

Newsletter



“PARTY TIME IS HERE AGAIN!”

Alrighty, lets get to it!
Thanks go out to all who make this evening possible:

- Your club executive who evaluated past parties and planned how to make this one even better
- Austin Caterers for the feast
- New West Parks Greenhouse for the big poinsettia
- Linda Turnbull for the beautiful party favors
- Micheline Ipperseil for fine-tuning the room decoration
- Merril Hall for her calligraphy
- Audrey Barnes for the quiz
- The numerous elves who created the prizes
- The transport and set-up crews
- Frank Seki and Dan Tessaro for attending bar
- Sharon Seki, Carla Sharp and Claude leDoux for running the draw
- For all in attendance for coming—it ain't no party if nobody comes!
- Let's party!

CHRISTMAS GIVING:

Aunt Leah's Place: This charity was voted, at our Nov meeting, to be the recipient of half of tonight's Christmas Draw. It is New Westminster Based. For over 30 years, it has been proactively working at the "entry" and "exit" points of the foster care system. First, by helping low-income families maintain custody of their children, thus helping to reduce the number of children & youth going into government care. Second, by working with foster youth readying them to "age out", giving supports similar to what modern parents give their own children who are transitioning into adulthood.

The Food Bank: Thank you for your donation of non-perishables this evening. Please place yours in the bins in the foyer. If you forgot your offering tonight, drop it off at Audrey's back kitchen door (117 Seventh Ave) before the weekend. Many thanks. Let's share our good fortune.

The Santa Larry Christmas Toy Drive: In memory of Larry Tamkin, former NWHS member and for 45 years Santa, Royal City Centre (6th & 6th) holds an

annual toy drive. Until Dec 22, you can drop unwrapped toys or other gifts at the mall's "visit Santa Claus" area during the photo shoot hours (Fri 2-9pm, Sat 11am-5pm; Sun noon-4pm). Recipients of the donations range in age from toddler to teens. Of course, monetary donations are welcome. If writing a cheque, make it out to the New Westminster Firefighters Charitable Society in Santa Larry's name. Like last year, the toys will be dispersed to the pediatric ward at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster Family Place, the Lower Mainland Purpose Society and St. Barnabas Church.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas and a
happy New Year
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy
New Year.
Now bring us a figgy pudding,
Now bring us a figgy pudding,
Now bring us a figgy pudding and
a cup of good cheer.
We won't go 'til we've got some,
We won't go 'til we've got some,
We won't go 'til we've got some, so
bring some out here.
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas and
a happy New Year.*



TREASURER'S REPORT - Nov 2019

Total Revenue: \$399.70
Total Expenses: \$392.19

Tonight's Meeting

NWHS Christmas Celebration
Tues, Dec 10, 6pm-9pm
Buffet dinner, 6:30-7:30

Mark Your Calendar

VanDusen Garden Festival of Lights
Hours vary. Save & avoid the line by purchasing tickets on-line. A limited number of tickets are available on-line and at the gate for each night.
www.vandusenfestivaloflights.ca

NATURE Larger than Life:

Ongoing to Jan 4
Queensborough Community Centre
920 Ewen Ave
A presentation by the Garden Gals

The Heat is On: Keeping Warm Then, Keeping Cool Now

Ongoing to May 3
New Westminster Museum
3rd floor, Anvil Centre
www.nwmuseumarchives.ca

NWHS First Regular Meeting of 2020

Tues, Feb 11, 2020
Speaker to be announced
Memberships due & payable (\$15)

YOUR 2020 NWHS EXECUTIVE:

The only business covered in our Nov AGM was the election of the 2020 club executive. All positions were filled by acclamation. Looks like a good crew!

President: Lorna Cloutier
Vice-President: Diane Perry
Secretary: Heather Corbet
Treasurer: Terry Koziel
Members-at-Large:
Marilyn Aldworth
Terri Clark-Kveton
Trudy Findlay
Lea McDonald
Ingrid Milne
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New Westminster Horticultural Society

December 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Lorna

Merry Christmas to All!

