

Over The Garden Wall

White Rock & District Garden Club December, 2021

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

Diane Kew, President

Pat Catton, Secretary

Tim Roark, Treasurer

President's Message

My Wish For You

The club has faced many challenges this year, but we forged ahead and kept our club going. When we could, we held a successful virtual plant sale in May, and in September the first of the year in person general meeting was held. It was emotional to see everyone again, even with masks. In November we once again witnessed and enjoyed the talent of the members who entered the parlour show.

As Christmas approaches, let us once again be mindful of the people - our neighbors and friends who have suffered losses this year. And to those who have lost family members. Let us be thankful for the love of our family and friends.

I wish everyone the timeless treasures of Christmas - warmth of our homes, ability to connect with family and friends, and the company of all.

Peace, health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year. Merry Christmas.

Diane Kew, President

Membership

Time To Renew

Renewal deadline time for Memberships is January 1, 2022. Payment can be made by cheques or cash, but cheques are the preferred method of payment. Please post-date your cheque to **January 1st 2022**. The annual membership remains the same at \$25 for a single and \$30 for a couple. Please make cheques payable to White Rock &



District Garden Club (WRDGC). Dues can be paid at the regular meetings or mailed to:

White Rock & District Garden Club
#307 - 2229 - 152nd Street
Surrey, BC
V4A 4P1

Note: Membership Forms are available on our website: [white-rock-garden-club.ca](https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca)

Don't forget to sign your form. Printed forms will be available at our meetings or a form could be mailed to you. All garden clubs are required to have their Privacy Agreement included on their membership forms.

See the Membership Tutorial by Bev Sass at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you!

Linda Bradley, Membership

BCCGC

December Newsletter Correction

Peter Krueger, author of the article about the Dahlia Society, advised that the photos of the dahlias in the article are from seed and not named. Peter has nine blooms registered with the American Dahlia Society. He will be writing an article for us about

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hybridization of dahlias in the spring.
Please note the correct website for Vancouver
Dahlia Society is
www.vancouverdahliasociety.com.

Lynda, BCCGC

Come Share

Centre Piece Donations

Thanks for agreeing to make some centerpieces for Come Share to give to shut-ins throughout our area. Please bring them to the December meeting. We can use as many as possible, so don't hesitate making extra. They will be greatly appreciated. Please remember- no fresh flowers, candles, or candy. Thanks for helping.

Donna Lawson, Show Director

Winners

Parlour Show

Best in Show was won by Bev Sass.

Donna Lawson, Show Dir.



Name Tag Draw

The Plant of the month was a Philodendron Birken, also known as White Wave was won by Kimberly McCreedy.

Iris Peacosh, Member

50/50 Draw

Margrit Elmiger-Isert won the draw of \$31.50.

Claire Muirhead, Raff

Donation Proposal

Donation to the Red Cross for BC Flood Victims' Relief

There is a great need for help for the people in British Columbia that have been affected by the floods not just in the Fraser Valley but in the interior as well. The club generally collects food or money to donate to the Food Bank at our December meeting. Your Executive is proposing that this year we donate money to the Red Cross for BC flood victims. A joint partnership between the provincial and federal governments will match every dollar donated to the Red Cross flood victims. This means a donation of \$100 will equal \$300. This will be voted on at the meeting.

Executive

Christmas

Party Time

The object is to have a great time and stay safe so here is the plan:

- Linda Bradley will be at table with a list of all members just outside the door into the hall. Everyone who enters must show proof of double vaccinations and then Linda will record this information on the members list. She has available masks, wipes, etc. for you.
- There will be 7 tables set up with a maximum of 6 members at each table. Everyone wears masks unless eating.
- Speaking of eating, each member is asked to bring finger food - enough to be shared with 6 people at the table where you sit. Also, you can bring your own drink and/or the kitchen can be used for making tea and coffee. Bring your mug.
- The small Come Share gifts will be set up on side tables.
- Plants Plus will set up tables for selling your donated Christmas Theme articles and also plants, books and puzzles.
- There will be music thanks to Terry who will be bringing her Serius music set up.
- You will have a chance to win a lighted tree, poinsettias and other items.

- Wear a fascinator style hat and Christmas sweater - two prizes to be given for hat and sweater.

Your Executive

Plants + Christmas Theme

Along with the Come Share gifts, treats to share with your table, etc. please include any Christmas theme gently used items for Plants Plus that you may wish to donate.

Joyce O'Brien, Plants +

Marketplace

Have Puzzles?

Does anyone have puzzles (300-500 piece size), that I could buy or borrow or trade? I'm working with a person who has early Dementia. It is one thing he can do as well as play the Lexulous game.

evespadj@outlook.com .

