



Over the Garden Wall

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

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President's Message

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!



Welcome back everyone! I trust you had a great summer with the lovely warm weather perfect for time spent with family and friends, traveling and of course, gardening. **A special welcome to our new members!** I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at 2:00. pm. We will be having a Parlour Show that day with specimens of flowers and produce from our members' gardens. Maybe you will bring some of yours, as our club motto is, "Share what you know and Show what you grow".

This month we will also be presenting a floral exhibit at Semiahmoo Mall in South Surrey on September 16th, showcasing our members' dahlias and fall flowers as well as floral art that you may enter or enjoy visiting. Further details about these events are in this newsletter. Our club enjoyed a members' gardens tour during our summer break. Thank you to those who shared their gardens with us and to the Program Directors. Read on to learn about more exciting things to come this fall!

Darlene Chamberlain, President

June Meeting Winners

50/50 Draw

The draw was won by Iris Peacosh.

Sharon Stanley, Raffle

Name Tag Draw -Plant of the Month

A schefflera umbrella house plant was won by Gayle Horie. Umbrella plants can live up to 25 years and as a houseplant they can grow to be 3 to 6 ft. tall. They should be pruned occasionally to keep the size that fits your space. They should be watered regularly but can handle brief periods of low water as they are drought tolerant. If you find the leaves yellowing it is usu-

ally due to over-watering. They love to be misted and have their leaves cleaned.

A quilted Teacup and Rose placemat, donated by Yvonne Pont's friend, Sharon, was also awarded.

June Rose and Bloom Show

The June Rose and Bloom show was held at our final meeting before summer break. A beautiful array of roses and summer flowers were displayed by our members along with beautiful floral arrangements. Thank you to all who entered.



Trophy Winners

The Rose and Bloom Show was judged by Janice Jenkins and Victoria Brooks. Many beautiful specimens of roses and other summer flowers from our members' gardens were on display as well as beautiful floral arrangements. Winners of ribbons and trophies will be announced at the September meeting.

Bev Polywkan, Trophy Director

Its Show Time!!

Its time to prepare for our 2 shows in September. The Fall Show at our September meeting, and our Mall Show. We are hoping many of our new members will come to enjoy

the shows and see the flowers and produce that our members grow. All members are encouraged to come to the Mall show to show support for the members that enter.

For the Mall Show, this is the list of items to be entered:

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

All members are welcome to enter a floral arrangement in the Novice section. If you have questions, please call me 604-538-8858.

For those interested in displaying and entering, 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>

Plants entered in the specimen section should be grown by you for at least 3 months. Plants used to make floral designs can be purchased materials.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

September Floral Show

At our September club meeting at Cranley Hall on September 12th we will have our parlour show. There are no floral art entries this month, just exhibits from your garden including fall flowers and grasses, vegetables and fruits. The schedule listing the plants to enter is on our website at <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-September-Meeting-Show-2023.pdf> This is a

judged show with the following awards to be won:

Rosette Ribbons:

- 🕒 Best Cut flower
- 🕒 Best Flowering Bulb (Blettina)
- 🕒 Best Flowering Shrub

Trophies:

- 🕒 Lashley Hall – 3 different perennials in a vase
- 🕒 Mottershead – Best Spray of Chrysanthemums
- 🕒 Board of Trade #2 – Best Vegetable Collection
- 🕒 P.C. Perry – Best Gladiola
- 🕒 Brackman & Kerr – Best Vase of Sweet Peas (if not awarded in June)

Fall Show at Semiahmoo Mall

On Sat. September 16th, our annual Fall show at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre displaying dahlias and other fall flowers from our gardens, plus floral art. This is held during mall hours 10 a.m. to 6 pm. The schedule listing the plants to enter is on our website at <https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca/PDFs/White-Rock-Garden-Club-September-Fall-Show-2023.pdf>. This is a judged show with the following awards to be won:

Rosette Ribbons:

- 🕒 Best Grasses
- 🕒 Best Favourite Dahlia
- 🕒 Best entry on end table
- 🕒 Best Floral Art – Advanced
- 🕒 Best Floral Art - Novice

Trophies:

- 🕒 Board of Trade #1 – Best Dahlia in Show
- 🕒 Rotary Cup – Best Collection of 5 Dahlias

The show tables are set up in the area near Winners inside entrance. No food or beverages are allowed in show area. Doors open 9:30 am. All entries to be on the table by 9:45

Judging begins at 10 a.m.

