



LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
First established 1943

January 2010

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.

Message from The President

First, I would like a welcome any new members to our Club. We have grown so much over the past 20+ years. Our May sale is a popular Lynn Valley event and the proceeds support many wonderful causes. With the donations we have so far received, we will probably see the largest profits ever. Please don't let that stop you from planting as many of your treasures as can be shared! In this mild winter, gardening has been a non stop event. Early potting up makes plants well established.

To our outgoing Executive I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your hard work and especially to Maurice who had a rather difficult year but persevered even when times were very tough. And also a big thanks to Maurice for providing a home for our early donations to the plant sale.

As we await the first events in the garden, I look forward to the scent of Witch Hazel and the site of Aconite planted underneath. Yellow is such a warm colour in the early spring. Snowdrops and Hellebores appear (also a classic combo) and then it is a daily profusion of bulbs and early blooming shrubs. This winter has been an easy one to take and very gentle on the garden and when Forsythia is in bloom you know spring has truly arrived and the roses can be pruned.

I wish you all the best for 2010. May you have many happy hours in the garden and cultivate new friends with the Lynn Valley Garden Club.

Bonnie Noakes

Club Secretary Needed!

Please consider helping out with this interesting, and fun position. The workload can easily be shared with another(s) member. See Bonnie for details.

January 21th, 2010
Heather Edwards
Eco-Sculptures

February 18, 2010
Kerrie Hart
Gardening with Ease

March 18th, 2010
Spring Gillard
Feeding Ourselves:
How do We Fare

April 15th, 2010
Pamela Erikson
Daylilies

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2010 Executive

President

Bonnie Noakes

Vice President

Lynn Batt

Secretary

vacant

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Membership

Teresa Reid

Rosanne Matheson

Members at Large

Inga Steinebach

Rosemary Wagner

Brian Didier

Jan Valair

Newsletter Editor

Diane Allison

COMMITTEES

Plant Table

Audrey Dewan

Bernie Robb

Christel Glazer

Hospitality

Doreen Wakefield

Pat Phillips

Bright Spots

Laurie Parkingson

Leah Younger

Sunshine/Door Prizes

Illa Jackson

Sound System Set-up

Maurice Jones

Hartwig Rother

Next Executive Meeting

7:30 pm, Thur., Feb. 4th at the home of Lynn Batt

The Leaf Dealine:

Sunday, February 7th



Treasurers Report

Sandra Smith



Tea Time

Doreen Wakefield, Pat Phillips

Please bring your own mugs 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.

Donations of new items for door prizes are always appreciated.



Membership Desk Teresa Reid, Rosanne Matheson

Please remember that if you have not renewed, your 2010 Membership, fees are now due. It looks as though there will be a few spaces available for new members so if you know anyone who is interested please have them contact Teresa or Roseanne.

We have two new members this month, Jane Dew and Jennifer Howard. Please make them feel welcome by introducing yourselves to them and showing them around.



from the Editor

Diane Allison

I would like to thank everyone for all their words of encouragement. Following in Irene's footsteps is a little daunting, but knowing she is there to answer my questions helps a lot. I am hoping that everyone will consider contributing to the newsletter in some way. Any interesting articles or ideas that you come across would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to start a regular column, to which everyone can contribute, called 'What's in Bloom'. I would like to compile a list of the plants that are currently blooming in our gardens. You don't have to worry about botanical names if you don't know them, common names are welcome too. Phone calls, after 7pm or on weekends are very welcome, but the easiest way is to email me: I will also have a clipboard next to the newsletter pickup location for your contributions. Thank you in advance for your help with this.



This month's speaker

Heather Edwards is the Manager of Parks Planning, Design and Development in the City of Burnaby. Her work revolves around community and environmental program development. She has a Bachelor of Recreation Studies and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Manitoba. Heather will be speaking to us on one

of the projects she started, the Eco-Sculpture Program. Have you seen the beautiful sculptures on Marine Way at Glenlyon Parkway? or the ones next to the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course? These are a modern form of topiary for which Burnaby is becoming well known. They are works of art created from nature, carrying with it an environmental message.

Christmas Party

A big thank you to everyone who helped organize our Christmas Party, especially to: Maurice for liaising with the caterer, Crystel for her delicious apple cider, Doreen and Pat for coordinating the kitchen – coffee, tea, dishes and all those little things that make a party special, Illa for the door prizes, and to Anne and Leah for organizing our craft. It takes a lot of effort on many people's part to pull an event like this off.

Sixty-one members certainly worked magic creating lovely centerpieces. What a talented group we have! There were all shapes and sizes, most were quite unique and all looked very festive. The 24 door prizes were well received by the group especially those who were treated to a bag of Maurice's home grown tomatoes!

LVGC Olympic Connection

Douglas Querns, son of long-time member Marie Querns, has been selected to take up the Olympic

flame, February 10, 2010, 8:00am, carrying the torch, west to east along Marine Drive arriving at La Cucina Restaurant, 1509 Marine Drive, North Vancouver. Details will be posted at vancouver2010.com, 10-14 days before the arrival of the flame.

Douglas has been a very active runner, completing in many marathons. He suffered a very serious stroke a few years ago but with great determination, although now in a wheelchair, he is again completing in marathons. He was voted as one of this year's most improved athlete.

