



# Over the Garden Wall

White Rock and District Garden Club, **May, 2023**  
<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca>

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## President's Message

We enjoyed a very successful Floral Display at Semiahmoo Mall on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The exhibits were fantastic! Plans are set for our Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Please let your friends know and plan to come. Invite your friends and family to join us on our tour of Sun Yat Sen Gardens on June 13, 2023, Dim Sum to follow. It is a great deal and we would like to fill the bus. We are still hoping that someone will volunteer for the position of Vice President to ensure continuity of our club next year. Enjoy your gardens as planting season is getting underway.

*Darlene Chamberlain, President*



## Winners

### 50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Karen Jensen.

*Sharon Stanley, Raffle*

### Plant of the Month

Margaret Maddocks won a Pansy plant.

*Bev Polywkan*



## April Spring Show

Cranley hall was beautiful with all the floral specimens and floral designs displayed at our April meeting. Come to the April meeting to find out who won trophies.

You can view all the exhibits on our website in the Gallery section or click here to see it now <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/garden-ing-images-plants-shrubs-flowers-south-surrey-bc.html> And **please** “like us” on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/whiterockgarden-club>

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*

## Floral Circle

### Spring Mall Floral Display

The FLORAL CIRCLE DISPLAY held on Saturday April 22 was fantastic, definitely one of the best we have ever had!

The theme this year was EARTH'S FLORAL DESIGNS. This included 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. In addition, miniature designs of the various design types were displayed. See the exhibits on our website in the Gallery section.

Everyone in the group took part and did excellent designs. The public (and some of our club members too) visited and left very nice comments which makes it all worthwhile. Thanks to all of you that took the time to come and see our display.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*



## Programs

### Petals and Butterflies

Still time to sign up for the Petals and Butterflies Garden tour in Langley on 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. Contact Eleanor Enns ([alderpk24@shaw.ca](mailto:alderpk24@shaw.ca)) or 604 538-3833.

### Sun Yat Sen Gardens Bus Trip

**STILL ROOM** on the bus for you and your friends for the tour of the Sun Yat Sen Gardens on June 15th. Members' portion of the bus rental will be paid by the club, guest pay only \$20. An exclusive extended tour of the Sun Yat Sen Garden has been arranged for a reduced price of \$12.50 each person. This tour will be followed by a dim sum lunch at a Chinese restaurant (cost not included). Contact Eleanor Enns ([alderpk24@shaw.ca](mailto:alderpk24@shaw.ca)) or 604 538-3833.

### Members' Gardens Tour

Our annual tour of Members' Gardens will take place in July. Members interested in showing and sharing their garden contact either Elizabeth Young at [elizam0804@hotmail.com](mailto:elizam0804@hotmail.com), (604-542-1924) or Eleanor Enns ([alderpk24@shaw.ca](mailto:alderpk24@shaw.ca)) 604 538-3833. Don't feel your garden must be perfect...we love seeing all sizes and types of gardens. Who knows you may get some great suggestions on how to improve your garden as well as accolades and encouragement on what you've done so far.

*Eleanor Enns & Elizabeth Young, Program*



## May 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Hanging Basket Demo

Join us at our May 9th club meeting to learn how to make a hanging basket for your deck or balcony, from our hard working Plant Sale Director, Terry. She will also demonstrate dividing hostas.

## Garden Stuff

### Share and Buy Past Loves

Do you remember those past loves fondly but new interests have caught your attention, and you are wondering what to do?

We'll don't discard the "toad on the mushroom", dust it off, donate to WRDGC and we all win. Your area is tidier, your club earns money, the landfill is less and best of all, the toad captures another heart! Bring your donations for the May Garden Stuff table to the general meeting May 9th or call me.

The Garden Stuff table at our May 13th Plant Sale will have many never before seen treasures, garden tools, ceramic planters etc., way too many to list here. Collect a neighbour, friend or even a relative and join the shoppers. Call me if you wish pickup 604-538-2549

*Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff*

## Plant Sale May 13

It's almost time for our plant sale. If you would like one of our hanging baskets, please contact Linda Bradley, 604-541-0903 (please specify, sun or shade) she will bring them to the next meeting for you. The price for members is \$25. Our raffle has many awesome prizes.... be prepared to be impressed! So far there are 16 prizes to be won!!

We are hoping everyone is doing a little baking for the bake sale as it was our biggest fundraiser last year. Also don't forget jams, jel-

lies, relishes, etc.

Thank you to everyone for making sure your pots are clean, clearly marked and priced. This is very much appreciated. If you have a picture of your plant, please bring it along.

We are hoping that most people will be able to drop off their flowers, greenery, items for the garden stuff table, baking and plants on Friday night between 7 pm and 9 pm. If you have wagons or card tables, we would appreciate those on Friday night as well.

On Friday night, Volunteers may choose one plant and put it on the stage to be purchased on Saturday on Saturday morning. Volunteers may begin shopping at 10 am, making sure someone is covering your position while you shop.

Volunteers, please wear your blue club t-shirts if you have one or a decorated hat if you have one, we will also have (ask me) tags for volunteers.

Please remember **the parking lot is only for our shoppers!** Members are asked to park over at the Safeway as last year people complained they couldn't park so they left the sale. Also, please remind friends and family that this is a cash only event.

The committee is really looking forward to the Plant Sale this year. We hope that with your help it is once again a success.

If you have any questions regarding the sale, you need assistance with plants, or require pots, please contact me (Terry 604-340-9977.) An Information sheet about plans for the day, pricing, etc. is **at the end of this newsletter again.**

*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. Detailed instruction for your donations is **at the end of this newsletter**.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*

## Website Committee

### Techie Tips - building a group mailing contact list on your phone -

Sometimes we have a need to send an email out to several people (the same several people) at the same time. This can be accomplished by creating a group mailing list.

