

# Over The Garden Wall

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

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

Mary Openshaw, President

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## President's Message

### Wednesday Weekly

We've had five more garden club members volunteer to place articles in the 'Wednesday Weekly', adding to our Executive's contributions and that will take us to March. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. It would be okay to let the writers know - drop them a line.

### Dahlias

I've just completed eight days of digging dahlias. I limited myself to two hours per day so as not to overwhelm myself. Dig them up, wash them off, set them on trays to dry, make sure they have labels, and once dry, pack them in wood shavings that I picked up at Otter Coop. I store them in cardboard boxes in the unheated room where I keep my canning. I learned a few years back not to store potatoes, onions or apples in the same room. Too much moisture -which led to my precious dahlia tubers getting mildew (I lost 70% of them).

### Porch Pot

So now I'm all set to make up my welcoming Porch Pot as the official greeter outside my front door. And I'll send a photo to Melanie Rantucci at [mjrpharm@telus.net](mailto:mjrpharm@telus.net) which she will post on Facebook along with all of yours.

### Executive Meeting

Your Executive recently met for a meeting. We used Zoom and five of us met in the back room of Ricky's Restaurant at 2160 King George Blvd and were able to connect with the seven others at their homes via my lap-



top. It wasn't perfect as we were next to the kitchen (clatter).

### Next Meeting

The room can accommodate twelve people (two tables of six, physically distanced). Let me know by email [maryopenshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:maryopenshaw@hotmail.com) or call me, [604-830-2671](tel:604-830-2671) if you would like to attend our November 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting by going to

Ricky's Restaurant. Arrive by 1:15 pm. Your other option is to attend the meeting via Zoom. See you then.

*Mary Openshaw, President*

## Letter From Jill

### Nan Devereaux

The following letter to Mary is from Jill, Nan Devereaux's Daughter.

Dear Mary,

Thank you for the photos of my mom. I know that she really enjoyed the friendship and companionship of the garden club members and taking part in as many events as she could manage. The one of her display at the mall is special to me because I helped her with it and transported it to the mall on the day. I

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also had the chance to meet some of the other ladies and couldn't help but be impressed by their enthusiasm.

I wish you all happy gardening and much enjoyment in your club. Let's hope we can all return to easier times sometime soon.

Take care and keep safe!

Best wishes,  
Jill

*Mary Openshaw, President*

## Greenery

### Have Any?

Do any members have greenery available for our members to make Christmas wreaths, swags and hanging baskets. Looking for Holly, Cedar, Fir, Spruce etc. Please let me know. Thanks.

*Terry Haight, Plants Plus*

## Dish Gardens

### Helpful Tips

Hi everyone, hopefully many of you will be entering a picture of your dish garden. This is a few tips to help you with your masterpiece. Please give it a try, a lot of these would look great on our web site Gallery.

A dish garden usually represents a corner or section of a garden with masses of ground cover, dwarf evergreens and tiny flowers set in borders or beds. Can depict a park (playground), beach scene or desert or the woods. For the desert we can use sand and cacti, and the for woods scene, use tiny ferns and moss and twigs. Tiny rocks form paths. Generally a large rock or tree or plant is the focal point. This forms the background for the actual garden. If a pond is included it should contain actual water.

**Scale** and **Proportion** are very important, and combined, represent 45% of the total mark when judged. Scale refers to the "size" of the material, which must be in keeping with the whole. Proportion refers to the "amount" of material used and the balance of

that amount to the whole. Any figurines that are used (people, animals, furniture etc) must be to scale and should add to the theme. (i.e. we wouldn't want an animal larger than the tree).

Containers are usually pottery in a neutral colour. However, sometimes plastic is used, and depending on the theme, brighter colours would also be acceptable. (i.e. a birthday party in a garden would look exciting in a bright coloured pot) Containers can be round, rectangular, or oval and approximately 4" deep. The schedule will likely tell you the maximum diameter. Try not to crowd too much into the scene. Too many accessories give a messy look, so be selective.

**Real art lies in the ability to convey an impression or feeling with a minimum of material.**

Good Luck, Donna

*Donna Lawson, Show Chair*

## New Member

### Welcome to:

Robyn Mooney  
1582 Pacific Avenue  
White Rock, BC, V4B 1S8  
604-340-5596 [robynmooney@gmail.com](mailto:robynmooney@gmail.com)

*Tim Roark, Membership*

## Marketplace

### Christmas Stuff

Any members with Christmas products to sell please remember that for only five dollars you can advertise in the newsletter.

*Terry Haight, Plants Plus*

### 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*

## Juicy Bits

### Digging The Garden

An old gentleman lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

*Dear Vincent,  
I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like the old days.  
Love, Papa*

A few days later he received a letter from his son:

*Dear Papa,  
Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.  
Love, Vinnie*

At 4 am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

*Dear Papa,  
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.  
Love you, Vinnie*

*Submitted by J&F Deptuck*

## Garden Stuff



*Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter*

## Next Meeting

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15pm**

In person (see President's Message)  
or  
via Zoom (details to follow)

