



LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
First established 1943

June 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

Now that the final figures are in for the plant sale it is confirmed that we had the most successful sale ever! We have made over . I hope that you will give some thought over the summer to worthwhile causes that we can support. The executive will be drafting our suggestions and presenting this list at the September General Meeting.

After the last general meeting three past presidents suggested that they would like to see Maurice Jones appointed an Honourary Life Member and so it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the executive has unanimously voted to do so. Maurice has kindly accepted the nomination.

I look forward to many members attending our own members' garden tour July 10th. We have five gardens to visit and I hope the weather improves and we have an enjoyable day.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to a lively fall program. Our first speaker in September will be talking about alpine plants. I recently heard his talk and he is excellent.

If you get a chance, check out the planter display at 135 W. 1st St., North Van., an excellent use of lime green, dark orange and burgundy/black - very fall like. If you see a nice display be sure and pass it on in The Leaf so that other members can enjoy it (*see page 3 for photo*).

Have a wonderful summer!

Bonnie



June 17, 2010
Arzeena Hamir
Winter Vegetable Gardening

Saturday, July 10, 2010
LVGC Members
Garden Tour

September 16, 2010
David Sellars
Chaos in the Rock Garden – Putting Theory into Practice

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COMMITTEES

Plant Table

Audrey Dewan

Bernie Robb

Christel Glaser

Hospitality

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, Sept. 2
at the home of Teresa Reid

The Leaf Deadline:

Sunday, September 5, 2010



Treasurers Report

Jan Lockmuller

Bank balance: as of May 31, 2010

Our annual plant sale showed a profit of , and that is reflected in our
May 31, 2010 balance.



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

Please welcome new members, Judy Zhu, Lorraine Suomi, Linda
Kingston, and Frances Moorcroft.

We are almost at full capacity again, with 121 members as of June 1st.
We will not be accepting any more new members for the rest of this year.
Anyone interested in joining at this point will have to wait until our next
registration, which will be January 2011.



from the Editor

Diane Allison

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 'What's in Bloom'
column. It was a lot of fun compiling the list and checking out what
everyone grows. But, it is now time to move on to something else. I
would like to request contributions on *Favorites Plants*. While you are
out in your garden this summer, please take a look around and *try*
to select one plant that is your favorite – it is not as easy as you think.
Then write up just a small bit about which plant you have chosen and why it is
your favorite. Of course, it should be something a little more specific
than just 'Roses' for example - maybe a favorite cultivar or at least a
favorite species. You can either email your selection to me or give it to
me at a meeting. Thank you for your help in this next project.



This Month's Speaker

Lynn Batt

Arzeena Hamir - Fall and winter in the Lower Mainland is a fabulous
time to grow vegetables. Temperatures are mild and pests are far less
prevalent than in the spring. Winter harvesting requires summer planning
so take some time to plan where these vegetables can go in your garden
now. Join Arzeena Hamir, aerologist and Coordinator of the Richmond
Food Security Society, as she walks gardeners through the simple steps
of Winter Vegetable Gardening. Arzeena has her (*continued on page 3*)

from page 2 - Arzeena Hamir: Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agriculture and was the aerologist for West Coast Seeds in the early '90s. She teaches organic gardening classes for the District of N. Vancouver, Delta, and Richmond. She is also the organic gardening expert for both the Canadian Cancer Society and CBC Radio's BC Almanac.



Rock Garden

Have you ever tried using rocks in your garden only to be left feeling dissatisfied? This feeling is often because the rocks are not placed the way they would be placed naturally. Here are a few tips on how to use them successfully.

- use one large, dominant rock with several smaller ones
- use an odd number of stones in the groups
- use rocks of the same kind and colour
- don't use small rocks that will get lost under foliage
- make sure that the rocks are placed with the largest side down.
- bury the base of the rock – often up to 2/3
- keep the rocks proportionate to the area

Events to sign up for.....

July 3.....

Erickson's Daylily Gardens Open House, in Langley "with over 3000 varieties of daylilies on display amid gardens of hundreds of other unusual perennials and flowering trees".