Pickup is 6:00 pm not before. (Mall rules)

If you are entering this show, we would appreciate if you would make a miniature arrangement for the display on the end table - not to be judged, just enjoyed by the public.

We will need a few helpers at our Mall Show, greeting the public who come to look at our displays and answering questions about the plants and about our club. If you wish to volunteer, please call Donna (538-8858) to choose your 2-hour time slot



Donna Lawson, Show Director

Website Photo Booth

The Website committee will be taking photos of your Parlour Show entries as you bring them into the hall at the September meeting. 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

Photo Contest

Our Annual Photo Contest is coming up. The topic is "A Picture of an animal or bird visiting your garden" One picture per member, and size no larger than 5" x 7".

Please hand photos to Donna at the October meeting. Members will judge for their favorite at the November meeting and the trophy will be presented in December.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Programs

October and November Tours Planned

We have a private tour booked for our club at Cedar Rim Nursery on Glover Road, Langley, for Wednesday, October 18th at 10:30 am. The nursery will be placing their emphases on showing us drought resistant plants and native plants for our gardens. Cedar Rim will be offering a 10% discount to all those attending this tour. A sign up sheet will be available at the September meeting for those who wish to attend this event.

We have also arranged for a tour of Morgan Creek Tropicals on Nov. 21st.

Eleanor Enns

Summer 2023 Garden Tour

In spite of a rainy start (the only rain all summer til then!!) the tour of Members' Gardens in July was a fun day.



Thanks to those who hosted the club: Joyce O'Brien, Melanie Rantucci, Bev Polywkan Nanci McConnell and Helen and Gale Norton.

Eleanor Enns & Elizabeth Young, Programs



Change to Constitution

In discussion of budgeting and managing the Club's expenditures, the Executive of the White Rock and District Garden Club have proposed seven changes to the Constitution which was drawn up by the original Executive 70 years ago, and revised only once before in 2018. As things have changed over the years, the Executive believes that we need to update the club Constitution and By-laws in a few areas. Such as:

- change the number of officers and term of executive positions,
- voting Quorum reduced,

- update the committees list and
- the process for budgeting and spending money.

These changes will aid smooth running of the club and improved accountability.

In accordance with the existing constitution, these proposed changes are being sent out with the newsletter and will be on view at the September meeting. There will be opportunity to discuss them at the September meeting, then time for further thought before a vote at the October meeting.

WRDGC Executive Committee

Garden Stuff

Looking For New Treasures

Our little money pit table will be in force from the get go. The summer didn't stop the dedication of our members! Purchases were made, donations given, \$\$\$earned for club.



Looking forward to new treasures members will bring in September.

Questions call Joyce 604-538-2549

Joyce O'Brien, Garden Stuff

Plant Sale Committee

We have had our year end meeting and discussed what worked and what didn't. We are

going to be making a few changes next year based on the amount of work involved and how much money was made but overall we are pleased with the outcome of the plant sale. Thank you again to everyone who helped make it a success.

Terry Haight, Plant Sale Director

Master Gardener Tip Time to Divide Perennials

Although we often think of dividing plants in the spring, some should be divided in the fall, such as Peony and Phlox. Many others can be divided in the spring or fall such as Hosta, Tickseed (Coreopsis), Cranesbill (Geranium), Lambs ear (Stachys), Purple cone flower (Echinacea). The best time is when the plant has just finished flowering. This will reduce your work load in the spring and open up your flower beds ready for other spring planting.



When to Divide Perennials

In general, perennials need dividing every 3 years, but it depends on how fast they grow in their location. Signs they need dividing include overall becoming too large for the area or crowding out other plants, reduced flowering, lighter green or yellow leaves, or an empty section in the middle of the clump. It is best to

do this when the weather is cool and wet but at least 6 to 8 weeks before freezing of the soil.

How to divide Different types of Root Systems

Make sure the plant is well hydrated, so water it the day before and preferably divide in the morning and not in full sun. Have the future bed or pot already prepared so that plant roots are not exposed too long. Cut back the top growth to 6 inches. Dig 8 to 12 inches away from the crown, trying to keep the root ball intact. Lift the root ball and place it in water and gently wash away soil so you can see the roots well.

Spreading root systems can be pulled apart into individual plants, whereas clumping root systems need to have the crown cut into pieces each with a few buds with roots attached. Plants with rhizomes (thick underground stems spreading out from the original plant) should have rhizomes cut off with a few buds in each.

