



HA! WE DID IT! SOLD OUT!!!

Those plants sure went fast! One minute we were grumbling about not enough room on the tables. In no time we were compressing because tables were bare. A garden-club miracle! Not really: We had great plants and our repeat customers know it. Super PR with our lawn signs, posters, word-of-mouth and the support of the New West Record must not be underestimated. The location was super. Hopefully we can return one more year at least. Sharon & Lorna did a great job as sale leads. It was the smoothest run sale in eons. A thank you goes out to all members who potted and tended the sale...and.... Yes..."sold out" has a nice ring.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lorna:

We had a very successful plant sale on May 4th setting us up for the rest of the year. Funds raised at the Spring Plant Sale help to defray some of the club expenses - the cost of great speakers, workshops, picnic and the Christmas party. So now, let's focus on the rest of the year—or at least the summer! We start with our June events. Our Botanical Print Workshop (see article) is on June 1 and the Planting of the Sapperton Park Pollinator Garden is on June 2. Our involvement in the pollinator garden project is in honour of our 85th Anniversary. If not for our donation to the City, it would not be happening this year. Our monetary gift covers the costs of the plants carefully selected to produce specific nectar and pollen to attract bees and butterflies. Once established, it will be one of the million pollinator gardens across North America with the aim of improving yields in the neighbourhoods' private gardens and help fight the declining bee population. Besides our monetary assistance, NWHS members are planting the garden. To join in on this community effort on June 2nd, be sure to sign-up tonight. Bring your gloves, trowel and shovel.

NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTATION:

Next month we get to enjoy Pam Erikson as she recounts "The Evolution of Erikson's Daylily Gardens & Perennials", her show-garden and nursery. Pam is an extremely entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. She has been at the forefront of the daylily scene for almost 3 decades and there is no stopping her. She has introduced 82 daylily cultivars and now is hybridizing hosta as well. She will be bringing plants to sell.



THE NWHS ANNUAL IN-CLUB TOUR & POT-LUCK PICNIC:

Sat, July 13. Tour in the afternoon, picnic early evening. Partake in either events or both.

We have our picnic site (once again Audrey's garden). But, right now, we have 0 gardens for the tour. We hope for 5-6. We are not looking for "perfect" gardens. As we all know, no such thing exists. More important criteria would be gardens we can relate to—ones in which certain challenges are being addressed, ones which have projects half or just completed—or just in the dream state. Being on tour is a great deadline for getting a pesky job finished. The route depends on where the gardens are located. How about it? Can we visit your garden this year? Members (and adult guests) visit all the gardens in a set sequence, meaning each garden will be open for about 20 minutes during the afternoon. Talk with Audrey if you are willing to open your garden gate. The sign-up sheet for the pot-luck picnic will be available in June & July.

TREASURER'S REPORT - April 2019

Total Revenue: \$210.00
Total Expenses: \$2,344.54, includes \$2000 anniversary gift to the City

Tonight's Meeting

Tues, May 14, 7:30pm

Speaker: Janis Matson on "Small Trees for Urban Gardens"

Absolute deadline to keep your NWHS membership continuous

Mark Your Calendar

Greenlinks 2019: Nature Caught My Eye: Ongoing to Sat, June 15

Amelia Douglas Gallery, Douglas College, NW

Amazing close-up photos of insects

Glenbrook Ravine Invasive Species Removal: Sat, May 25, 10am-1pm

Meet on the path in the middle of the ravine. Expect hard, but rewarding, work. Wear protective clothing as blackberries are evil.

Info: kycleroutledge@gmail.com

New West Heritage Home Tour:

Sun, May 26, 10am-5pm. Tickets \$35

There is still the opportunity to help with the tour (great deal = free ticket + express pass). Contact Sherri Summers at 778-789-3759 or sherrijsummers@gmail.com

Botanical Prints Workshop:

Sat, June 1, 10am-noon or 2-4pm
\$5 registration fee. Pre-registration required. (See article)

Pollinator Garden Planting:

Sun, June 2, 9-11am

Bring gloves, trowel, shovel

Sign-up at fireplace table tonight

Desert Plant Society Show & Sale:

Sat-Sun, June 8-9, 10am-4pm
VanDusen Floral Hall

Admission by donation

NWHS Regular June Meeting:

Tues, June 10, 7:30

Speaker: Pam Erikson on "The Evolution of Erikson's Daylily Gardens & Perennials". Pam will be bringing plants for sale.

