

# Over the Garden Wall



White Rock and District Garden Club, June, 2022

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

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## President’s Message

Thanks to everyone - members, volunteers and customers for making our Plant and Bake Sale a huge success.

At our May 10th general meeting Floral Circle members led a workshop teaching new members different methods for creating centrepieces. Many beautiful creations were the result. On May 18th a tour of the Glades was postponed due to heavy winds but we were able to go the following week. We are looking forward to our tour of Darts Hill on June 22nd.

Our last general meeting will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> and we can enjoy seeing the summer flowers and roses our members enter into the June Rose and Bloom Show.

The Committee continues to plan for our 75th Anniversary Celebration and will communicate with members further as we proceed.

*Darlene Chamberlain, President*

## Plant and Bake Sale A Success

The plant sale was a huge success! We made \$3546.34 after expenses. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our sale by supplying us with flowers, plants, garden stuff, draw prizes and baking. Thank you to all of you who set up

and cleaned up after the sale. And thanks to those of you who helped arrange plants and carry them to the cars. Your hard work and support made this sale an overwhelming success!!



Special thanks to Mary Openshaw and Margrit Elmiger-Isert for setting up signs in the rain. And thanks to Donna Lawson for organizing the Bake Sale table -- a job well done!! Our thanks to Tim O’Roark and Patti Wolczuk who allowed the Hanging Basket team ( Linda Bradley, Joyce O’Brien, Eileen Davidson, Donna Lawson and myself ) to use their yard to pot up plants and then took care of them and delivered to the buyers.



Thank you to the Flower Market ladies (Nancy DeVink, Claire Muirhead, Donna McCredie and Marilyn Murphy) as well as everyone who contributed arrangements and flowers. Thank you to Joyce O'Brien for managing the Garden Stuff table. Wow what a lot of stuff she managed to sell! Thank you to Bernice Day for keeping us fueled with tea and coffee. Thank you to Linda Bradley for organizing and delivering the draw prizes!



Last but not least, thank you to the Plant Sale Committee (Linda Bradley, Eileen Davidson, Joyce O'Brien and Mary Openshaw) . They were amazing to work with!!

What made the sale a total success was that finally we were able to get together, visit, laugh

and share our knowledge. It has been a long two years and finally some normalcy in our lives! Thank you all so much!

*Terry Haight, Plant Sale Director*

### **Winner of Draw**

Marilyn Murphy won the 50-50 draw at the May club meeting.

### **Plant of the Month**

Ivar Vasara won a miniature rose at the May meeting.

### **Floral Arranging Workshop**

About 20 people enjoyed the workshop in May. It was a happy place, with lots of visiting and sharing, and many really lovely designs.



*Everyone hard at work*

Heard several comments "We should do that again, it was fun". I'm sure we will do it again. Thanks to all who attended and hopefully you will enter the June Parlour Show too. Any questions, please call Margaret Maddocks or myself for help. Many thanks also to Margrit for taking so many pictures of the beautiful arrangements.

They can be viewed on our social media accounts: <https://twitter.com/WhiteRockGarden>.  
<https://www.facebook.com/whiterockgardenclub>  
<https://www.instagram.com/whiterockgardenclub/>

*Donna Lawson, Floral Circle*



*Beautiful arrangements from one table*



*More beautiful arrangements*

### **The Glades Tours**

Our tour to The Glades woodland garden was wonderful and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our tour guides (Alyssa, Delaine and Tomo) provided us with a wealth of information regarding the history of the garden and the many plants found there. They refer to the garden as a

woodland garden. They also advised they have fall tours to see beautiful colours of Maples and burning bushes, etc.. The City of Surrey is expanding the Glades to an ultimate size of 15 acres.



*A happy group*

We have provided a link so you can access their information. There are weekend strolls in the garden until June 26 and tickets can be advanced purchased for \$7.00. You need contact surrey parks to purchase a ticket prior to arrival and these are not guided walks. Below are a few more photos from the Wednesday Tour.

*Terry Haight*



*The Glades entrance*



organize a car pool. There are a few spots still available so contact me if you were not already signed up. If you have any questions please contact me ([terryhaight@shaw.ca](mailto:terryhaight@shaw.ca))

*Terry Haight*

### Garden Stuff

Our tables were almost wiped out at the Plant Sale! Thank you for your donations and your purchases.

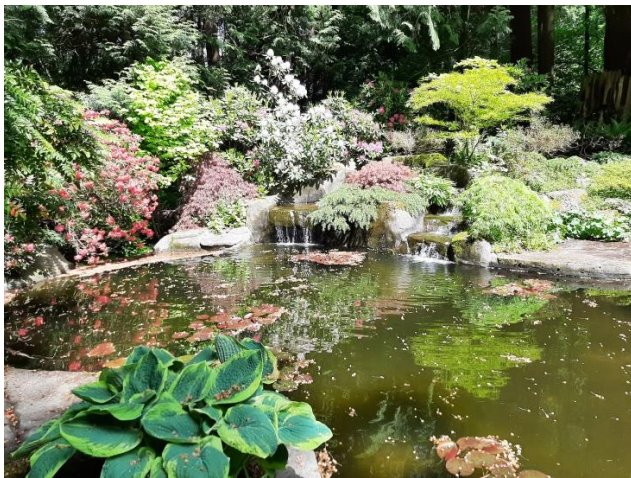
Restocking is dependent on you, our members, donating garden stuff, including plant starters that are now ready for planting, garden decor, etc.

