

**WHITE ROCK and DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING, NOV 10, 2020**



via Zoom

1:15 pm- Zoom meeting opened.

1:33 pm - Meeting called to order by President, Mary Openshaw

In attendance via ZOOM: 15 members. Quorum of the executive in attendance.

**1. Minutes from October 13, 2020** meeting (circulated by email October 20) Motion to adopt – Tim;  
2nd – Eileen Davidson

**2. President's Report** – Mary – 3 of our club members attended the BC Council of Garden Clubs AGM via Zoom on October 24th. The speakers topics were:

**1. Creating a Community Legacy** - Linda Stanley Wilson spoke about Ocean Park Community Orchard at 12815 - 22nd Avenue giving many tips on how to obtain Grants.

**2. Fresh Roots** – non-profit organization working with school communities cultivating educational farms and programs where students engage in outdoor experiential learning in Vancouver, Coquitlam and Delta and providing food for schools.

**3. Legacy Gardening** - Plant a Row & Grow a Row in New Westminister for others including local shelters, recovery homes and Union Gospel Mission. Volunteers include adults and children and involve community gardens and vegetable boulevards. Also presented info on the Hanging Baskets that have become so popular in New Westminister. Notes were taken on how to put together these amazing hanging baskets that incorporate drip pans and wicking systems. Melanie said GREAT meeting, Bev said it was very informative and organized.

Mary addressed how difficult it is when so many plans are cancelled and it is demoralizing when our world gets smaller. One of our newer ideas has taken hold - The Wednesday Weekly has received much good feedback with great variety in the contributions from members.

**Food Bank** - Each year our club gives to Sources W.R. Food Bank - 2343 - 156th Street Surrey. Individual cheques can be mailed.

**3. Past President's Report** – Patti – 8 Members of the Executive in attendance provided a quorum for the election of officers. The slate is as follows:



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President – Dianne Kew  
 Past President – Mary Openshaw  
 Vice President – Vacant, no nominees  
 Treasurer – Tim Roark  
 Secretary – Johanna Mramor  
 Membership – Sandy Jones  
 Plant Sale/Plants Plus – Terry Haight  
 Program Director – Frances O`Grady  
 Publicity – Collene Ford  
 Show Director – Donna Lawson  
 Show Secretary – Margaret Maddocks  
 Trophies & Properties – Margie Phillips  
 Newsletter – John Davidson  
 Website Director – Bev Sass \* until a new website Director is found

Following Election Guidelines Patti thrice asked for nominations for each position. Having received no new nominations it was moved by Patti and seconded by Joyce O'Brien that the Slate of Officers be acclaimed. - Passed. The Officers will be introduced at the December 8th meeting. We will be delighted when a volunteer comes forward for the position of Vice President.

**4. Treasurer's Report** - Lorna gave her monthly report which is available on request. Information about the proposed 2021 Budget was in an attachment sent to members with the agenda. The budget will be voted on at December's meeting, Dec. 8th.

Eileen moved to donate \$100. to WRSS Food Bank/Sources, 2nd by Melanie, passed.

**5. Show Director's Report** – Donna – Last day to submit virtual show photos is today, Nov. 10th. Nov. 13 and Nov. 14 are the days to vote for your favourite, "A Scene in your Garden" photo. The winner will receive a trophy. Donna and Margaret are working on editing Trophies/Properties document that will be posted to the members only section of the website by Jan 2021.

**6. Publicity Director's Report** – Collene – The website address is now in the newspaper ad which promotes readers to check it out. Collene phones new members and connects them with a buddy.

**7. Newsletter Director's Report** – John – No report

**8. Membership Director's Report** – Tim – 82 members including 6 new members. The new members saw an ad in the PANews and then went to the website. Membership cards are under way for January distribution.

**9. Plant Sale Director's Report** – Terry Haight – Zoom meetings will be starting up in March for the Plant committee. Ocean Park Hall is rented for next May. There are two plans for the plant sale next year; one Virtual and one In-person. The virtual sale went well this past May. The idea for making

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Wreaths and Centrepieces for Christmas is being put on hold until next year because of COVID rules. There was discussion about collecting greenery to bundle and sell. Mary has 5 Grapevine wreaths to sell for \$5.00 each.

**10. Program Director's Report** – Margrit – Margrit is confident Frances will do a great job and they are planning to get together soon. There may be a Road Trip for Dec.

**11. Website Director's Report** – Bev – November Parlour Show is progressing but more entries are wanted. UPDATES to Website coming, such as new, seasonal pictures for header on each page. Parlour show entries will be on the Gallery by Nov 12. A Scene in Your Garden photo contest voting is Friday and Saturday, Nov 13 & 14. Send your votes to Donna and Margaret. Still looking for a new WEBSITE Director – anyone interested in learning about managing the clubs website should contact the executive.

**12. New Business** - Chat Time: Mary O. invited any members who had yet not had an opportunity to speak, to do so now.

**Next meeting** – Tuesday, Dec. 8th - There will a Christmas theme and everyone, please wear a "Fascinator" or Head wear of your choice. Watch for recipes for Festive drinks from Margrit.

**13. Adjournment** – 2:55 pm – Motion to adjourn by Johanna, 2nd by Patti. Passed