

Over The Garden Wall

May, 2019

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President's Message

Wow!

When I was away someone came along and turned a bunch of energizer bunnies into WRD Garden Club members.

Plants

More than 50% of our Club members are plant sale volunteers. However, Mary assures me that anyone without a job will be welcome to give her a call or email. She still needs folks for moving sold plants to the cars on the big day. Please **send the Plant Sale Poster to all your friends** in White Rock/South Surrey and encourage them to pass it on.

Baking

Donna has commitments for an excellent selection of goodies but always can accommodate more.

Floral Arrangements

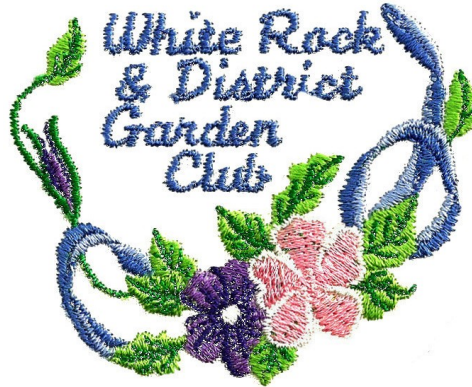
The Mothers Day basket assembly group will be meeting shortly. Iris indicated that we need **more small floral arrangements** if you can help for the Mothers Day bouquets.

Website

Considerable progress has been made by Melanie and Bev and the website team, in getting the website underway. It all looks very promising and the team is bringing forward the Club's best interests plus getting a good financial deal to boot.

Thank You

A special thanks from me to Melanie for chairing the April meeting and to Collene for conducting the Executive meetings in March and April.



Notes From My Vacation

We do live in a miraculous world – exotic orchids on the streets of Singapore (and those gardens), brilliant bougainvillea in the Sri Lanka, the petals of the protea that look and feel like the feathers of an exotic bird, a spider the size of my outstretched hand on a bedsheet sized web on Reunion Island – but everywhere the issue of fresh water conservation, a precious commodity we often take for granted.

See You Saturday

See you at the Plant Sale: Saturday, May 11, set up at 8am, doors open 10am – 1pm, Ocean Park Hall.

Patti Wolczuk, President

For Your Garden

Go Green Compost

Go Green Compost - We will be having the Go Green Compost delivered at the end of the meeting on May 14th in the parking lot. Please leave room for the truck by the front door. You must let Melanie know (phone or text 778-846-5076) by Monday, May 6th if you have not already ordered some. It is payable at the May 14 meeting \$7 per bag. You MUST be there to pick it up or arrange

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for someone to pick it up at that time as we CANNOT store it.

Melanie Rantucci, Past President

Winners

Spring Show Rosettes

Claire Muirhead for flowering shrub - parrot tulips

Ozana Seselja for foliage plant - cut flowers

Bev Sass for novice floral art - hippity hoppity

Margaret Maddocks, Show Secretary

50/50 Draw

Maria Braungart was a visitor at our meeting and was rewarded with \$\$\$\$.

Sharon Brierley, a club honorary member, donated an Gardeners Apron which was won by **Johane Fortin**.

Donna Lawson donated a lovely bouquet which was won by **Johane** (I won again) **Fortin**.

Clair Muirhead, Raffle

Name Tag Draw

Donna Lawson was wearing her name tag and won a White Hydrangea. White hydrangeas are the rockstars of the shrub world. Not only do they provide midsize structure to you garden design, their beautiful blooms, comprised of multiple small flowers, provide four-season interest when you let them dry on the plant.

1. Best time to plant hydrangeas is in the fall followed by early spring.
2. The best place to plant hydrangeas is in a sheltered location with sunny mornings and shady afternoons.
3. Hydrangeas grow well in soil containing an abundance of organic material. Good drainage is vital.
4. To plant hydrangeas, simply dig the planting holes 2 feet wider than the root ball. Create a slight mound.
5. Bigleaf and panicle hydrangeas are best propagated through layering in early to mid-summer.

