



**White Rock and District Garden Club
Dec. 13, 2022
Annual General Meeting Cranley Hall
Minutes**

38 members attended the meeting

President: Darlene Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
Darlene welcomed all those who attended the meeting.

Minutes: Terry Haight moved that the minutes of Nov. 8, 2022 be accepted as circulated. Joyce O'Brien seconded.

Donation to the Food Bank. Darlene discussed the Executive recommendation that \$100.00 be donated to the Food Bank on behalf of the club. Passed by the membership.

**President's Report: Darlene Chamberlain Annual Report:
WRDGC President's Report 2022**

This was another difficult year due to Covid restrictions. Nevertheless we carried on with Zoom and masked meetings at Cranley Place. I came on board in March and with the help of Bev Sass regarding media and Melanie Rantucci's ongoing committed help we have kept our club of 75 years active.

We have survived with a slate of executives for 2033 with a few positions yet to be filled. We are a club of volunteers who desire to share our knowledge with our community and offer companionship. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend whether their garden is a rose bush in a pot with lettuce growing around it or an acre of beautiful flowers and vegetables supporting their household and the bees and nature surrounding them. Some may not have a garden but enjoy all our club has to offer.

This year we were able to continue with our Parlour Shows, Mall Shows, Garden Shows, Tours and Speakers, thanks to Donna Lawson and Terry Haight. We

held a very successful Plant and Bake Sale in May. Again thanks to Donna and Terry and our many members who volunteered to help.

We have invested our funds wisely in TFS accounts, thanks to our treasurer Tim Roach. More funds were raised at our Garden Stuff table, thanks to Joyce O'Brien.

We have a membership of 70 although, due to our age group demographic not all attend meetings. We have embraced technology with Zoom for those who can't attend our meetings, thanks to Bev Sass and Mary Openshaw. We have continued on as reasonably as possible adapting as needed.

We celebrated our 75th Anniversary as a club in August . Thanks to our organizing committee Donna Lawson, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Eileen Davidson and myself, our outdoor party at Cranley Place in August was as great success. Seventy of our members and honorary members attended. We even received a letter from Queen Elizabeth. White Rock Mayor Darryl Walker attended and presented us with a citation and White Rock/Surrey MLA Trevor Halford also attended.

I also represented the club at the First Seniors Expo sponsored by our MLA Trevor Halford in August.

Our club Historians Margrit Elmiger-Isert and Yvonne Pont spent endless hours working with the White Rock Museum and Archives to ensure our history is protected. We thank them for their commitment to preserve our 75 years of records.

I will be continuing on as President for another year, and hopefully I have learned some of the details of the job to make it smoother sailing this year, with the help of some old and some new Executive and committee members.

I want to to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023!

Vice President Report: Fran Deptuck reported that a volunteer to be Vice President is needed.

Membership Report: Fran Deptuck:

Membership report for 2022

We have 76 members on record on my membership list. But, a number of these members were recorded prior to the COVID shut down in 2020.

Then in 2021 with no in person meetings or events, all dues were waved.

We did get back to in person meetings this spring and a number of old members let their membership lapse but we did keep them on our membership list and they do receive the monthly newsletter. We hope to welcome back all members for 2023 that were signed up prior to COVID and of course members that joined recently.

Now that we are starting to collect membership fees for 2023 - January through December, I will be able to compile an accurate membership list that will be shared with all members on our website.

Our annual fee is only \$25 or \$30/couple. The price of everything is going up except our membership fee.

Please fill out the membership form on paper or on the website and submit your fee to me.

Please encourage fellow gardeners to join our club.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Deptuck

Treasurer Report: Tim Roark:

WRDGC Treasurer's Report 2022

I am pleased to present you with my year-end report as Treasurer of the WRDGC. Our financial records indicate we are in a strong financial position for the future. Three of our 4 investments are generating an excellent return in the 4% range each year for the next two or more years. However, it is important that we continue with a strong membership so encouraging members to renew now for 2023 is important. To keep our club interesting and enjoyable we also need to invite new members to join as well. You just can't beat the price for our family membership. With Covid on the wane and our meetings also available via Zoom for a whole week after the meeting we should be able to get back to or exceed our previous membership levels.

The proposed budget for the coming year should support all our existing activities.

It has been a pleasure working with past and current members of the executive over the last 4 years as Membership Chair and now Treasurer.

Best wishes & Merry Christmas.

