



April 2010

LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

First established 1943

Message from The President

It's official, Spring is here and what a beautiful time of the year. I've noticed that older people love this time of the year. I keep hearing comments that it is uplifting to them, there are so many things happening and something different in the garden to look at every day. There are so many choices of gardening events one has to select their favourite as they are sometimes on the same day. Most of us can't wait to get outside and muck about. The cats are already chewing on the catmint and weeds are starting to come up. My little helper keeps her eye on me as I go about my chores.

As our main fund raiser approaches in May, I hope you are still planting up any spare plants in your garden. Even the most common plants are sought after as many of our customers are novice gardeners. This Spring our speakers are talking about returning to vegetable gardens and supporting local crop growers. The small farmers seem to be under threat of their properties being developed into something else. I think it is always important to know your food sources and support local initiatives. It's easy to tuck a few vegetables between flowers and they add nice leafy texture.

Bonnie



Community Garden in North Vancouver District

The North Shore Community Garden Society has been awarded a grant to develop the District of North Vancouver's first official community garden, proposed for a portion of West Lillooet Park. This garden will only be built with full community support. Learn more, provide feedback, get involved in planning or indicate your interest in a garden plot. Jaycee House (1251 Lillooet Road, NV) Thursday, April 29 (5 - 7 pm), no registration is required. For more information, contact lillooetgarden@gmail.com.

Meetings Schedule

LVGC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) at St. Clement's Church.

Please note that meetings start promptly at 7:15 pm.

April 15th, 2010

Pamela Erikson

Daylilies

May 20th, 2010

Tom Baumann

Berries

June 17, 2010

Arzeena Hamir

Winter Vegetable
Gardening

Saturday

July 10, 2010

Lynn Valley Garden Club
Members Garden Tour
details to come

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Doreen Wakefield

Pat Phillips

Bright Spots

Laurie Parkinson

Leah Younger

Sunshine/Door Prizes

Illa Jackson

Sound System Set-up

Maurice Jones

Hartwig Rother

Next Executive Meeting

7:30 pm, Thursday, May 6
at the home of Diane Allison

The Leaf Deadline:

Tuesday, May 10



Treasurers Report

Jan Lockmuller



Tea Time

Doreen Wakefield, Pat Phillips

Please bring your own mug and remember the coffee we serve is decaffeinated.



Sunshine Report

Illa Jackson

Please let Illa know of any of our members who have been ill or have lost a loved one. Please phone her.

Donations of new items for door prizes are always appreciated.



Membership

Teresa Reid, Rosanne Matheson

Welcome to new members Bogna Ross, Jenny Knight, and Cindy Wood. Please introduce yourself and make these new members feel welcome.



from the Editor

Diane Allison

Please note that the deadline for next month's *Leaf* has been extended in consideration of Mother's Day and how busy everyone will be with the plant sale. This is a deadline and if your newsletter submission is ready earlier, especially all those plants in bloom, please don't wait until the last minute to submit it. Thank you.



This Month's Speaker

Lynn Batt

A few words about herself from our next speaker, Pam Erikson:

I have owned and operated Erikson's Daylily Gardens for 20 years, establishing the largest collection of daylilies in Canada at over 3,000 varieties. In addition to opening the gardens for public viewing in July, we have a small retail nursery that is open weekends from March to June but concentrate our efforts on our hybridizing program. To date, we have 65 varieties introduced to the world market that are Erikson creations. I started the first daylily club in Canada and am still president; am vice-president of the Canadian Daylily Society; vice-president of the Canadian American Annual Daylily Symposium in Niagara Falls; past president of the Washington and Oregon Daylily Society; former Governor of VanDusen Botanical Gardens in Vancouver and past chair of the VanDusen Flower and Garden Show. We are currently members of the Langley Circle Farm Tour and an official American Daylily Society International Display Garden.

Thanks to Pam who will be donating a daylily valued at \$50 for a door prize!



Announcement: We wish to express our condolences to the family of Ruth Kasher who passed away on March 4, 2010. Ruth was made an honorary member in April 2007.

In Memory of Ruth:

As I walked through the front gate of Ruth's garden, I remember the scent of Daphne. We turned to the western portion which Ruth referred to as the *Spring Garden*. Ruth was very proud of her patch of Hepatica which was in full bloom, bright blue. I vowed to acquire that pretty little plant which I have since read is only in the gardens of plant connoisseurs. Since then I have found this little treasure in 3 different colours! I couldn't help but notice that Ruth passed away at the same time this little guy was in bloom. Years ago, it didn't surprise me to read an issue of Gardens West magazine and see a correction from Ruth on the proper spelling of the Latin name of Moroccan Broom. Ruth was very proud of her roses including a *Kiftsgate* which travelled 25 feet up a fruit tree. I shall miss her incredible knowledge of nomenclature as well as her garden but I'm sure she had a very full and happy life. She will be missed. Bonnie Noakes

I was at the March meeting the other day and heard the sad news of Ruth's passing. One of the first member's garden tours I went on featured Ruth's garden. I was most impressed with her garden's free form and the many varieties of plants. What I remember most about Ruth was the knowledge, energy and vitality she expressed when she talked about her garden and was around people in the club. She will be missed. Rita Marshall

PLANT TAGS – a quick guide

Full Sun - at least 7 hours of direct sun per day, incorporating 12 – 4 pm period.

