



# Over the Garden Wall

**White Rock and District Garden Club, January, 2023**

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

President – Darlene Chamberlain Secretary-Pat Catton  
Treasurer- Tim Roark Editor- Melanie Rantucci

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## President's Message

Happy New Year! Last year was a success considering all the impediments and this year is looking good. We start 2023 with 70 members and an almost full slate of executives and committee members.

The club Executive and General Meetings will once again be in person meetings and the President, Secretary and Treasurer will return to presiding over our general meetings from the head table at the front of the hall.

We are already four months away from our Plant and Bake Sale – a huge success last year. And we are well into scheduling speakers and floral shows for January to June and August to December, 2023. I look forward to seeing you all at Cranley Hall this month.

*Darlene Chamberlain, President*



## Presenting Your 2023 Executive

President - Darlene Chamberlain  
Vice President - **vacant**  
Secretary - Pat Catton  
Treasurer - Eileen MacBean,  
Past President - Vacant  
Membership - Fran Deptuck  
Show Director - Donna Lawson  
Show Secretary - **vacant**  
Trophy / Properties - **vacant**  
Plant Sales - Terry Haight ,  
Programs Co-directors - Elizabeth Young, and Eleanor Enns  
Publicity - Francis O'Grady  
Newsletter - Melanie Rantucci,  
Website - Bev Sass,

### Committees:

Plant Sales: Linda Bradley, Joyce O'Brien, Eileen Davidson, Elizabeth Young and Eleanor Enns .  
Tea Conveners - Bernice Day, Karaline Hartley, Bev Polywkan,  
Sunshine - Anne Wiese  
Welcome - Karen Jensen, Louise Long  
Plant of the Month - Bev Polywkan  
Decorating - Iris Peacosh  
Garden Stuff - Joyce O'Brien

Draw - Sharon Stanley, Maylis Snickers, Claire Muirhead

Tidy Up Hall - Hilary Callihoo

Historian - Yvonne Pont, Margrit Elminger-Isert

Equipment / Audio Visual - Ken Parker, John Davidson

Website - Marilyn Murphy, Melanie Rantucci, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Eileen Davidson

## Christmas Party Fun

Our members enjoyed good food and good company at our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party in December.

*The Executive*



## Winners

### Floral Trophy Winners

Mary Openshaw was presented with the Jean Wilde Memorial Rosette for highest aggregate points earned in the year for floral art advanced and Pirie Memorial Trophy for the most points earned in the year.



The Floral Art Novice Surprise Award was presented to Terry Haight for earning the highest aggregate points for floral art in the year by a novice.



Melanie Rantucci received the Kiwanis Club Plaque for the Best Photo in the November photo contest.



### Award Winners

Melanie Rantucci presented Mary Openshaw with a Lifetime Membership Award.



Yvonne Pont presented a Lifetime Membership Award to Iris Peacosh.



*Margie Phillips, Trophy Director*

### Name Tag Draw -Plant of the Month

Francis O'Grady won the membership draw to receive the plant of the month, a Grinch Tree, as befit the season.

*Bev Polywkan, Plant of the Month*



### Christmas Draw Winners

In keeping with the Christmas celebration, Poinsettias were won by Iris Peacosh, Hilary Calihoo, Donna Lawson, Eileen Davidson, and Darlene Chamberlain.



### 50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Linda Bradley.

*|Sharon Stanley, Raffle*

## Christmas Contest Winners

Francis O'Grady won the Christmas Hat Contest with a fabulous leafy chapeau and Terry Haight had a Christmas sweater that was deemed prize-worthy. But everyone who wore a hat or Christmas sweater should be thanked for adding to the Christmas spirit of the afternoon. The lucky winners each received a beautiful white Hellebore.



## Christmas Arrangements Donated to the Brilla & White Rock Seniors Village

Once again our members created beautiful little artificial floral arrangements to brighten up the bedside of seniors for Christmas. We collected 95 in all, with 55 going to Brilla (previously Come Share Society) and 45 to White Rock Seniors Village on Maple St. in White Rock. They phoned to thank me and to tell all our members who made them that the residents really appreciated it.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*



## Garden Stuff -

### A New Year to Fill with New Treasures.

Once again we are on the backside of Christmas. While we are packing away Christmas "stuff" think about donating things that are not being kept for next year. Your discard may be the item a fellow WRDGC member is looking for. Gifts we received that just don't suit our fantastic style could become a sure sale for the Garden Stuff table.

