



# THE LEAF

LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
First established 1943

## Message from The President

Welcome to Fall. There wasn't much of a lead in, we just seemed to be in Fall but it's such a lovely time of the year. I keep hearing that it is many peoples' favourite time of the year.

If you are travelling to Vancouver Island you should take in the Finnerty Gardens at the University of Victoria. Except for a nominal charge for parking, the garden is free. I've included some pictures in this issue. The 6.5 acre garden is very West Coast. It includes 3 ponds in the middle, and lots of trees.



There is an exceptional collection of Rhododendrons including many species. Some interesting plants were the Arum Italicum with its bright red berries and lots of Nerines and Cyclamen. At the beginning of the walk is a very striking Cornus Alternifolia Argentea. There is a Chapel beside this very serene garden.

Our speaker this month is demonstrating a Fall planter so if you have any photos of your favourite planters or see one and can take a digital picture, please send these on to our Vice-President and we can put them up on the screen. Enjoy my pictures or try their website <http://external.uvic.ca/gardens/index.php> (more photos on page 3)

Bonnie

OCTOBER 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.

October 21, 2010

Sue Watson  
Winter Plant  
Demonstration

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Bill Bischoff  
Planning and Planting  
the Garden

December 16, 2010

Christmas Party  
details TBA

January 20, 2011

TBA

February 17, 2011

David Sellars  
How to Build and Plant  
Rock Gardens

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## 2010 Executive

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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 Glaser

#### Hospitality

Doreen Wakefield

Pat Phillips

#### Bright Spots

Laurie Parkinson

Leah Younger

#### Sunshine/Door Prizes

Rosemarie Adams

#### Sound System Set-up

Maurice Jones

Hartwig Rother

### Next Executive Meeting

7:30 pm, Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>  
at the home of Rosemary Wagner

### The Leaf Deadline:

Sunday, November 7



### 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

Rosemarie Adams

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

Donations of new items for door prizes are always appreciated.



### Membership

Teresa Reid, Rosanne Matheson

It's time to renew your membership for 2011! Please help us out by renewing your membership early for next year. The fees are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. Please fill out the membership renewal form and bring it, along with your payment (cash or post dated cheque for December 31, 2010 will be accepted) to the next meeting or mail them to Rosanne Matheson – details are on form. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



### from the Editor

Diane Allison

Thank you to everyone who contributed to *My Favorite Plant*. The response will be in more than one issue, so if you haven't contributed yet please make your submission either by emailing me or putting it in the box at the next meeting – thank you.



### Members at Large Report

It is time to start thinking about next year's Plant Sale. It is the very best time of the year to dig up your overgrown perennials and split or divide and pot up for our sale. If you have any 'how to' questions do not hesitate to call on any of the Members at Large.

Happy Digging from your Members at Large



### This Month's Speaker

Lynn Batt

Our speaker this month will be Sue Watson, principle of S.Watson The Landscape Consultants. She has been in the landscaping/nursery business for over 30 years doing landscape design, installation and maintenance. As well Sue has worked at Cedar Rim Nursery for 12 years and has taught many gardening and craft classes. She will be demonstrating the creation of a wonderful pot of winter colour.



from page 1- more photos from Finnerty Gardens:



**Ross Road Elementary School** (2875 Bushnell Place) in Lynn Valley is seeking the donation of small shrubs (rhodos, azaleas, etc) for the main garden bed at the front of the school. Parent volunteers are currently refurbishing the bed. If any members have any plants to donate, please contact club member **Layne Christensen**, 604.839.7190. Pickup can be arranged.

**HOSTA ALERT** - Doreen Wakefield has been busy digging out hostas – the large plain green ones. These are great for fillers or to provide contrast with fancier plants. If you can help give these hostas a good home please phone Doreen at 988-2796.



Seeds of Diversity (SoD) is a Canadian volunteer organization that conserves the biodiversity and traditional knowledge of food crops and garden plants

Begun in 1984 as the Heritage Seed program, the organization now known as SoD is an independent charitable corporation operated by a volunteer board of directors. There are 1400 members, 119 of these are “seed-savers”. They save and grow out the seeds to re-offer to their fellow members through an annual seed catalog. The purpose is to prevent seed varieties from becoming extinct. A useful seed saving guide is available to purchase on saving

seeds (<http://www.seeds.ca/en.php>) and maintaining the seed's true lines, with adequate distance between same types to prevent cross-pollination. The 2010 catalog contained 2,723 varieties of seeds.

