



# Over the Garden Wall

White Rock and District Garden Club, **December, 2022**  
<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca>

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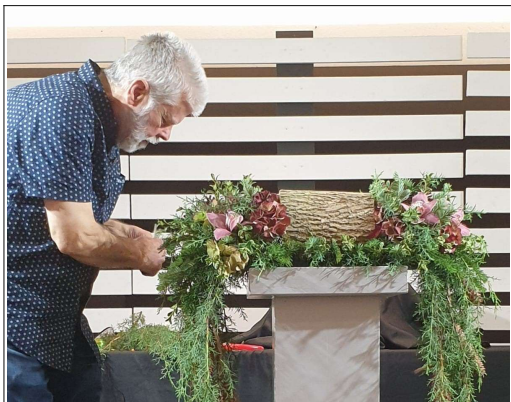
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## President's Message

This month I enjoyed a trip with some of our members to Chilliwack for the Christmas Gala of the Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley. The floral designs demonstrated by Dave Alger from :Did I Mention Flowers in Chilliwack were stunning. It is always inspiring to see these demonstrations.

We are into the busy Christmas season of entertaining and shopping, but I hope you will find time join us at our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party at the next meeting. We will be having elections and Executive Reports as well as lots of goodies to share and prizes. We still need a few more volunteers so I hope the Christmas spirit will make a few of you feel generous with your time and offer to fill the last few positions.

*Darlene Chamberlain, President*



## Christmas Party Fun

Come one Come All to our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party! Put on your Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise) and a fun Christmas hat and you might win a prize! Bring a plate of goodies to share and your mug for refreshments. We will have Christmas music and a Photo Booth to take photos with your friends. Hope to see you there!

*The Executive*



## Winners

### Trophy for Fall Mall Show

Mary Openshaw was presented with the Rotary Club Trophy for Best Collection of Dahlias at the Fall Show.



Sharon Stanley won the Board of Trade Cup for the Best Dahlia at the Fall Show.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*



### Name Tag Draw -Plant of the Month

The Plant of the month was an Azalea , won by Iris Peacosh. A beautiful floral arrangement donated by Mary Openshaw was also won by Melanie Rantucci.

*Bev Polywkan, Member*

### 50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Linda Bradley.

*|Sharon Stanley, Raffle*

### Garden Stuff

Christmas is coming so bring your pennies to spend at our garden Stuff table for nice décor or gifts. If you have some Christmassy stuff filling your house, call me and drop it off before the meeting so I can price them. 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*

### Just a Few More Positions to Fill for 2023

Thank you so much to the members who stepped up and agreed to take the volunteer positions at our Volunteer Job Fair at the November meeting. You will meet them as they are elected at the December meeting. We still need someone to look after the trophies and someone to be Floral Secretary. Both jobs only involve the 4 meetings that we have floral shows so not too demanding of your time. We would also like to have someone to deal with Cranley Hall (overseeing the set-up and cleaning person and communicating with Cranley management as needed ), again not hugely time-consuming. A volunteer to be Vice President would really take the worry out of recruiting a President next year....please consider taking this role to have a year to step

into President's shoes next year! A Volunteer Job Description is attached to this newsletter for a full explanation of what these roles involve. **Please, please** join the team that makes it all happen for the benefit of the rest of the members.

*WRDGC Executive*

## Christmas Arrangements for Donation to the Come Share Society

At the December meeting we ask members to bring artificial floral Christmas arrangements for donation to the Come Share Society. They should be about 6 inches in height and width to fit on a bedside table. No candles or edible materials should be used. Find containers like mugs or small pots at thrift stores or the dollar store and pretty artificial Christmas flowers and greenery and press into dry floral foam.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*



## Coming in 2023!!

Our new Program Planning volunteers have a head start on 2023 with plans for a zoom presentation on the screen at Cranley in February about Dr. Sun-Yat Sen Classical Chinese Gardens in Vancouver. We also hope to plan a trip there later in the year. Let us know what you are interested in so we can plan things you will enjoy.

