

# Over The Garden Wall

**White Rock & District Garden Club March, 2020**

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

Mary Openshaw, President

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## President's Message

### A Note From Our President

**Mary O'Hern Openshaw  
Owen-Jones (representing  
Ireland, England, Wales)**

Our March meeting will promote the 'Wearing o' The Green' to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Irish heritage in general. Shamrocks and Leprechauns, Celtic jewelry and Aran knitting. Show off your family traditions.

The four-leaf clover, which is thought to be the result of a genetic process, comes into existence once in 10,000 times, probably a big part of the reason why it is considered to bring luck to the people who might find them. According to belief the four leaves represent Love, Hope, Faith, and Luck.



Plants that are reminiscent of Ireland are Oxalis and Bells of Ireland and clover.



We'll feast on Scones with jam and cream, recipe provided by Margie Phillips. Make Margie's recipe or bring your own scone recipe. YUM!

### Scones (Margie Phillips)

3 cups flour  
½ cup white sugar  
5 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
¾ cup butter

1 egg, beaten  
1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 400°F (204°C)

In a large bowl combine flour, baking powder, sugar, + salt

Cut in the butter

In a small bowl, combine beaten egg and milk.

Stir into flour mixture until moist.

Drop by large tablespoons onto sprayed cookie sheet

Bake 10 - 15 minutes or until brownish (watch them, they burn fast.)

Serve with pots of jam and cream

*Mary Openshaw,  
President*

## New Stuff

### Questions & Answers

Beginning at our March meeting we will have a 10-minute

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Q + A Session, moderated by Iris Peacosh, so bring your Questions.

## Non Member Fee

Beginning at the March meeting there will be a sign-in sheet where you may tick off your attendance as you enter the hall. If you are not a member there will be a \$5.00 charge to attend and hear our speaker of the month. (Members are those who have paid their annual membership fee). Remember to wear your name badge.

*Mary Openshaw, President*

## In Memory

### Jann Zimmerman



Sadly, we have lost another of our members. Jann Zimmerman passed away in hospital on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Jann was on the executive as treasurer, and did a good job as cashier at the Plant and Bake Sale. She really enjoyed all club activities and outings, especially the members garden tours. Also, loved gardening, mostly vegetables and fruit, and often brought her produce, and rhubarb and strawberries to meetings to share. A memorial get-together will be held in the Spring. Jann will be greatly missed, may she rest in peace.

*Donna Lawson, Show*

## Plant & Bake Sale

### We Need Stuff

- We still need three more card tables
- Volunteers needed – see sign up sheet
- Please bring empty containers to share with the members
- We are looking for a good source of basket stuffers for the hanging baskets being created for the draw. Mary has donated Geraniums

Call Terry at 604-340-9977 or

[terryhaight@shaw.ca](mailto:terryhaight@shaw.ca)

*Terry Haight, Plant Sale*

## Plant Sale Tips

### Plant Preparation

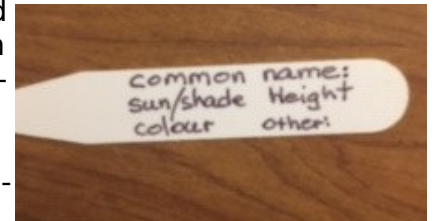
Choose healthy plants grown from seed, cuttings and division.

Plant specimens in 4" pots, water with warm water, place in medium sun.

Provide bottom heat, if available. Back date 6-8 weeks to grow healthy good sized plants.

Label with genus and species and common name, if possible, using light coloured tags, such as Venetian blind strips, plastic knives or plastic

containers cut into strips. Use a fine-tipped, waterproof sharpie for writing. This helps with setup time to have your donations pre-labelled.



Some people may appreciate knowing the final expected height. A photo from a magazine or seed catalogue could accompany your plant. Indicate sun or shade preference of the plant. Additional info, such as annual, perennial, houseplant, tropical, vegetable, herb, berry could also be valued.

Price your plants at home to save time at the sale. Ask yourself what you would pay for that plant. A suggested price might be \$3.00 for a nice sized plant in a 4" pot. Price can be adjusted for special species and larger plants.

