

Over The Garden Wall

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President's Message

Cold & Wet

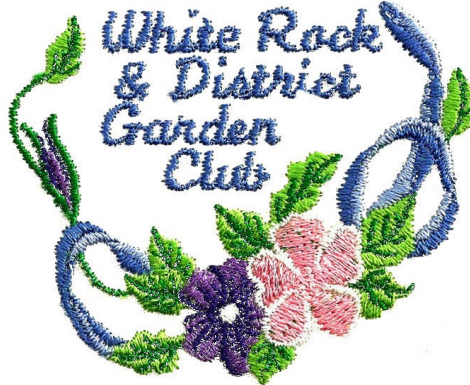
The dark days of winter are finally here and it is getting harder to get up in the morning without the sun streaming in, although I still have work to do in the garden. I delayed cutting down my dahlias and roses because they were still blooming, but now it is a soggy mess and I don't relish getting out there in the rain. Hopefully there will be a few sunny days to come when I can winterize my garden and maybe squeeze in a few more bulbs that I can't resist buying.

Planning Ahead

As far as our club is concerned, we are looking beyond this season to planning for the year to come. We have been developing the schedule for Floral Shows and speakers (see below) and discussing speaker topics. We hope to make it a fun and interesting year for all.

Of course along with the fun stuff we have to discuss the practical issues, and so we have been preparing the budget and trying to figure out how the club can be run without the necessary executive positions filled. We will be giving you copies of the proposed 2019 budget at the November meeting, for your review and voting at the December meeting. We are also crossing our fingers and hoping more people will step forward for key roles including President and Vice-President.

I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting for the floral show and a short presentation on website creation.



Social Media for WR&DGC

We are trying to become fully informed on this issue for our club by inviting a speaker to give us an overview of website development and answer questions. Wayne Albertson, a software and website developer, who works with the

Kent Street computer club, will speak for about 45 minutes after the break at the meeting with opportunity to ask questions. We hope to bring this issue to a decision for voting on in February.

BC Council of Garden Clubs

Jan Zimmerman and myself attended the Fall Meeting of the BC Council of Garden Clubs on October 20th. The BCCGC is an umbrella organization of garden clubs and horticultural societies in BC and provides education and group insurance. A report from the meeting follows.

Calling For Volunteers To Be Part Of The Executive

Please consider becoming part of the Executive. You will become a valued part of a group of people passionately working to make our club a fun and interesting activity

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in our community. There will be lots of help learning what is needed – it is all carefully written down and others can help explain what needs to be done. It just requires a little of your time each month – one extra day for a meeting of Exec and a little time to prepare sometimes. No one is alone in their role – we all help each other do what needs doing. You can even share a role with a friend if you prefer. Ask past and present members of Executive what is involved. **Please, please** consider being part of the team that makes it all happen! The survival of our club depends on it, because without an Executive, the club would have difficulty continuing.

2019 Meeting & Event Schedule

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| January 8 | Pot Luck |
| February 12 | Speaker |
| March 12 | Speaker |
| April 27 – Floral Circle Spring Show at Semiahmoo Mall | |
| April 9 | Spring Parlour Show |
| May 14 | Speaker |
| May 11 Plant and Bake Sale | |
| June 14 | June Parlour Show |
| July/August | No meetings |
| September 10 | Fall Parlour Show |
| September 21 – Fall Dahlia Show at Semiahmoo Mall | |
| October 8 | Speaker |
| November 12 | Parlour Show |
| December 10 | Christmas Party |

Melanie Rantucci, President

BCCGC Fall Meeting

Report

Melanie Rantucci and Jan Zimmerman attended the Fall Meeting of the BCCGC on a foggy fall day. We took a raffle prize consisting of a basket containing a selection of bulbs including an Amaryllis. We gave out some of our membership brochures and enjoyed the company of North Surrey Horticultural Society

and South Surrey Garden Club members.

Reports from the President, Lorna Fraser, 1st VP Cindy Tataryn, Treasurer, Ruby Miller were provided as handouts (attached). The Secretary, Melodie Anderson has stepped down and there was a request for someone to step in, which was fulfilled later in the meeting. For the AGM in April they will be needing a President, 2nd Vice President as well a Communications Coordinator, and a Scholarship Trust Fund trustee.

A Notice of Motion was presented (attached) for voting at the April AGM to amend the Constitution regarding handling of proposed amendments- stating that amendments to the Constitution and or Bylaws shall be presented in writing and distributed by E-Bulletin 60 days prior to any AGM, and any approved amendments should be published in the first Bulletin published after the AGM in which the proposed amendment was presented. It also notes that any amendment needs approval of a motion by two-thirds of votes cast at the meeting or AGM.