Two meetings exposure then donated items go to the Peace Arch Hospice Shop instead of stored at your home unless you request a return. Call me if you wish pickup 604-538-2549

*Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff*

## Website Committee

### Techie Tip - "vishing" vs. "phishing"

"Vishing" is a long-standing technique used by hackers to dupe unsuspecting victims through a voice call or voicemail. In "vishing" scenarios, someone claiming to be from a reputable organization or company known to you is actually a scammer trying to steal your information, funds, or other data.

If the term "vishing" sounds familiar, it's likely because you're familiar with the ubiquitous "phishing" scam. But alas, "vishing" and "phishing" are decidedly different.

Indeed, "vishing" may be considered a type of phishing, whereas phishing itself is a catchall term for a range of attacks that aim at stealing sensitive information. While "vishing" attacks center solely on the use of voice to scam others, "phishing" scams can use a variety of methods, ranging from voice and text messages to fake emails and websites.

There are some other "phishing" scams out there, including "spear phishing", when a

scammer targets a specific individual or organization. “**Smishing**” is the term used when scammers use text messages to target you. There’s even “**whaling**” — a scam whereby attackers target celebrities, politicians, or other well-known individuals to blackmail. Regardless of the type of attack in question, “**phishing**” and “**vishing**” scams all have the same goal in mind: to steal your information.

*Bev Sass, Website Director*

## Master Gardener Tip

### Enjoying Narcissus in the Winter

Paperwhites or Narcissus are beautiful, fragrant flowers that you can enjoy in your home in the winter. They are sometimes associated with the Chinese Lunar New Year. Plant the bulbs in soil-less potting mix in pots that have drainage or in shallow water in a glass bowl at least 4 inches deep filled with small pebbles or glass beads. Place the bulb pointy side up with dried root, not the bulb, just touching the water. Check regularly to make sure the roots are in the water. Place this in a cool, dark spot for a few weeks and when you see good root growth you can move it to a place with bright light. Once it blooms, move it into more filtered light to preserve the blooms.

*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*

## Membership- Time To Renew

Please renew your membership for the coming year online on the website or a paper copy that will be available at our meeting. I will be collecting the annual fee of \$25 or \$30 (family membership) at the meeting.

We are back to having in person meetings and activities so anyone who let their membership lapse over the last couple of Covid years are encouraged to please come back.

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 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  
V2Z2A6

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> All garden clubs are required to have their Privacy Agreement included on their membership forms. For a reminder how to fill out the form on the website, see the Lesson attached to this newsletter.

## Get Your Mug

Do you have a White Rock Garden Club Mug? These beautiful, colourful mugs were generously donated to our membership by Patti Wolczuk when she was President of our club in 2019. We still have some left, so if you missed out or are a new member, see me about receiving your mug.

*Fran Deptuck, Membership*



## Planning for Plant Sale

The plant sale committee will be holding our first meeting this month. The committee members this year are Joyce O'Brien, Linda, Bradley, Eileen Davidson, Eleanor Enns, Elizabeth Young and myself.

Once again, we are asking for 12 inch and larger hanging baskets or planters that we may fill for the sale. We only have a few of the baskets and need many more, so please ask your friends and neighbours if they have any to donate. Also 4 inch to 2 gallon pots that we can share with our members. These can be dropped off at my house 1180 160th St.

Last year we were asked to provide more vegetable plants and annuals so if you were thinking of starting some, please start a few extra for the sale, also any contributions of basket stuffers is greatly appreciated as they cost more and more each year

Thanks so much

*Terry Haight., WRDGC Plant Sale Director*

## Beginners Floral Art Classes

If you are interested in learning about floral art techniques and taking part in our floral shows, please contact Donna at 604-538-8858.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*

## Help Still Needed

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. 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!

