

# Over The Garden Wall

White Rock & District Garden Club January, 2022

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

President Vacant

Pat Catton, Secretary

Tim Roark, Treasurer

Editor, Melanie Rantucci

## Executive Reports and Elections

### Elections

Our 2022 Executive List is attached. Thanks to all those members who have stepped forward to help keep our club running. Sadly we do not at this time have a President.

### Governance Proposal

In the absence of an Elected President for our club, the Executive have agreed to govern in a cooperative manner, with the help of our Past Presidents until such time as a member volunteers to take on this position. To this end, the Past Presidents Donna Lawson, Eileen Davidson, Ken Parker, Claire Muirhead, Yvonne Pont, Melanie Rantucci, Patty Wolczuk, and Mary Openshaw will be taking turns chairing our Monthly General Meetings. Members of the Executive are collaborating on the running of the monthly Executive Meetings by taking turns chairing those meetings. Should you need to contact the Executive you may do so by getting in touch with anyone on the Executive list (attached to the Newsletter)

*Your Executive*

### Year End Reports

2021 Executive Year End Reports are attached to the Minutes of the December Meeting to be sent with the Meeting reminder.

### Goodbye

Our 2021 President, Diane Kew will be leaving the club as she has moved to Gabriola Island. She is thanked for serving her term regardless of the distance to travel for meetings.



### Thank You from Diane

Thank you all for a super send off. I will enjoy using the gift card to buy something wonderful for the new garden. With the deer roaming around, it has to be deer proof; but as the fellow here at the nursery said, "The deer will enjoy something at one end of the Island and not necessarily at the other end." So

the best solution is to tear out a page from the gardening manual; and leave it for the deer to read!!!"

Thanks again everyone. Cheers, Diane

*Diane Kew, Past President*

## Membership

### Please Renew

If you haven't already paid for your 2022 membership, NOW is the time. On January 31, 2022 our membership list will be updated to include only paid up members.

Please make out your cheque to White Rock Garden Club and mail to Linda Bradley, #307 2229 -52nd Street, Surrey V4A 4P1. (phone 604 541-0903).

We're all looking forward to amazing gardening in the upcoming year!

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If you have already paid for your membership Thank You!

Note: Membership Forms are available on our website: <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/contact-us-the-gardening-club-south-surrey-bc.html#become-a-member-of-the-white-rock-garden-club-surrey-bc>

Don't forget to sign your form. Printed forms will be available at our meetings or a form could be mailed to you. All garden clubs are required to have their Privacy Agreement included on their membership forms.

See the Membership Tutorial by Bev Sass at the end of last month's newsletter.

Thank you!

*Linda Bradley, Membership*

## Donation

### Red Cross for BC Flood Victims

In recognition of the great need for help for the people in British Columbia that have been affected by the floods, the club members at the December club meeting voted to donate \$100 to the Red Cross Flood Victims' Relief Fund. Our donation of \$100 will equal \$300 as a joint partnership between the provincial and federal governments will match every dollar donated.

*Your Executive*

## Come Share

### Centre Piece Donations

Thanks to all the members who made centerpieces for Come Share to give to shut-ins throughout our area. In all our members made 80 arrangements as requested by Come Share. Once again they were done beautifully. Thanks for helping.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*



## Winners

### 5 Year Step-Down Award and Thanks for Long Service

John Davidson, who has served as Newsletter Director for an amazing 11 years was awarded the 5 Year Step-Down award, awarded to members when they leave the Executive after 5 years. Yvonne made an entertaining speech to recognize and thank John's many years writing the newsletter.





## Name Tag Draw

The Plant of the month was a poinsettia with a ficus and a philodendron won by Pat Catton.

*Iris Peacosh, Member*

## 50/50 Draw

Ken Parker won the draw of \$49.50.

*Claire Muirhead, Raff*



## Photo Contest

The best photo was won by Margrit Elmiger-Isert.

*Donna Lawson, Show Dir.*

## Rosettes Won

This year's Rosette for Most Points accumulated for the year's three virtual Floral Shows was won by Mary Openshaw. She also won the Rosette for most points in the November floral show.



