

Over the Garden Wall



White Rock and District Garden Club, September, 2022

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

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President's Message

Thanks to *everyone* - members, and volunteers - for making summer 2022 so special for our club! Our June Rose and Bloom Show at our June meeting showed off the beautiful plants our members grow in their gardens and create wonderful floral art with. Later in June our members enjoyed two successful club-sponsored tours of The Glades and Darts Hill. In August, five of our members generously opened their gardens for our Members' Garden Tour on a wonderful sunny day. Finally, after the summer of hard work by the planning committee, we all enjoyed a wonderful outdoor 75th Anniversary Celebration. I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting for another beautiful Parlour Show.

Darlene Chamberlain, President

Happy 75th Anniversary White Rock and District Garden Club!!

Thanks to our wonderful 75th Anniversary Planning Committee for the wonderful celebration we enjoyed.

Darlene Chamberlain, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Donna Lawson and Eileen Davidson planned and promoted our event through a wonderful article in the Peace Arch News and the clubs social media that you can access on line.

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/community/white-rock-garden-club-reflects-on-their-history-as-75-year-anniversary-creeps-up/>



Special guests included White Rock Mayor Darryl Walker and Councilor Erika Johannsen, White Rock-Surrey MP Trevor Halford, and Hugh Ellenwood, White Rock Museum and Archives. Sadly, Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum was unable to arrive until guests had left due to a Scheduling conflict, but to his credit, he was kind enough to help put away heavy items during the clean up!

The guests enjoyed sandwiches, fruit, and vegetable platter and a beautiful cake donated by Thrifty Foods.



Floral Circle contribution to the 75th

Floral Circle members created the beautiful flowers arrangements for each table.



We toasted our club's 75 years with nonalcoholic champagne and enjoyed displays of our trophies and photo albums as well as each other's company.



Darlene Chamberlain, President



Six Floral Circle gals at work

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Congratulations are Due - Successful June Rose and Bloom Show

At our June Parlour show, two rosettes were given:

Fran Deptuck, for Best Specimen in Show for her gorgeous Lupine



Bev Sass, for the Best Floral Art in the Show for “Summer Beauty”.



It was a wonderful way to end our season, with members sharing specimens from their gardens, even though June weather delayed many of the usual flowers at this show.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Winner of Draw

Ken Parker won the 50-50 draw at the June club meeting.

Plant of the Month

Plant of the month at the June meeting was a Hibiscus, won by Marilyn Murphy.

Upcoming Glades Tour

Our June tours to The Glades woodland garden were so enjoyed by our members that it has been suggested that we re-visit in the fall. Once again the Executive have agreed that it should be funded by our club. The fall tour has been arranged for 24 people for October 5th. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September club meeting or you can contact Terry at terryhaight@shaw.ca or 604-340-9977.

Terry Haight

Darts Hill Tour

The tour of Darts Hill in June was enjoyed by many of our members.

Terry Haight



Members' Garden Tour August 2022 What a Wonderful Day!

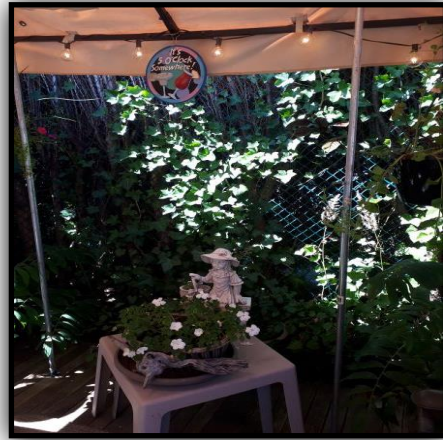
More than 30 people attended the members' garden tour on Tues. August 22. Such an enjoyable day for all! Starting at Sharon Stanley's beautiful, closely knit property. Absolutely full of blooms everywhere you look, with little signs and surprises peeking out between.



Then we were off to Pat Yorke's wonderful selection of favourites, and so neatly planted, every one equally important. Lots of questions asked here. Everyone wanted a cutting of her beautiful Rose of Sharon.



Then it was time for lunch, so off we went to Hilary Callihoo's for a tour of her "junk", but we all agreed when it is put to such interesting use, it isn't junk anymore. Hilary has a wonderful way of introducing each surprise. The garden here was lovely, and friendly, with several residents coming to greet us and have a chat. We enjoyed our lunch sitting in the shade, and relaxing.



Then off to Margrit Elmiger-Isert's very full and very tidy garden. So much beauty all in one small space! We heard a lot of "Oh, what is this?" and, "Could you please give me a little bit of that one?" The highlight was the beautifully pruned wisteria vine (not allowed to climb on the fence).



