



LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
First established 1943

November 2012

## ***Message from the President***

Incorporated into these “Executive Notes” is my annual report for 2012, which I am required to present to you for **our** Annual (November) General Meeting.

“I feel 2012 has been an excellent year for our Club.

- We are up to full membership, with a waiting list.
- We have had some wonderful guest speakers, entertaining and informative, as well as presentations from our own members, thoroughly enjoyed by all. We also already have first class speakers booked for next year.
- A very successful Plant Sale, raising funds allowing us to bring in these speakers and make worthwhile donations to local organizations.
- A fun bus trip – a minimal charge to members made this trip self sufficient. A lovely day, interesting nurseries and garden to visit, refreshments at each stop and a virtual greenhouse on wheels for our return trip. At one point on the return I glanced back through the bus, it was a sight and sound to behold. Plants on laps, hanging from racks, on back windows, in the aisle, and a real buzz of friendly chatter.
- Members Garden Tour – we lucked out with a wonderful sunny day and five very beautiful and diverse gardens to visit, finishing up with lunch in Pat and Derek Phillips garden.

The Plant Sale, Bus Trip and Garden Tour give our group a lovely opportunity to socialize and get to know each other a little more. When I speak to gardeners outside our community and mention Lynn Valley Garden Club I often get told what a great reputation our Club has, and I always say we have a great club because we have great people in it. We also have an enviable amount of knowledge and talent amongst our members, I feel privileged to belong. Thank you to our executive for all their work, and to all our members for all you do to make our Club the success it is.

In this Leaf you will find a list of proposed donations to be made next year. These were discussed at our October general meeting. Reminder that donations made are based to some degree on success of previous year’s plant sale, and available funds derived from that sale. These donations will be voted on at our January 2013 meeting. We like to make donations early in the year to allow our recipients who plan gardens to purchase plants for spring planting. Enquiries have been made and we have determined that all groups listed are valid legitimate organizations and we believe that our funds are put to good use.

Happy Gardening  
*Rosemarie Adams*

## **Meetings Schedule**

LVGC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) at St. Clement’s Church.  
3400 Institute Road

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

**November 15, 2012  
Steve Given of Given  
Waterworks  
Water Features**

**December 13, 2012  
(second Thursday)  
Christmas Party  
details on page 2**

**January 17, 2013  
Gerry Gibbens  
Pruning**

### **Mailing Address:**

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## 2012 Executive

### President

Rosemarie Adams

### Vice President

Pat Holmes

### Secretary

Bernie Robb

Norma Buckland

### Treasurer

Harvey Lawson

### Membership

Doreen Marbry

Diane Sekora

### Members at Large

Nancy Gelin

Cari Wineberg

Rita Marshall

Chris Pharo

### Newsletter Editor

Lynn Batt

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### COMMITTEES

#### Plant Table

Christel Glazer

Marie Pringle

#### Hospitality

Doreen Wakefield

Pat Phillips

#### Bright Spots

vacant

#### Sunshine/Door Prizes

Carol Ferryman

#### Sound System Set-up

Maurice Jones

Hartwig Rother

#### Website

Brian Didier

### Next Executive Meeting:

**December 6, 2012**

### The Leaf Deadline:

**December 9, 2012**



### Treasurers Report

*Harvey Lawson*



### Tea Time

*Doreen Wakefield, Pat Phillips*

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



### Sunshine

*Carol Ferryman*

Please let us know of any members who are ill or have lost a loved one.

**Donations of new items for door prizes are always appreciated.**



### Membership

*Doreen Marbry, Diane Sekora*

Thanks to those that have already brought in their registration forms for 2013.

We appreciate your support very much!

**It is important that you continue to bring in your forms with your \$20/cheque to the next 2 meetings to secure your membership in the Club.**

We presently have 125 members with 12 on the waiting list.

Remember you can bring a guest for \$3.



### This Month's Speaker

*Pat Holmes*

Topic – Water Gardening and Rain Water Harvesting

I trained as a Civil Engineer and spent 25 years as Operations Manager with a pre-cast concrete paving stone manufacturer.

I started building water features with my own about 6 years ago and have been doing it ever since.