WISH Drop-In Centre

The WISH Society held its annual Christmas Party for female sex trade workers and street women on December 21 in its shelter in the Downtown Eastside. Around 60-70 women of all ages came to the party and seemed to have a good time. A small group I belong to set up a table to give away Christmas cards. We must have given away hundreds of cards. The most popular ones this year featured animals or were sparkly or for children. The least popular were ones of English country scenes, but each year is different in terms of taste. **Thank you so much to those who have donated cards over the last few months.**

Jackie Morris

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The District of North Vancouver has announced a unique one-time grant of up to \$15,000 for a community garden in the District of North Vancouver. The grant will be awarded to a registered non-profit organization or community group sponsored by an existing registered non-profit organization, to construct, operate and manage a food-producing community garden located on a site proposed by the applicant and deemed suitable by the District.

The submission deadline for this grant will be Friday, February 26, 1020 at 4 p.m. For more information phone 604-990-2311 or go to www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4678.

WHAT'S IN BLOOM

- plants for you to consider for your garden

Erica carnea 'Kramer's Red' – a dark pink winter blooming heather

Erica carnea 'Springwood White' – white winter blooming heather

Mahonia 'Charity' – this has been blooming since the end of November

Viburnum 'Pink Dawn' – blooms for weeks in the winter

Helleborus x hybridus

Jasminum nudiflorum – Winter Jasmine

Galanthus sp. – a large, early blooming cultivar is up and open

Hamamelis sp. – Witch Hazel

- and the *Primulas* from Safeway have survived and are blooming

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN

It's time to give your Hellebores a trim. Oriental and Lenten Roses both benefit from the removal of all old foliage. As well as hiding new flowers, old foliage can be infected with a fungus that causes blackspot. This fungus can spread to and ruin the new flowers, and weaken the overall plant. Add a top dressing of compost or manure to keep them strong.

COSMETIC PESTICIDE CONSULTATION

In the August 25, 2009 Speech from the Throne, the Government of BC committed to consult on "new statutory protections to further safeguard the environment from cosmetic chemical pesticides".

Ministry of Environment prepared background information and consultation issues identified for discussion to build better understanding about the subject and provide a structure for comments and feedback can be found at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/ipmp/regcs/cosmetic-pesticides/consultation.htm>.

Comments are requested by February 15, 2010

ABOUT TOWN

Bloedel Floral Conservatory
- don't forget about this wonderful oasis - perfect for a dreary winter day
604-257-8584 for information

Northwest Flower and Garden Show
– yes, it has been saved!
February 3-7, 2010
Washington State Convention Centre, W-Sa 0900-2000,
Sun 0900-1800
www.gardenshow.com

VanDusen Seedy Saturday
February 27, 10am-4pm
30+ growers, seed compaies and exhibitors, admission by donation, info 604-878-9274

BC Master Gardener Spring Update
Sun. March 7, 2010
- everyone is welcome
www.bcmastergardeners.org/events/springseminar2010_reform.pdf

Outdoor Living Extravaganza
- a Proven Winners seminar at Minter Gardens
March 26 or 27, 2010
1-888-Minters
www.provenwinners.com/ce_index.cfm?OLES2010

The Ultimate Rhododendron Conference
April 9-11, 2010
at the UBC Botanical Garden, Doug Justice and Ron Knight
www.rhodos.ca

Organic Gardening
by Linda Gilkeson
at UBC Botanical Garden
Saturday, May 1, 2010
9:30-4:30
advanced registration only
\$55 – 604-822-3928

PLANT SALE – the how's and why's

Please note these dates on your calendar:

Friday, May 7, 2010 – plant sale set up, afternoon and evening

Saturday, May 8 – plant sale, morning

Every May our club has a Plant Sale to raise money. It is our largest source of revenue. The monies earned keep our dues low and help pay our rent. Our earnings make it possible for us to give scholarships, make donations within our community and have good speakers at our meetings.

You are asked to pot up plants from your garden and donate them to the sale – it takes a lot of plants to have a good sale.

You are also asked to donate your time when the sale happens. It takes a lot of volunteers the night before the sale and the morning of the sale to have it run smoothly. New and continuing members benefit from getting to know each other better during the course of this work. It is very different from sitting at our monthly meetings. You will catch the enthusiasm of the other members and truly feel a part of the Club.

Last year's sale was terrific – we had an abundance of plants, our customers were more than satisfied, we had a great time and our Club did very well financially.

Here are some pointers:

1. **When should you pot up your plants?** We want to sell well-rooted plants to our trusting customers. If you haven't already potted up your divisions or cuttings, do so in early in spring. Seeds can be started now indoors and either grown in or transplanted into 4" pots.
2. **What kind of plants should you bring?** Bring any plants you would want to buy yourself. We are known for our large variety of perennials at excellent prices, but also sell vegetables, herbs, biennials, annuals, shrubs and even trees.
3. **Please use good soil.** Putting a coffee filter in the bottom of the pot before adding soil keeps the soil in and allows drainage.
4. **Please identify your plants** – common name or Latin name...either or both are fine. You may also include: flower colour, whether the plant likes sun or shade, moist or dry, and the mature height. These are the most commonly asked questions at the sale.
5. **Pots/plants need to be clean and tidy.** During the week before the sale, please wash off your pots, trim off any dead leaves and otherwise tidy up your donations, so volunteer time is spent more constructively.
6. **Sign up lists** for setting up the day before the sale and selling plants the day of the sale will be passed around at several meetings.

Your Members at Large