



Over the Garden Wall

White Rock and District Garden Club, April, 2023

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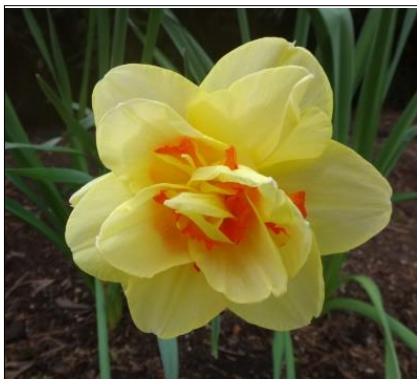
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President's Message

HAPPY EASTER !

WRDGC Executive met in person this month, the first time since Covid!. Thanks to our Treasurer, Eileen for hosting a very successful meeting in her home. We had lots to plan for and look forward to. We have tours and speakers lined up for the coming months. We have floral shows for our members with our new Floral Novices indicating great enthusiasm.



We have some new members and now that Covid is under control we look forward to a renewed interest in the community in our club. We will be represented at the Seniors' Expo in June. We are looking forward to our Plant and Bake Sale on May 13th. Spread the word! Terry Haight and Donna and their groups are working flat out to ensure another

successful event. Our Publicity Director Frances is at work ensuring publicity. If you can put up a sign near you or a poster please let us know.

We are still seeking committed members to fill the positions of Vice President and Trophies Director. We would welcome new members to our Executive team, who find it rewarding to be contributing to our club and the friendships we develop.

Enjoy this fantastic Spring sunshine and have a **Happy Easter!!**



Darlene Chamberlain, President

Winners

50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Terry Haight..

Sharon Stanley, Raffle

Name Tag Draw -Plant of the Month

Tiffany Sireni won a lovely Kalanchoe plant.

Bev Polywkan

St. Patrick's Day Fun at the March Meeting

Some beautiful floral arrangements and goodies for our refreshment table were brought by members to the March club meeting. Photos of some of the beautiful floral arrangements are sprinkled throughout this newsletter for your enjoyment.

Our enthusiastic Floral Art beginners group are meeting regularly so watch for their entries as well.

See our website for the show schedule to start thinking about what you might enter.

Donna Lawson, Show Director



Spring Floral Show

This month we will be having the Spring Floral Show at the monthly meeting. The schedule for plant exhibits from your garden, and floral art themes are on the website in the Events section

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-April-Spring-Show-2023.pdf>

Entry forms are in the Floral Art section of the website for printing. You need a form to list all your entries. Click on this link to find the form:

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-Show-Entry-Form.pdf>

You also need a form for each entry to be placed under the vase. Click on this link to find forms:

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-Exhibit-Entry-Forms.pdf>

Hopefully you will have some nice spring flowers in your garden to show.

All members are welcome to enter a floral arrangement in the Novice section. If you have questions, please call me.

Donna Lawson, Show Director



Upcoming Floral Circle Spring Mall Show

This month, on April 22, we will be returning to the Semiahmoo Mall for the first time since Covid-19 began, to display the Floral Circle's floral arrangements. The theme this year is EARTH'S FLORAL DESIGNS. This will include contemporary designs (the latest trends); curves (designs using the curve shape); natural

designs, using items from nature, driftwood, bark, shells, moss, etc.; and dish gardens and terrariums. Our always popular miniature designs will be included as well. Please come and enjoy our efforts, and promote the club by inviting all your friends and neighbours. Hope to see you on Earth Day, April 22.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Programs

Upcoming Events

A tour of Petals and Butterflies Garden in Langley has been arranged for May 23, 2023. The tour will begin at 1:00 pm but if members wish, they may bring their lunch and enjoy a picnic on the grounds of the nursery beginning at 12:00 noon. Gather a few friends to car pool to this beautiful garden. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting on April 11th.

The bus has been booked for the tour of the Sun Yat Sen Gardens on June 15th. Members' portion of the bus rental will be paid by the club. If members wish to bring a guest, there will be a charge of \$20 per guest which will be used to defray the overall cost of the bus rental. An exclusive extended tour of the Sun Yat Sen Garden for a reduced price of \$12.50 each person has been arranged for the members of our club and their guests and will be conducted by one of the speakers from the club's February meeting. This tour will be followed by a dim sum lunch at a Chinese restaurant (cost not included). There is still room for more members and their guests to sign up.

We are planning a Tour of Members' Gardens in July and we would request that members wishing to provide a tour of their garden contact either Elizabeth Young at elizam0804@hotmail.com ,(604-542-1924)

or Eleanor Enns (alderpk24@shaw.ca) 604 538-3833. Your early advice would be appreciated.

Eleanor Enns & Elizabeth Young, Programs



Garden Stuff

Time for Spring Cleaning-part2?

Last month we checked indoors, this month let's look at sheds & deck boxes.

Usable tools, pots, hoses etc. can be passed on earning funds for our club.

Gently used Magazines and soft covered books, puzzles and games are saleable.

Keeping our Plant Sale date in mind too.