*Terry Haight*

## Website Committee

### Techie Tip: Three Ways to Avoid Digital Burnout

- Most phones allow you to limit your screen time. This reduces the risk of becoming overwhelmed by the content you're consuming.
- For the sake of your health, don't sleep with your phone! Even the smallest amount of blue light from the screen is enough to disrupt your sleep quality.
- If you can, try a digital detox. This conscious effort to stop relying on your devices for a pre-determined amount of time can help avoid a burnout.

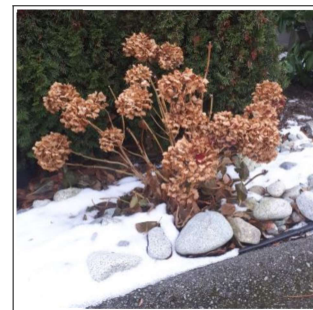
*Bev Sass, Website Director*

## Master Gardener Tip

### Protect Plants from Salt

This time of year when we have ice and snow, we need to be vigilant about our plants bordering the road, driveway and paths where salt may be spread. Salt can damage plants or kill them, as well as contaminating the soil and waterways when water drains into ditches, etc. You can protect plants near the road with burlap or even cardboard, but on your own property you might want to consider using a more eco-friendly alternative such as salt-free de-icer. You can also protect from slipping on ice with coffee grounds, kitty-litter, or sand.

*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*



## Membership- Time To Renew

Renewal deadline time for Memberships is January 1, 2023. Payment can be made by cheques or cash, but cheques are the preferred method of payment. Please post-date your cheque to January 1st 2023. The annual membership remains the same at \$25.00 for a single and \$30.00 for a couple. Please make cheques payable to White Rock & District Garden Club (WRDGC). Dues can be paid at the regular meetings or mailed to:

White Rock & District Garden Club  
c/o Fran Deptuck  
2068-208 St.,  
Langley, BC  
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Note: All members must fill out a renewal form each year. Membership Forms are available on our website: <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/plant-sales-south-surrey-bc-events-meetings-talks-visits.html>

Printed forms will be available at our meetings or a form could be mailed to you. All garden clubs are required to have their Privacy Agreement included on their membership forms.

See the Membership Tutorial on our website in the Members Only section, Lesson 1, if you need help. Thank you!

*Fran Deptuck, Membership*

## New Home Gardening Course

The Vancouver Botanical Society and the Vancouver Master Gardeners have teamed up, for the first time, to create a gardening course for the general public.

It's a ten-lecture series on the fundamentals of gardening - suitable for both beginning and experienced gardeners. The speakers are all experts in their field including folks like Linda Gilkeson, Ben Stormes, and Laura Caddy.

The program runs on Tuesday evenings from January 10th to March 28th from 6:30pm to 9pm. All the lectures are delivered via ZOOM and the cost is \$375.

The lectures are part of the 2023 Master Gardener Basic Training course and they represent roughly half of the course content. The Basic Training students also attend additional lectures on more complex topics and are given hands-on training in a number of areas.

This is a great chance to learn about gardening from BC's most highly regarded experts, and to see whether becoming a Master Gardener is something you would like to do.

If you are interested, you should sign up soon. Space is limited.

Click here to learn more.

<https://www.vandusengarden.org/courses/the-home-gardening-series-presented-by-vbga-vancouver-master-gardeners-online/>



## Next Meeting Tuesday December 13, 2022

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 and goodies to share for our Christmas Party. Don't forget a fun Christmas Sweater and Hat!

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.

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

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

Telephone: 604-245-6663.

	
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*Chip Gho, Member*



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**Call or text WRDGC member,**

**Thomas at 250-885-0477**

**Email to [greentgardens@telus.net](mailto:greentgardens@telus.net)**

## **\*\*Books For Christmas\*\***

Novels by Author and Club Member  
**Yvonne Pont**

The Trilogy is complete..... 'Tis About Time , The Bess Time & Nick Of Time.

Delightful Christmas reads and/or great gifts.

Travel Bess Turner's Christmas journeys to both modern and Victorian times.

Look for garden club member's names and gardening ways of the mid 1800s

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