



Over the Garden Wall

White Rock and District Garden Club, November, 2022
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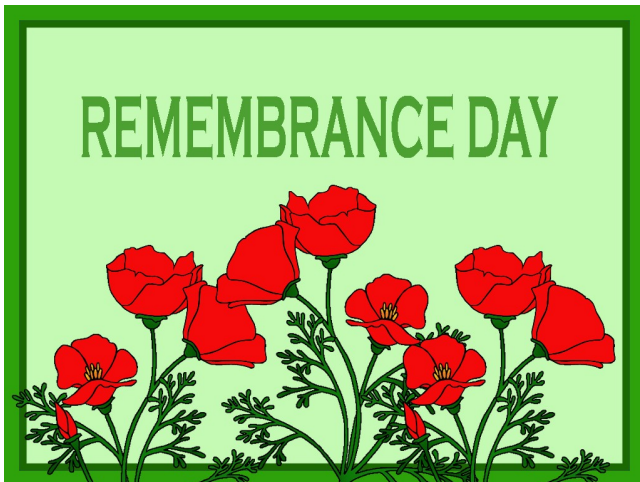
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President's Message

In these cooler days with the dark drawing in our thoughts turn away from our gardens to winter activities and dare I say it, Christmas! At this time we think too of our forefathers who fought and died for our freedom. May we always remember them. Another important thing my thoughts are turning to is the need for volunteers to keep our club going. Please see below for the positions we need to fill, and think hard about contributing some time to your club.

Darlene Chamberlain, President



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

Winners

Trophy for September Parlour Show

Mary Openshaw was presented with the White Rock Board of Trade Best Vegetable Collection Trophy for her vegetables entered into the September Parlour Show

. Donna Lawson, Show Director



November Photo Contest and Show what you Grow

Don't forget to bring your photos to the November club meeting for our November Photo Contest. The topic is "OUTDOOR FALL ARRANGEMENT FOR YOUR ENTRANCE"

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.

This year we don't have a floral show in November, but if you still have some nice things growing in your garden, bring a fall bouquet to grace the head table and refreshment table.

Donna Lawson, Show Director



Name Tag Draw -Plant of the Month

The Plant of the month was a hibiscus, won by Eleanor Enns. A Vase of Dahlias donated by Mary Openshaw was also won by Margaret Maddocks.

Bev Polywkan, Member

50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Bernice Day.

|Sharon Stanley, Raffle

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

Seed Collecting

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

Terry Haight

Garden Stuff

The rain is here! Time to clean garden tools, donate extras. Organize closets etc, pull out the stuff you were going to use and forgot, now is the time to pass it along. Last month we had a very profitable table due to a member passing on gifts she wasn't going to use, other members bought the items at discounted prices for family, friends, neighbors. Re-use, recycle, re-gift and your club profits. The bonus to yourself is a clean, empty space to enjoy. -----? Any questions? please call

Joyce 604-538-2549, pick up or delivery can be arranged.

Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff



BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting Report

I had the privilege of representing the White Rock and District Garden Club at the BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting. It was interesting and kept a nice flow to the topics. The usual approval of minutes, budgets and wishes started the meeting. BCCGC Scholarship winners were introduced and gave a brief outline

on what they had accomplished .

Jennifer Zuk, who has recently judged our Fall Mall Show, was the judge of the displays today. The floral display and entrees were amazing.

The speakers were both interesting. It would be worth seeking them out to speak to our club.

Emma Watson and her partner spoke on the Japanese Beetle. It is very disturbing to hear how they have collected and traced the Japanese Beetles near us in Washington State.

Egan Davis was the other speaker on The Long Grass Movement. It was entertaining as he is a very energetic presenter.

Our donation was well received. Joyce O'Brien had donated a framed hand coloured original etching of a patio container garden by Canadian artist Helen Ness.

To learn more about the BC Council of Garden Clubs, and the resources they offer garden club members, surf the website at <https://bcgarden-clubs.com> - it is excellent.

Fran O'Grady

Volunteers Needed for 2023

Please consider volunteering to help keep our club running in 2023. We need the following Executive Positions filled: Vice-President, Treasurer, Programs, Publicity, and Show Secretary. We also need non-executive committee volunteers for Tea Convener and Trophies/Properties. Many of these jobs are supported by a committee of volunteers recruited as needed through the year and can also be shared with another person if you wish. This year Terry Haight, Joyce O'Brien, and Fran Deptuck were generous enough to do double duty to cover the missing positions and we THANK them for this. But this is not fair on their time and energy and so we NEED YOUR HELP. A Volunteer Job Description is attached to this newsletter for a full explanation of what the roles involve.

Please, please step up to help your club.