We will meet at 10am.....church parking lot for carpool optional additional attractions include Cedar Rim Nursery "largest retail/wholesale nursery on the West Coast", Select Roses, Tuscan Farm Gardens and Dreidiger Farms.

September 11.....

the world famous Butchart Gardens, on Vancouver Island "55 acres of breath-taking gardens"

We will meet at the church parking lot for carpool, the ferry schedule has not been posted for September, but likely we will meet at 8am and return by 8pm.

sign up.....at the June meeting, or by e-mail



Bonnie's find! - planter display at 135 W. 1st St.

Peony Blight

Oh what a sad year it has been for some of our peonies! Many have come through just fine, but some of them have been, shall we say, less than stellar. There are two fungi that might be the culprits if your peonies have suffered this year. Both are favored by the wet, rainy conditions we have had – their spores can be blown by the wind, splashed by the rain or carried from plant to plant on tools. The fungi form black, overwintering structures called sclerotia which can survive in plant debris that was not cleaned up in the autumn, or in mulch that is around the base of plants.



Botrytis paeoniae - Early blight or sometimes called bud blast – young shoots can rot as they come through the ground or at the base when only a few inches high – shoots may appear to suddenly wilt and fall over – a dense, velvety gray mold usually covers the rotting portions – flowers are attacked at any stage – buds may turn black before they develop or may be blasted when half open – flowers infected late turn brown – blackened buds or flowers may continue to rot down the stem – stems develop a concentric brown and tan zoned appearance – leaf spots may develop when infected petals fall on foliage – later in the year, small shiny black, slightly loaf-shaped sclerotia form near the base of infected stalks, just under the epidermis.

Botrytis cinerea - Late blight – similar but usually affects only flowers that open late – fungus produces a sparse moldy growth that stands far out from infected tissues – this is in contrast to the dense, tightly compressed growth of early blight – late blight also produces sclerotia at the base of stalks, but they are much larger and flatter.

There is not much we can do about the rainy weather, but by practicing good cultural control we can reduce the risk of our peonies becoming infected:

- remove and destroy diseased plant parts as soon as you notice them
- keep the area around the peonies clear of debris
- remove all dead foliage in the autumn, including those stubs of the stalks that you were taught to leave to show where your peonies are – everything needs to go
- remove the top layer of soil from around your peonies and apply a good layer of mulch before the new peony shoots start to appear in the spring – this will minimize the chance that spores overwintering in the soil will splash up onto the newly emerging foliage.
- ensure that there is good air circulation around your plant – don't crowd them with other perennials or shrubs – if necessary move the peony in the fall to a more open location
- plant peonies apart from each other – this will help prevent the spread of infection from one plant to the next

And remember – there is always next year!

RASPBERRY SUNSCALD, SUNBURN OR WHITE DRUPELET DISORDER

This is a physiological disorder caused by excessive temperatures and sun exposure. Sunscald differs from stinkbug damage in that only the shoulder/side of the fruit exposed to sun will be white. Stinkbug damage results in a random pattern of white spots on mature fruit. Berries with full exposure to direct afternoon sun appear most susceptible; however, high temperatures also appear to be involved. Injury has been observed to rapidly increase as berries move from green to white to pink stages during ripening.

The exact nature of sunscald is not yet fully understood. Occasionally, a section of the drupe turns brown and dries. In white drupelet disorder, drupelets develop normally but are lacking in color, usually making the berries unacceptable for market. These berries are edible and the flavour seems to be unaffected.

"According to the ancient Greek myth, all raspberries were once white in color. That was, until the day the God Jupiter was in such a rage that the Nymph Ida, to appease him, went and picked him some wild raspberries. It seems that while she was picking the berries she pricked her finger on the thorns of a raspberry bush. Legend has it that her blood, from that point on, stained all raspberries a bright red color."

Eco-sculptures - May 30th.

Special event at Central Park in Burnaby.
It was lovely to see so many of the eco-sculptures in one place, and interesting to see them partially planted as we could see how they are put together.



