

# Over The Garden Wall

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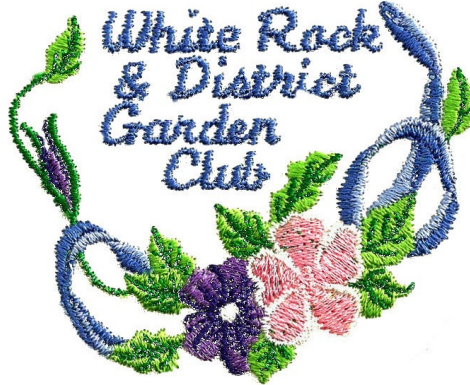
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## President's Message

### Happy New Year!

It has been a busy month, but we are finally embarking on the new year, and looking forward to new and exciting events in 2018.



on Weight Watchers til after our January Pot-luck meeting when there is bound to be lots of yummy food I will feel obligated, as President, to taste.

### Duties

Speaking of President's duties, at this time it is also the duty of the President to make an Annual Report, which I will present at the January meeting – don't worry it will be brief so we can enjoy our food. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Melanie Rantucci, President*

### Flowers in Winter

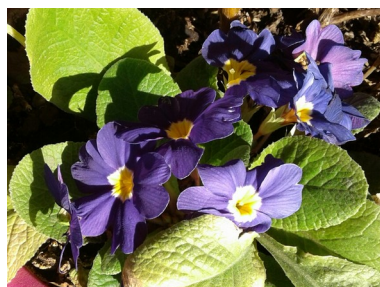
Now that the snow is gone I can again survey my garden and imagine spring. My garden actually has a few flowering plants to start the year. There is a white hellebore, which managed to stay blooming through the cold and snow over Christmas.



I also have a primrose

blooming, that has continually bloomed since last spring and had to be removed from my porch pot so I could put my Christmas

arrangement into the earth. It is now surviving happily in my sun room.



### Resolutions

Time for New Year's resolutions – mine are to call my 92 year old Mother more often, and to join Weight Watchers. However I may hold off

## An Old Tradition

### Pot Luck

We are continuing an old tradition in our club - a Pot Luck Lunch. Let us enjoy each others' favourite recipes and welcome in the New Year. Doors open January 9<sup>th</sup> at **12:30pm** and we get to eat at **1:00pm**. Our meeting will start after we eat. Remember to bring your own cup, plate, cutlery and hot or cold dishes with a serving spoon where needed.

*John Davidson,  
Newsletter*

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# Your Executive for 2018

## Thank You Volunteers

### Officers

President	Melanie Rantucci
Vice President	(need volunteer)
Secretary	Linda Martin
Treasurer	Jann Zimmerman
Past President	Yvonne Pont

### Directors

Parlour Show	Donna Lawson
Plant Show	Mary Openshaw
Publicity	Debbie Magson
Trophies	Darlene Chamberlain
Program	Margrit Elmiger-Isert
Show Secretary	Angela Binns-Smith Margaret Maddocks
Membership	John Davidson
Newsletter	John Davidson

### Committees

Welcome	Louise Long Eileen Davidson
Decorating	Shirley Rines
Kitchen	Ozana Seselja Bernice Day Pauline Wright
Tidy-Up	Maylis Snickars
Raffle	Marilyn Gillan Claire Muirhead
Equipment	Ken Parker
Sunshine	Lorna Bury
Historian	Mary Joe
Librarian	(need volunteer)
Phoning	Nan Devereaux <i>Yvonne Pont, Past President</i>

## Winners

### Name Tag Draw

The Plant of the Month was an Azalea which was won by **Claire Muirhead**. Plant enthusiasts

have selectively bred azaleas for hundreds of years. This human selection has produced over 10,000 different cultivars which are propagated by cuttings. Azalea seeds can also be collected and germinated. Azaleas bloom in spring, their flowers often lasting several weeks. Shade tolerant, they prefer living near or under trees. In addition to being renowned for its beauty, the azalea is also highly toxic – it contains andromedotoxins in both its leaves and nectar, including honey from the nectar. Bees are deliberately fed on Azalea/Rhododendron nectar in some parts of Turkey, producing a mind-altering, potentially medicinal, and occasionally lethal honey known as “mad honey”. According to the ancient Roman historian Pliny the Elder in his Natural History, and army invading Pontus in Turkey was poisoned with such honey, resulting in their defeat.

Other plants were won by **Carol McNally**, **Margaret Maddocks**, **Shirley Rines** and **Iris Peacosh**. A quilted bag was won by **Debra Davis** and **Marilyn Gillan** got to take home books written and kindly donated by **Yvonne Pont**, our very own author.

*Iris Peacosh, Member*

### 50/50 Raffle

**June Majawa** has \$58 to spend since she won the 50/50. **Yvonne Pont** won a picture painted and donated by our long time member, **Sheila Lovatt**. **Sharon Brierley**, our honorary member donated hand made quilts which were won by **Pat Catton** and **Louise Long**. **Sharon Stanley** won a quilted bag also donated by **Sharon**. **Bernice Day** and **Marilyn Murphy** both won grow bags donated by **Ken Parker**. A Safeway Certificate worth \$25 went to **Mary Openshaw** and a Cloverdale Paint certificate worth \$50 went to **Mavis Taylor**.

*Marilyn Gillan, Raffle*

## Awards



Jean Wilde Plaque -  
highest points for  
year in Floral Art -  
Advanced - **Margaret  
Maddocks**



Pirie Memorial Trophy -  
highest points for year  
for Horticultural exhibits -  
**Mary Openshaw**



Flower Vase Award - highest  
points in year in Floral Art -  
Novice - **Marilyn Gillan**

Kiwanis Plaque - best photo  
in November contest - **Mary  
Openshaw**

Certificate  
Lifetime  
Membership -  
**Mavis Taylor**



*Darlene Chamberlain, Trophies*

## Important Reminder

### Salt Spring Island June 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Salt Spring Garden Club have welcomed us to their island and will be arranging to show us their gardens in the afternoon of June 5, and

most of the day of June 6. Bring your non refundable deposit of \$100 to the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will be a great trip...a member of their Garden Club will be our guide! Here are the details again:

#### **Accommodation:** Taxes are 13%

Farm View Deluxe (2 queen beds)

Double occupancy \$239 plus taxes

Triple occupancy \$259 plus taxes

Quad occupancy \$279 plus taxes

Harbour View (King Bed)

Standard \$239 plus taxes

Deluxe \$259 plus taxes

#### **Transport on the Island:**

Based on 31 people \$48

Based on 15 people \$33

#### **Return Ferry to the Island:**

Based on Senior Rate \$20

#### **Food Extra:**

Dinner (first day),

Breakfast and Lunch (second day)

#### **Total:**

Based on sharing \$185 + food

Any questions...

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*Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program*

## The Way We Were

### What A Party

We had food,





We had floral arrangements for the Come Share Society,



We had music by The Strumettes,



And best of all, we had you the members.



*Pictures by Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program  
John Davidson, Newsletter*

## Plants Plus

### January Jewellery Sale

You will be pleased to note that our Regifting + Ornament Sales amounted to \$101.00 in December.

In keeping with the January resolutions that we make about losing weight and decluttering, we'd like you to take part in our Donate your no longer used jewellery - ear rings, bracelets, necklaces, pins, tie pins, brooches, etc. If you have time, attach them to cards and we will put them on display.

Other fun items gratefully accepted to help get rid of the January blahs.



*Mary Openshaw, Plant Show*

## Marketplace

### Corporate Ads



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