



THE LEAF

LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

First established 1943

President's Report 2015 President's Report 2015

In January this year, we had 2 new MALs join the executive, and new committee members for Sunshine, Plant Table and Website. Doreen Wakefield and Pat Phillips announced they were retiring from their Hospitality positions after many years of esteemed commitment and 3 new members stepped into the roles in the following months.

February saw a welcome reboot of the club's website. Featuring a fresh look, and with more content added throughout the year, it provides greater visibility to the community of the club's presence and events. The club made donations to 11 organizations totaling \$2200.

In March, Lillian Spears, one of our founding members, and longest standing member of the club, celebrated her 100th birthday.

May saw the fruition of many months of potting and advertising when members united to host our annual plant sale. It was well attended and a highly successful event. Vegetable seedlings proved extremely popular.

In June, our annual bus trip to 'The Valley' visited the garden of Ted and Nadine Staunton, Thomas Hobbs' 20 acres property, and West Coast Nursery.

4 members opened their gardens for the Member's Garden Tour in July. Ranging from Deep Cove to Upper Delbrook, it was a tour of both the North Shore and a diversity of lovely gardens.

In October, our MALs secured a very generous donation of vegetable seeds from West Coast Seeds that will be used to grow seedlings for next year's plant sale. We voted to remove the Members' Garden Tour from the MALs' role and form a separate committee for the 2016 tour.

November sees our annual general meeting where all but 2 executive positions are up for election. We currently have nominees for President, Vice President, Membership and MALs, and still need volunteers for Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor & 2nd Membership position. These roles will take effect in January 2016.

In December, we'll be celebrating the holiday season, and the end of another great year for the club, with a potluck and demonstration in centerpiece creation. We have many names on the membership waitlist for next year that demonstrates we continue to be recognized in the community as gardeners.

November 2015

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.

Meeting Schedule

November 19th, 2015

Mike Nassichuk

Follow up on Bees

December 10th, 2015

Christmas Meeting

Margitta. Schulz

Margitta's

Flowers at Lonsdale Quay

Christmas Floral Arrangements

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Committees

Plant Table

Judy Stringer

Irene Turner

Hospitality

Gloria Franco

Daphne Page

Janet Blue

Sunshine / Door Prizes

Maggie Davis

Website

Aline Burlone

Newsletter Deadline

November 15th, 2015

Next Executive Meeting

December 3rd, 2015 7:30pm

Home of Norma Buckland



TEA TIME

Gloria Franco Janet Blue and Daphne Page

See the following page for an update.

Please bring your own mug.

SUNSHINE: Maggie Davis

If you know of a member not well or has lost a loved one be sure to let Maggie know.

TREASURER:

Bank Balance – October 31st, \$7,064.61.

Petty Cash \$359.15

Total \$7,423.76

Norma Buckland

MEMBERS AT LARGE Member At Large Annual Report

Under beautiful sunny skies, this year's annual **Plant Sale** on May 9, 2015 was a huge success! Thank you to all the members, family and friends who contributed with generous plant donations, hours volunteering, and getting the word out. This year we received a kind donation of many lovely plants from the West Vancouver Garden Club – a big thank you to them. On the Friday, over 30 volunteers assembled to organize, sort and price the plants – without this early set-up the plant sale would not exist, let alone thrive, so we extend a special thank you to all who joined in the pre-sale fun. And then on the sale day, far more volunteers showed up than those signed up – what a lovely surprise! A true highlight this year was the amazingly generous raffle prizes: the handmade wooden planter box donated by Lyle Ferryman, the artisan glass artworks acquired by Doreen Dew, and the picnic basket offered by Yvonne Kabata. Our goal to raise money for local charitable causes and the functioning of our club was more than reach: we connected people with the love of gardening, one plant at a time!