Lorna addressed the group and noted that an important current issue is Renewal and Rejuvenation of the Council. The Executive have discussed the following ways to do this, including:

- linkages to members newsletters
- visiting members meetings to get to know them and their clubs better
- co-sponsoring events with member clubs
- sharing tours
- social media
- offering other benefits
- more member engagement
- increasing membership
- focus on inter generational gardeners
- learning tips from various cultures in the region
- providing resources for teachers in the province

Some specific things they are planning include:

- four quarterly meetings, some of which would be outside Metro Vancouver
- Courses in floral arranging, managing flower shows, etc
- Teacher/Educational resources
- Virtual Garden Clubs
- Virtual seed exchange
- You- tube channel
- Member listings for buy/sell/trade/give- away
- Working committee of 2 to 4 emerging gardeners (under age 35)

They ask that member clubs communicate with the Executive to let them know what they would like from BCCGC and they will be sending out an on-line survey for this.

Further to this theme of renewal they are working on revamping their website. They have engaged Tonia Lenk of Ideas in Bloom, a marketing firm, to make the website easier and align it with the goal of appealing to a broader audience. Tonia made a brief presentation about this, explaining it will be done in several phases.

A student who had been a recipient of the Scholarship Trust Fund made a presentation on his research involving stink bugs, which are an increasing problem in the Fraser Valley.

There were three other speakers. Karin England, who works for Metro Vancouver Parks presented information about the need to increase private green spaces in the city. She introduced the group to their website, GrowGreenGuide.ca, that has lots of good ideas and tips to help grow eco-friendly lawns and gardens including free custom garden plans.

Later Andre Bellamy spoke about Growing in Small Spaces and suggested containers, preparation of pots, care of plants, and plants to grown in containers.

In the afternoon, Michael Lascelle presented many suggestions for rare fruits that can be grown, mostly in doors, but many in small spaces including dwarf fruit trees.

We enjoyed a lovely luncheon but sadly did not win a door prize. We thank the WRDGC for making it possible for us to enjoy this informative event.

Submitted by Melanie Rantucci & Jan Zimmerman

Winners

Name Tag Draw

Clair Muirhead was the winner of a lovely arrangement. Other arrangements were won by:

Donna Lawson, Iris Peacosh, Kay McDonald and **Darlene Chamberlain**. An arrangement donated by **Darlene Chamberlain** was won by **Joan Hawker** and an arrangement donated by **Donna Lawson** was won by **Eileen Davidson**.

Iris Peacosh, Member

50/50 Draw

Mary Openshaw is \$48 richer – a great return on a small donation.

Marilyn Gillan, Raffle

New Members

Welcome to:

Marlene Wallace
#102 – 1765 Martin Drive
Surrey, BC V4A 9T5
604-542-1854 [marlene and bob@yahoo.ca](mailto:marlene_and_bob@yahoo.ca)

Ellen Zhang
14963 - 23rd Avenue
Surrey, BC V4A 9X2
604-375-5066 ellenzbgardendesign@gmail.com

John Davidson, Membership

Plants Plus

For Sale

Knit and Crochet Yarn for sale for winter projects – 50g for 50¢
Garden ties - \$2 for pkg. of 24 x 60"
Breville Juicer - \$5 (retails for \$150 - \$250)
Exercise Ball - \$2
Seeds – 50¢

Donate

Donate plants, bouquets, seeds, herbs, apples, jams, pickles.
Donate artificial flowers, especially Christmas – themed flowers for our floral artists to make Christmas arrangements and wreaths.
Donate grape vine lengths for making wreaths for December meeting (roll up loosely).
Donate Christmas ornaments, decorations.

Dividing Dahlias?

See Mary at Plants Plus (poster on display).
Mary Openshaw, Plants

November Speaker

Webpages

Wayne Albertson is a webmaster designer who has been working and teaching in the computer field for over 30 years. He has provided invaluable time and services to the White Rock Computer Club. At the presentation for our club, he will discuss the development of passive and interactive webpages, and answer questions from the audience. Don't forget your paper and pencil.

Jannette Zimmerman, Treasurer

Volunteer Needed

Sound System

I have been setting up the sound system for the club meetings since 2012 and feel it is time for someone else to step up to the plate. The system is not complex and does not require

attendance at the executive meetings. I will be available for training and backup so please consider volunteering.

John Davidson, Newsletter & Membership

Membership

Time To Renew

Membership renewal fees are due and cheques are the preferred method of payment. Post date the cheque for January 1st. A single membership is \$25 and \$30 for a couple. Please make cheque payable to: White Rock & District Garden Club. Dues can be paid at the regular meetings or mailed to:

White Rock & District Garden Club
John Davidson, Membership
2724 Bayview Street
Surrey, BC
V4A 2Z4

Note: Dues not received by first meeting in January, will be increased \$5.00. A Membership Form for 2019 is included with this Newsletter. If your information is unchanged, you can just indicate that on the form to save time filling out the form. Please note the Privacy Agreement on the form. All garden clubs are now required to have such an agreement.

