audrey Barnes	
Hydrangea	Kathy Wilford	Deirdre Antonelli	Terri Clark-Kveton
Potted Plant	Dan Tessaro	Marian Cook	Terri Clark-Kveton
Annual not listed	Shelagh Penty	Dana Nowak	Audrey Barnes
Flower not listed	Dan Tessaro	Karen Hasselfelt	Marg Boon
Pod Vegetables	Julia Goulden	Audrey Barnes	Audrey Barnes
Garlic	Tammy Chambers		
Root Vegetables	Julia Goulden	Tammy Chambers	Tammy Chambers
Kale	Karen Hasselfelt	Jean Johnson	
Lettuce	Dana Nowak	Terri Clark-Kveton	Karen Hasselfelt
Egyptian Onion	Audrey Barnes		
Herbs	Susan Tamkin	Terri Clark-Kveton	
Tomatoes	Lorna Cloutier	Karen Hasselfelt	Tammy Chambers
Blueberries	Dan Tessaro	Lesia Gojda	
Raspberries	Lesia Gojda	Jean Johnson	Julia Goulden
Berries not listed	Dan Tessaro	Dan Tessaro	
Tree Fruits	Debra Sales		
Other veg, herb, fruit	Tammy Chambers	Susan Tamkin	
Baby Shower	Audrey Barnes		
Lemon-Lime Twist	Rhonda Malyuk	Marian Cook	Silina Nakatsu
Sticks & Stones	Sherri Summers	Sherri Summers	Debra Sales
Miniature in Egg Cup	Audrey Barnes	Debra Sales	Lesia Gojda
Time Passes	Audrey Barnes		



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SILENT AUCTION:

October is Silent Auction month. The room will be filled with donated items for you to skulk through and bid on. If you like thrift stores and garage sales, it will be mecca for you. It serves a dual purpose: entice members to “get rid of stuff” while making a bit of money for the club coffers. Most of the material is pre-processed and pre-organized in Audrey’s basement to enhance the evening’s enjoyment.

Rumor has it that 2019 will be the final year that Audrey will be collecting and pre-processing auction items. How this fundraiser (and “fun meeting” to many) will morph has yet to be determined. If you have any ideas, the suggestion box is on the head table near the podium.

That said, let’s make this auction the best ever. It is a great excuse for cleaning out your shed, cupboards, attic—wherever you stored those items that you thought you might use but never have. If you have donations, leave them at Audrey’s sheltered back kitchen door (up the concrete steps, not at the basement door). Please include your name in case we are challenged in identifying an item. Audrey lives at 117 Seventh Ave. She is prepared to accept donations now. Further details and pleas for help will be coming next month. Meanwhile, if you have a question, ask Audrey.

Auction donation guidelines:

- No fragrance
- If glittery, enclose in plastic
- No computer components
- No clothes (unless unique or suitable for Hallowe’en)
- No books that are in rough shape.
- For large items, leave the item at home, take a picture, make a small poster.

When in doubt, talk with Audrey.



Picnic at Audrey and Steve's

SEED EXCHANGE:

This is a classic “member share with member” activity. You collect seeds from your garden, drop them off at the fireplace table, Richard re-packages them for pick-up by other members on the free table.

With plants maturing in your gardens, now is the best time to consider harvesting some seed for the exchange. Harvesting is easy. Here are some guidelines.

- As you want seed with good genetics, collect seeds from prime specimens.
- Wait for seeds to mature on the plant. Un-ripe seeds will not germinate.
- Harvest seeds when it is dry (aim for mid-day or early afternoon) to prevent mould.
- Use paper bags or envelopes which allow moisture to escape. It is easiest to write the plant data when the bag/envelope is empty & flat. Include plant name (botanical/common), colour, height, spread, sun or shade, date collected, any germination hints and your name.
- Use a bag/envelope large enough to hold complete seedheads and to allow seed to dry completely. It can be shaken periodically to release the seeds.
- Do not worry about getting every seed the plant produces.
- Tape all small holes in the corners of your bag/envelope to prevent escapes.