Stephen Given

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

We've decided to make door swags this year and would like you to please bring greenery and your own wire cutters from home. We will provide pine cones, wire, wire ribbon, and cord. We will also have some wire cutters if you don't have your own.

It will be a finger food potluck, everyone is asked to bring either a savoury or sweet item to share.

**Lynn Valley Garden Club  
Proposed Donations for 2013**



**Vice-President's Report**

*Pat Holmes*

2012 has been a good year with many interesting speakers.

I took over the VP position in mid March when Christine Gooch retired due to a family illness.

I had a lot of support, in May when I was having difficulty getting a speaker, Judy Lashley and Anne Frey taught us how to make hypertufa pots and Ann Pentland gave a talk on her vegetable garden design.

We amended the spending by-law in September, increasing it to \$300, allowing me to book speakers that charge more without having to consult the membership every time.

Thanks to everyone who helped make it a successful year.

Pat Holmes  
Vice President

2013

January: Gerry Gibbens - pruning

February: Gary Lewis - hellebore hurrah

March: Marilyn Holt - vegetable container gardening

April: Paul Edwards - japanese maples

## B.C. Council of Garden Clubs General Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> 2012

### The speakers:

Nora von Gerichon: “Beneficial bugs and Fungi: Improving Root Health”

Nora promises healthier, bigger, more beautiful plants with the use of beneficial bugs and fungi.

*Steinernema carpocapsae* nematodes would have killed the pine beetles if only they had been applied with fire fighting planes. *Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita* nematodes effectively kill slugs but are not commercially available here.

Sarracenia or pitcher plants are hardy and carnivorous (and have been keeping my ant population down for years).

Endo-ecto mycorrhizal root enhancers make roots multiply, for healthier, bigger plants. Achlorophyllous plants eg. some types of orchids rely entirely on mycorrhizal symbiosis.

Predatory mites and nematodes are quite perishable, but mycorrhizal fungi spores will keep for up to 10 years.

She recommends shopping at Evergro for the best prices, but other suggestions are Gardenworks or

<http://www.thebuglady.ca>

Dan Straker: “Walk on the Wild Side: Vancouver’s Urban Wildlife”

Dan works for Stanley Park Ecological Society to promote awareness of, and cohabitating with wildlife.

Wildlife moves to the city because their habitat has been destroyed, and/or there is abundant food, and there are fewer predators. Some tips: Never feed wild animals because it leads to increased aggression and improper diet which causes overpopulation and disease. Keep your yard tidy and garbage and compost secure, keep your cat in at night, keep dogs on a leash and in sight.

Coyotes are intelligent, omnivorous, and lead complex social lives. City coyotes have learned to be nocturnal and 80% of their diet is rodents. Coyotes have big ears, golden eyes and busy tails.

Beavers hate the sound of running water.

Raccoons have a short lifespan only two years.

The best recipes for skunk smell removal include 3% hydrogen peroxide, baking soda and dish soap.

..Squirrels (the big ones...black and grey) all came from a gift of 8 mating pairs released in Stanley Park by the mayor of New York in 1909.

..Each bat eats 500 mosquito-sized bugs per hunting hour.

Egan Davis: “Why Become a Gardener?”

"Every day is a learning experience, and there is always something to look forward to"

Gardening allows for endless creativity. It is interesting because of all the knowledge required and the variability of the environment and weather. Gardening is enjoyable also because it is physical and outdoors creating an interest in weather patterns and birds. Gardening requires thinking about the future...and one of the keys to happiness is having something to look forward to. Egan recommends shopping at Northwest Landscape Supply for the King of Spades.

### The business:

Notice of motion to revoke and replace the Constitution and Bylaws.

### Other:

Help save Cottonwood Community Garden!

A consequence of the city’s plans to remove the Dunsmuir and Georgia viaducts is a plan to divert traffic off of Prior Street to an expanded Malkin Avenue. Parts of Cottonwood Garden, Strathcona Garden and Strathcona Park are all built on this right-of-way for the downtown freeway that was never built.

Find out more at <http://www.cottonwoodgarden.com/save-cottonwood-community-garden/>

or sign their petition at

<http://www.change.org/en-CA/petitions/city-of-vancouver-save-cottonwood-community-garden>

Please visit the “Bright spots” table at the November meeting to see the BCCGC financial report and brochures about coyotes, saving Cottonwood Gardens, and invitations to visit other clubs.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the meeting as your representative.

