

Over The Garden Wall

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President's Message

On My Way

I am writing this on the eve of my trip to Australia, and feeling excited to see many different things over the next three weeks. I will be away for our March meeting, but will be thinking of you. I will send a photo for John to include in this newsletter, to show you something representative from the country.

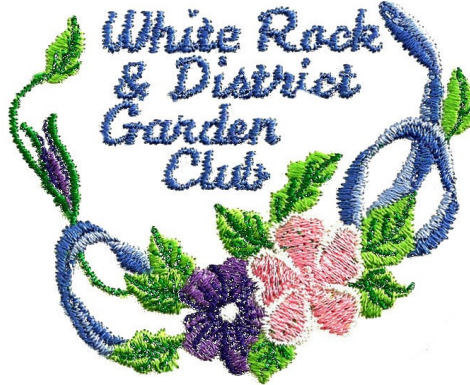
Here is what she sent me.

This is a building in Sydney Australia completely made up of living walls



I plan to go to the Botanical Gardens in Sydney and Brisbane and will also be going to the Blue Mountains where there are many varieties of gum trees apparently giving the air a blue haze that give the area its name. The weather will be warm, but

probably rainy as it is autumn there. By the time I return, spring should be in full swing here, and hopefully I won't entirely miss seeing my spring bulbs, that are already quite tall.



Upcoming

Meanwhile your Executive will be carrying on making plans for a great summer season with the WRDGC. I am sorry I will be missing the speaker from Botanus. She may bring some bulbs for you to buy, and I would have liked to get some.

Plans are progressing for our next outing to the Bradner Show and I will be looking forward to joining you there for the wonderful display of every kind of daffodil you could imagine.

Spring Mall Show

When I return I have to get working on my exhibit for the Spring Mall Show that the Floral Art Group will be doing on April 28 at Semiahmoo. The theme this year is Dish Gardens. Mark the date to come and see what our members imaginations can create.

Have a good month, and I will see you at the April meeting.

*Melanie Rantucci,
President*

March Speaker Come And Join Us

This month speaker will be by **Botanus**, presented by Wendy

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Leroux and co-owner Pamela Dangelmaier author of *Flour Garden*. **Create A Summer Bulb Spectacular** will be the subject. Who would miss this opportunity!

Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program

BC Council Of Garden Clubs

2018 AGM

When:

Saturday, March 10, 2018
9:00 am 3:30 pm

Location:

Firefighters Banquet and conference Centre
6515 Bonsor Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5H 3E8

Guest Speakers:

Daniel Mosquin with a presentation on native plants and
Nancy Moore with a presentation on all seasons garden interests.

For more information about the AGM please visit <https://bcgardenclubs.com/wp>
Everyone is welcome to attend. There is 2 free tickets available, if anyone is interested in attending, please contact me at mlmoran@shaw.ca or 604-267-3606 and I will order the ticket for you.

Lynn Moran, Vice President

Members Garden Tour

August 31st, 2018

We like to visit your garden! We like to see your work of love! Don't be shy and tell us you would like to be part of it. Thanks Call me 604-531-7519 or e-mail: melmiger@telus.net.

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Plants Plus

Go Green

Go green. Wear your shamrocks. A plant that looks like a shamrock is Oxalis. Do you have any oxalis bulbs to donate?



Also accepting donations of St. Patrick's Day decor - hats, aprons, tea towels, etc. or Easter items - baskets, bunnies, fancy eggs, spring wreaths, spring flower arrangements. We'll have a few pieces of green jewellery.

More books to be sold from our library and past March issues of Gardens West Magazine. Do you have curly willow or old man walking stick in your yard? Bunch some up for the club's floral art arrangers.

Mary Openshaw, Plant Sales

Surrey Seed Library

Free Membership & Seeds

The Surrey Seed Library is a growing volunteer group that opens from February to November each year at the Ocean Park Library. Come visit us the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:30-3:30.

Since starting four years ago, our **free** membership has increased to almost 300 Members. The vegetable, flower and herbs seeds are all **free** also. We offer locally grown seeds, organically grown, proven to be very plentiful in our area. We do ask that you save the most healthy plant, let it go to seed and return the seeds to us to share with others the next year.

We also have a few Master Gardeners on hand to answer your gardening questions and support you during the growing season. During the season, we do have some guest

speakers with some topics related to gardening. For example, growing tomatoes, enriching your soils, worm composting, winter gardening etc. Always, if you have some experience in gardening, we would love to have you volunteer with us. Come visit us soon and we will give you the tour!!

Any questions - Collene Ford MG, Co-ordinator,
778-294-7339

Collene Ford, Member

Winners

Name Tag Draw

Our club secretary, **Linda Martin**, was wearing her name tag and won a mixed bulb planter.

Iris Peacosh, Member

50/50 Raffle

June Majawa is \$43.50 richer by winning the 50/50 draw. **Reg Sutton** donated 2 plants which were won by **Eileen Davidson** and **Margie Phillips**. A chair & cover donated by **Linda Bradley** was won by **Mary Openshaw**.

Marilyn Gillan, Raffle

Trophies

The Iris Hayes Memorial Plaque for Long & Exceptional Service was won by **Angela Binns-Smith**.

The Pirie Memorial Trophy for highest points for the year for horticultural exhibits was won by **Mary Openshaw**.

Darlene Chamberlain, Trophies

New Members

Welcome to:

Lee Blackmore
Bernice Day (helping in the kitchen)
Collene Ford
Debbie Magson (Publicity)
Linda Martin (Secretary)
Marilyn Murphy
Margie Phillips

These people have joined in the last few months

and I have been remiss by not acknowledging them in the newsletter sooner. Their contact information is contained in the membership list sent previously.

John Davidson, Membership

Marketplace

Corporate Ads



Next Meeting

March 13th, at 2pm

Doors Open at 1pm

Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive, Surrey.

Feel free to bring home made goodies to spice up our tea/coffee break for the members, the speakers and for Saint Patrick's Day.