*WRDGC Executive*

## Budget

The Executive of the WRDGC has prepared a budget for the club for 2023. The proposed budget will be included in the emailing of this newsletter for your consideration. The budget for speakers and trips has been increased to reflect increases in the customary charges by speakers and for transportation. There will be an opportunity at the January club meeting for discussion before a vote will be called for approval.

*Tim Roark, Treasurer*

## !!!Email Alert!!!!

Please be aware that my email mjir-pharm@telus has been hacked and some people are receiving emails purportedly from me that have a link for photos that is corrupted and may hack your computer. I cannot stop this without changing my email entirely. Please don't open anything from me that just includes a link. I will always include a blurb about what I am sending and sign my name and identify that the email is regarding the White Rock Garden Club or WRDGC. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

*Melanie Rantucci, Newsletter Editor*

## Next Meeting

### Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 2pm

We will be having a presentation by our Master Gardener, Melanie Rantucci "8 New Years Resolutions for your Garden in 2023"; a Tutorial on "Navigating our Website" by Eileen Davidson, and "Tips for the Plant Sale" by Terry Haight.

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

If you are unable to attend in person, 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.

We will be meeting in-person again this month. In accordance with current law, Vaccination Certificates and masks are optional.

*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.

	
<b>BESHARP</b>	CHIP
<b>SHARPENING</b>	604.245.6663
	<a href="mailto:besharp@tuta.io">besharp@tuta.io</a>
	13708 20 Ave
	Surrey, B.C.

*Chip Gho, Member*



### ***Green T Garden Service***

Certified professional gardener from Victoria BC with 15 years experience. Professional Service to beautify and maintain your garden.

Services include:

- ◆ *Fall cleanup*
- ◆ *Hedge trimming*
- ◆ *Pruning of trees and fruit trees*
- ◆ *Planting and transplanting*
- ◆ *Small design and installation*
- ◆ *Lawn care*
- ◆ *Maintenance*
- ◆ *Winter snow removal*

**Call or text WRDGC member,**

**Thomas at 250-885-0477**

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

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

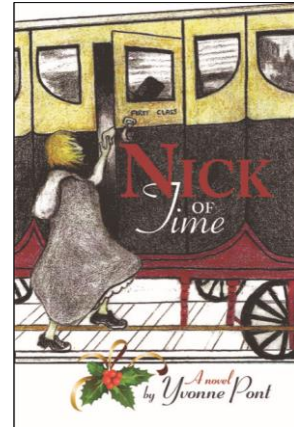
Novels by Author and Club Member

**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.

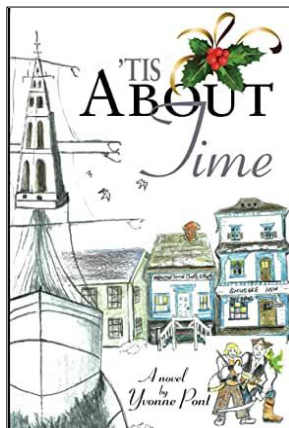
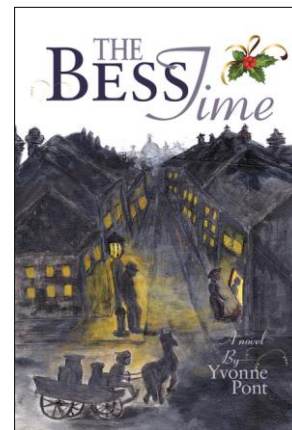


Look for garden club member's names and gardening ways of the mid 1800s

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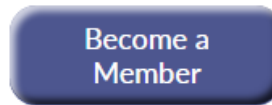




