

Over The Garden Wall

White Rock & District Garden Club January, 2020

Mary Openshaw, President

Johanne Mramor, Secretary

Lorna Bury, Treasurer

Past President's Message

We Have A Pres!!

Wonderful news! Mary Openshaw has stepped forward and volunteered to be your President for 2020. She will make a great President and I am sure you will give her your support.

As Mary won't be doing the Plant Sale, our major fund raiser, we will **all** have to think about what we can do to make that work whether volunteering or growing/propagating more plants or making things for the Sale. We are in this together for a successful 2020.

A big thank you to Mary.

Patti Wolczuk, Past President



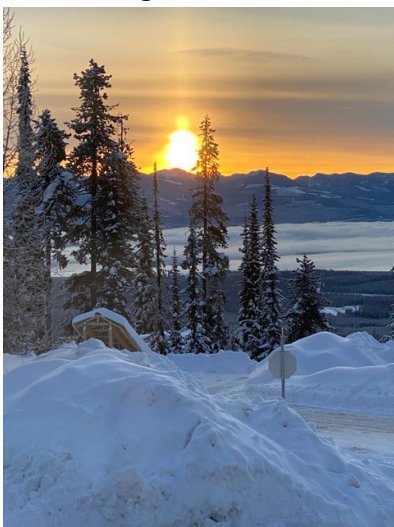
the present to make it happen. It sort of twiggged with me. Twenty years ago I'd made a New Year's Resolution to step out of my comfort zone every day for a year. And I did it. It began with small things like taking a different route to a destination, talking to someone in an elevator or a grocery store line-up, dropping what I was doing and phoning someone when they popped into my mind. That was the year I stretched myself, took courses, learned more, became more spontaneous, made new friends.

So maybe I should stretch myself again. I called Patti when I got home to ask if anyone had yet stepped forward to be President of the club and she said, "no" and I said, "In that case I'd like to put my name forward" and she said, "I was going to call you" and I said, "You were?" And so here we are.

President's Message

Stretch Yourself

I spent Christmas with my family at Big White Ski Resort. It was the dream of my younger daughter to have a family vacation in a winter wonderland and she made it happen. Bert and I don't ski but we went for walks and played pool and there was a hot tub and five different home cooks took turns making amazing meals.



One afternoon, waiting for the skiers to return I was watching a tear-jerker movie on Netflix - something about no matter your age, there are new things to learn and there's no time like

I'd like to hear how you are going to stretch yourself this year or how you did it before. During our luncheon we'll be asking for little stories about New Year's Resolutions, past and present, successful and still working on. Speaking of our luncheon, don't forget to bring along your new cup that was given out at the December meeting. Generously donated by Patti Wolczak and

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Tim Roark. Wasn't that nice of them?
Mary Openshaw, President

Shirley Rines

Remembering



We have lost one of our favourite ladies, Shirley passed away on Dec. 20, 2019. She was a life member, having joined us near the year 2000. She worked in the kitchen with her sister Sue for several years, and was in charge of decorating the tables for our special teas. What a wonderful gardener she was, everything flourished with loving care from her green thumbs. Many garden tours and picnics were held in her huge yard. She loved people dropping in, who often ended up touring the garden and enjoying her "latest plants" She got interested in flower arranging and took some classes, but being very modest, didn't think she was good enough and thought of stopping. Her son urged her to continue and she did, enjoying participating in many shows. Her first blue ribbon was a high point in this career! When her garden work got too heavy for her, she moved to Campbell River to be near family there, and started building a new garden from plants brought from Surrey. Just the day before she passed away, she showed her daughter Sue some wreaths she had made to give to friends and said "Wouldn't the girls in floral circle be proud of me" Shirley kept in touch and each time she came back her blue eyes twinkled when she saw old friends. Even came to our Plant and Bake Sale in 2019 and visited everyone there. She had sold baking at our annual sale for 4 years and asked "Do you need my help?" She was a dedicated member and a dear friend and will be greatly missed by all of her garden club friends.

May she rest in peace.

