



# Over the Garden Wall

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

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

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## President's Message

**Congratulations to Terry Haight and the Plant Sale Committee** and all the many volunteers for making our Plant and Bake Sale a wonderful success....our best ever! We will be winding up after our June meeting and will resume in September. We have enjoyed a great 6 months so far this year. We have participated in parlour shows, a mall show, heard interesting, informative speakers, toured beautiful gardens and put on a very successful Plant and Bake Sale, enjoyed by our club and the community. We have booked the hall for next year's sale, so mark your calendar for May 11, 2024



We had a fantastic tour at Petals and Butterfly garden this past week. Still to come this month, a tour of Sun Yat Sen Garden in China Town, Vancouver, followed immediately by Dim Sum lunch at Floata Restaurant in China Town, on June 15th. Places are still available for guests. We are planning member garden tours during the summer break. If you would like to volunteer to show your garden contact Eleanor or Elizabeth.

Melanie and I will be representing our club at the White Rock Seniors' Expo on June 17th. 9-12 at the Elks' Hall in White Rock. Advice and help for seniors are presented as well as entertainment. Attend if you can. It is an interesting morning hosted by our MLA Trevor Halford.

*Darlene Chamberlain, President*

## Winners

### 50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Margrit Elmiger-Isert

*Sharon Stanley, Raffle*

### Name Tag Draw -Plant of the Month

Francis O'Grady won a lovely Honey Bell plant. Honey Bells or Cuphea are also known as the Hummingbird plant. It is an annual that blooms from late spring to late fall. It likes part shade to full sun. It is a good filler for baskets

or planters and reaches up to 12 inches tall and 18 inch spread. It likes to be watered about 1 inch deep in the soil each week and fertilized once a month with an organic fertilizer. If you want it to be bushier or more compact, you can pinch it or prune it back in late spring. It can also be grown as a houseplant. I have been told by a very reliable gardener that they are guaranteed to have Hummingbirds fighting over them they are so well loved.

### **Trophy Winners for the Spring Floral Show**

Eileen Davidson won the Peace Arch District Hospital Trophy -Awarded for Best Exhibit (Specimen) of the show.



Karen Jenson won the Sery Memorial Trophy-Awarded for Best floral art entry in the Spring show.



*Bev Polywkan, Trophy Director*

### **June Rose and Bloom Show**

This month we will be having the June Rose and Bloom 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. Click on this link:

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-June-Rose-and-Bloom-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 beautiful roses and summer 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 604-538-8858.

*Donna Lawson, Show Director*

### **Website Committee Photo Booth**

The Website committee will be taking photos of your Parlour Show entries as you bring them into the hall. We will have a table setup near the entrance for the photo shoot. If you could bring your entries to the photo booth before placing them on the display tables that would be great. Eileen Davidson and Marilyn Murphy will be pleased to take the photos. Look forward to seeing the entries on the club website and social media.

*Bev Sass, Website Committee*

## Programs

We had a lovely tour of Petals and Butterflies Garden in Langley on May 23, 2023.



Many of our members enjoyed a picnic on the grounds of the nursery then the owner, Gwen Odermatt took them round the garden, pointing out some of the many special plants she has, like this Japanese Peony.



### Sun Yat Sen Gardens Bus Trip

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. Please bring a guest (only \$20 per guest which will be used to defray the overall cost of the bus rental).

The admission fee for the Sun Yat Gardens has now been reduced to \$10.50. Please bring the correct change to the next meeting and give it

to Elizabeth (or contact her to arrange for payment).

### Itinerary For Bus Tour To Sun Yat Sen Garden, June 15, 2023:

The bus will be picking us up at Peace Portal Alliance Church (corner of 152 Street and King George Hwy). Please park your car in the back portion of the parking lot (far corner). The bus will be leaving at 9:30 am, so please be sure to be there by 9:15 at the latest so that there is no delay in leaving South Surrey.

9:30 am – Leave South Surrey

10:30 am – arrive at Sun Yat Sen Garden, Vancouver for guided tour of garden

12:00 am – end of tour, walk to Floata Restaurant (just a short walk)

12:15 pm – arrive at restaurant (there is enough time if people finish their lunch early, they could have a quick look at any interesting surrounding stores in China Town)

2: 00 pm - bus picks us up, leaves Chinatown for South Surrey

3: 00 pm – arrive back at Peace Portal Church

### Please Show Us Your Garden!!

We are planning a Tour of Members' Gardens in July and request that members wishing to provide a tour of 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. Even if you have shown your garden before, consider the many new members who would love to have a chance.

*Eleanor Enns & Elizabeth Young, Programs*

## Garden Stuff

### Dig Deep!

WRDGC is all about sharing; baking for meetings, tips, rides, advice, social time, curly willow, advice, cuttings, plants, more advice and sale “stuff“ making \$\$\$ for us to share for trips etc.

Now is the time to dig deep, share by donating your pottery, jewellery, garden equipment, household goods, tools, art, herbs, plants, hobby supplies, the things you bought at the last yard sale.....anything you want to move out of your garage, carport, cupboards, attic, our great sale left slim pickings on the table, few books and puzzles.

