

Over The Garden Wall

White Rock & District Garden Club February, 2021

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

Diane Kew, President

Johanne Mramor, Secretary

Tim Roark, Treasurer

Presidents Message

Push On

Looking outside today, January 24, I am seeing white fluffy stuff coming down. Yesterday I was admiring the snowdrops, buds on the magnolia tree in my neighbourhood, buds on trees in the field. I must remind myself that today in parts of Alberta it is -34 degrees. Oh! I remember those days. And funny enough survived with no bad memories. It is amazing what we can get used to as we have with the pandemic in our midst. It has been over 1 year since the first case was detected, but we are pushing on, following the rules and for the most part doing well. I send continued good health and safety to everyone. To clarify going forward, executive meetings will start at 1:30 pm with no chat; general meetings will commence with chat time at 1:30; meeting at 2:00 pm. Thank you. Cheers,

Diane Kew, President

Monthly Meetings

Zoom

Currently all Monthly Meetings are using the Zoom platform. These meetings may or may not include a guest speaker. Each meeting is recorded along with any Guest Speakers presentation, provided the speaker is agreeable to recording. These recordings will be available to club members for **7** days from date of recording on the Zoom website. They cannot be held for a longer period as the club's storage is limited to 1 GB. If you are interested in listening to a club meeting, please send an email to bev.sass@shaw.ca requesting the recording link as it will no longer



be sent automatically. Better yet, join our Zoom meetings as we have a 30-minute chat time prior to business meeting just like when we met at Cranley Hall. Sorry, no tea, coffee & sweets served but lots of friendly faces. Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Thank you.

Website Committee

Have Any?

Empty Hanging Baskets

If you have empty hanging baskets or containers, our plant sale committee can use them but they don't need them until March. Please contact Linda Bradley by email (whatdayisitbradley@gmail.com) and leave your name and the number of baskets you can donate. Thanks so much. Your plant sale committee.

Terry Haight, Plant Sales, Plants Plus

Hellebore Funky Arrangement Technique

To preface a little on how this issue came about; I was speaking on the phone with Donna, all the while staring at a pitiful Hellebore arrangement I'd made the day before which had completely collapsed so I

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mentioned it to Donna in passing. She agreed that Hellebore do not fare well in a vase and made a suggestion which I acted upon then let her know the outcome.

Next conversation:

Your suggestion to poke a hole up its stem really works!!! A few of the flowers are 5 days old and still looking perky. I delicately inserted a very slim skewer up the stem and chose a goose necked vase to hold the cuttings up straight.... it allowed for only 2 stems and no leaves. Now I'll experiment using wider necked vases and maybe marry it with



Dusty Miller seeing as those are the only two flowering specimens in my garden at this point.

Next conversation:

By golly, I have never tried it, only read about it. You are a smarty - good girl. Now you're the teacher !! Have a nice day, but bundle up. I just went out to get pots from greenhouse

and nearly froze.

Bernice Day, Kitchen

Surrey Seed Library

Get Your Seeds

Surrey Seed Library give out of seeds will be extended to members of this club. To place your order of up to 10 different varieties, send to Surreyseedlibrary@gmail.com by Feb. 20th If you want to know of all the seeds that we have call me at 778-545-5357 evenings. Distribution will be on Feb. 27th Saturday, from 12-2 only at Alexandra Neighbourhood House in Crescent Beach at the Stage House. We will also have a box for your saved seeds in exchange. Please write you name, date of seed, name of seed (variety if possible) and colour. Return your seeds in a paper bag or used envelope (works well).

Collene Ford, Coordinator

Plant of the Month

Say Hello To Optimism



1-800-FLOWERS.COM Inc has chosen the Red Maranta as Plant of the Year for 2021.

The Red Maranta Prayer Plant was named for the sixteenth century Italian botanist, Bartolomeo Maranta, and is native to the American tropics. This plant got its' nickname because it keeps its leaves flat during the day and folds them up like praying hands at night. Symbolizing gratitude and respect, this plant gives us hope for a healthy and respectful new year.

Tips for Maintaining your Red Maranta Prayer Plant

This plant enjoys bright, indirect light, so

Marketplace



Tool Sharpening

Garden pruners & shears; kitchen knives & scissors sharpening in Ocean Park. Most items \$10 with 24 hour turn around. BeSharp

Sharpening, 13708 20th Ave Surrey,
BeSharp@tuta.io or 604-245-6663.

Chip Gho, Member



avoid full sun exposure. An east or north-east facing window would be best. They also prefer high humidity, so make sure to mist the foliage frequently, especially during the winter months. Grouping with other plants or setting it on a pebble tray is also beneficial. When watering, use lukewarm water and make sure to water the soil, not the leaves. Water these plants only when the soil is dry to the touch.

A well-grown Red Maranta should have full six-inch-long leaves. When properly cared for, the red-veined Maranta is said to have some of the most strikingly beautiful leaves in the plant kingdom. With its' hopefulness, it should set our path on a year of gratitude and positive change.

Winner

Last meeting winner of the plant of the month was **Christine Sun** - Congratulations.
Submitted by Iris Peacosh

Juicy Bits

The Jigsaw Puzzle

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."
Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"
The little silver-haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."
Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."
He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh.....
"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box"

Submitted by Marilyn Murphy



Buying Plants



"I can let you have those for half price."

*Herman, The Sixth Treasury by Jim Unger
Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter*

Buying Seeds



"What do you expect from a seed called 'Pot Luck'?"

*Bill Stott, The Crazy World of Gardening
Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter*

Next Meeting

February 9th, at 2pm

This will be a Zoom meeting. Details on how to join the meeting to follow.