

Over The Garden Wall

White Rock & District Garden Club February, 2020

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/>

Mary Openshaw, President

Johanne Mramor, Secretary

Lorna Bury, Treasurer

President's Message

Musings

I have a fight going on inside of me to resist new things and be comfortable at the same time as wanting to 'keep up', especially with technology. In 2006, at our wedding, someone from my family was taking photos of Bert and I **with their phone**. What? And now I do the same. Last night my almost five grandson asked me, "Grammy, can I take your blood pressure?" Another battery powered gadget that he's learning to use. I take comfort in gardening - the tried and true and comfortable. Compost that I make myself, rain barrels that collect water that my houseplants love, and looking over seed catalogues, both hard copies and on-line versions. And I especially like the people contact in our garden club. The willingness to help and volunteer and share and I find myself being one of the 'pushers' to embrace new technologies like the start up of our website. Pretty soon, it will be comfortable to use just like taking a photo with my phone, or taking my own blood pressure.

Mary Openshaw, President

Plants Plus

Encore Presentation

The January meeting experienced low attendance due to snowy weather. Therefore Plants Plus is again showing the fine selection of donated jewellery. Feel free to donate even more love treasures. Please give this display another look on our revamped presentation. There are new titles to check among the books. Perhaps you have a romance novel to



share? This is the month to pass along candles, teddys (either kind), scarfs, silk flowers, heart shaped cookies and of course anything chocolate.

Joyce O'Brien, Plants Plus

Shirley Rines Memorial Service

The memorial service for Shirley is on February 29th at 1 pm at Victory Memorial Park on 148th Street. Her obit was in the Wednesday issue of Peace Arch News. Shirley Rines daughter, Sue, is putting together a slide show for Shirley's memorial on February 29th. She says: "I would appreciate any good pictures you have of her. You can email them to me at lanceandsue@gmail.com or mail me at 744 Steenbuck, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 7J9 and if anyone would like to speak at the service, let me know so we can put it in the program. Thanks everyone."

Donna Lawson, Chair

Club T Shirt

Look Cool

Attention all members who have a club T shirt.

Please wear them to the February meeting to show new members. We will

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have time at the March meeting to try them on and decide on style and size. Will order for delivery and payment at April meeting. Any questions, call Donna at 604-538-8858.
Donna Lawson, Show

Your Website

Social Media Committee

We are looking for your support and help in gathering information for the clubs platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the Website). Some suggestions of information that you could share might be:

1. Interesting digital pictures of trees, shrubs, flowers, veg and herbs from your garden or someone else's garden taken in landscape format (hint: turn your phone sideways to take the picture)
2. Articles of information to share with club members, e.g. propagating, plant care, companion planting, when to plant vegetables, etc.
3. Landscaping ideas (what plants/shrubs to grow beside each other for maximum colour and impact).
4. How to start a vegetable garden. Raised beds or not?
5. How to grow a salad garden on your patio.
6. Growing plants for health and nutrition.
7. Tips and Tricks in Floral Art, etc.

With 73 years of knowledge in this club, we know each of you will have some great information to share with our members. Look forward to hearing from you soon. Please email your suggestions to bev.sass@shaw.ca.

Bev Sass, Website

Your Newsletter

Put In Your 2 Bits Worth

It's easy. Give me any information, verbal, written, pictures or email. You can contact me at our meetings, by phone 604-538-0496 or by email john@greycastle.net.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Club Notes

Useful Info

1. Terry Haight is the new director (actually the Plant Sale committee has designated her as the Spokesperson - I believe they will be taking turns addressing the membership and she will attend the exec. meetings).
2. We had a bit of a mess on the floor of Cranley Hall after the last meeting because of snow and salt. There will be a roll of paper towels near the entry door to wipe up from now on.
3. Our Membership Director is looking for some apprentices. See the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet at the meeting.

Mary Openshaw, President

Membership

Dues Are Due

Just a reminder to renew your membership. The fees are only \$25 or \$30 for you and a family member. Membership ID cards will be available for pickup at the meeting.

Tim Roark, Membership

Marketplace

Advertisements

Club Members can place an ad in our newsletter or send an email ad between newsletters to our members for only \$5. Non members can also place ads or email ads for \$10. Non members must be vouched for by a club member. This space will let members know you have something to sell that may interest them. If the item is free, then there is no ad fee. Any sales are private between the seller and the buyer since our constitution does not allow sales for private profit at our meetings. All ad fees go to the club.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Free Stuff

Moving-must be picked up by February 23rd:

- Panasonic 1500 microwave
- Area carpet, red/beige pattern 7'6"x 5'
- Area carpet, beige, 6'x7'7" approx.
- Wardrobe, white, 37"wide, 7' tall, 19"

deep. Has 3 shelves—must see

- Garden decor and much more!

All in very good condition. Call Collene at 778-294-7339

White Rock

Bee City

Our bee keeper club member, Kevin Thompson, who gave an informative talk to us at last year's Bee Happy party in Donna's garden, is going to White Rock City Hall this Thursday, February 6th at 4 pm to present to the Environmental Committee his proposal to make WR a Bee City. Just in case you are interested.

He is willing to speak at our executive meeting sometime soon. He's already made a presentation to City Hall in November about making the city a pollinator friendly city, and I guess that was success as he now gets to present to a committee. He mentions a program in Canada called Bee City Canada where cities can apply for this designation if they qualify.

<https://beecitycanada.org/about-us/mission/>

If you are interested in supporting him in his endeavour he can be contacted at hexagonhoney@telus.net.

Mary Openshaw, President

Events of Interest

Seedy Saturday

Ladner Seedy Saturday, March 7 from 10 am – 3 pm at All Saints Church Hall, 4755 Arthur Drive, Ladner. Seed Swap & Sales, Various Garden Themed Vendors, Information Booths Plus 2 speakers! **Julia Common** – representing "Hives of Humanity" & **Brian Campbell** – Master Beekeeper. Admission is by donation.

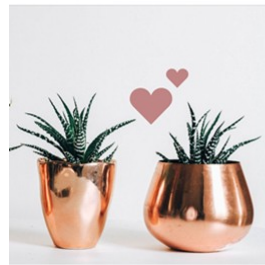
Mary Openshaw, President

Juicy Bits

From Victor Hugo

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.

Submitted by Donna Lawson, Show



Garden Gigue

What did one
succulent say to the
other?

My life would
SUCC
without you!

Submitted by Bev Sass, Web

New Exec Position

*From Herman, The 3rd Treasury by Jim Unger
Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter*



*"Here, you wanted to be plant manager.
Take care of this!"*

Next Meeting

February 11th, 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.