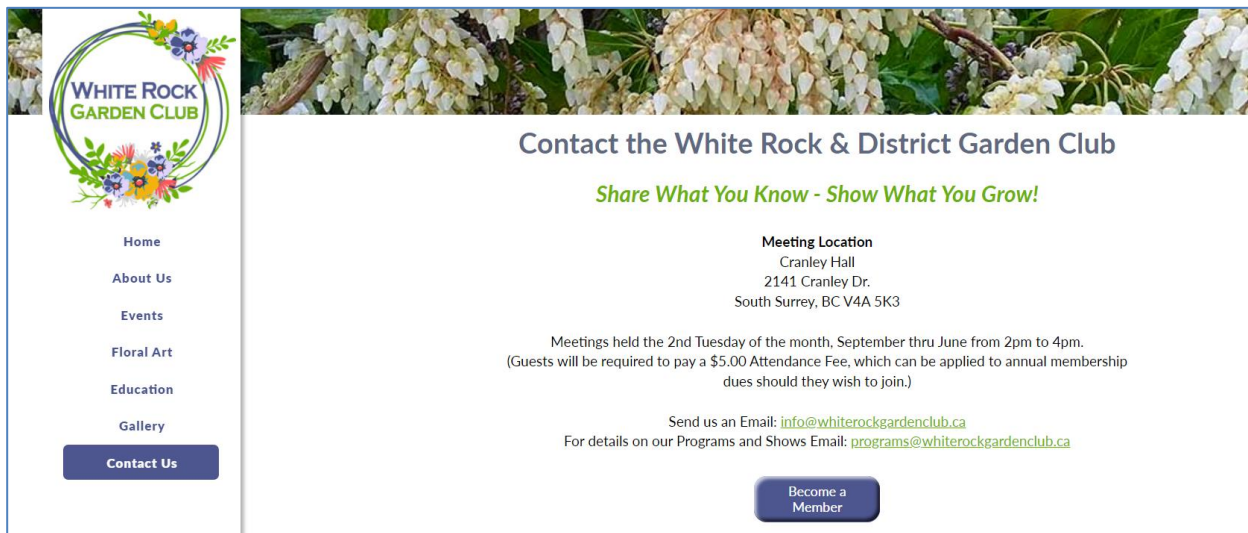
## ❖ Lesson 1 – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – WEBSITE PAGE

Yes, you can renew your membership online by completing the online form on the **Contact Us** page of our website. The Become a Member button is for both new members and membership renewals. However, you must pay the fee in person at the next club meeting. No online transfers will be accepted – only cash or cheque. (cheques may be mailed to Fran Deptuck)

Go to the website tab – 



Select the blue button in the center of the page  
See below



**WHITE ROCK  
GARDEN CLUB**

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### Contact the White Rock & District Garden Club

*Share What You Know - Show What You Grow!*

**Meeting Location**  
Cranley Hall  
2141 Cranley Dr.  
South Surrey, BC V4A 5K3

Meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September thru June from 2pm to 4pm.  
(Guests will be required to pay a \$5.00 Attendance Fee, which can be applied to annual membership dues should they wish to join.)

Send us an Email: [info@whiterockgardenclub.ca](mailto:info@whiterockgardenclub.ca)  
For details on our Programs and Shows Email: [programs@whiterockgardenclub.ca](mailto:programs@whiterockgardenclub.ca)

**Become a Member**

After you select the “Become a Member” You will see a fill in format such as:

# White Rock Garden Club Membership Application

Complete the form below to become a member today!

Name \*

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	Last Name

E-mail \*

Phone Number:

<input type="text"/>	-	<input type="text"/>
Area Code		Phone Number

Address: \*

<input type="text"/>	
Street Address	
<input type="text"/>	
Street Address Line 2	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	Province
<input type="text"/>	
Postal Code	

Where did you hear about us? \*

- A Friend or colleague
- Google Search
- Social Media
- In the Community

## Membership Fees:

Membership Type: \*

- Renewal
- New Member

Membership Amount: \*

- Single (\$25)
- Family (\$30)

If joining as a family, please include additional family member names below:

Family Member 1:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	Last Name

Answer **all** the questions and click on the button at the bottom of the page to submit the document automatically to the membership executive (Fran Deptuck). The button looks like this

A green rectangular button with rounded corners and a white border. The text "Submit Membership Application" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within the button.

You will receive an email confirmation of your renewal. If you don't receive a confirmation email, then Fran didn't get the renewal either and you need to do it again.

If you have any question you can contact any members of the Website Committee for assistance.

***WRGC Website Committee***

*(Bev Sass, Melanie Rantucci, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Marilyn Murphy, and Eileen Davidson)*