

# Newsletter



## TONIGHT IS SHOW NIGHT!

Strange weather recently, eh? That is why our show schedule has such a wide range of classes. We never know from one year to next, what will be at its prime on the 2nd Tuesday of July. For many of our plants, their growth cycle is at least 2 weeks behind. Other plants got toasted by sizzling weather. Very strange. This just increases the anticipation of what will be on the showbench tonight. Congratulations to all who accepted "what is is what is" and gathered entries to show.

### Exhibiting is Easy:

1. Go to the check-in table to receive your personal Exhibitor Number and an exhibit slip for each of your entries.
2. Write your "Exhibitor Number" in the box at the top of the slip. Your name is not put on the slip.
3. Refer to the show schedule for the "Class Number". It goes in the appropriate box.
4. If you know the specific name or variety of your exhibit, write that in the "Exhibit Description" space. Some classes require this, others do not. If it is not required, this space may be left empty.
5. Place your exhibit with its slip on the showbench in the area specified by its class number.

### Class Placement Ribbons:

These are awarded for First, Second & Third Place for each of the individual classes. Which exhibit gets what ribbon is determined by Jennifer Zuk, our judge. It is possible she may award a tie or not award a ribbon if she thinks the entry quality does not deserve it. It is possible, that for the more general classes, entries may be subdivided and ribbons awarded to each of these new sub-classes. The "Judge's Comments" space on the slip is reserved for Jennifer. While she is judging please do not touch any of the exhibits and allow her plenty of room. Please do not talk with her until after judging is completed. Thank you.

### Voting for Members' Choice Awards:

Everyone gets to vote for his/her favorite in each of the 3 general categories. You have 3 colored ballots. To make your vote count, you must use the right colour for each category. Table signs and ballot bucket lids are coordinated with ballot colours.

- PINK for Flowers: Classes 1 to 26
- GREEN for Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits: Classes 27 to 41
- ORANGE for Floral Art: Classes 42 to 46

There is ONLY ONE NUMBER on an exhibit slip that is unique to the exhibit. It is the one at the bottom. Use this 3-digit number when voting.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Your personal EXHIBITOR NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLASS NUMBER from the Show Schedule
EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION:	
JUDGE'S COMMENTS:	
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>Use THIS NUMBER to vote!</b></p> </div>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXHIBIT NUMBER Use this number when voting for Best in Show

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lorna:

Everyone's favourite bird seems to be the little hummingbird. Anna hummingbirds are enjoyed here year-round. Rufous visit us in the spring and summer. We all love seeing them in our gardens and at our feeders. Their enthusiasm for life is an instant pick-up. Did you know there is more to attracting hummingbirds than just feeders and flowers? Flowers, especially orange and red and tubular, are important to draw them into your yard. Native plants including annuals, perennials, vines, shrubs and trees are said to be the best as they tend to attract a greater concentration of insects and spiders that hummingbirds need to feed on and take back to their young. Insects give them the protein needed to build their bodies and grow their feathers. An article I read suggests hanging a bowl of over-ripe fruit or banana peels near a feeder to attract fruit flies. Trees and shrubbery give them places to build nests and to hide from predators. Hummingbirds like perches to rest on or to survey their territory. They can be quite territorial. They also like water to bathe in so ensure you have a constant supply of water from a drip fountain or mister. An important tip on feeders is to ensure you have easy access so you can keep them clean and filled. They should be cleaned at least once a week and more often in hot weather. There are many websites that offer suggestions on the best plants to grow to attract these little gems as well as how to care for feeders.



## Tonight's Meeting

Tues, July 9, 7:30pm  
Annual In-Club Show  
Speaker: Nicholas Wong on "The Japanese Beetle, *Popillia japonica*, in Vancouver"  
Picnic sign-up

## Mark Your Calendar

**NWHS Garden Tour & Pot-Luck Picnic**  
Sat, July 13, Tour: 12:40; Picnic 4:30  
Rain or shine (see article)

### Plant a Row, Grow a Row

#### Produce Drop Off:

Every Sunday, 8:30-9:15  
St. Thomas More Colligate entrance  
7450 12th Ave, Burnaby

When you drop off your home grown (or even purchased) produce, enjoy the camaraderie of others in admiring what people are contributing. All donations go toward feeding the less fortunate in New West.

### New West Farmers Market

Every Thursday, 3pm-7pm  
Tipperary Park (next to City Hall)  
www.newwestfarmers.ca

### Vancouver Shade Garden Society Annual Show

Sat, July 20, 10am-4pm  
Hunter's Garden Centre  
2560 West Broadway, Vancouver  
www.facebook.com/vancouvershadegardensociety  
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### BC Fuchsia, Begonia & Geranium Club Annual Show & Competition

Sat, July 27, 10am-5pm  
VanDusen Botanical Garden Floral Hall  
www.bcfuchsiasociety.com  
fran@694-591-3262  
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### NWHS Regular August Meeting

Tues, Aug 13, 7:30pm  
Speakers: Conway Lum and Carole Forsythe on "Lawns: the pros and cons of keeping the green or tossing the turf"

### 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

# New Westminster Horticultural Society July 2019

## NWHS GARDEN TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

Sat July 13.

Tour 12:40pm; picnic, 4:30pm

Both events go rain-or-shine.

