Over The Garden Wall

June, 2019

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President's Message

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Seems to be the message in the garden this spring. Flash and the rhodos were over. Zip and the irises, though beautiful, were done. I wonder how long the peonies and roses will last and

whether we are in for a hot dry summer.



I don't know if many of you keep a garden journal; it is a great way to monitor changes in climate. I would be curious to hear if others have seen changing patterns in growth timing, moisture, success of certain plants vs others over the years.

Congratulations

What a busy month May was! Congratulations to Mary O, the Plant Sale team and all of you for a very successful plant sale. We seemed to have a lot of satisfied customers and the organization ran like clockwork. A financial success too. Well done. A special thank you to Bert for the excellent signage and to Margrit and Mary for putting up the signs. To Ozana for the herbs, to Iris and the Flower Market team, to Linda and cohorts on the draw table, to the cashiers, greeters, plant preparation and sales folks, to Donna and the Bake Sale contributors and to the tea ladies: you did a great job once again.

Mary will be looking for more feedback from members on the sale at next meeting and has compiled a report on the successes and potential improvements. Input is always welcome.

Also, a special thanks to Frances O'Grady for picking up the ball and running with it regarding the White Rock bulbs. She pursued



the lead with White Rock, persisted in contacting them until she retrieved the bulbs, cleaned them up (Tim helped) and organized them for pick up. I hope some will be available at the meeting for those who may want them.

A warm welcome and thank you to new member Judy Froelich who arrived early for the last

meeting and helped Collene and I set up the chairs for the meeting! Nice to see a new member pitch in even before she paid her dues.

Lots To Come

We are all looking forward to our June parlour show. I hope you all can participate as there are many lovely blooms out now. Donna and Margrit are collaborating on a fun social event in early July that promises to BEE great. And, of course, we have another wonderful bus trip planned for June 27th. And we appear to have good news on the website progress thanks to Bev Sass and the website committee.

Looking forward to a lovely summer. See you soon.

> Patti Wolczuk. President

Winners

Name Tag Draw

Linda Bradley had on her name tag and won a Gardenia a Heuchera "Peach Flambe" to be exact. It is a particularly attractive variety of Coral Bells with its foliage of lobed, rounded, long-

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petioled, bright peach leaves infused with red. Literally glowing in the spring and summer before the leave turning plum-purple in fall, it provides multi-seasonal interest and adds drama in the garden.

- This clump-forming perennial forms basal mounds, up to 7 in. tall (17 cm) with a spread of 14 in. (35 cm). This sturdy performer is not only easy to grow, but also requires little maintenance and is pest and disease free!
- Performs best in part shade, in rich, humusy, medium moisture, welldrained soils. If grown in full sun, make sure the soil remains consistently moist or the foliage might decline. Thrives in dry shade, once established. It is attractive to butterflies and often ignored by deer.
- Divide clumps in spring every 3-4 years.
- Remove stems of faded flowers to promote additional bloom. Apply winter mulch after the ground freezes to help prevent root heaving.

Iris Peacosh, Member

50/50 Draw

Eileen Davidson won \$55 in the 50/50 draw and is going to take her husband out for a glass or 2 of wine.

Claire Muirhead, Raffle

New Members

A Big Welcome to: Fran Deptuck ifdept@shaw.ca

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Tim Roark, Membership

Plants +

Divide & Donate

Now that you are reorganizing your gardens after our wonderful plant sale, you are probably noticing plants you want to divide and donate. **You still can!** Bring them to the June meeting. Bring summertime reading.

Mary Openshaw, Plants Plus

Basic Digital Photography

For Beginners with Rob Hebden

If you enjoyed Rob's photography presentation at our last meeting and want to know more, then this is the course for you. It takes place every Thursday, September 12th to November 7th, 1-3 pm and is for "seniors", 50 years and older.

This course covers the basics of digital photography. Participants will explore how to use the existing light to your advantage, as well as exposure, depth of field, histograms and composition. Learning about the basic relationship between available light, shutter speed and ISO (film sensitivity) will give participants better insight when choosing "in camera" programs in point-and-shoot cameras. For those with DSLR cameras, it is an opportunity to refine your control using manual, aperture preferred or shutter preferred settings. There will be discussions, demonstrations, hands-on activities, critiques and possibly a field trip to practice your new skills. Bring your camera to the first session. Please preregister at the Kennedy front desk by Monday September 9th 2019. The fee is \$55 per person for all 9 sessions. People taking the course must be a member of Kennedy Senior's Recreation Centre which has a \$20.00 annual membership. People interested in signing up will have to wait until August to register after the course is posted.

Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program

Bee Happy Day

This July

Plans are going ahead for a fun day. Kevin Thompson will give us a talk and demo on bees and how we can help save them. The date is July 9th unless it is raining in which case it will be July 16th. Bring a brown bag lunch. There will also be other entertainment. Details will be sent beginning of July. Hope everyone can come and relax in my back yard.

Donna Lawson, Show Chair

Juicy Bits

Words of Wisdom

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Audrey Hepburn
Submitted by Diane Kew, Member

Summer's Here



Submitted by Jann Zimmerman, Member

Keep Your Eyes Peeled



Reminder

Newsletter

There is no newsletter for July and August. The next newsletter will be in September. Have a great summer.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Plant & Bake Sale

A Great Success

Pictures by Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program







Next Meeting

June 11th, at 2pm

Doors Open at 1pm Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive, Surrey.