Eve Johnston, Member

** Books For Christmas **

Novels by Author and Club Member
Yvonne Pont

The Trilogy is complete..... 'Tis About Time
with The Bess Time & Nick Of Time

Delightful Christmas reads and/or great gifts

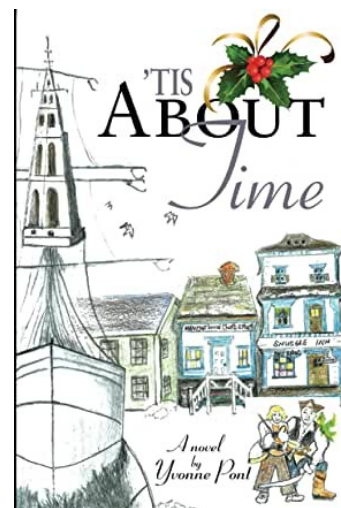
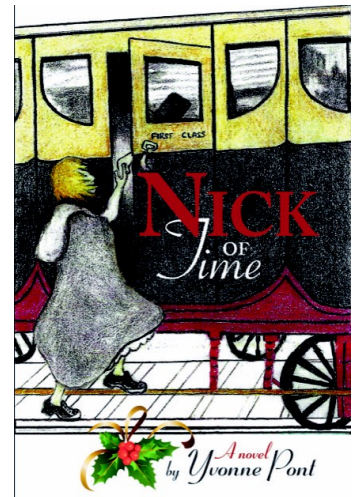
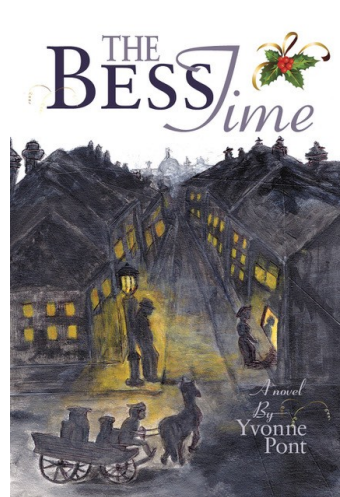
** Travel Bess Turner's Christmas journeys to
both modern and Victorian times

** Look for garden club member's names and
gardening ways of the mid 1800s

** Visit: yvonnepont.com &
christmasintimeseries.com
for ebooks and paperbacks.... and more detail
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** Contact Yvonne directly for autographed
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Chip Gho, Member

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Juicy Bits

What Does a Wreath on Your Door Symbolize?

Robin Sweetser in The Daily Almanac, Dec 6 2021

Wreaths are part of many ancient traditions dating back to the earliest civilizations. The circle is a symbol of immortality; throughout history, wreaths have been associated with life, rejuvenation, and renewal. Originally, wreaths were worn around the head, neck, or waist.

The Greeks awarded laurel wreaths to their triumphant athletes; in the Persian Empire they were worn on the head as a symbol of importance; and ancient Romans wore them like crowns. In Sweden, candles were incorporated in the wreaths to celebrate the return of light after the [winter solstice](#).

Nowadays we use them in a window or on a door as a sign of welcome during the holidays.

They can be used flat on a table for decoration or as an advent wreath, which also contains candles, one for each Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Winter Poem

*I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December
A magical thing
And sweet to remember.
'We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,'
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.
—Oliver Herford (1863-1935)*

From the Farmers Daily Almanac Dec 6,2021

Website Committee

Info

1. The Zoom application will be used during club meeting so that all club members have an easier time staying connected during the pandemic. Zoom is a dedicated program that the club subscribes to and can be accessed by

computer/tablet/cell phone or your landline telephone. Zoom has **no affiliation** with Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. After the Nov general meeting at the hall we had 40 reviews by club members of the recording in the immediate 3 days after the meeting. We are so happy to see so many of you who can't attend the meetings in person join us by reviewing the Zoom recording.

2. The Members Only section of the website is password protected with high security. To find the link, look at the very bottom of any page on our Website. In case you have forgotten the password it is **1RoseforU!** Make sure you capitalize the R & U and don't forget the exclamation mark at the end as the password is case sensitive. The following items can be found on the "members only" section of the website:
 - a. Newsletters (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
 - b. Meeting Minutes (2019, 2020, 2021)
 - c. Constitution & Bylaws
 - d. Duties of Club officers
 - e. How information is shared on Social Media
 - f. How to attach and email photos for the Website and Social Media
 - g. Awards & Trophies (last revised Nov 2020)
 - h. Executive Lists (2020 & 2021)
3. Thank you to all the members who have been sending in pictures of interesting items in your garden or neighbourhoods for our social media postings. We realize the past month of grey rainy skies are not the best for taking pictures but when the sun comes out we know you will be taking photos again. Your assistance greatly helps the website committee members. Please keep sending your photos to parlourshow@whiterockgardencub.ca
4. FYI; we have posted more than 800 member photos on the website and on the Gallery page since the website went live. Way to go team!!

WRGC Website Committee (Bev Sass, Melanie Rantucci, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Marilyn Murphy, Eileen Davidson and Mary Openshaw)

1. Lesson 1 – Membership renewal - website page

Yes, you can renew your membership online by completing the online form on the **Contact Us** page of our website. The Become a Member button is for both new members and membership renewals. However, you must pay the fee in person at the next club meeting. No online transfers will be accepted – only cash or cheque. (cheques may be mailed to Linda Bradley)

Go to the website tab –

Contact Us

Become a Member

Select the blue button in the center of the page

See below



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Contact the White Rock & District Garden Club

Share What You Know - Show What You Grow!

Meeting Location
Cranley Hall
2141 Cranley Dr.
South Surrey, BC V4A 5K3

Meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September thru June from 2pm to 4pm.
(Guests will be required to pay a \$5.00 Attendance Fee, which can be applied to annual membership dues should they wish to join.)

Send us an Email: info@whiterockgardenclub.ca
For details on our Programs and Shows Email: programs@whiterockgardenclub.ca

Become a Member

After you select the "Become a Member" You will see a fill in format. Answer **all** the questions and click on the button at the bottom of the page to submit the document automatically to the membership executive (Linda Bradley). The button looks like this:

Submit Membership Application

You will receive an email confirmation of your renewal. If you don't receive a confirmation email, then Linda didn't get the renewal either and you need to do it again.

If you have any question you can contact any members of the Website Committee for assistance.

WRGC Website Committee

(Bev Sass, Melanie Rantucci, Margrit Elmiger-Isert, Marilyn Murphy, Eileen Davidson and Mary Openshaw)

Merry Christmas

Next Meeting

December 14th, at 2pm

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

Meeting also on Zoom – details on how to join the meeting to follow.