John Davidson, Membership

Juicy Bits

Give Garlic A Rest

To get the biggest health boost from garlic, chop it, slice it or press it, and then let it rest for 10 minutes on your cutting board. Here's why: Allicin is the main healing ingredient in garlic, and this healthful nutrient forms when two compounds in the clove mingle together. This mingling happens when we bite, chop, slice or press garlic. The reaction takes about 10 minutes to complete, but it stops short if you expose the garlic to heat before the time has elapsed. Setting the garlic aside for 10 minutes ensures you get some of the famous medicine garlic has to offer.

Submitted by Mary Openshaw, Plant Sales

Which Garden Do You Love Best?

from Kristina Mastrocola, Woman's World 9/3/18

Rose Garden

You're a regal sophisticate! Synonymous with romance, the rose reflects your feminine sensibilities and sophisticated tastes. Whether you're spritzing on a classic rose-scented perfume or taking a relaxing ramble in a sprawling rose garden, you embody elegance.

Water Garden

You're a complex dreamer! Your love of water hints at your idealism as well as your multifaceted personality. Just as water can be both a formidable force that's capable of moving mountains and a relaxing tonic that soothes life's stresses, so are you a complex combination of both strength and serenity.

Container Garden

You're a detail-oriented optimist! A container garden is for the uncontained imagination: You see possibilities everywhere, even in the smallest spaces. Whether you're cultivating petite herbs or growing flowers in a cute pot, you're always able to create flourishing oases.

Herb or Vegetable Garden

You're a practical nurturer! Your garden doesn't just feed your family – it nourishes your soul. Generous and big-hearted, you're a born nurturer. From the sensation of the warm sun on you face to the feeling of the life-giving soil between your fingers, you love every minute spent tending to your patch of green because you're a hands-on caretaker.

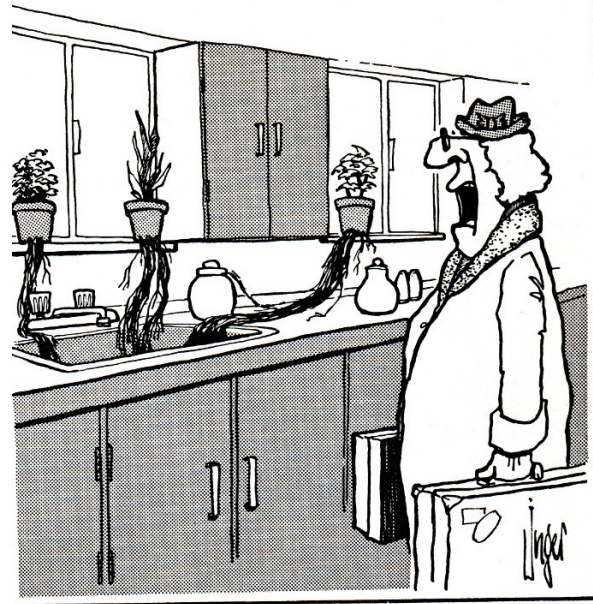
Wildflower Garden

You're a creative free spirit! From their ambitious sunflowers reaching for the sky to their playful daisies sprouting at will, wildflower gardens perfectly complement your free-spirited nature and creative *joie de vivre*. Inspired by all things eclectic, you love variety and crave novelty.

Submitted by Eileen Davidson, Greeter

Don't Forget To Water Your Plants

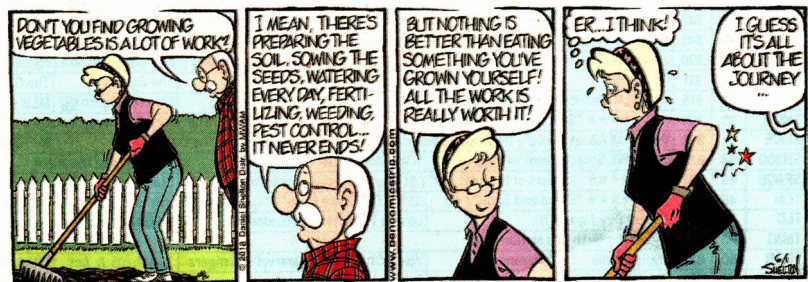
from Jim Unger, The First Treasury of Herman



"HERMAN...did you forget to water my plants while I was away?"

Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter

How's Your Back



Submitted by Jannette Zimmerman, Treasurer

Next Meeting

November 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. Remember to bring your own cup to save money and the environment.