On an android phone:

1. Go to your contacts, select the 3 bars ≡ (mine is top left side).
2. Select Groups, go to the bottom of the list and select Create group.
3. Name your group (my group is called 2023Website Committee members) and add members from your contact list.
4. Next time you need to send a message to the group put the group name into the "To" field and you will be sending the message to everyone on the list. You can add 20+ names to a group.

The same functionality is also possible with an iPhone or iPad

1. Go into the phone contacts.
2. Tap + to add a new contact, enter the group name into the "company name field", leaving other fields blank.
3. Go to the "Notes" field and enter the individual email addresses (use a comma between each email address).
4. Touch one of contact you just entered into the notes field to open a menu. Choose copy all of these addresses.

5. Then scroll up to the address field and paste these addresses into the field.
6. Tap "Done" to save and create your new contact group.

Here is a You Tube link for more information on iPhone or iPad group contacts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYXII170tDxE>

(Thank you to Terry Haight for testing & feedback on her iPhone)

*Bev Sass, Website Director*

## Member's Section on Website

Just a reminder that the "Members Only" section of the website has all our past newsletters and minutes. It 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*



## MG Gardening Question Table

We will have a Gardening Question Table at the May meeting a half hour prior to the meeting and during the break. So bring your questions to Melanie and Bei. 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*

## Master Gardener Tip

### Caring for Our in the Environment with Your Garden

We are all concerned about the environment these days. What can we do in our own gardens to show we care? The Royal Horticultural Society has made some suggestions, and the Richmond Garden Club has taken on the challenge according to Linda Pasacreta, writing in the BCCGC newsletter. Here's how our White Rock Garden Club members can make a difference too.



1. Plant a tree. Trees store carbon, but in the Surrey/White Rock area, many trees are cut each year to make way for new home development. Consider planting a medium-sized tree this year (providing your lot can handle the mature size).
2. Conserve water in a variety of ways. Get a rain barrel and use rain water for your garden, make sure your down spouts let out onto the ground rather than directly into the sewer, and use mulch to cover bare soil to help maintain moisture.
3. Reduce the area that is paved (which allows water to flow off to drains) or covered in lawn

(that uses resources and energy) and replace it with pollinator-friendly perennial flowers.

4. Change your garden power tools from gas-powered to electric. They do not emit carbon, create less noise, and less air pollution.
6. Grow some of your own fruits and vegetables and use local produce that is in season. This will help lower the greenhouse gas emissions from transporting fruits and vegetables as well as reducing the use of pesticides.
7. Avoid using chemical fertilizers or pest control in order to reduce manufacturing of these products and for a safer environment for insects (not all are bad!) and all living things.
8. Shop locally for bedding plants and garden supplies to reduce transportation.

*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*

## Report from BC Council of Garden Clubs Meeting

On April 1st. of this year, Ozana and I had the opportunity to attend the semiannual meeting of the BC Council of Garden Clubs. Thank for allowing us to represent the club. It was a great day and here is some information and highlights.

**Newsletter** - will now be published monthly

**Treasurer** - Insurance payment dates have been changed to match the fiscal year, Jan. 1st - Dec 31st.

**Next Meeting** - Probably Oct 21st. Waiting for confirmation from the venue.

**Scholarship Fund** - The Council is asking for a voluntary, one-time, \$80 contribution from each member club to support the scholarship fund - \$80 for the Council's 80 years. The scholarships go to students in accredited gardening/horticulture courses at colleges in BC.

**Guest Speakers** - The first speaker was a scholarship recipient attending university in Prince George. He spoke about fungi and mycorrhizae and their relationship with other plant life and their importance. The mycorrhizae hook up with plant roots and provide minerals and water. When fertilizing, watch for too much nitrogen and use slow release fertilizers. Your soil needs to be micro-active. He spoke about parasitic wasps (not parasitic) and their benefits, He also spoke about bees. If you are using bee hotels, be careful of their design and placement. They need to be dry and apart.

The second speaker's topic was Seed Starting. Seeds good to start indoors - tomatoes, peppers, squashes, herbs but not beans or peas. The seed companies recommended included - Osborne, Johnny's Selected Seeds and Stokes. She explained about the different types of seeds:

Pelleted Seeds - can improve Germination

Multi Pelleted Seeds - many different seed in one pellet such as basil, lobelia and allysum

Primed Seeds - Seeds are soaked for 24 hours and planted immediately. Keep seeds damp, not wet.

More useful information: Germination occurs at 18C - 23C for most seeds (30C for peppers); cinnamon is antibacterial and promotes root growth ; use Chamomile tea to water seedlings; winged aphids are BAD!!!!

For the next meeting the council would like more entries for the Floral Art exhibits. They were lovely this time.

Thank you again for allowing us to represent our club at this meeting.

*Ozana Seselja and Johanna Mramor*

## !!!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. 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 May 9th, 2023 at 2pm

See you at Cranley Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr., Surrey. Meeting starts at 2 pm. Hall opens at 1:00 p.m. **Extra parking is available behind the hall. From Cranley Dr., turn into Suffolk Rd then turn right on Cumbria Dr.**

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

In accordance with current law, masks are optional.

*WRDGC Executive*

## Plant Sale Information

The WRDGC Plant Sale will be held on **May 13 from 9am-1pm** at Ocean Park Hall 1577 128<sup>th</sup> 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 160<sup>th</sup> 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**



## Bake Sale Information

THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE BAKE TABLE

We accept anything you like to bake, and appreciate all you bring. We have 'listed a few good sellers and a few rules!

We need: Cookies, Muffins, Squares and Bars in lots of 6 or 8

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

**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 taped 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.

**If you have any questions about the Bake Sale please call me. Donna Lawson 604-538-8858**