If you haven't contributed you haven't experienced the amazing feeling of looking at that empty space that it once held?? “try it, you'll like it”

Questions call Joyce 604-538-2549

*Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff*

## Congratulations on Our Plant Sale Success!!!



Thank you once again to everyone who helped out at the Plant Sale because of your help and donations our gross income was \$4770. Our net profit is still to be determined.



If you have lawn signs, please bring them to the next meeting. I still have a black bag with two locks that was left at the Plant Sale. if you were a member of the Ocean Park community association, please let me know as we receive a 15% discount on hall rental.

If you have not filled out a questionnaire regarding what worked and what didn't please do so. Once again thank you so much. Your plant sale committee is already working on next year sale,

*Terry Haight, Plant Sale Director*

## Bake Sale Success

Many thanks for all those members who donated baking for our Club sale. We made the most money we have ever made this year...\$725!

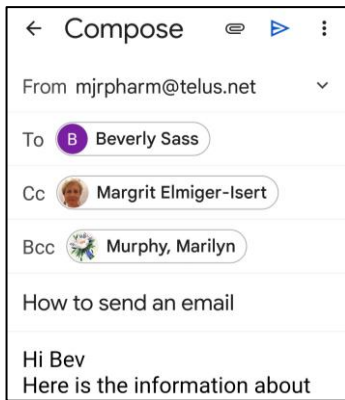
*Donna Lawson*

## Website Committee

### Techie Tip: Sending an Email

Each email is similar to a regular letter, where it has an address called the “From” and “To” field. It also can have a “CC” – Carbon Copy field and a “BCC” – Blind Copy Field. With the most important, field the “Subject Field”. Always enter a subject or topic of the email in the subject line. The subject line is not

used to reply to a message. The body of the message is where you type your



message/information.

1. To: Add contacts with whom you are directly communicating with.
2. CC (Carbon Copy): Add contacts who you want to know about the email but are not required to action or respond to it. ... When you use reply all, everyone in the To and CC fields will see your response.
3. BCC (Blind Carbon Copy): Contacts added in the BCC section will not be seen by other recipients ... If you reply all to this email only the sender will receive the response.
4. Subject Line: Enter concise information about your email topic.
5. Body: Enter the details of your email.
6. Hit "SEND"

*Website Committee*

## Membership-Survey

We will be distributing a survey to get to know our members and find out what they want in the way of activities at our club. Please fill one out and let us know your thoughts so we can make the club fun and appealing to you.

*Fran Deptuck, Membership Director*

## Master Gardener Tip

### Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Garden

Sitting in your garden, watching humming birds is a wonderful summer past time. These tiny birds will come to your garden if you provide the right habitat with food, water, shelter, and security.



Hummingbirds expend so much energy beating their wings 80 times per second that they need to eat half their body weight in food each day, feeding constantly from dawn to dusk. You can provide food in a hummingbird feeder, filled with plain, clear sugar water (1 part white sugar mixed with 4 parts water. Be sure to keep it clean and change the water weekly).

Better yet, plant plenty of flowers in red and orange shades with tubular shapes that will attract them such as perennials like bee balm, day lily, columbine, phlox, heuchera, iris, scabiosa; annuals such as cleome, honey bells, impatiens and petunias; biennials foxglove, lupins and hollyhock and shrubs like weigela.

Make sure you have some shade and habitat such as flowering shrubs, dwarf trees and vines. Provide water in a bird bath, or better yet, they love flitting through a spray from the sprinkler.

*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*

## Gardening History

WRDGC member Angela Archer contributed this photo of an exhibit her mother had entered in the Hastings “Dig for Victory” Exhibition in England. She received second prize for “Ladies only- Collection of Vegetables in 4 gallon Trug”.

Angela says it is interesting to see how vegetable gardening has become popular again, as it was when people were encouraged during the Second World War to grow food in their gardens as part of the war effort....known as “Victory Gardens”.



If you have historical stories or photos about gardening, we welcome hearing about them so we can share it here.

*Melanie Rantucci, Editor*

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday June 13, 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.**

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. *Members sitting beside the laptop are reminded to PLEASE keep conversation quiet as the microphone picks up their conversation instead of the speaker.*

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

*WRDGC Executive*

## Juicy Bits

**South Delta Garden Tour June 25, 2023**

The South Delta Garden Club is pleased to announce SOUTH DELTA GARDEN TOUR 2023 “10 Private and Distinct Gardens in Ladner and Tsawwassen - A self-guided Tour Plus, one added Public Garden with special Tour-day guided tours”

When: Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$40 on Tour Day – Cash Only Please!



Advance Tickets available starting May 10th at: Harris Nurseryland, Phoenix Perennials, Sunnyside Nurseries, Vandula Farms, Market and Nursery, West Coast Gardens, and West Coast Seeds.

Tour Day Tickets available only at: Harris Nurseryland (if there are any left)

Get all the Dirt at [www.southdeltagardenclub.ca](http://www.southdeltagardenclub.ca) – Special Tour Section!



### !!!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](mailto: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*



### More Tour Pictures

From the Petals and Butterflies Garden Tour...

