



Over the Garden Wall

White Rock and District Garden Club, October, 2022

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President's Message

We are at the end of a beautiful season for gardening having enjoyed outstanding weather. Many of you already have wonderful plans for next year. We had a great show at Semiahmoo Mall featuring an array of gorgeous dahlias. There were inquiries regarding joining our club as a result of this endeavour.

In the summer I took part in the first annual Seniors' Expo hosted by MLA Trevor Halford. Our club's presence there helped to increase our exposure within our community. The Expo focused on the needs of our seniors.

Our club is once again facing a crisis regarding filling positions on our executive. We have 8 positions to fill and confirm in ber. Please consider giving of your time to this valuable 75 year old club. More on this at our general meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022. I hope to see you there.

We are continuing to do zoom at our general meetings for those who prefer this to attending in person.

Darlene Chamberlain, President



2022 Fall Mall Show Report

We had a fairly good selection of dahlias at our Semiahmoo Mall Show this year, but participation in Floral Art was lower this year. Seven members participated with 61 entries on the table. Winners were:

Best Dahlia in Show
– Sharon Stanley



Best vase of 5-7
Dahlia blooms -
Mary Openshaw

Best Floral Art Advanced – Mary Openshaw

Best Floral Art Novice – no entries.

We had no visiting members from our club, but the public was still stopping to admire right up to 6 p.m. A lot of families and their children enjoyed being asked to pick their favourite flower.

On an encouraging note, we did sign up 6 people who seemed interested in attending a meeting of our club. They will be phoned and invited to the October meeting

Many thanks to Linda Bradley, Eileen Davidson, Iris Peacosh, Yvonne Pont, Mary Openshaw, Sharon Stanley, and Marjorie Phillips for helping at the show.



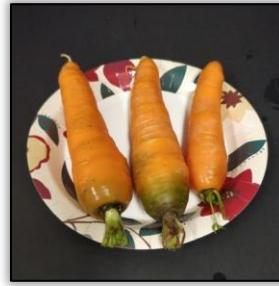
Donna Lawson, Show Director

September Meeting Show

A good selection of fall flowers and vegetables were entered into the September Meeting Floral Show and was judged by Emily Budinski.

Best Cut Flower – Marigolds -Mary Openshaw

Best Shrub – Yellow Rose – Mary Openshaw



Marigold Contest

The Marigold growing contest was won by Sharon Stanley. Additional prizes were given to Terry Haight and Bernice Day.



Winner of Draw

Claire Muirhead won the 50-50 draw at the September club meeting.

Plant of the Month

A pot of yellow Chrysanthemums was won by June Majawa

Plant Sale Planning

We would appreciate any hanging baskets or planters over 12 inches to replant for our plant sale next year. I'll be storing them at my house if you'd like to drop them off just leave in front of garage door. My Address is 1180 - 160 St or send me an email terryhaight@shaw.ca

Terry Haight, Plant Sale Director

Garden Stuff

The "Garden Stuff" table has received a variety of donations for October. Some garden items, puzzles and books for the cool evenings coming soon. And also coming soon Christmas!

We have a couple of great re-gifted items for your seasonal shopping.

If you have some of those good presents but just not for you that you can donate to our club, please bring them to the meeting or drop them off at my house. If in doubt call me at 604-538-2549.

Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff

BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting

Francis O'Grady represented our club at the BC Council of Garden Clubs fall meeting on October 1. She was joined by Mary Openshaw who entered into the Floral contest at the meeting and won 3 first prizes. She completed the first level Floral Design Course offered by the BC Council of Garden Clubs and says she has learned a lot.



November Photo Contest

For our November Photo Contest this year the topic is,

“OUTDOOR FALL ARRANGEMENT FOR YOUR ENTRANCE”

Use beautiful fall colours for your outdoor entrance container, and bring a photo of it to the October or November meeting. The photos will be displayed at the November meeting and members will vote for their favourite. The winner will receive a trophy at the December meeting.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Master Gardener Tip- Chop and Drop

As your summer flowers fade and the weather gets cooler, it is time to think about cleaning the garden up for the year. Cut down dried out stems and cut back yellowed leaves of perennial plants to about 6 inches. Consider the Chop and Drop method: leaving the cuttings on top of the soil to make natural mulch and protect soil nutrients from washing away. In the spring it will be easier to clean up what is left of the leaves and stems as much of it will have be-

come compost. Plants that are setting seed should be left until seeds have dropped or you have collected dried seeds for sharing. Consider dividing spring blooming perennials that have out-grown their space or have died out in the middle (pot them up for the spring plant sale!).

Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener

Seed Collecting

If you have dried seeds from your perennials of vegetables, please bring them to the October club meeting. I will be collecting dried seeds to take to the Surrey Seed Bank.



Terry Haight

October Meeting Speaker

Our guest speaker for October is Amanda Jarrett. Amanda is a red seal certified horticulturist, freelance writer, lecturer, horticulture photographer and author of the successful book, “Ornamental Tropical Shrubs” published by Pineapple Press. She is an organic land care professional as well as a BC provincial instructor on many horticultural topics. She also has a garden consulting company and a great website, thegardenwebsite.com (check it out and sign up for her monthly blogs). Her topic at our meeting will be “Mistakes We Make in Our

Gardens”. I am looking forward to a great discussion and a wealth of information.

Terry Haight, acting Program Director

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