Under less shiny skies, we assembled again on July 11, 2015 for the **Member's Garden Tour**. Stretching from Deep Cove to Upper Edgemont, we visited four gardens, each unique in its own style and vista. We extend special 'Thank You's to Wayne Smith, Penny Le Couteur, Pat & Steve Ewart, and Judy Lashley for sparking our gardening hearts and minds with their beautiful oases. Despite some rain falling along the route, we were not detoured – we are gardeners after all! The final celebration lunch generously hosted by Judy Lashley under her covered carport was the perfect spot to share our inspirations and camaraderie of the day. Thank you to all hosted, and all who attended – you made it a very special day.

Given the continued interest by LVGC members to attend the Garden Tour each year, and yet the tight timing of the tour after the Plant Sale, it was decided and voted on by the LVGC members at the General Meeting in September 2015 to separate the organizing of this event from the MAL portfolio. Instead, it is proposed/planned that another committee will assemble to organize the Member's Garden Tour in 2016 onwards.

It has been a great joy to serve the LVGC as Members At Large for 2015. We extend a special Thank You to Yvonne Kabata and Tom Davis for their wonderful leadership and mentoring on our team.

2015 Members At Large

Yvonne, Tom, Doreen and Whitney

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you to the 30 members who have renewed for 2016. We ask that the rest of our members, please, fill out your forms and return to us as soon as possible. We want to hand over a complete listing for January, 2016, to the new Executive. We need another member to volunteer for Membership with Bonnie. It is a wonderful way to meet everyone and it is fun to be on the Executive.

Frances and Rosemary

Hospitality We need volunteers!

Gloria Franco is stepping down from Hospitality. Thanks to Gloria for her enthusiasm and coming all the way from Coquitlam for meetings.

We need a couple more members to fill out the Hospitality team on a regular basis, and someone to join Janet at this month's meeting. If you're willing to help at the November general meeting, or on an ongoing basis, please call Janet.

The Hospitality members coordinate refreshments for general meetings and the Plant sale.

Please bring a mug to meetings for drinks. We have polystyrene cups for emergencies, if anyone has a source for paper cups that are suitable for hot beverages, we'd love to hear.

If you use a mug from the cupboard, please wash it and put away so the kitchen is tidy for the next group using the space.

Thanks!

.B.C. Council of Garden Clubs Meeting

October 24, 2015

The meeting began with a warm welcome to all members, especially those travelling a great distance. A reminder for clubs to check their information on the web site and make sure that it is correct. Soon there will be the ability for clubs to enter their information automatically but for now just contact the BCCGC with any changes.

There was a photo contest with great prizes and the winners were announced. The scholarship fund has \$250,797.09 with \$9,400.00 going out in grants this year.

Vendors were *Kelpman* with his *Go Block* product and a vendor selling a new book *The Public Rhododendron Gardens of Vancouver Island*. Other vendors included fresh farm produce, some plants and butterfly information from the below noted speaker.

The first speaker, Karen June Myskiw, talked about vertical gardens, colour contrast in gardens, container gardening especially for those who have trouble bending down. She talked about hanging basket gardens which help with deer problems. Espaliered fruit trees providing fruit in small spaces and remembering to tuck vegetables in with plants as you don't just have to devote space to a vegetable garden on its own. Paths that slow you down in the garden so you can enjoy the sites as well as places to sit and enjoy the garden. Special objects for focal points and items which personalize the garden making gardens special.

Speaker #2 was Joshua Yu who is 16 years old. Most people were amazed at this presentation as it was very informative and hard to believe the age of this young man as he is extremely mature for his years and so well informed on his topic. His company is *Metamorphic Farms*. The talk was on butterfly breeding. He talked about the bad effects of chemicals on the decline of butterflies. He mentioned cleome, nasturtiums and radish around brassicas. Apparently Brazilian Verbena is a great plant and Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower) attracts hummingbirds and swallowtail butterfly. Wasps bite honey bees' heads off so see the following recipe for getting rid of wasps:

- 8 oz. water
- 6 oz. beer
- 4 tbls. Jam/preserves

Way too much info to pass on so we should just have him as a speaker.