Denman Island Home & Garden Tour:

Sat-Sun, June 15-16

Info: www.denman-conservancy.org/home-and-garden-tour

NWHS Annual In-Club Garden Tour & Picnic: Sat, July 13. Tour in afternoon,

Picnic early evening. (see article)

New Westminster Horticultural Society

May 2019

BEE LOCAL:

If you've wanted to get hands-on experience raising honey bees, but not ready to commit to a hive in your garden, consider the New Westminster Beekeepers Association (NWBA). The goal of the group is to advance beekeeping skills and to promote hives and bee colonies within New West. This relatively new club has hives in Queens Park which they use as a learning tool. The group meets once a week, usually Sat at 2pm, in the parking lot behind the Queens Park Arena. You are welcome to drop by and help with the hives and learn what is involved with beekeeping. If you have a bee veil, bring it. The annual fee to join NWBA depends on the number of members. It can be quite steep (think \$100-200/year) since this small group is completely self-sufficient i.e. they pay their own way. It all depends on anticipated expenses such as insurance, winter bee food and, for this year, the purchase of a new queen and bees from New Zealand—and, of course, the number of members to share the expenses. Members divide the honey at the end of the season. Go to www.nwbee.ca for more info (interesting log) and to nwbee@shaw.ca contact the club.

Bee Keeping Workshop: Thurs, May 30, 7pm at the New West Library Up-town. To attend is free but pre-registration is required. Sign-up by calling 604-527-4660 or visiting the library website www.nwpl.ca. The NWBA will discuss: bees and the environment, responsibilities of managing a bee hive and community beekeeping.

COLOUR IN THE GARDEN: BLUE-GREEN:

Keep your eyeballs peeled and your camera ready. Our 2019 Photo Contest Colour category is blue-green in all its intensities from pale bluish glauca to deep turquoise/teal. The subject matter must be vegetative. Often, if a plant has blue-green hues, it will be most vibrant when young. The 2019 Photo & Container Contests (it's 2-sided) is available in the foyer.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Allowable lawn sprinkling times:

Even numbered homes:

4-9am, Wed & Sat

Odd numbered homes:

4-9am, Thurs & Sun

Watering trees, shrubs & flowers with a sprinkler can be done any day but only 4-9am.

JULY IN-CLUB SHOW:

The schedule is out tonight. Pick up a copy, check it against what you have in your garden and plan your July show entries. Have fun.



SKETCHING GROUP: This very friendly artistic group meets every 3rd Tues of the month, 6-9pm, in the Art Gallery (Centennial Lodge) basement for a "Tea & Topic" session. With a still life topic, they try out different mediums and techniques. A great learning environment. A very social group. You are welcome to attend. Potentially in the works is outdoor sketching and painting with the focus on Hume Creek. Interested? Talk with Merrill Hall.

BOTANICAL PRINT WORKSHOP:

There is a separate handout for the workshop. It is available at the fireplace table. Terry Rammell will be there to answer questions. Pay your \$5 to participate when you sign-up. Audrey will take your money. The morning session (10am-noon) has priority with an afternoon session (2-4pm) added if numbers warrant. The maximum for each session is 10 people. The location is the carport at 117 Seventh Ave, NW (Audrey's home). It will be fun!



TIME TO SAY FAREWELL:



EDITH URCHUK:

June 14, 1925-April 14, 2019
Edith almost made it to Life Member status. An appreciator of flowers, she followed the footsteps of her neighbour, Elsie Ansdell, and joined the club in 1995. Sensing a good thing, she urged her daughter, Susan, to join a couple of years later. Until unable to do so, Edith was a fixture at our meetings. She never missed a social event. She was sharp and feisty and we will miss her. Our condolences, Susan. A Celebration of Edith's Life will be held Sun, June 23, 1-4pm, River Room, Centennial Community Centre (next to Canada Games Pool). Wear something bright in memory of Edith's love of flowers.

REIT ROMEIN:

August 10, 1927-April 3, 2019
Although Reit let her membership lapse when her husband, Adriaan, passed she will be always be remembered fondly by many club members. Very artistic. Ready smile. Adriaan propagated many of the Monkey Puzzle Trees that populate New West. Reit's funeral mass has passed.

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