*Donna Lawson, Show Dir.*

## Christmas Party

### Celebrating the End of 2021

At our December meeting, members enjoyed each others' company while masked, and shared goodies provided by

others at their table. Members of the Floral Circle provided Christmas Floral arrangements for each table, and those were won by draw by Iris, Linda B., Sharon, June, Fran, Eileen M., James and Judy.

As is our custom, poinsettias, provided by the club were won by name-tag draw. Winners included Hilary, Melanie, Darlene, and Eileen D.

A Prize for Best Christmas Sweater was won by Terry, and for Best Christmas Fascinator, Francis.

Additional draws for a bay leaf wreath and table centre, made by Mary O. were won by Margie and Donna respectively. And John won a mystery gift.

*Your Executive*

## Member News

Long time member, Ozana, who grows and sells herbs for our plant sales, has extended her summer stay in Croatia due to the need for back surgery that she received there. She is recuperating well and sends Christmas and New Year Greetings to members.

## Juicy Bits

### Walk Like a Penguin

Those ice-covered streets and walkways can be treacherous. Practice your penguin walk to avoid slips and falls.

Knees relaxed; Toes pointed out; Short steps; Slow and deliberate;

Keep your hands free

*from Massage Therapy Association of Manitoba Inc.*

*Mary Openshaw*

## Snowy Winter Poem

All day the clouds  
Grow cold and fall,  
And soft the white fleece shrouds  
Field, hill and wall.

—Charles Bertram Johnson (b. 1880)

*From the Farmers Daily Almanac Dec 6, 2021*

## Marketplace

### Plants +

We have some smaller piece puzzles to start 2022 slowly. \$1.00ea; Books, mystery, humor, self help \$1.00ea; commemorative teacup \$5.00.

Small Donations needed, books of interest to men, or perhaps those Xmas gifts you just won't use but your garden club can profit from? Any questions? please call Joyce 604-538-2549, pick up or delivery can be arranged.

## Master Gardener Tips

### Disposing of Your Live Christmas Tree

Instead of putting your live Christmas tree out for garbage collection, consider using it for mulch. Cut branches off and lay them in the garden over perennials and shrubs to provide extra root protection from winter weather. This will also hold moisture in and help build the soil, as well as provide shelter for pollinators and wildlife.

*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*

## Website Committee

### Website Tips

Want to look at the WRGC Calendar of events? Click on this link:

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/plant-sales-south-surrey-bc-events-meetings-talks-visits.html>

Scroll down the page to see the Calendar for Gardening tips and Wednesday Weekly Report or the time of the next General Meeting.

Questions on the website? You can contact any member of the Website Committee for answers.

## Next Meeting

**Sadly our next meeting on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> will Not be an in-person meeting. It must be a Zoom Meeting due to the current Covid situation. You will be sent an invitation by email.**

### Lesson 2

A lesson on how to join and participate in a Zoom meeting is attached to this newsletter.

### **WRGC Website Committee**

*(Bev Sass, Melanie Rantucci, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Marilyn Murphy, Eileen Davidson and Mary Openshaw)*

## Lesson 2 – Zoom Meetings – How to Join and Participate.

- I. As necessary we will continue to use the Zoom application for executive meetings and General club meeting so that all club members have an easier time staying connected during the ongoing pandemic. Zoom is simple to use and is a dedicated program that the club subscribes to and can be accessed from your computer, tablet, cell phone or your landline telephone.

Zoom has **no affiliation** with Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