Part Sun - at least a few hours of direct sun, but fully shaded at hottest part of day

Full to Part Sun - at least 3 - 4 hours of direct hot afternoon sun in the 12-4 pm timeframe.

Part Sun/Shade - will tolerate direct sun early morning or late afternoon/evening, but should be out of sun, in the shade at hottest part of day. (Good for most Woodland planting)

Shade - Doesn't need any direct sun. Can take some sun, but should be early morning or later afternoon/early evening.

by Rosemarie Adams.

PLANT SALE – May 8, 2010

Volunteering

- Thank you for signing up to help at our sale! Please find yourself on the Volunteer page in this 'Leaf'. If you have not signed up, it is not too late! Call one of the MAL's.
- Remember to wear your name tag on Friday and Saturday and your green shirt, if you have one, on Saturday.

Advertising

- Help advertise our sale by putting a green sale poster in your car window and a plastic yellow lawn sign in your front yard. Both will be available at our April General Meeting.
- Put the Lawn Signs up at the end of April and return them at the next General Meeting on May 20th, so we can clean and store them in the church cupboard before we close for the summer.

Plants

- Bring your plants to the Church on Friday May 7th between 3pm & 7:30pm. This is when the pricing and sale setup is done. If you can't drop off your plants on Friday, call a MAL.
- Please clean your pots & label your plants – common name is fine. If possible note sun/shade tolerance and flower colour on label

Sale Rules

- There will be no reserves or sales of plants on Friday at all.
- Everyone on the first shift on Saturday may set aside one plant in holding prior to the start of the sale. Those on the second shift may line up and purchase plants with our other customers.
- No one may set aside plants during a shift.

Thank you! See you at the Sale !!

Members at Large

Lynn Valley Garden Club T-shirts

are available from The Dogs Ear - 1493 Marine Drive (NE corner of Marine Drive & 15th) - 604-926-2314. Members can just go there and pick whatever they want, t-shirts, vests, sweat shirt etc. and pay themselves – the store has a die for the logo

The B.C. Council of Garden Clubs newsletter is now available to via our website. Just go to the 'link' page to download the latest issue.

BC Council of Garden Clubs 2010 Annual General Meeting Report

by Rosemarie Adams, March 20, 2010

Our Club had good representation at this AGM with 7 or more of our Club members present. We were also happy to meet up and chat with former club members Moira Leishman and Elaine Senft. BCCGC now has 164 clubs in its membership. 55 clubs were represented at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Books had been audited, bank balance at December 31, 2009 was \$27,940.25. Donations by garden clubs in 2009 were improved from 2008. \$4,287.14 had been given over to the Scholarship Trust Fund. Council annual membership fees to stay at \$35 per club for 2011. Insurance coverage paid by clubs is 80 cents per member. If Clubs need higher insurance coverage for venue rental (i.e. shopping malls), rider available from insurer – individual club to pay additional premium.

Scholarship Fund - \$150,301.69 in Van City Bursary Account. Bursaries totaling \$9,800 had been distributed in 2009. 2010 grants will be made in next few months.

Bulletin – now being sent out by e-mail. Advantage of cost-savings, can be sent in colour, Clubs can forward on to individual members. Hard copy will still be available to those who do not have access to computers.

Judging Committee – Kelowna Judging School now almost complete. Details given of new Horticultural Judging School underway this spring/summer to be held monthly weekends in White Rock.

Public Relations – Need more volunteers. Please contact Elaine Senft if anybody can help out.

Speakers List – Mas Tanizawa asked for update of any new speakers. Mas will contact them to see if they wish to be included in Speaker Directory. Suggestion that Speakers List be put on web-site. Mas advised this would involve contacting each speaker to get permission to publish info, in order to comply with Privacy laws.

President gave his "State of the Union" address.