Plant in a hole twice as wide and slightly deeper, with fertilizer in the bottom (low nitrogen such as 0-10-10) . Water well immediately and for the next couple of weeks.

Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener

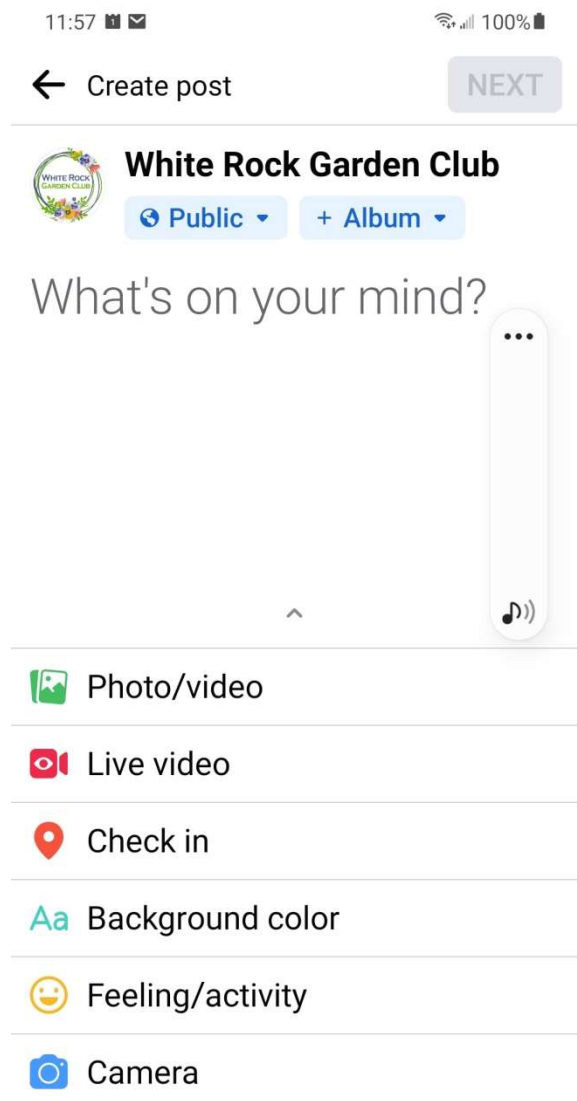
Website Committee

Techie Tip: Adding Photos to Facebook

Lets talk about adding photos to your Facebook

1. If you have already taken the photo, open your FB application.
2. On the main Screen you will see this but with your name not the clubs
Click in the area where is says “what’s

3. on your mind”, and you will see this screen:



4. If you click on photo/video your screen will display your photo gallery and you can select the photo (s) to add.
5. Add comment if you want and click next until you see Post.

Website Committee

Next Meeting

Tuesday September 12, 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.**

WRDGC Executive

Juicy Bits:

WRGC Fundraiser with BeSharp Sharpening Service in October

Executive members are excited about this fundraiser. Owner Chip Gho – past members of the club is offering a garden tool sharpening clinic for club member. You may have seen him at the local farmers market. He will bring his mobile sharpening Van to our October meeting and while members are in the meeting he will sharpen your items. 50% of the fees paid will be donated back to the club. Chip has a website listing all the types of items (knives, scissors, garden tools, etc.) he can sharpen with estimated costs. Bring your items and Chip will put each member's tools into a container with your name, to make it easier for drop off and pick up. Should he get more tools then he can complete in the 3 hours – Terry Haight has kindly offered to arrange pickup from her home at a later time.

www.be-sharp.io

WRDGC Executive



!!!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):

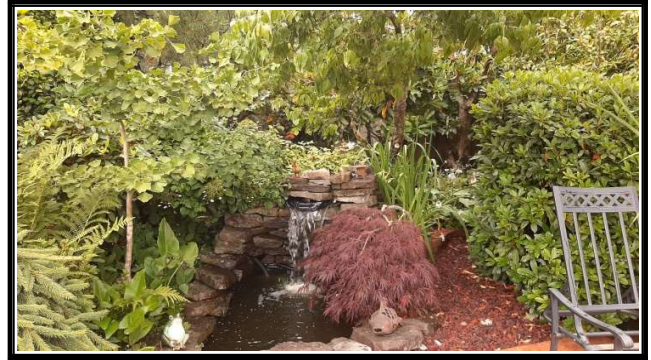
Have a look at photograph #4 <http://www.wskm.txihdtp.com/>

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



More Garden Tour Pictures