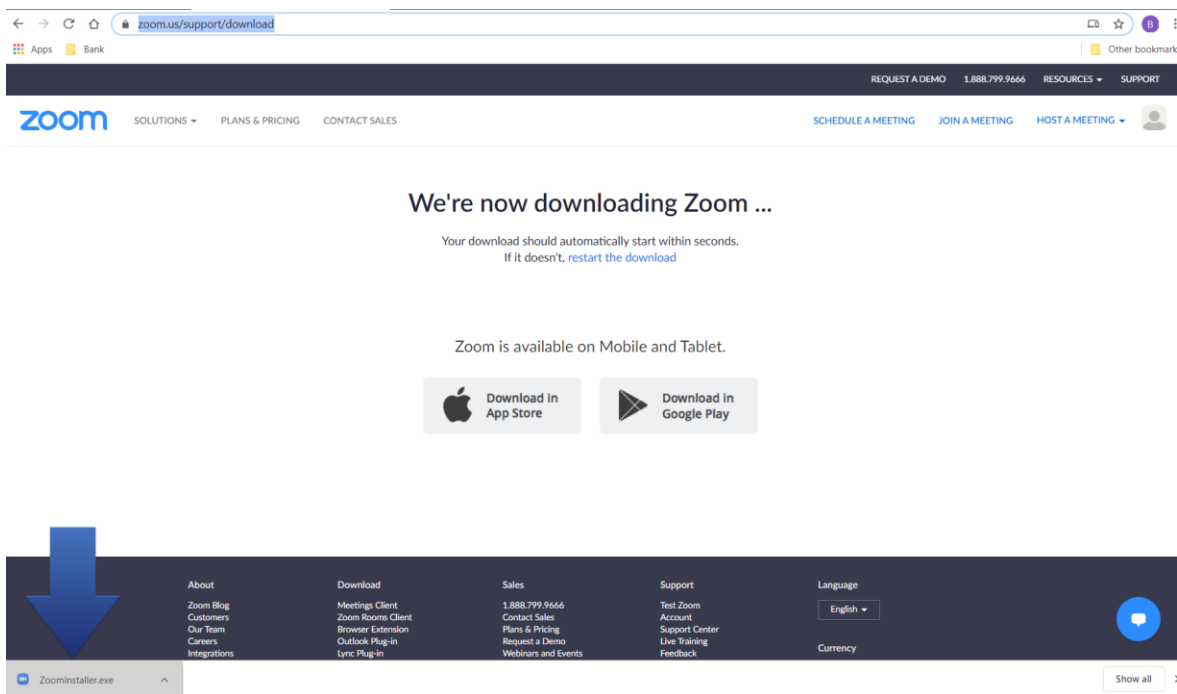
Everyone must have the Zoom application loaded onto their machine (PC, laptop, tablet or cell phone) to participate in a White Rock Garden Club meeting. You can use any device that has both a microphone and a speaker.

Install procedures from the general Zoom website. You will need a data or Wi-Fi to do this **(only done once):**

<https://zoom.us/download> is the website page

Select the download that matches your equipment (PC, tablet, phone, etc.), and download the application that matches your equipment, a Mac or Android.

Follow the prompts during the download. The process only takes about 5 minutes.



To join a Zoom call, you will receive an email invitation that includes a hyperlink. The invitation will look similar to this:

Topic: WRGC General Meeting and Christmas Party  
Time: Dec 14, 2021 02:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86241148117?pwd=dVZadHQvR3BRR0J4VHUrcnY5SERCZz09>

Meeting ID: 862 4114 8117  
Passcode: uPsJB4  
One tap mobile  
+17789072071,,86241148117# Canada  
+12042727920,,86241148117# Canada

Dial by your location  
+1 778 907 2071 Canada  
+1 204 272 7920 Canada  
+1 438 809 7799 Canada  
+1 587 328 1099 Canada  
+1 647 374 4685 Canada  
+1 647 558 0588 Canada  
Meeting ID: 862 4114 8117

The hyperlink is the blue underlined sentence of word, letters and numbers. You can click on the link in the email invitation at the meeting time and zoom will be opened in an internet browser. If that doesn't work for some reason you can copy the complete blue line and paste it into the URL line of a browser window.

To enter the Zoom call you will be put into a waiting room. Time in the holding area is minimal as the coordinator will let in only invited members. This ensures that only invited guests can join our call.

The coordinator will end the call for all members on the completion of the meeting. You can, however, remove yourself if you chose by selecting End on the bottom right corner of the screen.

Tips during the call:

- a. Only 1 person can speak at a time
- b. Turn off back ground noise
- c. Make sure you are facing the light. No back lighting.
- d. Audio can be turned off until you want to talk
- e. Video can be turned off if you don't want to be seen

Questions?

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