Please consider donating the girly gifts you have stored but never used. The cute scarves, note paper, socks, bath/shower products can form a part of mom's gift for our Mother's Day weekend Plant Sale. The sale boxes are filling nicely, if you collect a donation after the April meeting, call Joyce for pickup so that it can be priced before our big day.

Thank you to all who supply the table and a grateful thank you to all who purchase.

Call me if you wish pickup 604-538-2549

Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff

Plant Sale Plans

Plans are well underway for the plant sale. An Information sheet about plans for the day, pricing, etc. will be **at the end of this newsletter**.

If you need assistance with plants, require pots, or have questions regarding the plant sale, please contact me at 604-340-9977.

Terry Haight, Plant Sale Director

Bake Sale Instructions

Thanks to everyone who is planning to contribute to the Bake Sale Table at our Plant Sale. We accept anything you like to bake, and appreciate all you bring. Here are a few good sellers and a few rules!



We need: Cookies, Muffins, Squares and Bars in lots of 6 or 8, or single large muffins or scones.

Loaves of bread and small loaves are popular

We welcome jams, fudge, pickles, etc.

GLUTEN FREE & DIABETIC recipes will be appreciated.

PLEASE DON'T USE CREAM FILLINGS, SANDWICHES OR MEATS

For packaging, ABSOLUTELY NO MEAT TRAYS ARE TO BE USED. Preferably use new plates or trays (paper, plastic or foil) easily purchased from the Dollar store. Wrap baking securely with Saran and tape tightly on the bottom of the plate.

Please mark your baking with a label, and list ingredients such as nuts, etc. that some people may be allergic to.

Pricing will be done at the table.

Once again, many thanks for baking for our Club sale.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Website Committee

Techie Tip:

Shortcut for Taking Photos

You can use the Volume buttons to take Photos on your Phone.

1. Open Camera app
2. Select which Camera you want to use.
3. The volume buttons are located on the side of your phone.
4. When ready to take a photo (or start one of the video options) press either the volume up or volume down button to snap photos.
5. You can hold your phone either vertically or horizontally whichever works best for you.
6. Enjoy taking selfies and photos without any more awkward finger stretching.

Marilyn Murphy, Website Committee

Website/Social Media Update - New Password

Just a reminder that the "Members Only" section of the website is password protected for security. You must keep this password confidential. The password was changed in March.

The new password is:

1IrisforU!

(You must capitalize the **I** and the **U** plus add the exclamation mark)

Bev Sass, Website Director

Master Gardener Tip

Time to Get Planting

Its time to think about starting seeds indoors. Have a look at the guides available from West Coast Seeds <https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0011/2341/8172/files/SM400-Vegetable-Planting-Chart.pdf?15197082493037318381> for planting dates indoors or out for different vegetables. This link to Farmers Almanac <https://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-calendar/postalcode/V4C%207R3> allows you to put your postal code in to see the last frost date...for White Rock it is saying March 27th. Of course your seed packets are also a good guide to how early you need to start seeds indoors before transplanting.



To start seeds indoors you need at least 6 hours of sun in your windows. You need a planting medium that is moistened with warm water, till soil is fluffy. Plant seeds to the depth suggested on the packet...some seeds need light to germinate and just rest on top of the soil. Plant a small number of seeds according to how many plants you want to end up with, plus extra to allow for failures...not the whole packet! If you sew a small number in 2 week periods, you will avoid having too much harvest at once.

Cover the plants with a clear cover to keep humidity in, until you see sprouts, then uncover

and water when dry...keep an eye on them to prevent over or under watering.. Once the plants have grown some true leaves (the second set of leaves), a gentle breeze from a fan is helpful to keep air circulating and avoiding mold. When they have grown to an inch or 2, you should thin them out, and if its still to early to put outside, re-pot into larger pots.

At the price of plants in nurseries this year, you will be happy if you manage to get even a few plants through home planting.

Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener

Membership- New Brochures

Thanks to Eleanor Enns, Elizabeth Young, Bev Sass and Terry Haight, we now have a new set of brochures for our club. There is one for potential new members (Visitors), to be given out at our events, and one for new members who have just joined. They will be posted on our website so that members can print them off, as well as printed for us to give out at events and meetings.



Fran Deptuck, Membership Director

Juicy Bits

City of Surrey Tree Sale

The City of Surrey has announced details for the second spring tree sale event. It opens April

19 at 9:00 am and closes May 3, with a pickup date of May 14.

Trees are sold on a first come, first served basis. All trees are \$20 (includes taxes). Purchases will be made online and then later picked up from the Surrey Operations Centre (6651 148 Street). Each sale will have up to 1000 trees available for purchase, while supplies last. Varieties may include maples, dogwoods, magnolias and assorted fruit trees which all grow well in Surrey.

More information is available at www.surrey.ca/renovating-building-development/trees-yard-garden/tree-sale-program

Bradner Flower Show

Just a reminder that the Bradner Flower Show will be taking place at:

Bradner Community Hall,
5305 Bradner Rd,
Abbotsford.