DRAFT BUDGET 2023 - WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
<u>Proposal</u>		
Membership	1,738	1,750 70
members		
Newsletter	40	40
Plant Sales at mtg/Plants Plus	363	350
Raffle	205	200
Bank Interest	58	100
Fundraiser: Ocean Park & More	4, 825	4,000
<u>Trips</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$7,150	
<u>\$6,440</u>		

EXPENSES FOR THE WHOLE YEAR (rounded)

Rentals (Cranley & Ocean Park)	1,050	1,100
Hall Cleaning + setup	600	500
Newsletter	50	50
Membership	50	50
Kitchen Supplies	50	70
Sunshine	20	50
Fundraiser expenses	500	500
Archives	150	200
Council of Gardens	250	250
Publicity	100	100
Show expenses	260	150
Judges	310	300
Floral Circle	300	200
Nametag draw	150	150

Speakers	800	1,000
Trips	500	500
Workshops/Events/Entertainment	1,100	500
Social Media	315	325
Zoom	215	220
Miscellaneous	100 +	150
Total for the whole year	\$6,870	<u>\$6,365</u>

Secretary's Report: Pat Catton



**White Rock and District Garden Club
2022 secretary Report**

During 2022, 13 Executive meetings and 10 General meetings were recorded and filed in the minute book, circulated to members and sent to the historian. The Executive meeting minutes were made available to members at the General meetings or on request.

A Thank you card was sent to the Manager of Thrifty's Foods to thank them for the donation of the cake for the 75th Anniversary celebration.

Patricia Catton
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Programs Report: Terry Haight

YEAR END REPORT FOR PROGRAMS 2022

After a two year absence, we were once again able to offer in person programs and guest speakers. We began in February Egan Davis who talked about White Rock parks. This was still by zoom. In March our guest speaker was in person once again with Christine Allen. At the April 7 meeting we had a Spring Show, On May 7 we had our Annual Plant sale and on May 10 we had a Floral Circle demonstration. On May 18 and 25th we had tours of the Glades and on June 22 we had a tour of Dartshill. On August 16 we had a Members Garden Tour. Special. thanks to Donna Lawson for organizing this and to the members, Sharon Stanley, Pat Yorke, Hilary Callihoo, and Margrit Elmiger-Isert for sharing their gardens. At the September meeting we had a Fall Plant Show and on September 21 we had the Fall Show at Semiahmoo Mall. On October 5 we had a fall tour of the Glades and on October 11 Amanda Jarrett was our guest speaking about Common Mistakes we make in our gardens.. In November 8 Gwen Odermatt came to speak about ponds.

Costs Associated with Programs

Speakers:

Eagan Davis no charge

Christine Allen \$200.

Amanda Jarrett \$250

Gwen Odermatt \$275

Total for Speakers \$725

Tours

Glades \$185 and \$85 for the fall tour,

Dartshill. \$125

Total for Tours \$390

Submitted by Terry Haight

Plant Sale Report: Terry Haight

PLANT SALE DIRECTOR REPORT 2022

After a two year absence, we were able to finally get together in person. It was wonderful to enjoy each other's company. Thank you to everyone who participated in the plant sale this year to make it such a great success. A special thank you to the plant sale committee members, Mary Oppenshaw, Joyce O'Brien, Linda, Bradley and Eileen Davidson. They were an amazing group to work with.

BREAK DOWN OF REVENUE

Bake sale	\$615.50	
Hanging baskets	\$520.00	
Flower market	\$256.00	
Raffle	\$247.00	
Plants and more	\$246.00	
Donations	\$200.00	
Early sale of plants	\$100.00	
Kitchen	\$33.80	
Dahlias \$25		
Gross total	\$4340.00	
Expenses	\$793.91	
Net profit		\$3546.34

Submitted by Terry Haight

Show Chairman's Report: Donna Lawson

SHOW CHAIRMAN YEAR END REPORT 2022

There were parlour shows at our meetings in April, June, September, and the Fall

Show at Semiahmoo Mall in September. The November parlour show was given to a speaker, as the Floral Circle group treated the members to a flower arranging class at the May meeting. Judges in 2022 were Jennifer Zuk, Emily Budinski and

Donna Lawson. We hope to have some extra flower displays in 2023. The regular

Floral Circle display was cancelled in the Spring as the Mall was not accepting groups because of Covid. Beginners classes are planned for the new yearj. Details will be sent out in January. Many thanks to all members who contributed to shows this year, and to the show committee, Margaret Maddocks as Show Secretary, and Marjorie Phillips as Trophy director, for their hard work whenever needed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Donna Lawson.

DONNA also reported that there were 82 arrangements made by club members. 55 will go to Come Share (Brella) and the remainder to the White Rock Seniors Village as they have supported the Floral Circle by providing pace.