TOUR & PICNIC:

Was it just a month ago that we enjoyed the gardens and feast? The weatherman really came through for us.

What a super group of garden hosts: Jim, Daphne, Gina, Kyle, Adrian, Jason, Ricky, Susan, Margaret, Claude, Mike, Louise, Ingrid, Ron. Amazing gardens. All so very different. Thank you very much for letting us briefly enjoy your bits of paradise.

The feast was outstanding. Most delectable offerings. Thanks everyone. Our members know tasty food. We had a repeat winner in the Garden Stumps contest: Karen Hasselfelt, once again with a score of 16. Congratulations, Karen.

LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Allowable lawn sprinklering times:

Even addresses: 4am-9am Wed, Sat
Odd addresses: 4am-9am Thurs, Sun
Watering trees, shrubs & flowers with a sprinkler is okay any day, from 4am to 9am

CANWEST HORT SHOW:

This is Western Canada’s premiere horticultural trade show. It is where wholesalers show retailers the latest they have to offer. It is not a show where you can actually purchase items but if you see something you are interested in, you can inquire about which retailers will be carrying it. For the people in the business, there are several workshops & seminars and an enticing Best of the Fraser Valley Tour—but the fees are steep. If you just want to attend the show (look at the booths and take in the “free” activities), the early bird cost is \$20; after Sept 6, \$25. To register go to www.canwesthortexpo.com. Check on “2019 Show Brochure” to be wowed by the complexity of the industry—and to get a peak at what you can view with your “cheap” pass.

GLENBROOK RAVINE RESTORATION:

Of all the stops on our garden tour, this one was the most awe inspiring. Hiking up to the work site, the massive infestation of invasive species was more than obvious. Then we came to the area where volunteers had been working. What a difference. It was like a clear-cut. To complete the whole ravine is a daunting task but kudos to Kyle Rutledge in leading the crew on getting the job started. You could see how the planted native plants in the previously cleared area are thriving. Before the work party on Sept 28, New West Parks will get a crew in to remove blackberry top growth (easily over 10 feet high in places). Then volunteers (you?) will dig up and lug out roots. Sounds like rewarding work. This will be the final removal session for 2019. On Oct 26, native species will be planted in the newly cleared area.

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BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS:

Last fall, when BC Council's affiliated clubs voted Eric Hees as incoming president, we knew he was full of enthusiasm for the evolution of the Council. It started right away with members in attendance brainstorming what they would like from the organization. The council executive has been hot on the tasks.

The Bulletin Newsletter has been re-born. Since it was discontinued in April 2016, it has been sadly missed as a conduit of news between clubs and from the executive to the membership. It is now available on-line. The cost of snail mailing was a main reason for its demise. It will be published every two months. If you would like it in your in-box, it is easy to subscribe. Go to www.bcgardenclubs.com, click on "Resources" and then on "The Bulletin Newsletter". The introductory paragraph invites you to subscribe.

The General Meetings have a new location. Although the Firefighter's Hall was a great location, it was expensive.

Each of the meetings there had to be subsidized by the council. Hopefully the move to Bonsor Banquet Hall at the Bonsor Community Centre will help. It is a less expensive but larger venue. It should be ample for more vendors, a floral competition, the draw as well as room for breakout workshops.

There is a push to make the Council meetings more ecologically sensitive. New vendors will share the eco-friendly approach. Attendees (you) will be asked to bring their own meal kit (plate, cutlery, soup bowl, mug) to reduce the ecological footprint and ease overhead.

In line with the theme of the 2019 fall meeting being eco-awareness, the keynote speaker, Dr Richard Hebda, will talk about climate change and its implications for gardeners. The second speaker will be Nicholas Wong of the Invasive Species Council. He will be updating us on the Japanese Beetle problem. Also, in both morning and

afternoon, there will be workshops on how to enhance the viability and vitality of the member clubs. For detailed information on the meeting, follow these links on the council website: Events/Oct 26 BC Council Meeting/ Early Bird Registration--and scroll down to below the area where they ask for money. A detail of interest: due to its popularity at the spring meeting, the Floral Art competition will be returning. You might consider entering. NWHS will be running the draw.