Final speaker of the day was Steve Whysall of the Vancouver Sun with a talk entitled *World of Gardens*. His talk was mostly a slide show of the various gardens from his tours around the world. He talked about having a focal point on either side as you ascend a staircase or path. There were just the usual pictures of gardens of Europe, England, Japan, etc. Lots of water garden photos. He also gave a plug for his upcoming tour of Hong Kong, Myanmar and Singapore in February and March 2016.

All and all it was a very lovely day for Marg Nakahara and myself who represented LVGC and also members Jan Lockmuller and Audrey Pye attended. Marg won some gardening tools as a door prize and I was given the table centerpiece which was a dark red miniature rose.

Happy Gardening,
Bonnie Noakes

Have a bubble skylight approx.. 4 x 4 feet. It would make a great cold frame.

LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB BUDGET 2016 AND 2015 to OCT. 31

REVENUE

			YTD	
	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	OCT31,2015	2016 Budget
Membership	2,283	2,350	2,395	2,350
Plant sale	4,235	4,200	4,755	4,300
Guests	81	50	33	50
Plant table	217	150	168	150
Trips				
Total revenue	6,816	6,750	7,351	6,850

EXPENSES

Rent	500	500	500	500
Office	474	100	87	200
Misc./equipment	199		9	
Hospitality	311	500	110	400
Plant sale	441	500	296	450
Speakers	975	1,400	970	1,300
Door prizes	144	150	144	150
Donations	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,400
Newsletter printing	211	240	208	240
Postage & stationery	316	200	250	250
Sunshine/gifts	59	100	140	150
Christmas party	300	400	-22	300

BCCGC	362	320	181	375
Bank charges	80	100		96 100
Total expenses	7,197	7,210	5,279	7,215
Net income (loss)	-381	-460	2,072	-365

Submitted
by Norma

Lynn Valley Garden Club Donation suggestions for 2016

- BC Council of Garden Clubs - \$200 - administered by VanCity with scholarships given to students in agriculture programs throughout BC
- North Vancouver District Public Library - \$200 - used for purchase of gardening books - 9 titles added to the collection in 2015 which feature a label inscribed "Donated by the Lynn Valley Garden Club 2015"
- Friends of Park & Tilford Gardens - \$200 - used for items to enhance gardens - 2015 donation put towards commemorative plaque for shade/native garden totem pole
- Cedar Gardens at Cedarview Lodge (Vancouver Coastal Health) - \$200 - used to purchase bedding plants, replace gardening equipment, etc.
- North Shore Hospice (Lions Gate Hospital Foundation) - \$200 - used to enhance gardens between Shakespeare House and North Shore Hospice
- Evergreen Therapy Garden (Lions Gate Hospital Foundation) - \$200 - used to buy plants and gardening items
- Margaret Fulton Centre (Lions Gate Hospital Foundation) - \$200 - Adult Day Care Centre for Disabled - used for purchase of plants and gardening items
- Kiwanis Care Center - \$200 - for plants and maintenance of Sensory Garden
- Seeds of Diversity Canada - \$200 - supports Canadian Seed Catalogue, heirloom and endangered varieties
- Wild Bird Trust - \$200 - WBT operates Maplewood Bird Sanctuary
- Wildlife Rescue Assoc of BC - \$200 - located in Burnaby, injured animals/birds found on North Shore are cared for at this facility
- St. Clements Church - \$200 - spent at the discretion of the church Total \$2400

Still vacancies for the incoming 2016 EXECUTIVE

If you are interested in volunteering, or learning more about the positions, please contact any of the current executive

What's new on the Lynn Valley Garden Club Website?

- On the home page there are links to various sites and information regarding bees and neonicotinoids. (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/>)
- Under Bulletin Board there is a new section titled Interesting Articles (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/bulletin->

- Under the heading Guest Speakers - Information about Randy Shore (October 2015 guest speaker) can be found under Past Speaker by name (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/guest-speakers/past-speakers-by-name/>) or Past Speaker by topic – Genetically Modified Organisms (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/guest-speakers/past-speakers-by-topic/>)
- Under the heading Links there is a new section about Bees and Neonicotinoids (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/links/bees-and-neonicotinoids/>) The BC Honey Producers Association Forum on pesticides in March 2015 had interesting presentations from the Ontario Bee Keepers Association, Canola Council, Crop Life Canada and a science presentation by Elisabeth Elle from SFU. (<http://www.bcbeekeepers.com/pesticides-forum>)
- Under Newsletter 2015 the October 2015 newsletter has been posted.