The group is also involved in various projects such as growing out specific types of tomatoes and garlic. At the annual Seedy Saturday event at Van Dusen gardens, a SoD representative is always present – have a chat, and support and join this worthwhile cause! The low price of an annual membership of \$30 will help support their efforts. See <http://www.seeds.ca/en.php> for further information.

- submitted by Judith Brook

## My Favorite Plant

- some favorite plants of Lynn Valley Garden Club members

*Chasmanthium latifolium*

Northern Sea Oats, Wild Oats, Spangle Grass

It is best grown in: sun or shade, any soil. I love it because of its beautiful panicles, its bamboo-like foliage, best for cut 'flowers' – it turns copper in the fall, provides food for the birds in the winter.

submitted by Frances Moorcroft



*Phlox paniculata*

Common garden phlox

It is best grown in: sun or light shade. I love the white phlox to brighten up my shade garden – it is beautiful in the evenings and smells wonderful!

submitted by Doreen Wakefield



*Geraniaceae*

Cranesbill geranium

It is best grown in sun or part sun. I love it because it has lots of variety in bloom type and colour and leaf type – blooming time is relatively long and varies depending on plant – it likes the North Shore growing conditions

submitted by Nancy Gelin



*Peony*

It is best grown in sun – in my front garden patch. I love it for its gorgeous blooms and beautiful scent and flowers, plus not as picky as roses!

submitted by Renee Woywitka



*Dahlia*

It is best grown in full sun. I love it because it is so beautiful and is the best value for money – enjoy from June to November

submitted by Pat Ewart





*Eriophyllum lanatum*  
Woolly Sunflower

It is best grown in well drained soil in full sun. I love it because of its bright yellow daisy-like flowers all summer long, especially if it's cut back lightly when it stops producing as many flowers. To add to its appeal the grey-green foliage remains beautiful long after the flowers have gone, and provides a beautiful contrast to the Euphorbia 'Blackbird' which it is planted in front of.

submitted by Lorraine Suomi

*Tricyrtis formosana*  
Japanese Toadlily

It is best grown in dappled shade or sun with good soil. I love it because of its weirdly beautiful flowers for shade

submitted by Cari Wineberg



*Look for more of our members Favorite Plants next month. If you haven't contributed yet, please put your submission in the box at the next meeting.*

## ABOUT TOWN

Saturday October 23, 9am - 5pm and Sunday, October 24, 10am - 4pm, **Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale** at George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue. Many displays of orchids from around the world. Shop for rare orchids, potting supplies and more [www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.com](http://www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.com) for more info.

Saturday/Sunday October 23/24, 10am - 4pm. **Dried Flower Sale** at VanDusen Gardens - dried flower topiaries, wreaths, bouquets and arrangements made from materials gathered in the Garden.

Sunday, October 24, 11am - 4pm **Vancouver Mycological Society Mushroom Show** at Floral Hall, VanDusen Botanical Garden. Admission \$3. Information: Brian Didier 604.619.5060

Monday, October 25, 7pm, **Film Screening, The Man Who Planted Trees** presented by the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, with VanDusen Director Harry Jongerden - VanDusen Floral Hall. Considered to be the finest hand-rendered animation ever created, this Canadian Oscar-winning film by Frédéric Back portrays Elzéard Bouffier's life's work transforming barren landscapes into thriving ecosystems brimming with wildlife. Using extraordinarily detailed impressionist watercolour paintings of forests, trees, and birds, this enchanting film describes the potential for one person to influence permanent change in the world. Please reserve (\$5 each with popcorn) at [info@vcbf.ca](mailto:info@vcbf.ca) and pay at the door.

Saturday, October 30, 2010 5 - 7 p.m., **Jack O'Lantern's Spooky Stroll** at VanDusen Gardens - suitable for families with children age 9 and under. Admission charge. Advance tickets available in the Garden Shop starting Oct. 1. Tickets also available at the door.

Thursday, November 11 - 7:30pm **Poppies and Plant Hunting on the Roof of the World** - with Bill Terry, VanDusen Gardens, members \$10, non-members \$15