As has been NWHS policy, our club is again subsidizing the attendance of NWHS members at the council meeting. The subsidy is \$10. If you tell Ellen, our treasurer, that you are interested in attending and get your money to her by Sept 15, you will qualify for the subsidy. Your cost to attend via this route will be \$30: \$40 (reg early bird rate) less \$10 NWHS subsidy. Ellen will register you. After Sept 15, the subsidy offer expires. You can still attend but you must register on your own. Up to Sept 27, the cost is \$40; after that date, the cost will be \$45.



FLORISSA FALL FUNDRAISING:

Yes, the computer glitches have been resolved. We are participating this fall. This is a fundraiser for NWHS. The club retains 50% of the list price of all purchases through our webpage. Check it out: www.florissafundraising.com/new-westminster-horticultural-society. If you have book-marked the site, make sure you hit refresh for both the "home" and "go shopping" pages. The deadline to order through our Florissa webpage is midnight Tues, Oct 1. If you have friends who take advantage of the free shipping through NWHS, please make them aware that their order will be shipped to Audrey Barnes' address in New Westminster. She will alert everyone when she gets the filled orders. Orders must be made over the internet. If you have qualms about doing so, Audrey will place your order for you. Taxes are added at check-out.

It seems they heard us: the selection is much more enticing than with recent offerings. Here is a tease but you really need to go to the webpage to view them in their colourful glory:

Allium Azureum: 10 bulbs/\$6
Blue spheres, 24", late
Allium Purple Sensation: 5 bulbs/\$6
Purple spheres, 36", late
Ballroom Blitz Tulips: 14 bulbs/\$14
Mix of deep pink and purple lily shaped tulips, 18", late
Crocus Large Flowering Mix: 40 bulbs/\$14
Mix of purple, yellow, white & striped, 6", early
Fairy Garden: 30 bulbs/\$14
Red & white 10" tulips, purple crocus, early
Glory of the Snow-Forbesii Chionodoxa: 10 bulbs/\$6
Blue, 6", mid
Joyful Hearts Tulips: 12 bulbs/\$16
Double bloom mix: deep pink & deep peach, 18", mid
Magic Carpet Ride: 30 bulbs/\$14
Muscari mix of blue tones, 6", mid
Narcissus Bantam: 5 bulbs/\$6
Vivid yellow with simple red-rimmed orange cup, 18", mid
Narcissus Delnashaugh: 5 bulbs/\$6
Double soft white with frilly double cup of blush-pink & white, 14", mid
Narcissus Ice Follies: 5 bulbs/\$6
White with frilly simple yellow/white cup, 16", mid

Narcissus King Alfred Type: 20 bulbs/\$14
Classic all yellow trumpet narcissus, 14", mid
Narcissus Mix: 20 bulbs/\$14, 16", mid
Narcissus Tete a Tete: 20 bulbs/\$14
Simple yellow with golden orange cup, 6", mid
Prince Trio Tulip Mix: 16 bulbs/\$14
Pink, purple, yellow mix in classic shape, 18", mid
Puschkinia Striped Squill: 20 bulbs/\$6
Light blue striped with deep blue, 6", mid
Snowdrop Single: 20 bulbs/\$14
The classic, 4", early
Sun Shower Mix: 14 bulbs/\$14
Yellow & orange double narcissus and bright orange & yellow tulips, 16", mid
Tulip Canadian Liberator: 6 bulbs/\$6
Classic single red named for the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII, 22", mid
Tulip Flaming Purissima: 6 bulbs/\$6
Classic single starts white with pink red feathering, ages to more pink, 16", mid
Tulip Queen of the Night: 6 bulbs/\$6
Classic single (almost) black, 24", late
Rainbow Tulip Mix: 20 bulbs/\$14
A mix of colours in classic single shape, 24", mid