WRDGC Executive

Master Gardener Tip-

Planting Trees and Shrubs

Fall is the time to plant shrubs and trees. In recent years the recommended method of planting has changed. It is now recommended that the burlap covering on the root ball be removed and the roots loosened up. After this dry summer, it may also be wise to soak the roots in a bucket of water to thoroughly water them. Place them in a hole twice the width but only as deep as the root (not twice as deep). No amendment should be added, just the soil that would normally surround the area, to encourage the plant to grow in your native soil. Replace the soil and gently tamp down around (don't stomp it with heavy boots). Be careful not to pile soil against the trunk, just to the top of the root or it may encourage rot. Avoid planting other plants close to the trunk or that might eventually interfere with roots as the tree or shrub grows. Finally, prune off any dead, damaged or rubbing branches but no further pruning as you don't want to encourage growth that will be susceptible to winter cold (wait till dormant in winter). It is also not recommended to stake trees unless they are in a very windy area and even then to remove the stake after one year (to But hurry up because they should be planted 6 weeks before the first hard frost so that they can get established before the ground freezes.

Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener



November Speaker- Gwen Odermatt

Gwen is a life-long gardener who, as a young child, was fascinated with plants and bugs. She became a discerning observer of how plants grow in harmony with other plants, insects and the diversity of the natural world. This led to a degree in science at the University of Alberta. For the last 25 years she has operated Petals and Butterflies (petalsandbutterflies@shaw.ca) , a farm nursery that specializes in growing plants that attract butterflies and other

beneficial wildlife to gardens. The nursery offers an always interesting collection of rare and unusual ornamental plants that she mostly sells via consignment and to visitors to her garden.

Gwen is on the Selection Committee for Great Plants Picks, taught the Advanced Master Gardener Right Plant/Right Place course for many years, is a member of the Vancouver Hardy Plant Group, The Alpine Garden Club of BC, and is a long-time member of the South Surrey Garden Club. Her garden has been open for local, national, and international tours, and is open to garden clubs and other groups by request. Gwen is a Langley resident, married to Paul who is also her photographer, a mother of three, and a grandmother of five

Terry Haight

Website Committee Techie Tip

True story: I recently got a Facebook private message that shook me. It was from an old friend/work colleague who I hadn't spoken to in about 10 years. Her message said that the daughter had gotten into trouble and needed some immediate funds. I knew her child as she was growing up. My friend could not send her the money as she was out of the country and could I do this favour for her. My immediate thought was "of course" but then my spidery senses took over and I decided to do a little sleuthing. I asked my friend some

personal questions, about her other children when I knew she didn't have any. The BS answers came back about how the boys were struggling too, etc. I knew immediately my friends account was compromised and I was emailing with a scammer. Fortunately, I had an old phone number for my friend in California so I called her to deliver the sad news that she had been hacked and I provided her with the address the hacker was using. Then, I immediately deleted all record of this scammers messages from my account and blocked them.

If you do end up getting scammed, remember that there are literally professional scammers out there now; people whose entire job it is to use social engineering to get something out of you. So if you fall for one, it really isn't your fault. Take the experience, learn from it, and move forward knowing you did your best

Bev Sass, Website Director

Gardening Question Table

Gardening Question Table will be set up for the half hour prior to the meeting and during the break. The table will be manned by Melanie Rantucci and a Master Gardener student Ellen Zhang. So bring your questions. It is helpful if you bring a leaf samples or bugs (in a sealed bag) if your questions involve diseases or pests.

Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener

Juicy Bits:

New Book by Gary Lewis on Ground Covers

After nine years of research, photography, and writing *The Complete Book of Ground Covers- 4000 Plants That Reduce Maintenance, Control Erosion and Beautify the Landscape* has been published by Timber Press! This compendium is an encyclopedia of more than 4000 different species and cultivars that is a textbook of ground covers for the temperate gardening world with sections on the practical, aesthetic, and environmental benefits of

ground covers. It will be sold across North America, the UK and Ireland, continental Europe, and beyond. And it was written right here in BC by Phoenix Perennials owner, Gary Lewis!

In this meticulously researched reference, nurseryman Gary Lewis profiles more than 4000 ground covers. No matter what kinds of conditions you're facing—shade, dry soil, heavy clay, excess moisture—there's a ground cover that will thrive and beautify your garden. Comprehensive, practical, and copiously illustrated, this indispensable volume belongs on the shelf of every designer, landscape architect, and serious gardener. To pre-order a signed book, go to www.phoenixperennials.com

Next Meeting

Tuesday November 8, 2022, at 2pm (doors open at 1:00)

We will be meeting in-person again this month. In accordance with current law, Vaccination Certificates and masks are optional. Please bring your mug for refreshments to be served and goodies to share if you wish.

See you at Cranley Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr., Surrey. Meeting starts at 2 pm. Hall opens at 1:00

An invitation for a Zoom meeting will also be sent out by email prior to the meeting and a recording of the meeting will be sent afterwards.

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