Donna Lawson

Thank You

Seniors Come Share Society

Dec. 18, 2019

*Dear Donna:
I want to thank you and the other members of your garden club for the lovely centre pieces that you donated. We distributed 100 of them at our Holiday for seniors on December 11 at the Peace Portal Alliance Church. We distributed the remainder of them to seniors who attended our other holiday lunches in Guildford and Fraser Heights. The seniors were thrilled with them. Thank you for your support - and please thank the other members of your group. All the best to you,
Sincerely Sue McIntosh, Executive Director.*



Note:

When Claire and I delivered these, we arranged to have someone come to our January meeting and give a short talk on Come Share and the work they do in our community.

Donna Lawson, Show Chair

Plants Plus

3rd Annual January Jewellery Sale

Let the January decluttering begin. Donate your no-longer-used jewellery - ear rings, bracelets, necklaces, pins, and brooches to our sale. 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. Donate a best selling book, or regift, or.....your own wonderful idea. Our sales for December amounted to \$155 (the most ever).

Mary Openshaw, Past Plants Plus

Plant & Bake Sale

May 9th, 2020

We are already gearing up for our next Plant & Bake Sale and proposing a Plant Sale Committee to look after the details. Much is already in place. Sign up at the January Meeting.

Mary Openshaw, Plants Plus

Things To Do

January

- Order seeds
- Inspect your protection stakes, ties + supports
- Inspect dahlias, begonias and cannas for rot or drying out
- Prune apple and pear trees
- Prune roses
- Start forcing rhubarb
- Sharpen tools
- Cut back ornamental grasses before new growth appears

Mary Openshaw, President

Check It Out

We Are In The Spotlight

BC Council of Garden Clubs has a newsletter online. Check it out at bcgardenclubs.com (go to Resources, Bulletin Newsletter, Current Issue: January 2020, scroll to Club Spotlight page 15). In their January's newsletter, "The Bulletin", you will find an article about our club written by Melanie Rantucci and, also a lovely photo of us (page 9) at the last meeting in October plus mention of Bev Sass (page 12) who won in the novice division of floral art.

Mary Openshaw, President

Market Place

Free

The recent wind storm took down our curly willow tree. We have piles of twisted branches which are useful for floral work and porch pots, etc. they can also be peeled which turns them white for decorative use. **You are welcome to these.**

Please call before coming 604-538-8858
Donna (13960 33rd Ave.)

Donna Lawson, Show Chair

New Life Member

Donna Lawson

The steady trunk that has made us (WRDGC) branch out for the past 21 years-----The stem that has made us blossom forth-----The root that secured and grounded us through stormy and fair weather-----The journey down the garden path is not always a bed of roses; now and then, the dreaded dandy-----lion stares us right in the face, but the end of the journey is worth it.

It is time to honour our perennial:
Always reliable-----year after year!!!!
Adding colour when needed!!!!
Flowering forth with ideas!!!!

Thus, keeping our garden club interested in what is to happen next in our garden world, whether we be well-established or new members.

It is my honour to announce our newest lifetime member, **Donna Lawson.**

Donna joined our garden club in 1998 and soon after became president in 2002 thru 2003, then again in 2012. In between these commitments, she found time

to do our newsletter. Always interested in floral arrangements, she became an official floral art judge, going around the province and returning home to judge us with not a hint of bias. In 2004, she and Jessie Redfern started up our Floral circle. From that moment on, so many of us have been given the privilege to be taught by her. We continue to learn and appreciate her passion. Each year, she puts countless hours into planning and scheduling at least five parlour shows and two shows at Semiahmoo Mall.



Through the years, we have visited her own whimsical, acre garden. We look forward to many more leisurely picnics in her fairyland garden, full of laughter and contentment.

Donna Lawson, we have always admired your energy and dedication. Thank you for sharing your journey down our garden path with us.

Yvonne Pont, Membership

Membership

Reminder

Membership dues are due at this meeting. Cards will be available for pickup.

Tim Roark, Membership

What A Party

Food Bank

Thanks to all who made a donation to Sources White Rock/South Surrey Food Bank at our Christmas Party. The total cash donation was \$161 which I dropped off at the food bank directly after our party.

Melanie Rantucci, Member

Great Food

We had fabulous food so thanks to everyone for their tasty contributions to the food table.

Great Hats



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

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 14th at 12 pm and we get to eat at 12:45 pm. 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

Next Meeting

January 14th, at 12:45pm

Doors Open at 12pm
Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive,
Surrey.

**Happy
New Year!**