WHAT'S IN BLOOM

- plants for you to consider for your garden

Aconitum 'Ivory' - Monkshood
Alchemilla vulgaris - Lady's Mantle
Alchemilla alpina - Alpine Lady's Mantle - dwarf
Aquilegia canadensis - Wild Red Columbine
Arisaema consanguineum - Himalayan Cobra Lily
Aruncus x 'Misty Lace' - Goatsbeard
Astilbe 'Peach Blossom' - False Spirea
Astrantia major 'Ruby Wedding' - Masterwort
Baptisia 'Purple Smoke' - False Indigo
Bletilla striata
Campanula poscharskyana - Serbian Bellflower
Cephalaria gigantea - Giant Scabiosa
Clematis 'Chantilly', 'Rouge Cardinal',
Cornus kousa - Korean Dogwood
Corydalis elata
Deutzia sp.
Diphylleia cymosa - Umbrella Leaf
Disporum cantoniense - Asian Fairybells
Fuchsia 'David' - a hardy variety
Geranium 'Ann Folkard', 'Brookside', 'Jolly Bee'
Geranium sanguineum - Cranesbill
Geum rivale 'Leonard's Variety' - Avens
Gillenia trifoliata - Bowman's Root
Heuchera sp - lots of cultivars
Hydrangea 'Nikko Blue', 'Bluebird',
Iris ensata - Japanese iris
Iris pseudoacraeus 'Variegata'
Iris siberica 'Chilled Wine', 'Snow Queen', 'Blue King'
Kalimeris incisa 'Blue Star'
Mecanopsis cambrica - Welch Poppy
Millium effusum 'Aureum'
Nectaroscordum sicutum - Sicilian Honey Garlic
Oenothera fruticosa 'Youngii' - Sundrops
Paeonia sp - all those beautiful peonies!
Parahebe catarractae
Phyteuma orbiculare - Round-headed Rampion
Primula bullesiana, *waltonii*, *capitata*
Physocarpus 'Diablo', 'Coppertina' - Ninebark
Rhododendron 'Anah Kruschke', 'Catawbiense Album',
'Mrs. Furnival', 'Sonata' - a few later bloomers
Rosa sp. - lots and lots are starting to bloom
Sambucus 'Black Lace', 'Gerda' - Elderberry
Sedum spathulifolium purpureum - Stonecrop
Spirea 'Little Princess'
Thalictrum aquilegifolium - Meadow Rue
Veronica gentianoides - Speedwell

ABOUT TOWN

Saturday, June 19, 11-3 – **Queen Mary Community Garden Grand Opening** – Keith Road at Forbes Ave., NV – come and celebrate - there will be fun for all ages with lots of games, activities and information – free drop-in event

Saturday, June 19, 12 noon, - **Roses!** at Gardenworks on Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). - free

Sunday, June 20, 12pm - 4:30pm, - **Annual Vancouver Rose & Craft Show** at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Admission \$4.00. For information contact Lesley at kfinlay@telus.net

Thursday June 24, 1-3pm – **Landscaping Techniques for Herb Gardening**, with Norma Matlock, at Amsterdam Greenhouses, 19100 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Pitt Meadows, \$10 – pre-register 604-465-6614

Saturday, June 26, 12:00 - **Small Water Features** at Gardenworks on Lougheed – free

Saturday, June 26, 10-12, **Backyard Bumblebee Conservation**, with certified Bee Master Brian Campbell at the Eagles Estate Heritage Garden, \$30 (all proceeds to TLC), pre-registration required - 604-733-2313

Saturday, June 26, 1:00pm, **Small Trees for Urban Gardens**, at Mandeville's (4746 Marine Dr., Bby) – free

Sunday, June 27, 9:30-11am, **Backyard Composting** with Ryan Nassichuk at Queen Mary Community Garden (Keith and Forbes, NV) – free but pre-registration is required 604-990-3755

Saturday, August 7, 12:00 – **Winter and Spring Veggies**, at Gardenworks on Lougheed – free