

Over The Garden Wall

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President's Message

Seasons Greetings

Seasons Greetings to All! It seems every year the Christmas rush comes sooner, but I'm trying to slow it down and enjoy every aspect. I started with a sewing project to make presents for all the girls in the family. Now with the help of the Floral Circle meeting, I have started my outdoor decoration by making a swag for my front porch out of the wonderful variety of greenery available from a walk in the woods. And I had to bring some baking to a function and so I made some Christmas cookies. With our Christmas Party coming up, I will now turn focus on making silk arrangements that we all make to donate to the Come-Share Society. And I will figure out how to make some Christmas decorations into a Christmas fascinator for our Christmas Hat competition (read on to learn about this). So one way or another, I am bit by bit getting into the Christmas spirit.

Annual General Meeting

Our December meeting is also our Annual General Meeting where we have important business to complete. We have the approval of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of Awards – Iris Hayes Memorial Plaque for long and exceptional service, Kiwanis Club Plaque for Best Photo in the November Photo Contest, Honorary Life Membership, and 5 year Step Down Award (for executive members having spent 5 years on the executive). Most importantly, we will have the election of officers,



bringing in new leaders and renewed energy to the running of our club. Thankfully we now have a full roster with a volunteer for each position, averting a crisis for the club which threatened the continued existence of the club! And so we can look forward to a fun Christmas party, and a

wonderful ending to the 71st year of the White Rock and District Garden Club. See you there!

Melanie Rantucci, President

Winners

Name Tag Draw

This month the plant of the month was a hearty perennial called Sweet Box. It was described as doing well in containers and having fragrant, white flowers. The plant was won by **Margrit**.

Iris Peacosh, Member

November Parlour Show - Rosettes

Novice Best F/A
Darlene Chamberlain - Remembering
Advanced Best F/A
Margaret Maddocks - Tall Beauty

*Margaret Maddocks,
Show Secretary*

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Plants Plus

Christmas Donations

Doing Christmas baking? Donate some of your delicious goodies for others to buy as Christmas gifts. Other items to consider donating:

- Jams & Jellies
- Christmas cards
- Small table arrangements
- Patio Porch Post
- Gently used Christmas dishes or décor

Thanks for you support this year.

Mary Openshaw, Plants Plus

Christmas Party

Music

We will have music by the Traveling Tuneys - feel free to sing along.

Dress

Christmas Hat Contest. Let's have some fun at our Christmas Party by wearing a Christmas hat! Make a fascinator with Christmas decorations, or decorate an elf cap to wear. Look on Google for lots of ideas. There will be a prize for the best hat.

Parking

We need room in the parking lot for our entertainers so, if you can, please park behind the club house.

Remember to Bring:

- Some food to share. There is limited food heating capacity in the kitchen so better to bring finger food that does not need cooking or heating up. Please bring a little extra so we can treat the singing group.
- A Food Bank donation of money which is easier to get to them and they get a bigger bang for the buck.
- Your mini Christmas arrangements for

shut-ins.

- Plant Corner donations.
- Your own cup for beverages.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Membership

Time To Renew

Membership renewal fees are due and cheques are the preferred method of payment. Post date the cheque for January 1st 2019. 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
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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

Christmas Cheer

New Record?

Once again, we will try to break our record for number of centerpieces for Seniors come share Society. Please remember – **no candy, candles or fresh flowers or greenery.** There is a good selection of stems in \$\$\$ stores. Thanks in advance for you contribution.

Donna Lawson, Show Chair

Possible Trips

Looking For Feedback

Day trip to Mayne Island, visiting the Japanese Garden and maybe 2 other gardens (\$20 approx per member)

Or

Day trip to Japanese Garden UBC, Nitobe Memorial Garden botanicalgarden.ubc.ca
Please let me know your thoughts - 604 531-7519 or melmiger@telus.net

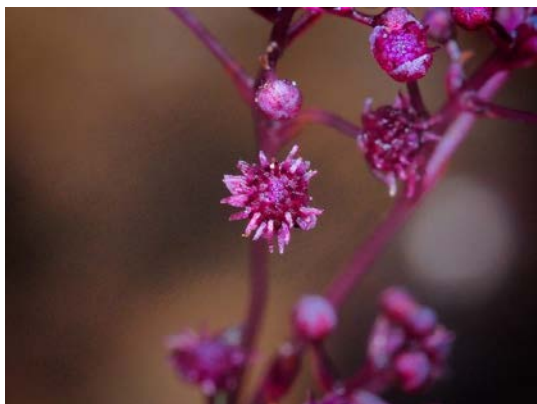
Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program

Juicy Bits

Newly Discovered Plants 2018



Dinizia jueirana-facao, up to 130 feet (40 m) in height, emerges above the canopy of the semi-deciduous, riparian, pristine Atlantic forest in Brazil where it is found. This massive tree, weighs an estimated 62 tons (56,000 kg). While large in dimension, the tree is limited in numbers – it is known from only 25 individuals, about half of which are in the protected area, making it critically endangered.



Most plants are autotrophic, capturing solar energy to feed themselves by means of photosynthesis. A few, like the newly discovered *Sciaphila sugimotoi*, are heterotrophic, deriving their sustenance from other organisms. In this case, the plant is symbiotic with a fungus from which it derives nutrition without harm to the partner.

from earthsky.org/earth/top-10-new-species-2018

Christmas Facts

"Jingle Bells" was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. The song was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title *"One Horse Open Sleigh"*. It was supposed to be played in the composer's Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. "Jingle Bells" was also the first song to be broadcast from space.

The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green. The first artificial Christmas trees were developed in Germany in the 19th century, due to a major continuous deforestation. The feather trees became increasingly popular during the early 20th century and finally made their way to the US.

from pastbook.com/txt/12-fun-christmas-facts/

Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter

Next Meeting

December 11th, at 2pm

Doors Open at 1pm

Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive, Surrey.