It was a very interesting, informative, fun and tasty event.

by Lynn Batt



## Tools, Tips and Tomes

### **Timber Press Guide to Gardening in the Pacific Northwest**

By Carol and Norman Hall. The authors live on Denman Island, BC. “With a combined 100 years of gardening experience in the Pacific Northwest, the authors clearly explain the unique challenges and joys of gardening in the region. By dividing the Pacific Northwest into seven sub-regions, they help readers to better understand the climatic and geographical factors that shape their gardens. This complete guide includes extensive profiles of plants that are ideally suited to the region, including perennials, ornamental grasses, bulbs, groundcovers, roses, shrubs, trees, and climbers. The month-by-month gardening calendar describes what weather patterns to expect, what's in bloom, and what garden tasks are best done in that month. With additional chapters detailing the most common gardening problems and recommendations for effective, nontoxic ways of dealing with them, this book is nothing short of essential. Pest and disease information is thorough and location specific. While this book does not cover vegetable or food gardening, it is pretty much the best overall garden reference for this region.”

Available at Lynn Valley Library

### **The Well-Designed Mixed Garden**

“Written for gardeners who are passionate about plants of all kinds, it reflects decades of professional experience and artistic innovation. Tracy DiSabato-Aust provides not only inspiration but also scrupulously organized information on design and connoisseur plants. A gallery of detailed design plans is included, as is an encyclopedia of plant combinations with notes on design considerations and tips on how to keep the combinations looking their best. The result is a nearly foolproof guide to every aspect of designing superior gardens with superior plants. “

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## ABOUT TOWN

**November 14, Wednesday Shade Gardening** 6:30 -8:30 pm Van Dusen Those cool, shady spots in your garden can be hot with colour, texture and beauty! Janis will take you through the ins and outs of shade gardening and discuss the differences between wet, dry, dappled and dense shade. Learn what the possibilities exist with shade-loving plants, and make those darker patches of your garden stand out from the shadows. **Instructor:** Janis Matson Cost: Member: \$25 / Non-member: \$35 <http://vancouver.ca/vandusen/adultEducation/index.htm>

**November 17 & 24 Saturday “Preparing” Your Mason Bees for Winter** Gardenworks Capilano 1pm free admission - preregistration required. Join Mike Nassichuk to learn how to overwinter your mason bees. [www.gardenworks.ca](http://www.gardenworks.ca)

**November 20, Tuesday Egan's Stories, Part 2 - the Personal** 6:30 -8:30 pm During Egan Davis’ nine years as a gardener at VanDusen, his passion for plants and the Garden has been well fed by all he has experienced and accomplished. With these stories, Egan will share his most memorable and personal connections with the flora and fauna that live in and visit VanDusen. He’ll tell us of wildlife encounters, spontaneous (and often heart-warming) interactions with unforgettable garden visitors, and so much more. **Instructor:** Egan Davis Cost: Member: \$15 / Non-member: \$20

**December 1, Saturday Christmas Rose Wreath Making Workshop** |Phoenix Perennials, 10am-12pm | \$55 Includes all materials. | Wreaths were the first way flowers and foliage were used for decoration. Diane Levings of Full Bloom Flowers will teach you about the history of wreaths and their design as you build your very own festive wreath with unique greenery and dried pods and cones. She will then show you how to use Christmas roses, *Helleborus niger*, and other fresh flowers in your wreath! Bring a friend to maximize your fun. You may bring greenery or twigs from your own garden to use in your wreath if you like

LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 13TH



# Lynn Valley Garden Club

## Registration Form

- Annual membership Fee is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.
- Renewals must be received by December 31, 2012. After this deadline, new members will be accepted from the waiting list.
- Payment by cheque is preferred, payable to 'Lynn Valley Garden Club'. Post dated cheques (December 31, 2012) will be accepted. Please note - cheques will not be cashed until after January 1, 2013.
- Please make sure to fill out this form and bring it, along with your payment, to the next meeting or mail them to:

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ [ to receive the newsletter via email ]

Would you consider helping with a committee  
or taking an executive position in the future? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your phone number  
included on the membership phone list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a receipt? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a suggestion for a speaker or a topic?

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