

WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 2:00 pm by Club President, Patti Wolczuk.

Patti welcomed three guests, introduced a new member, Karen Jensen, and gave bouquets to recent new members.

Johanna Mramor was thanked for showing Club members her delightful garden. She was given a bouquet. Donna Lawson was thanked for having us into her garden and hosting "The Bee Party." Appreciation was expressed and she was given a book titled "Beekeepers' Bible."

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Collene, seconded by Louise, with the members also voting for approval.

Patti stated that our rental agreement for Cranley Hall has been renewed for another year with no increase in price. Patti stated that we need help from our membership to set for our meeting. In order to get it all done, she recommended that the helpers be at the hall sometime after 12:30.

Thank you notes were received and read. One was from Bev Polywkan of Camp Alexander for donations of plant material after our fund raising plant sale, and the other was from Michele Palmer for our support of the upcoming tea for seniors at the Ocean Park Community Hall.

Lorna Bury, **Treasurer**, reported on the Club's financial status. She said we have a healthy balance.

Collene Ford, Vice President, spoke about an event at the Ocean Park Library on Sept. 21st at 11:00 pm. Kevin Thompson (whom we know from the "Bee Party" at Donna's house) will speak on seeds for bees.

Melanie Rantucci, **Past President**, spoke about two upcoming opportunities. One will be at Art's Nursery in Port Kells. It will involve participating in a scavenger hunt and making scarecrows. Some supplies are provided. However, it will be okay if a person wants to bring clothing for their scarecrow. The outing is planned from 10:00 am through noon on October 1st. A sign-up sheet was provided with further instructions and pertaining to car pooling. Melanie said we may phone her for further details.

Melanie went on to speak about the B.C. Council of Gardens' Fall General Meeting. It is scheduled for October 26th between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. It will be held at Bonsor Banquet Hall in Burnaby. There will be talks, information venues, and a floral design show titled "Dreaming of England." We can look at their Website for further information. As a gardening club in the aforementioned organization, we may send two delegates. There is no cost for these tickets. Please contact Melanie for further information.

Melanie was congratulated on becoming Secretary to the B.C. Council of Gardens.

Membership- Director, Tim Roark, was away. President Patti, gave an update on membership issues. We now have 81 members. The membership cards are completed and ready for distribution.

Programs - Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Program Chair, spoke about this summer's events at UBC, at Johanna's house and at Donna's house. Appreciation was expressed with a warm thank you given to Johanna and Donna.

Margrit asked for suggestions pertaining to speakers for next year. She said that next month we will have a guest speaker on the topic of caring for orchids in our home.

Margrit said that next Tuesday at 7:00 pm Brian Minter will be the guest speaker at South Delta Garden Club. This lecture will be at the Christian Reform Church in Delta. The cost is only \$5. As seating is limited, and we were encouraged to secure our admission as soon as possible. We may contact Margrit or the South Delta Garden Club for further details.

Mary Openshaw, **Plants Plus**, recommended immersing cut hydrangea stems in boiling water to prolong the best color of the blossom. She also spoke a bit about today's sale items.

John Davidson, **Newsletter**, had no information for today's meeting. He was given a bouquet and huge round of applause for the fantastic newsletter he does for our Club. Margrit offered to take the amplifier home and store it from one meeting to the next.

Darlene Chamberlain, **Trophy Team**, presented awards to the following members: Mary Joe received the Mottershead Cup for the best pink rose and the Izowsky Tray for the best container of five roses; Mary Openshaw received the Alexander F and Gowan B Hay Plaque for most points in the June Show; Darlene received the Brackman & Kerr Trophy for the best sweet peas; Johanna Mramor received the Board of Trade Trophy For the best collection of vegetables; and Melanie Rantucci received the White Rock Rotary Club Symbol of Peace Award Trophy for her Peace Rose.

Following the tea break, the meeting resumed at 2:55 pm.

Donna Lawson, **Show Director**, discussed several items. She spoke about the Autumn Show on September 21st at Semiahmoo Mall. She asked for volunteers to assist. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Donna said that there will be student judges present, and that we will need to have fifteen floral entries for this to qualify as a judged showing. We were encouraged to bring entries.

Donna stated that we will get need to get new rosettes for next year. She thanked everyone who contributed entries for today's parlour show.

Iris Peacosh gave a presentation on the **Plant of the Month**. It was a New Zealand Holly, also called Olearia macrodonta. It is a small sub-alpine evergreen tree endemic to New Zealand. It has undulating and serrated grey-green leaves. Its daisy-like composite flowers are white with yellow centers. Despite its common name, Olearia macrondongta is not closely related to the true hollies. This plant was won by Rosemary Milsted.

For the “**What’s Up**” presentation, Iris showed us clippings of various annuals and perennials from her garden. She said that many of these were from a second growth (this season), and that she was happy about this.

There was a **parlour show** at today’s meeting with fifty-eight entries. Donna introduced the judge, Emily Budinski. There were three collages, and Donna’s entry won best in show (of these entries).

Website Presentation. Beverly Sass and Margrit Elmiger-Isert were involved in today’s presentation regarding our Club’s Website. It was described as “a work in progress.” It is not yet completed nor is it online yet. We were shown the Website on screen with Bev walking us through aspects of it. She and the Website team were congratulated. Feedback from the members at today’s meeting was positive. Bev and Melanie encouraged members of our Club to join the Website team. Bev asked individuals to submit relevant pictures that would be appropriate for our Club’s website. She said they need to be high quality and digital photos.

Website Issues Pertaining to Photos. Linda Martin and Patti Wolczuk spoke to this point. In summary, on our Website there will be pictures of our Club members participating in various activities. Should anyone wish that their own image not appear in these website photos, Linda asked for members to approach her. Then the individual’s name will be given to the Website Team with the assurance of compliance regarding honouring these wishes. It is understood that it is a personal choice.

Donations and 50/50 Draw. Potholders and an apron were won through a membership draw, and Yvonne Pont won \$61.75 in the Draw.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Martin, Secretary.