### THE TOUR:

Originally, the NWHS garden tour was members opening their gardens for other members to view. This year only two members gardens are on the tour. The search was on to find sites. Compiling the gardens was a team effort this year. Thank you, team! We will visit two public gardens and several residential. The home gardens are very personal, each reflects the interests and lifestyles of the owners. Thank you, garden hosts.

All NWHS members and their adult friends (no kids, no pets please) are invited to enjoy our tour. The gardens will be visited in sequence, according to the map/itinerary. The map is your ticket for the tour. The lack of an electronic version keeps our tour private. If you did not get one tonight, contact Audrey.

### The Gardens:

Here's a tease of what you can expect:

- The NWHS Pollinator Garden at Sapperton Park.
- Probably the most delightful streetscape in New West...plus a peak into back gardens.
- The Glenbrook Ravine Restoration project, plus the Ravine gardens.
- An airy assortment of plants melded into a setting enjoyed by bees, birds, beasts and humans.
- A private enclosed bit of perfection.
- A "how do they grow it like that?" plus "what is that?" masterpiece.
- English country garden street-side, family space and veggies/fruits at the rear
- A mix of formal & informal, all so liveable.

### Tour Guidelines:

- *Carpool.* Close parking maybe at a premium. "Drop-Off & Park" might be necessary. Obey all parking regulations, unless permission is outlined in the map/itinerary handout.
- *Keep to the time schedule.* Do not arrive earlier or leave a garden later than on the itinerary. If you find yourself behind timewise, skip a garden and then re-join the tour at a time stated on the itinerary. Be considerate to our garden hosts who probably want to join the tour themselves.
- *Bring your own water.* The club is not supplying water en-route.
- *Bring a sunhat and sunscreen*

### TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2019

Total Revenue: \$491.96

Total Expenses: \$500.79

See bulletin board details.

- *Bring your camera.* Photos of the Pollinator Garden, le Doux/Michielsen, Milne and Barnes gardens are eligible for the garden view category of photo contest.

### THE POT-LUCK PICNIC:

The picnic starts at 4:30 which means that at that time we hope to have the coffee on, punch made and chairs out for you to collapse into. It is in the backyard of 117 Seventh Ave. As a friendly gesture to the neighbours, please carpool. The picnic is open to club members, their families and close friends. Although kids are welcome, the event is adult oriented. No pets please. As we plan to eat at 5:15, it would be great if everyone will have arrived by then.

### Picnic Sign-Up:

There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic. The sheet is at the head table tonight and with Audrey after tonight. Please tell her if you plan on attending or if your plans change. On the sheet we ask for the number of people in your party and what dish you plan to bring. Please provide details, eg if bringing a salad, don't just check off salad—specify what kind of salad. The question of "how big?" is often asked. If a salad, enough for 10 people would be ideal. The club supplies coffee, tea, non-alcoholic punch, wine and water. If you would like to drop off your dish before the tour, Audrey will have left the house by 12:30. If bringing something for the fridge, select a serving dish with a small footprint. Early drop-off of coolers is welcome.

### "Bring to Picnic" Check-List:

- Your pot-luck offering in a serving dish, with serving utensils
- A plate, knife & fork. A wine glass if you cringe at drinking from a jelly jar. A note re the jelly jars: it's fun to go informal.
- Do not bring a chair.
- *Your name must be on everything you bring.*

### Can We Borrow?

If you can loan us these items, please tell Audrey. All loaned items should be on site by Thurs.

- *Chairs:* Depending on the numbers, we might need additional chairs. Do you have a stash of stackable plastic chairs? We prefer not to have single chairs from several people. A stack from one or two people makes returning them easy.
- *Canopies:* In case of inclement weather (aka rain—yikes!) we will be using canopies. If you have one we could borrow, please tell us. Thanks. We will dry it before returning it to you.

### Picnic set-up:

If you would like to help set-up, great! Talk with Audrey. Thanks.

- Thurs: all picnic supplies except potluck delivered to 117
- Fri, 3-5pm: major set-up: hang the tarp, arrange tables & chairs
- Sat, 11:30: final tweaking

- Sat, 4:30: tablecloths spread, get beverages ready.

### Garden Stumps:

This fun competition was initiated to get people moving about the garden and interacting. The contest sheet has a list of plant names and a list of word association clues. 20 plants are numbered in the garden. When you identify each plant, put its number by the appropriate name. Then match each plant name with the correct word association clue. You can work as a single contestant or as part of a team of 2 people. Electronic assistance is not permitted! The winner(s) get their names "engraved" on the coveted Trophy.

### CONTACTS:

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### NOW IS PHOTO TAKING TIME:

Now is the prime time to take pictures for the club's photo and container contests in October. Pick up the detailed two-sided contest handout in the foyer.

**Container Contest:** Show us your container creations. You can enter 3 containers, each entry can have up to 3 photos.

**Photo Contest:** You can enter 3 photos in each of these categories:

- *Color in the Garden:* Bluish-Green, including images ranging from pale bluish glauca to intense turquoise/teal. Photo must be of bluish-green plant material. Can be taken in any garden.
- *Garden Visitor:* Photo of something living or representation of something living in your own garden.
- *View of a NWHS Garden:* Can be an overall or partial view of any NWHS member's garden.
- *Macro Image:* A macro photo of any subject matter in any garden. Macro photos can only be entered in the macro category.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:

As gardeners, taking care of the environment should be second nature. Please recycle tonight. Also, we urge you to bring your own mug for refreshments.

*An incentive:* bring your own mug and buy a draw ticket—you will get another draw ticket for free.