

**White Rock and District Garden Club**  
**February 9, 2021 General Meeting**  
**Minutes**



Meeting was called to order at 2:03p.m. Twenty-five members attended, two by telephone.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Louise Long, 2nd by Marilyn Murphy.

**P**resident, **Diane Kew** welcomed everyone. Two members joined the Zoom meeting by telephone. Diane made mention of her brother who lived 3 hour east of Edmonton and was experiencing -51 degree temperatures. He has 33 chickens and is getting 48 - 51 eggs per day. Sandy Jones is recovering from knee surgery and has stepped back from her Membership Director position for the time being. Another member has stepped forward and will be appointed at the next executive meeting.

Thanks extended to Mary for placing an article in the B.C. Council Newsletter.

B.C. Council of Garden Clubs is holding their biannual meeting March 27 via Zoom. Our club needs two members to volunteer to attend as delegates. Contact Diane.

**P**ast President, **Mary Openshaw** is looking for a member to take on the role of Vice President. A suggestion was made to offer this position for one year.

The Wednesday Weekly's latest article by Fran Deptuk on Growing Grapes has been forwarded to the B.C. Council Newsletter for their March issue. Margaret Maddocks' article on trees has been posted to Facebook. (Authors of Facebook articles are not mentioned for privacy). Mary showed a sampling of the geraniums she is growing for the hanging baskets to be sold in May. Donna Lawson had 15 hanging baskets to give and has started nasturtiums.

**P**ublicity - **Collene Ford** reported no ads have been in the P.A. News lately. She has posters ready to go up and will do that in March.

**Seed Library** - will be operating from 12p.m - 2p.m. on Feb. 27th at Alexander Neighbourhood House. May order 10 packets of seeds to be picked up that date. Preorder from [surreyseedlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:surreyseedlibrary@gmail.com). (see attachment - list of seeds). Negotiations are happening to have Alexander Neighbourhood House be the seed pick-up spot each month this year.

**Buddy Program** - we need more buddies.(members who show/tell new people the ropes). If you would like to be a buddy to a new member, contact Collene.

**N**ewsletter - **John Davidson** reported that he gets lots of cheerful emails that he enjoys reading and would like members to indicate if they are for circulation to everyone.

**Treasurer's Report - Tim Roark** - reported on the income and expenses and investments.

Members wishing to see the financial report may contact Tim at [tim.roark@shaw.ca](mailto:tim.roark@shaw.ca)

**Membership Report - Tim Roark** reported that our current membership is 85. A big welcome to Chip Gho, 13708 - 20 Ave., [BeSharp@tuta.io](mailto:BeSharp@tuta.io), 604-245-6663. The new Membership Director needs to be approved at our next executive meeting.

**Plant Sale Committee Report - Terry Haight** reported that Linda Bradley will be once again in charge of making up the hanging baskets for this year's plant sale. Last year Linda delivered the baskets to the buyers. Mary Openshaw and Eileen Davidson will look after the on-line catalogue pages. Terry has been in touch with [Covid19@surrey.ca](mailto:Covid19@surrey.ca) to find out the current rules regarding plant sales. They may not be held on private property. A drive-through (pick up and drop off) event is a possibility in a public space with a defined entrance and exit. A covid plan must be in place. Joyce O'Brien volunteered to contact The Legion and other establishments or parking lots. Joyce, who is in charge of Plants Plus will be photographing items and they will then be included in the catalogue pages. More info closer to the date. The proposed plant sale to take place May 8th (day before Mothers' Day.)

**Programs Report - Frances O'Grady** - Randal Atkinson will be our speaker on March 9th. Topic: "Getting Ready For Spring". 45 minute presentation and 15 minute Q. + A. The trip to Vancouver Island is cancelled. Looking for speakers. Contact Frances at [ogrady\\_@icloud.com](mailto:ogrady_@icloud.com) If any members do go see something wonderful in the world of gardening, please share with the rest of us. (write up, or photos or review.)

**Website Report - Bev Sass** - took us through a website demo, calling our attention to various aspects of the website. e.g. **Under 'Events' there is a Calendar.** In a date square on the calendar, there may be a short description. If you 'click' on the square, more information will come up. **Under 'Floral Art'** there are show schedules that have been updated by Donna Lawson. You will notice that there are no longer classes divided into Novice and Advanced. We are all one now. And there are printable entry forms under Guidelines. Remember that there is a new password to get into the **Members Only section.** Password is [1RoseforU!](#) Don't forget the exclamation mark. There is no membership list on the website because of privacy reasons.

Bev drew attention to the **icons** at the top of each page that represent Instagram, Facebook, Google, Twitter. Just click on the icons and you will go to the various sites.

**Plant of the Month - Iris Peacosh** selected 'The Plant of the Year for 2021' - as this month's giveaway. You can read about Red Veined Maranta in February's newsletter. The winner was Lorna Bury.

**New Business** - Diane donated a red Swarovski Crystal Heart as a gift for Valentine's Day and the winner was the 14th person to sign into the Zoom meeting - Heike Czisch.

## **V**alentine Show 'N Tell

**Mary** - showed a mobile of hearts made from red + pink crayon scrapings that had been ironed between two sheets of wax paper, then cut into heart shapes. And an arrangement of Hearts on Fire in a Cinnamon Heart vase. And a heart-pieced and quilted placemat and potholder.

**Diane** - showed a Red Vase in shape of a 'D' filled with flower from a White Rock market.

**Joyce** - showed a Dollarama Bag with a cute dog and hearts.

**Yvonne** - shared a card from a niece with poetry inside.

**Marilyn** - showed a heart shaped potholder and took us to her indoor Martini Bar all set up for Valentines Day. Included was her favourite gin from Sandringhams Distillery in Saanich.

**Collene** - showed her red pillows and had plans to go for a 'Love herself' pedicure.

**James** - spoke about The Lantern Festival, also known as the Yuan Xiao Festival, welcomes the lunar year's first full moon. February 26th. It's a dazzling holiday that wraps up Chinese New Year's annual Spring Festival with a night of sparkling lights. (an equivalent to Valentine's Day)

**Frances** - Has a jar of pussywillows, a toy bear decorated with hearts and purchased a \$50. box of Purdy's chocolates which she divided into smaller gift boxes (4 to a box) and will set them outside people's doors on Valentine's Day.

**Iris** - Took apart her winter porch pot to create a Valentine Porch Pot with transplanted double red and double white primroses along with hearts on sticks. Photo to come. any photos can be sent to [parlourshow@whiterockgardenclub.ca](mailto:parlourshow@whiterockgardenclub.ca)

**Heike** - so pleased to have won the Swarovsky red crystal heart.

**Melanie** - showed a square jar of red liquorish (her husband's favourite) with a bouquet of flowers nestled inside. As well, an arrangement of donated Camellias, Pieris and Carnations. As well, a grapevine hart with attached water pics holding flowers. Photos posted.

**Tim** - sending out three valentines..... 1. to Lorna Bury, acknowledging the wonderful job she did of the treasury books; 2. to Linda Bradley, acknowledging the completed audit plus the setup of excel and budget pages; 3. to Patricia who will be receiving something on Valentine's Day.

**Margrit** - wearing a Dollar Store home made heart necklace and showing heart shaped wall decor and showing a floral arrangement in a square jar filled with red and white jellybeans; also vases of flowers for friends. Celebrating her Feb. 10 Birthday by attending Happy Hour at a funky retro restaurant in Storybrooke, Richmond - "The Story Cafe"

Next general meeting - March 9, 2021

Motion to adjourn - Bev Sass, 2nd, Frances O'Grady.





