

# Over The Garden Wall

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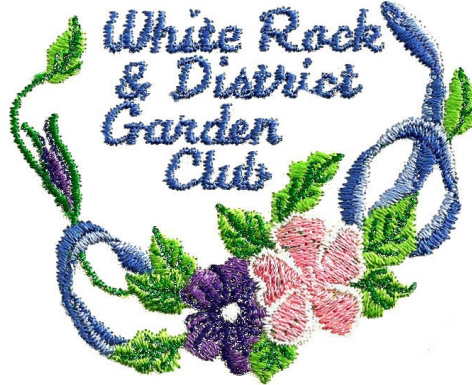
## President's Message

### Fall Is Here

October is a busy garden month as we begin/complete our fall clean-up. There are different opinions on when it is appropriate to prune and how much to prune various shrubs and trees. Most of us rely on what works for our own plant mix. This year I was challenged by significant growth in the roses. My pruning manual recommended the tall rose canes be removed to prevent winter damage. So off I went pruners in hand. How did they get 8 -9 feet tall in a few short weeks!! And where did those 1 inch (2.5cm) thorns with barbed ends come from? Needless to say, I was once again humbled by Nature's defenses, so sat down and read a book in the sunshine. And an interesting book it was, on a 1929 tsunami (3 story waves coming in at 100 km/hr) in Newfoundland and the consequences of that on the people and the economy. A look at another part of our country and its history. Back to the garden tasks for October including planting winter pansies and some bulbs that the squirrels won't eat, cutting back spent growth, removing weeds plus journaling what worked and what didn't and planning for some renewal for next year to conserve water and energy (mostly mine!). Lastly, I began looking at what house plants I might wish to have to ensure some green indoor air cleaners.

### October Speaker

And that brings me to the subject of our next meeting: Orchids for the Home. Never having been successful at getting these beauties to re-bloom, I hope to learn more at the meeting.



## Meeting Set Up Solved

The Executive has been very busy with planning for next year's events, budget preliminaries, securing facilities and resources for events etc. I want to thank Donna Lawson who helped me put up the tables and chairs for last month's

meeting and all the members who helped with the take down. It is hard work but the good news is that Margrit was able to find someone to do this task for us (for a fee, of course). This is very welcome news as I was concerned one of our members might be injured doing this job. I also wish to thank Heike's clean up crew and Margrit for leaving the facility in such good repair as usual. Looking forward to a fun meeting. Don't forget your photos (single bloom) for the photo contest!! See you soon.

*Patti Wolczuk, President*

## Plants Plus

### Transplant Month

October is transplant month for perennials. Are your Hostas overgrown? Time to divide now and donate. Other perennials to plant now: Strawberries, hydrangeas, iris, bleeding heart, lily, day lily, astilbe, lily of the valley, peony, veronica, to name a few. Donate books for

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rainy day reading.  
 Donate Hallowe'en decor, costumes,  
 pumpkins.  
 Donate excess produce and herbs.  
 Thanks for your donations in September.  
 Our profit was \$85.00

## Planting Garlic

Mary will be giving a short demonstration on planting garlic at the October meeting

Did you know...Planting garlic near roses will help to repel aphids. Because of its sulfur compounds, it may also help repel whiteflies, Japanese beetles, root maggots, carrot rust fly, and other pests. Garlic, made into a tea, or spray, will act as a systemic pesticide, drawing up into the cells of the plants. It's a good companion for beets, Brassicas, celery, lettuce, potatoes, strawberries, and tomatoes. Avoid planting it near peas or beans of any kind.

*Mary Openshaw, Plants Plus*



## Photo Contest

### One Flower

Photos are to be handed in at this October meeting.

Topic: One favourite flower from your garden  
 - size 4x6" or 5x7" only.

More than one entry allowed. Judged by members at November meeting.

*Donna Lawson, Show Chair*

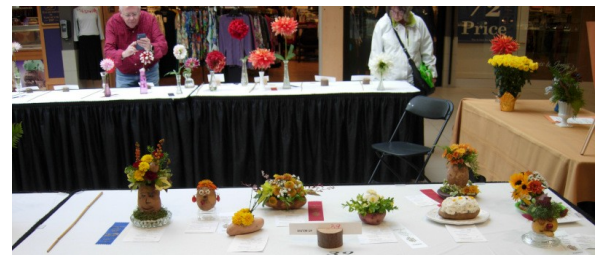


## Fall Show Report

### A Success



Many thanks for all members who helped at a very successful show. The judges were very impressed with the number of floral art entries, and despite the rain, there was a good selection of dahlias as well.



There will be a full report at this meeting.  
*Donna Lawson, Show Chair*

# 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*

# Winners

## Name Tag Draw

**Rosemary Milsted** won a *Oleariz paniculata* which is an evergreen shrub 2-4 m tall or, when given sufficient space, a small tree to 6 m tall and 3 m wide. The shrub is native to New Zealand and has a light green, oval to oblong, leathery leaves, 3-10 cm long, 2-4 cm wide. The plant prefers a sunny or partially shaded position in well-draining soil. Tolerates moderate frosts, and dry, windy and coastal conditions. Frost hardy throughout New Zealand. Responds well to trimming. It is an excellent hedge or screen for coastal sites. Attractive foliage plant with an interesting texture and bright green colour.

*Iris Peacosh, Member*

## 50/50 Draw

**Yvonne Pont** is \$61.75 richer.

*Claire Muirhead, Raffle*

## Rosettes

**Mary Openshaw** - Best 3 Varieties  
Perennials

**Mary Openshaw** - Best Flowering  
Hydrangea

**Donna Lawson** - Best in Show Collage

## Trophies

**Mary Joe** - Mottershead Cup - Pink Rose

**Mary Joe** - Izowsky Tray - Container of 5  
Roses

**Melanie Rantucci** - White Rock Rotary Club

Symbol of Peace Trophy - Peace Rosettes  
**Darlene Chamberlain** - Brackman & Kerr  
Trophy - Sweet Peas

**Mary Openshaw** - Alexander F & Gowan B  
Hay Plaque - Most Points in Show  
Johanna Mramor - Board of Trade Trophy -  
Best Collection of Vegetables

## Mall Show Rosettes

**Donna Lawson** - Floral Art Advanced  
**Bev Sass** - Floral Art Novice

## Mall Show Trophy

**Mary Openshaw** - Bord of Trade - Best  
Dahlia

**Mary Openshaw** - Rotary Cup - Best 5  
Dahlias in a Vase

*Margaret Maddocks, Show Secretary*

# Juicy Bit

## Fall Harvest

*From 1<sup>st</sup> Treasury of Herman, Jim Unger  
Submitted by John Davidson, Newsletter*



*"He'll be okay! He overdosed on sunflower seeds."*

# Next Meeting

## October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Doors Open at 1pm

Cranley Place Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive,  
Surrey.

Feel free to bring some Thanksgiving goodies  
for our tea/coffee break table (see email from  
Bernice).