Anything you have enjoyed but are ready to donate, candles, specialty plant pots, tools, collectibles of any sort, clean, gently used items are greatly appreciated and benefit our club. Bring them to the June meeting or drop them off at my house. If in doubt call me at 604-538-2549.

*Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff*



*The enormous size of some of the rhododendrons*



*One of the woodland ponds*

### Upcoming – Darts Hill Tour

Don't forget the tour of Darts Hill garden at 1633 170<sup>th</sup> St, on June 22, 2022 at 1 o'clock. Darts Hill Garden Park consists of 7.5 acres of horticultural richness without equal in North America, for it contains a variety of rare and precious plants. You can drive yourself or

### Website Committee

#### Techie Tip: Less paper = more trees

Think before you print! Learn the ways you can safely file pictures and files. Some methods can be:

- Cloud server storage such as Google
- Dropbox storage – also good for transferring very large files – many companies offer this service and some for free depending the amount of data stored.
- Portable hard drive (better for long-term storage) can be stored away from your main computer.
- Flash or travel drives (good for short term storage or travel)
- Backup your home computers to avoid loss of data

- Keep 2 backups in case one of the backup methods fail

We all need to do our part for the planet by cutting down on paper waste

*Bev Sass, Website Committee*

## Plant Growing Contest for September Parlour Show

Our September Parlour Show plant growing CONTEST will be a little different this year. Usually I buy the seeds in bulk which is much less expensive and sort them into little bags for all members. However, due to problems with the shipment to West Coast Seeds, we are unable to get the tall marigold seeds that I ordered in early April. So all members planning to enter the contest will need to purchase tall marigold seeds (not the short bush type) themselves and grow them to enter at the September Meeting. The categories for the contest will be published later. Judging will be made on submissions and prizes will be awarded at the September meeting. So please go shopping and get your seeds planted.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*

## Master Gardener Tip-Get Those Weeds Now

May's cold weather has not stopped the weeds from growing in our gardens. Now is the time when weather is wet and cool to get out and weed. Try to disturb the ground as little as possible, as that just churns up more weed seeds. If you leave a hole, put a little soil and a pinch of seed in right away. Try to get as much of the root as possible. For a tap root angle your weeder to cut it off as deep as possible if you can't pull the whole root out. If you don't have time to weed, then at least cut the weeds to prevent them from flowering and spreading seeds. In dry weather, cutting weeds just below the ground will cause them to shrivel and die. Try not to water weeds

by using drip hoses that are routed around plants not weedy areas. Finally, covering the ground with mass plantings or with mulch and ground covers can help keep the weeds from taking hold.

*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*

## Rose and Bloom Show

Our annual Rose and Bloom show will be featured at our next meeting June 14. We hope to see lots of beautiful flowers, roses, and shrubs from your gardens, and indoor plants and floral art designs. Hopefully many of you will share what you enjoyed learning at the recent Workshop. Let's make it look like summer.



See our website for the floral show exhibit schedule and entry forms: <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/flower-arranging-floral-art-classes-competitions-south-surrey-bc.html#white-rock-garden-club-show-guidelines-surrey-bc>

The website also info on Contemporary Floral Design Tips: <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-Contemporary-Floral-Design-Tips.pdf>

**TIP:** Place your entry form beside the vase, not under it. If it gets wet, the judge can't write the points on it. Entries must be registered with Show Secretary and placed on table by 1:45. Judging starts sharp at 2 pm. If you have any questions, please call me.



*Donna Lawson, Show Director*

## Website Committee Photo Booth

The Website committee will be taking photos of your Rose & Bloom floral show entries as you bring them into the hall. We will have a table setup near the entrance for the photo shoot. If you could bring your entries to the photo booth before placing them on the display tables that would be great. Marilyn Murphy and myself will be taking the photos for this meeting. Look forward to seeing all your beautiful entries on our website and social media.

*Bev Sass, Website Committee*

## Next Meeting June 14, 2022

### Rose and Bloom Show

We will be meeting in-person again. Look forward to seeing all the entries for this floral show. Remember Vaccination Certificates and masks are still required. Bring your mug for refreshments to be served. See you at Cranley Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr., Surrey.

Meeting starts at 2 p.m. Hall opens at 1:00.

An invitation to join the June meeting on Zoom will be emailed out the day before for those who still prefer this option.

*WRDGC Executive*



*New photo submitted by Margrit Elmiger-Isert*

## Marketplace

### Tool Sharpening

Garden pruners & shears; kitchen knives & scissors sharpening in Ocean Park. Most items \$10 with 24 hour turn around.

BeSharp Sharpening, 13708 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Surrey

Email: [besharp@tuta.io](mailto:besharp@tuta.io)

Telephone: 604-245-6663.

*Chip Gho, Member*

	
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