Website Report: Bev Sass

Website Director Report 2022



- ❖ **Thank you** to the website committee, **Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Marilyn Murphy, Melanie Rantucci, Mary Openshaw** and **Eileen Davidson** for a job well done in 2022. The website and social media applications are up-to-date and look fabulous because we have this group of amazing dedicated people who donate so much time to the club.
- ❖ Mary Openshaw will be resigning from the committee at the end of the year so we will be looking for a new member to join our group. We will miss Mary! The group extends a thank you for all her support. We wish her the very best in her new pursuits. Please let a committee member know if you are interested in joining this fun group.
- ❖ Floral Shows resumed at Cranley Hall this year. Team members participated in capturing beautiful photos of all entries for the social media sites and the website Gallery page.
- ❖ Committee members also took pictures of club member's gardens during open yards this summer and at the 75th celebration party.
- ❖ We now have more than 1200 beautiful photos on the Gallery page of the website. Many of these photos were also posted to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – an awesome accomplishment!! 99% of these photos are from club members – so keep up the good work as we love to see your photos.
- ❖ The committee provides website updates to 2iiS Marketiing (our hosting company) the first week of each month. The relationship with 2iiS Marketiing has been going extremely well.
- ❖ The Zoom application was used for executive meetings and during monthly club meetings in 2022 so that all club members had an easier time staying connected during the pandemic. Zoom is a dedicated internet program to which the club subscribes. Members can access Zoom by using their computer/tablet/cell phone or landline telephone. Zoom has no affiliation with Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. With more members returning to meetings in the hall we may want to discontinue Zoom recordings for the coming year.
- ❖ I am also looking for an assistant for 2023. As this is my 5th year on the executive it will be time for me to step down and have someone else take over this position. If anyone is interested in technology please contact me. No prior experience required – I will train you.
- ❖ 2022 was a very successful year and it has been a pleasure working with President, Darlene Chamberlain and the current executive team over the past year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Thank you

Bev - Website Director



Newsletter Report: Melanie Rantucci

WRDGC Newsletter Editor Annual Report 2023

This has been my first year as newsletter editor. I made a few minor changes including colour and header but maintained the overall layout as our previous editor's layout was certainly well received and organized. I have added a column for Master Gardener Tips which I write, that I hope is a positive change. Several times this year I also included attachments with Lessons on using our club's website or or social media useful for club members to know and I thank Bev and the Social Media Committee for writing them. I endeavour to meet a deadline of sending the emailed and posted copies by one week or more prior to the club meeting. I would like to acknowledge and thank Bev Sass for her many hours of help getting the computer layout for the newsletter consistent. She is wonderfully knowledgeable and patient and I have learned alot. Thank you also to the members who send me photos of club activities that I can put in the newsletter to add colour and interest. Any photos or ideas for things to put in the newsletter are always welcome.

Thank you

Respectfully submitted.

Melanie Rantucci

Garden Stuff: Joyce O'Brien reported that donations are gratefully received . Left over items will be donated.

Cranley Hall: Joyce O'Brien encouraged members to volunteer to help with communication with Cranley hall and the set up person.

Trophies: Margie Phillips Annual Report

Trophy Director's Report 2022

The trophies have been all organized according to different shows in seasons and presentations. Although they did get a little mixed up as we needed to showcase them for our 75th Party.

We were pleased to engrave and present 9 trophies this year. A number of ribbons and awards were also awarded. This was a much more productive year than last, thanks to no Covid.

All in all..... a good year for the club. Best luck with your new director.

Election of 2023 Executive: Eileen Davidson conducted the election of the following members:

President: Darlene Chamberlain
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Pat Catton
Treasurer: Eileen McBean
Past President: Vacant
Membership: Fran Deptuck
Show Chairman: Donna Lawson
Show Secretary: Vacant
Trophies/Properies: Vacant
Plant Sales: Terry Haight
Programs: Elizabeth Young and Eleanor Enns
Publicity Frances O'Grady
Newsletter Melanie Rantucci
Website; Bev Sass

Committees

Tea Convenors: Bev Polywkan (with help from Bernice Day)
Sunshine: Anne Weise
Welcome: Karen Jenson, Louise Long
Plant of the Month/ Decorating: Bev Polywkan, Iris Peacosh
Garden Stuff: Joyce O'Brien
Draw: Sharon Stanley, Mayliss Snickars, Claire Muirhead
Tidy Up/Hall: Hilary Callihoo (volunteered later in the meeting)
Historian: Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Yvonne Pont
Equipment/ AudioVisual: Ken Parker
Website: Marilyn Murphy, Melanie Rantucci, Margrit Elmiger -Isert, Eileen Davidson

Awards: Margie Phillips presented the following trophies

1. Pirie Memorial for the Highest Horticultural Points to Mary Opensahw
2. Highest Points Floral Art – Advanced to Mary Openshaw
3. Kiwanis Club Photo Contest to Melanie Rantucci
4. Highest Points Floral Art - Novice to Terry Haight

Lifetime Membership Awards:

Yvonne Pont presented a Lifetime Membership Award to Iris Peacosh
Melanie Rantucci presented a Lifetime membership Award to Mary Openshaw
Darlene Chamberlain announced a 5 year Step down award for Margaret Maddocks

50/50 Draw was won by Ibby

Plant of the Month Frances O’Grady won the “Grinch Tree”

Christmas Hat Contest was won by Frances O’Grady

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest was won by Terry Haight

Poinsettias were won by Darlene Chamberlain, Hilary Callihoo, Donna Lawson, Iris Peacosh, Eileen Davidson

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting : Jan. 10, 2023