The show takes place April 14 - 16 from 10 am to 4 pm daily. Admission is \$2.50. Why not car pool with some friends for a fun day.

Info at [facebook.com/bradnerhall](https://www.facebook.com/bradnerhall) or <https://www.bradnerhall.ca/events.html>



Dahlia Crown Gall

Crown gall is a disease caused by the bacterium *Rhizobium radiobacter* (synonym *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*), which enters the plant through wounds in roots or stems and stimulates the plant tissues to grow in a disorganised way, producing swollen galls. This bacteria is systemic. If you notice these cauliflower-looking growths at the crown of your dahlia clump, throw it away in the garbage. Do not grow dahlias in that spot for at least two years.



1. More info at:

<https://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk/gall-leafy-gall>

2. To solarize the soil, check out:

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ah/how-to-solarize-soil/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90f0e31f45>

Do this in the hottest months, usually July or August (for 6 - 8 weeks).

3. Dahlia Gall - Zoe Woodward Gardening. (Well respected Uk authority with Info on YouTube.)

Mary Openshaw

!!!Email Alert!!!!

Please be aware that my email has been hacked and some people are receiving emails purportedly from Melanie Rantucci but varying email addresses (if you hover mouse over my name you will see it is NOT my address mjrpharm@telus.net). These emails have a link for photos that is corrupted and may hack your computer. I cannot stop this even by changing my email entirely as they have simply taken my contacts. Please DON'T open anything from me that is NOT from my email address or only includes a photo 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.

Examples of Bogus Emails from me (they are really tricky):

Have a look at photograph #4 <http://www.wskm.txihdtp.com/>
or
I obviously should have emailed them way sooner - anyway here they are now, these four photographs: <http://yaois.xfkaooch.com/>

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Melanie Rantucci, Newsletter Editor



Next Meeting

Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 2pm

See you at Cranley Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr., Surrey. Meeting starts at 2 pm. Hall opens at 1:00 p.m. **If you are bringing show entries, they must be on the table by 1:30.**

Also show entries need to be presented at the photo booth so the website committee can take a picture of you beautiful entry for our website.



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.

In accordance with current law, Vaccination Certificates and masks are optional.

WRDGC Executive

Plant Sale Information

PLANT SALE NEWS!

The WRDGC Plant Sale will be held on **May 13 from 9am-1pm** at Ocean Park Hall 1577 128th St., Surrey. Please note we are fighting inflation but we are keeping the potted plant prices the same as they have been for the last 5 years!!! Tell your family and friends. Please put our information on your social media sites.

Plant Drop off: We would appreciate your dropping off your plants at the hall on Friday night May 12 between **7-9 pm**. If this is not possible, please have them at the hall between 8 am and 8:30 Saturday morning

Plants Needed: Last year we were asked to provide more annuals and vegetable plants so if you have extras, please bring them along. Indoor and outdoor plants are welcome.

Parking: As parking in the parking lot of the hall is very limited it is for CUSTOMERS ONLY this year. Please park at Safeway if you are volunteering. This was a big complaint last year and people drove away not coming into our sale.

Volunteers: Thank you to everyone who is signed up to volunteer. We still have a few spaces available. Please contact Eileen Davidson if you would like to volunteer.

Equipment: If you were bringing wagons or card tables, could you please bring them Friday night if possible. If you have black flats to contribute please bring them with you or drop them off at my house 1180 160th St ...just leave them in front of the garage.

Flower Market: We also NEED our members to provide greenery, arrangements, bouquets and flowers for our Flower Market.

Garden Stuff: We welcome garden related items. Things for Mother's Day gifts are good. If you have questions contact Joyce at 604-538-2549

Bake Sale: See the April Newsletter for instructions for donating baking. Contact Donna Lawson if you have questions. 604-538-8858

Hanging Baskets: We are pre-selling our Hanging Baskets to members this year. The price will be \$25. Contact Linda Bradley if you would like to make a purchase before the plant sale as these sell out quickly 604-541-0903.

Lawn Signs and Posters: These will be available at our April meeting. The lawn signs are put out on the Monday before our plant sale. The posters can be put up as soon as you receive them Eleanor Enna

and Elizabeth Young will have signs and posters. Please see them at the meeting.

Preparing Plants and Labelling: Please discontinue watering your plants two days before the sale, unless it's very very hot, Please make sure all pots are clean and are clearly marked with the common name of the plant. Does it prefer sun or shade, the colour and how high will it grow? Perhaps a picture of flowering plant.

Prices for the Plants:

2 inch pot \$1

4 inch pot \$2

6 inch pot \$3

1 gallon and 10 inch,pots \$5

2 gallon pot \$7

For larger or unique plants, the pricing is at your discretion.

Advance Sales Available: I have plants I am selling for the plant sale that should be planted before May so I am making them available NOW: (2) white lilacs \$5 each,(1) thorn less blackberry \$5 as well as (7)10inch hanging baskets filled with ever bearing strawberries \$5 each. Call me if you are interested I can bring them to the April meeting 604 340 9977

If you have any questions regarding the plant sale feel free to call me

Terry Haight 604 340 9977