Then the hale and hearty began the trek up the steps to see John and Eileen Davidson's neat, colourful garden, from bottom to top. What a place to enjoy nature and relax! And relax we did, with food and drink from the host and hostess with the mostess!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE OUR DAY MOST ENJOYABLE!!! We know how hard you worked to make it all beautiful, and it is MUCH appreciated by all your friends in our garden club. ANOTHER SUPER SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS' Garden Tour!

Donna Lawson

Garden Stuff

Anything (celebrating autumn, Halloween, tablecloths, garden gnomes, masks) 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 September meeting or drop them off at my house. If in doubt call me at 604-538-2549.

Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff

Website Committee

Techie Tip:

Imposter, lottery, and romance scams are increasing. Here's how to **protect** yourself:

1. Never click on links or attachments in email from people you don't know. Consider them malicious.
2. In email, always check the sender's email. If the email address is something like tj6jl@edlepnp.akri.ca it's a pretty good clue that it is SPAM mail. **Delete** the email immediately so your computer doesn't get infected.
3. Don't pick up the phone; let your voicemail handle it. The more you engage, the more calls you will get.
4. Always shut down communication with anyone you don't know who begins asking you for money or telling you, that you've won a prize (such as Publishers clearing house).

Bev Sass, Website Committee

Master Gardener Tip –

Bringing in Your Crop and Starting New

This time of year our vegetable gardens are providing the bounty we have worked for all season. Remember to pick those runner beans regularly before they get tough...leave a few for seeds for next year's crop. Depending on when you planted garlic, it might be ready to harvest...check that the leaves have started to brown. If you still have zucchinis, they may be experiencing a white coating on the leaves of powdery mildew. This can be washed off or some badly affected leaves removed before completely removing plants that have finished producing (dispose of in garbage rather than compost to limit spores spreading next year). Finally, start planting for winter and early spring crops such as turnips, garlic, onions.

Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener

Two Floral Shows in September

Going into September, we have two, **yes two**, floral shows!! The first one will be during our September 13 Meeting at Cranley Hall and the second show will be at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre on Saturday, September 24th. The show schedules for both are on the website. Here is the link to the schedule of what you can enter into the September 13th Meeting Parlour Show link:

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-September-Meeting-Show-2022.pdf>

Entries must be registered with Show Secretary and placed on table at Cranley Hall by 1:45. Judging starts sharp at 2 pm. If you have any questions, please call me.

Here is the link to the schedule of what you can enter into the September 24th Semiahmoo Shopping Centre Show link:

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-September-Fall-Show-2022.pdf>

For the end table at this show please also make a Miniature Design similar to one of your larger entries:

Novice, from Class 31-35

Advanced, from Class 36-40

(This table is for display only, not judged. The reason for doing this is the public loves miniatures!)

Also, help is needed at the Semiahmoo Shopping Centre Show for 2 hour shifts watching the entries and talking to the public. Please let Donna know (538-8858) if you can help out here.

It is a nice way to meet new members, and learn about our shows. Thanks!

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Marigold Growing Contest for September Meeting



At the September meeting at Cranley, there will also be our annual competition for a flower. This year it is the marigold (tall kind, NOT short bush type). A prize will be given for the Best entry in each class. Please mark your entries as Class M1, M2, or M3 and fill out the usual entry forms. Each entry should be one stem of marigold in a vase.

Class M1 – TALLEST PLANT

Class M2 – LARGEST FLOWER

Class M3 -MOST VARIEGATED FLOWER

So, please “*show what you grow*” and let us see your Marigolds.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Website Committee Photo Booth

The Website committee will be taking photos of your Parlour 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. Eileen Davidson and Marilyn Murphy will be pleased to take the photos. For this show we will showcase specimens of flowers, vegetables and fruit. Look forward to seeing the entries on the club website and social media.

Bev Sass, Website Committee

Help Wanted!!!! Your Club Needs You!

At the end of this year we will be losing a large part of our Executive. They have volunteered their time and now it is another member's turn. **Please** consider taking on one of these roles: Publicity, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Program Director. Ask the existing Executive, or past Executive to tell you about the duties involved or look at our Constitution on the website where all positions are described.

Although it may seem like too much work, it is largely shared responsibilities. There is a monthly Executive meeting where plans are made and ideas for fun events are put forward, and maybe a few hours of communication tasks in between. It is helpful if you are comfortable (or willing to learn) using a computer to email and create documents. Other than that, all you need is good will. Your reward is good fellowship and new friends and much appreciation by other members.

WRDGC Executive

Next Meeting September 13, 2022

We will be meeting in-person again. Vaccination Certificates are still required and masks are optional. 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 **and show entries to be registered by 1:45.**

An invitation to join the September meeting on Zoom will be emailed out the day before for those who still prefer this option. *Apologies in advance for the quality of our recordingswe are all amateurs at this but do our best!*

WRDGC Executive

Marketplace

Tool Sharpening

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

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Chip Gho, Member