Executives Elected - Mas Tanizawa-1st Vice-President, Marilyn Holt-Bulletin Editor, Joan Wicklund-Treasure, Radina Jevdevic – Scholarship Fund Trustee

Guest Speakers:

Daniel Mosquin – “Global Warming/Climate Change/Impacts on Plants”

Global Warming changes include Rising Temperatures, Rainfall disruption, more frequent and stronger storms, Winters have warmed more than summers, and nights have warmed more than days. Last 10 years hottest on record. Some of the results of this on plants: In developing countries rice is used as at least 20% of diet (a lot higher in some countries) and 27% of energy. Rice yields decline with higher night temperatures. Recent study in Philippines indicated that yield increases by 10% with 1% decrease in temperature. Plants are adapting to climate change by changing time of growing or flowering, growing faster or slower, but not all species will adapt to climate change at same rate. Some plants that are blooming earlier are missing pollinators, migrating birds are not finding their usual food supplies available, and trees leafing out earlier/later are out of sync with traditional butterfly/caterpillar populations. Climate change is seriously affecting blackcurrant crops – Ribena is spending millions of dollars in research to protect blackcurrants, two species are expected to die out because they need early frosts, which they are not now getting.

It seems that weeds and invasive plants are proving to be more adaptable than other plants. Poison Ivy is proving to be more abundant and more toxic. Worldwide costs of removing invasive plants is now in excess of \$1 Trillion. In our own interior of BC not enough consecutive cold days to kill off Pine Beetles.

Arzeena Hamir – Vegetable “Gardening – Emphasis on Asian Vegetables”

Arzeena is the Food Security Coordinator at Terra Nova Farm in Richmond. She emphasized how easy it is to grow Asian greens here, because they prefer cooler weather they can be shoulder season crops with Spring and Fall harvesting. Asian greens have higher nutrients than regular lettuce. Mizuna, Tsatsiki, Bok Choi and Mustard greens all grow well. Floating Row Cover can be used to control pests (make sure pests not present before you put on row cover) or Greenhouse Plastic – 6 mm UV treated – available at Home Depot or West Coast Seeds.

WHAT'S IN BLOOM - plants for you to consider for your garden

Omphalodes - Blue eyed Mary

Ribes - red and white - Flowering Current

Symphytum grandiflorum - Trailing Comfrey

Hyacinths - pink and blue

Rhododendron 'Ginny Gee' - dwarf, pink/cream flower

Euphorbia myrsinites - Donkey Tail Spurge

Hepatica sp.- Liverwort

Caltha palustris - Marsh Marigold

Prunus 'Kwanzan' - double flowering cherry tree

Erythronium Pagoda' - Trout Lily

Fritillaria meleagris - Checkered Lily

Trillium erectum, ovatum, pusillum

Osmanthus delavayi

Corydalis lutea, bulbosa

Helleborus argutifolius - Corsican Hellebore

Iberis sempervirens - perennial Candytuft

Jeffersonia diphylla - Twinleaf

Gardener Wanted

please phone Rosanne Matheson if you are interested

Next month, MEET SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

LOCAL ECO-SCULPTURES

There is an eco-sculpture in front of Seycove Secondary school. It is a large turtle supporting the world and is part of the story of creation for the Tsleil-Waututh. There are also two eco-sculptures designed by the Van. Parks Board, in front of Harbour Green Park (E. of the Bayshore). One is a curler and the other a hockey player. I've only seen the latter at night. Seycove's turtle really suffered during the heavy snow in Dec. 2008 but it was replanted last spring. It is a hidden gem. –from Lynne Harvey

GUTTER GARDENING

Suzanne Forsling of Juneau, Alaska, wanted to grow vegetables, but only a tiny sliver of her outdoor space – an alleyway between her house and the neighbours' - gets any sun. Wanting to save money, maximize heat and protect her plants from

wildlife, she came up with the idea of using rain gutters attached to the side of her house as planters.

Note:

1. Drill plenty of holes in the gutters for drainage.
2. Wash out any soil that might be trapped between the siding and gutter.
3. Water cautiously to prevent water from becoming trapped against the siding and to avoid excess drainage.



Thanks to Rosemarie Adams for sharing this unique way to grow food in a small space.

ABOUT TOWN

April 1-30, **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival**, there are lots of events going on all month – www.tulipfestival.org

Sat., April 24, **Earth Day at the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve** – help pull invasive plants and establish habitat for native wildlife – 10-2 at the Rice Lake Gate – no registration required – info 604-451-6506

Sunday, April 25, **VanDusen Plant Sale**, 10-4, wide variety of plants, lots of vendors, free admission to the entire garden

April 24, **Darts Hill Garden Open House**, 10-4, 16th Ave. at 170th St., Surrey, 604-501-5050

May 2, **Burnaby Rhododendron Festival**. 9-4 Shadbolt Center, 6450 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby.

May 8, **UBC Perennial Plant Sale**, 10-4

May 8, **Canadian Geranium & Pelargonium Society Plant Sale**, 10-4, VanDusen Gardens 604-327-3937