Iris Peacosh, Decorating

Amplifier Saga

Ooooooooh

You have probably noticed the the sound system is working again. I took the non functioning amp to the store where it was purchased, hefted it on to the table, told the clerk that it won't charge and is not working. He peered at it and said, "oooooooh, that is really old - ooooooooh, I bet they don't make that any more - ooooooooh, probably can't get parts for it". I said, "It's not that old it was bought in 2012 so it's only 7 years old." Of course 7 years ago this clerk was probably 11. "Well", he said, "we could take it apart - probably cost around \$100". I explained that it only cost \$170 originally and using the Consumer Reports formula for an old car, if the cost of fixing is more than half the car's value, it is not worth it.

He then brightened up and said "You need a new amp and we have some here". We walked over to an amp display and he proudly pointed to one and said "this is a really good amp". "How much" I said. "Only \$750" he said with a beaming smile. Both Eileen and myself both blanched at this and said "do you have anything cheaper". "Of course - over here is a fairly good amp for only \$700". I looked at Eileen and said "I think we should take the amp home and rethink this". On the way out I said to Eileen "I am sure it is the battery - I think I should take it apart and have a look". Eileen said "What is the worst that could happen?" "The club will make compost out of me" I said. At home I took the amp apart and inside was a lead-acid battery - just like in your car only smaller. I took down the specs that were written on the battery and off to google. Almost instantly, many sites came up. I checked one and they had the battery for \$23 but was extra \$26 for delivery. Further down the list I noticed that Canadian Tire popped up so I checked their website. Their price was \$37 plus tax and eco fees. They had over 30 of them in stock. We picked one up, went home and I installed the new battery. Eileen said "How did it work out?" I said "oooooooh, it works great."

John Davidson, Newsletter

Juicy Bit

Spinach

From Mercola Newsletter, March 7th, 2019

Growing spinach in your garden, containers or indoors is easier when you provide the plants with well-drained soil, mulch to retain moisture and a rich source of organic fertilizer, as the fast-growing plant is also a heavy feeder. Spread the plants 6 to 8 inches apart if you would like larger leaves, but you may get a larger harvest with younger tender leaves if the plants are spaced just 2 inches apart. When growing indoors, keep the plants away from windows radiating heat during the day as the plant will quickly bolt, just as it does outside in your garden. Bolting occurs when the plant "goes to seed," developing a bitter flavor in the leaves. Spinach is a rich source of folate, important to short-term memory and reducing cancer and heart disease risk, and vitamins K and A, manganese, magnesium and copper.

Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter

Thank You

From Anne Weise

The Club received a lovely hand painted thank you note from Anne Weise for her new member bouquet. It was so pretty, rather than just put it in the files, I ask John to 'publish' it for you to see.

Patti Wolczuk, President



Your Newsletter

Make a Contribution

It's easy. Give me any information, verbal, written, pictures or email. You can contact me at our meetings, by phone 604-538-0496 or by email john@greycastle.net.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Marketplace

Advertisements

Club Members can place an ad in our newsletter or send an email ad between newsletters to our members for only \$5. Non members can also place ads or email ads for \$10. Non members must be vouched for by a club member. This space will let members know you have something to sell that may interest them. If the item is free, then there is no ad fee. Any sales are private between the seller and the buyer since our constitution does not allow sales for private profit at our meetings. All ad fees go to the club.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Plant & Bake Sale

Our Biggest Fundraiser

Saturday, May 11th. We start setup at 8 am then doors open to the public at 10 am. If you would like to volunteer, and it's fun, or if you have any questions contact Mary Openshaw maryopenshaw@hotmail.com 604-581-3152. For baking, Donna Lawson lawson.g@telus.net 604-538-8858. For flower arrangements, Iris Peacosh peacia2@gmail.com 604-536-5506. Put up your signs, posters and invite friends, neighbours, relatives.

John Davidson, Newsletter

Next Meeting

May 14th, at 2pm

Doors Open at 1pm
Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive,
Surrey.

Spring Mall Show

Pictures