Thanks to Aline Burlone

After your Christmas Cactus is through flowering for the season, it needs about a one-month rest. Water sparingly and stop fertilizing until new growth begins in spring.

Regular pruning will encourage the plant to branch out where the stem was cut, creating a fuller plant. Spring is the best time to prune it back, when it begins actively growing again.

Save The Bees

A US court just ruled in favour of the bees: **A Dow Chemical insecticide that is killing the bees should never have been approved. But the EU approved that same deadly chemical -- sulfoxaflor -- this summer.** And to top it all off: EU legislators rubber-stamped the new insecticide using flawed data from Dow itself. Up until now, the EU has been a trailblazer when it comes to protecting the bees - they were the first to put in place a two year ban on neonics. That's why the EU must renew its leadership and ban ALL neonics.

Bayer, BASF and Syngenta are suing the European Commission to overturn a ban on the pesticides that are killing millions of bees around the world. A huge public push won this landmark ban -- and we can't sit back and let Big Pesticide overturn it while the bees vanish.

Last summer, 37 million bees were discovered dead on a single Canadian farm. And unless we act now, the bees will keep dying. **We have to show Bayer and Co. now that we won't tolerate them putting their profits ahead of our planet's health.**

A terrifying study has found that the exact same pesticides causing the massive global bee die-off are now killing birds as well. The global bee die-off has been happening so fast that scientists are still scrambling to detect all the impacts. And now, this new study also finds that **neonic pesticides are killing warblers, swallows, starlings and thrushes nearly as fast as the bees** -- at current rates, 35 percent of the bird population will disappear in just 10 years in the areas studied.

In Europe, there's a moratorium on bee and bird-killing neonics. Ontario, Canada's biggest province is the first major territory in North America to limit neonics use by a whopping 80 percent. But Bayer -- one of the biggest producers of these toxic pesticides -- has an army of lawyers and million-dollar lobbyists suing to overturn Europe's ban and undermine Ontario's historic move. The only way we can win is if we all fight back together.

For years, beekeepers have been warning about the frightening decline in bee populations. The culprit: a class of pesticides manufactured by Bayer and others called neonicotinoids (or neonics). Neonics aren't supposed to harm birds in the amounts being used, but it turns out that they're building up in the environment to levels that are poisonous for birds -- and potentially mammals as well. We need to get these toxic pesticides off the market **before they cause a new "silent spring"**.

But no one can be sure how long the bees and birds can survive the onslaught of toxic pesticides, so we have to do more while we still can.

Coming Events

Van Dusen Gardens www.vandusengarden.org

Sunday, November 22, (10:00 - 4:00):

Taste of the Tropics. Learn about vanilla, coffee, plantains, papaya, and more, and then search the conservatory to see these plants in the collections. Bloedel Conservatory, 4600 Cambie, Vancouver.

Adults \$6.50, Seniors \$4.50. Free with Conservatory admission.

Friday, November 27 - to Sunday, November 29, (10:00 - 4:00):

Dried flower arrangers' sale of beautiful, live wreaths, swags, tree ornaments and Christmas arrangements created with materials grown at Van Dusen. HSBC Arrival Hall in the Visitor Centre. Free admission.

Saturday, November 28 & Saturday, December 19 (10:00):

Bird walk to learn about the native bird species that make their home in Van Dusen Gardens. Free for members with garden admission.

Tuesday, December 1 to Thursday, December 31, (4:30 - 9:00):

Festival of Lights every night in December except Dec. 25. From December 19 to 23, they are open an extra hour from 4:30