

OCTOBER 8, 2019 GENERAL MEETING
WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

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

Patti welcomed two new members who were then given bouquets, five guests were also welcomed, and appreciation was expressed to Karen Jensen who sent us a thank you card.

We were told that there will be a book sale during our break with the items costing \$1.00 each.

Patti and Melanie Rantucci, Past President, encouraged Members to sign up for our Club's Executive positions with the term beginning in January 2020. There is a sign-up sheet for this at today's meeting. Melanie invited Members to speak with her today and they may also phone her.

Last month's minutes were approved as written per motion by Louise, seconded by Iris. There was a unanimous vote of approval.

Guest Speaker: The topic was "Orchids for the House", presented by Margaret Nakahara. She stated that she has 300 orchids and that she has been growing them since 1974. She has won countless awards, is a senior horticulturalist, and Past President of B.C. Council of Gardens. Ms. Nakahara accompanied her talk by providing us with stunning photos of various orchids. A demonstration followed on how to repot orchids.

Following the presentation, we had a break. During that time, we were able to look at the book sale items and have treats. Then our meeting resumed with Committee Reports and Other Business.

President's Report: Patti spoke about the upcoming B.C. Council of Gardens event on October 26th. Our two delegates attending will be Beverly Sass and Margrit Elmiger-Isert. The Organization is interested in recruiting board members and has scholarships.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Lorna Bury, reviewed last month's budget entries, the report was approved as read, with Lorna concluding by acknowledging our healthy bank balance.

Vice-President's Report: Our VP, Collene Ford, told the Members that we will be having our Executive Meetings at Camp Alexandra in Crescent Beach. She then went on to recommend a Buddy System in which current members orient and welcome new members into our Club. All thought this was an excellent idea, with a sign-up sheet then being circulated.

Membership: Director, Tim Roark, reported that we now have 83 members.

Programs: Several members of our Club went to a nursery at Port Kells where we had an opportunity to make scarecrows. Many of them were brought to today's meeting for our Members to have a chance to see them. Darlene Chamberlain won one. Program Director, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, offered a sign-up sheet which is for suggestions of future activities. She spoke about our need to place items in recycling

boxes while at the Clubhouse. And, Margrit told the Members that we now have found a man who will do the “set up and take down” for our General Meeting. The cost for this service is \$50.00 per meeting. This recommendation was voted upon and approved.

Plants Plus: Program Director, Mary Openshaw, spoke about today’s book sale which she kindly organized and worked on. Mary then went on to give a demonstration about planting garlic.

Website: No new information was provided. It was described as a “work in progress.”

Plant of the Month and What’s Up: These presentations were given by Iris Peacosh. The plant of the month was a Rex Begonia. It is a house plant that may be brought indoors in the winter and returned outdoor when the weather becomes warmer. Iris chose this plant as she felt it was spooky – and Halloween is around the corner. Its colours are burgundy, silver, and black. Iris stated the plant is indigenous to Northern India. She feels it looks good in the centre of a planter. The Rex Begonia was won by Eileen Davidson. Then Iris showed us some flowers that are still blooming in her garden – they were mums, asters, fall crocus, and aconitum.

Gifts Won: Debra Davis and Mavis Taylor won beautiful floral arrangements that are for a centre piece, and John Davidson won a quilted pillow cover donated by Sharon.

50/50 Draw: The \$64.00 was won by Louise Long.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Martin, Secretary