Maybe you'd like to put together a selection of herbs in an unusual pot (tea pot, old kettle) People are charmed by rustic items. Or a se-

lection of succulents. Or maybe a patio salad.

Be aware that the younger crowd will be interested in edibles - patio tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, berries, herbs. What could you share?

## On the Day of the Sale

Bring your plants in boxes or flats that can be used by the customers to take their plants home. The greeters will make sure everyone is offered a carrying flat.

Leave your plants at the designated receiving area for sorting and price checking. The Plant table volunteers will take them to their proper location.

## Flower Arrangements

We will be grateful to receive your delightful arrangements or even a small bouquet from your garden which will be attractively arranged for sale. Small decorative items suitable for Mother's Day would be welcome - suggestions: painted pots, cute, colourful picture frames, painted wooden spoons, driftwood decorations, small ornaments, cute succulents in pots, etc.

*Mary Openshaw, President*

## Compost

### Good Price

Need compost that your plants will love and allow them to grow like mad? Here is a deal for you. The Vancouver Landfill in Delta will sell you a pickup truck load for \$10. The address is 5400 - 72 Street. Enter on River Road off Highway 99 just before the tunnel. Mornings are usually very busy with big trucks.

*Diane Kew, VP*

## Club Computer

### Can You Donate?

If any member has a lap top computer that they are not using, our club could use it. It could act as a backup in case, as happened at our last meeting, a speaker's computer malfunctions. It could also be used to take

minutes at meetings. Contact any of your executive if you can help.

*John Davidson, Newsletter*

## Club "Tee" Shirts

### Try One On

The try-on shirts will be at the March meeting.

Prices are: 1 to 12 shirts ordered \$21.00 ea  
12 or more ordered \$17.85 ea

So of course we are aiming for "more than". Please have exact money in an envelope as they have to be paid for when ordered. We will order one week from the meeting to allow members not attending to order. Try on at Donna's house on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Any questions, give me a call 604-538-8858.

The small round badges have to be ordered in lots of 50 (minimum) so I doubt we will be ordering them at this time.

Think of how great it would be to see everyone wearing a blue shirt at our outings, sales, and shows.

*Donna Lawson, Show*

## Workshop

### Looking Ahead To May

The Floral Circle group has a treat for all members at the May meeting. We will have a flower arranging workshop where you can all "design your own centrepiece". All containers and oasis will be supplied. **You are required to bring flowers, Greenery and a tool to cut stems.** There will be samples of these at the April meeting, and a sign up sheet will be distributed (to enable us to get enough supplies). So look forward to an hour of creative fun at the May meeting.

*Donna Lawson, Show*

## 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*

## Swarovski Crystal

Large collection of Swarovski Crystal for sale with original packaging and certificates. See Diane Kew or call 604-538-3905.

*Diane Kew, VP*

## Too Much Stuff?

**Sharon Richardson will Lighten your Load.**

- Is it time?
- Do you have too much stuff?
- Need to declutter?
- Downsize?
- Deal with an estate?

Sharon Richardson can help you sort and/or remove items while also minimizing what goes into the landfill. She has contacts with a number of local organizations/programs that provide for those in need such as SOS Children's Foundation, Surrey's Inner City Schools, Women in Crisis and Hospice to name a few.

Sharon has kindly agreed to support our Club's initiatives by donating garden and floral items to Plants Plus and the Plant Sale. A big thank you!

Should you require her services, please contact her at 604-318-0464. Both my 86-year old Mother and I have benefited from her help. She comes highly recommended.

*Judy Froelich, Plants Plus*



## Juicy Bit

### Getting Plants Ready for P&BS



*"I spilt the stupid plant food."*

*From The 1<sup>st</sup> Treasury of Herman, Jim Unger  
Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter*

## Next Meeting

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm**

Doors Open at 1pm

Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive,  
Surrey.

Theme is St. Patrick's Day so wear green. For those of you that can bake, try the scone recipe. Remember to bring your own cup to save money and the environment.