As I look back at 2019, I see a group of people who have become good friends while making NWHs the successful club it is. A big thank you goes out to the many members who have generously given their time to enhance our club. We are all thankful to the following:

- Our Refreshment Committee that made the tea & coffee each meeting, and to the many members who brought goodies
- Our Fundraising Committee that looked after the Monthly In-House Plant Sale, including the occasional member who stepped in to help them. This Sale would not be possible without the members who donated plants or other items each month.
- The Fundraising Committee, under Plant Sale Chair Sharon Seki, were a big part of our successful Spring Plant Sale along with countless other members who donated plants, helped with set-up, manned the sale tables and received the money!
- Sharon Seki and Carla Sharp (and occasional assistants) who looked after our Draws
- This year we had our 85th Anniversary Celebration and a big thanks goes to the special committee that organized the event including speakers, prizes, food and room décor.
- All the members who participated in the planting of the Sapperton Pollinator Garden, our 85th Anniversary project that was coordinated with the City by Diane Perry.
- Terry Rammell who volunteered to introduce many of us to the fascinating world of Botanical Printing.
- The Executive, in their many roles, that kept our club moving along. All had portfolios in which they excelled.
- Audrey Barnes for the many things she looked after (Florissa, Silent Auction, Garden Tour & Picnic, Shows & Contests to name a few) and the members that assisted her and participated in these endeavours
- The Dierdre & Dan Antonelli Duo who headed up the phoning crew, kept our nametags organized and set up the projector for each meeting...and for the members who keenly jumped in when occasional technical help was needed.

- The Garden Hosts who welcomed us on our Annual Garden Tour
- The many elves who made the Christmas draw prizes thus enabling us to donate to our selected charity.
- The seed exchange made possible by donations from members and Richard Harrison who packaged them.
- Our newsletter editor, Meighan Scott, and our webpage editor, Gillian Escalante.

My apologies if I missed someone or something in which you may have helped. All in all, the members make the club. NWHs is lucky to have so many keepers. If you haven't had the experience of volunteering for NWHs, we welcome your participation in the various committees or events. New people are always needed. Let's make 2020 memorable.

PHOTO & CONTAINER CONTESTS:

When you look at and admire the photos displayed on the wall, think about what you could share with your fellow club members by taking pictures. What do those beautifully calligraphed envelopes contain? Winners get \$15, Second place \$10, Third Place \$5 and Honorable Mention \$2. Congratulations to all who entered and, especially, those who leave with the envelopes.

THE WINNERS:

PHOTO CONTEST:

Visitors in the Garden

1. Marya McLellan
 2. Brenda Fairfax
 3. Gillian Escalante
- Honorable Mention: Sharon Seki

Garden Colour: Bluish-Green

1. Audrey Barnes
2. Diane Escalante
3. Audrey Barnes

NWHs Garden View

1. Audrey Barnes
 2. Diane Escalante
 3. Linda Turnbull
- Honorable Mention: Brenda Fairfax

Macro Image

1. Brenda Fairfax
 2. Linda Turnbull
 3. Diane Escalante
- Honorable Mention: Audrey Barnes

CONTAINER CONTEST:

1. Linda Turnbull
2. Terri Clark-Kveton
3. Terri Clark-Kveton

JUDGING THE CONTESTS:

For the container contest, all the entries (photos, plant lists, criteria for plant choice) were posted on the wall at our Nov meeting. All in attendance voted for their favorite. For the photo contest, all entries were passed over to our photo judge, Kevin Hudkins (not a NWHs member) for evaluation. He also did some minor switching of photos into different categories such as in or out of the macro category. His reasons for choosing each winner are posted on the wall. Thank you, Kevin. Check out his photos on-line at www.flickr.com/photos/prestidigitize.

KEVIN'S GENERAL COMMENTS ON JUDGING THE 2019 PHOTO CONTEST:

Congratulations to all the participants for the thought and effort invested in taking these photographs: I always find photography makes me look at things differently, and that's a good thing.

In some cases, it was pleasantly difficult to choose the winning entries. This was particularly true for the Macro category, where I could cheerfully have chosen a top ten instead of just four.

I noticed some very positive aspects in all the categories: good subject placement that was balanced and interesting; dynamic lines that lead the eye well, making it clear where the viewer should look; using a shallow depth of field to separate subject from background, and placing the subject against the background such that it enhances the subject with contrast or colour.

Some topics that should always be kept in mind when shooting: the focus needs to be exactly right, and this requires particular care in macro shots, where the depth of field is very shallow and the details are terribly important; evaluate the background and decide if it's busy or distracting; be aware of your exposure where a bright background makes the subject too dark and we lose some of the important details; decide what the subject actually is, or alternatively have good leading lines that lead the viewer's gaze into the image.

I would like to thank the New Westminster Horticultural Society for inviting me to again participate in this year's photo contest. I had a very enjoyable time viewing the entries. Congratulations to the winners, and to everyone for taking an interest in photography and working to improve their skills.