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# THE LEAF

LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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December 2015

## Message from the President

As the year comes to a close, so does my term as President. I've really enjoyed my time in the role, and the opportunity to work with so many passionate, determined and talented people. I'd like to thank all who have shared their wisdom, support and enthusiasm, including the executive and committee members:

Chris Pharo has arranged great speakers for us and invested much preparation with some to ensure their talks run smoothly. I've really appreciated his thorough approach in covering meetings I've been unable to attend.

Norma Buckland, has very capably managed our books, planned budgets, and kept us in line with reimbursement submissions. Her work behind the scenes at the plant sale made it seem easy.

Audrey Beugger never ceases to impress me with her ability to contribute thoroughly to conversations in our meetings yet capture everything in the minutes. She's been a pillar by my side.

Rosemary Wagner and Frances Moorecroft have brought much laughter to our group, and been such a welcoming pair at our general meetings. I've greatly admired their tenacity with excel spreadsheets to maintain our membership list.

Yvonne Kabata and Tom Davis, in their second year as Members At Large, demonstrated such confidence in preparing for our plant sale and inducting new MALs. I thought their effort to secure a seed donation for next year's sale was genius!

Whitney McMillan and Doreen Dew, brought fresh enthusiasm and ideas to our group this year. Sourcing extra plants for the plant sale and preparation for the garden tour ensured success of both.

Irene Dudra has produced beautiful newsletters for the club. Her expert guiding and prompting has ensured she's always able to publish on time and that our 'Leaf' is filled with interesting articles.

Maggie Davis has provided a delightful array of door prizes for our meetings and sent lovely notes of support to those in need of 'sunshine'.

Judy Stringer and Irene Furner have demonstrated great skills in promotion to maintain a brisk trade on the table at meetings.

Aline Burlone brought much needed skill and knowledge to revive our website. The site has such a fresh look, it's always a pleasure to browse and see what's new.

Gloria Franco, Daphne Page & Janet Blue all made time in their busy schedules to contribute to hospitality this year. I hear the home baked goodies were delicious! Doreen Wakefield and Pat Philips, thank you for offering your support and expertise for our December meeting.

Rosemarie Adams, Doreen Marbry and Diane Sekora demonstrated their streamline efficiency yet again in arranging the bus trip and payments.

A club is only as strong as it's members, and we have great members! Thank you to all who've contributed throughout the year. Warm wishes to you and your families for the holiday season.

**Tara Findlay**

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.**

**December 10th, 2015**  
**Christmas Meeting**  
**Margitta Schulz**

**January 21, 2016**  
**James Spears**  
**Talk on Vegetables**

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# 2015 Executive

## President

Tara Findlay

## Vice President

Chris Pharo

## Secretary

Audrey Beugger

## Treasurer

Norma Buckland

## Membership

Rosemary Wagner

Frances Moorcroft

## Members at Large

Whitney McMillan

Doreen Dew

Yvonne Kabata

Tom Davis

## Committees

### Newsletter Editor

Irene Dudra

### Plant Table

Judy Stringer

Irene Turner

### Hospitality

Gloria Franco

Daphne Page

Janet Blue

### Sunshine / Door Prizes

Maggie Davis

### Website

Aline Burlone

### Newsletter Deadline

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Next Executive Meeting

January 14th, 2016 7:30pm

Home of Judith Brook

**There's More to Christmas...**

**There's more, much more to  
Christmas**

**Than candle-light and cheer;  
It's the spirit of sweet  
friendship**

**That brightens all the year;  
It's thoughtfulness and  
kindness,**

**It's hope reborn again,  
For peace, for understanding  
And for goodwill to men**

## TEA TIME

Many thanks to Doreen Wakefield and Pat Phillips  
for offering to serve us our Christmas tea and coffee

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:

As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Bank Balance \$ 6,786.11

Petty cash: 339.90

Total: \$ 7,126.01

**Norma Buckland**

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

Merry Christmas from the Members At Large. We are very excited about  
the upcoming 2016 Plant Sale, so just a few things to think about over the  
holiday time regarding the seed starting beginning in January.

At the January meeting there will be a table displaying seed packets that  
were generously donated by Westcoast Seeds, for members to grow ready  
for the plant sale in May. Members are encouraged to sign out seeds that  
will be ready for the plant sale, many of which will need starting in January  
(onions, leeks and parsley). You don't need to be an expert, just a little  
enthusiasm and some dirt will get things growing.



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This time of year is always busy but if anyone forays out into the soggy  
garden, please remember the plant sale. Earmark plants to divide in the  
Spring, before they disappear into the winter soil.

The End

**Yvonne, Tom, Doreen and Whitney**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There are 44 members who have not yet renewed for 2016. Please fill out your  
forms and return to us as soon as possible. Let us know if you do not wish to  
renew. We want to hand over a complete listing for January 2016, to the new  
Executive. We have 14 people on the wait list who are eager to join.

Thank you to the members who have renewed. We appreciate your help to hand  
over in January.

Please note that the Membership card that you receive each year may entitle you  
to a discount at the nurseries. Maple Leaf and GardenWorks give a discount and  
require your card and/or telephone number. When you make purchases at other  
nurseries it may be worth the asking.

We have enjoyed our two years getting to know you all at the Reception table.

**A Merry Christmas and thank you, Frances and  
Rosemary**



### **Congratulations to our new 2016 Executive members:**

President: Penny LeCouteur  
Vice President: Judith Brook  
Secretary: still to be filled  
Treasurer: Jennifer Sydenham  
Membership: Bonnie Noakes & Joy Paulson  
Members at Large: Gillian Morris & Catherine Winstanley

They'll be joining our second year Members at Large: Whitney McMillan & Doreen Dew.

Thank you for volunteering!

We are still looking for volunteers for the following executive and committee roles: Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Hospitality. If you're interested, please let any of the Executive know.

**For those planning to bring unused Christmas cards to the Dec meeting, please note: The Wish Christmas Party for the women was usually closer to Christmas. I have just now heard that it is Dec. 10, the same night as our Xmas party, so picking up last minute cards then is not going to work. Jackie Morris**

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

December 2015

- Under the heading **Guest Speakers** - Mike Nassichuk's updated handout on mason bees (November 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 – Mason Bees (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/guest-speakers/past-speakers-by-topic/>)
- Under the heading **Links**:
  - Under the heading **Fruit and vegetable gardening** - The Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation (WWFRF) is dedicated to supporting research and educating the public about the special fruit growing concerns of the Pacific Northwest region (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/links/vegetable-gardening/>)
  - Under the heading **Plant Information** - Pacific Horticulture has articles focusing on plants, gardens, design, and concern for the environment. (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/links/plant-information/>)
  - Under the heading **Seeds** – Seed finder-This service helps you find seeds that are well-suited to your region of Canada. This information was updated for the 2014-2015 seasons. Choose a crop species and select your region to find which seed suppliers are located near you. Local seed companies often sell the varieties that are best suited for your region. (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/links/seeds/>)
- Under the heading **Newsletter** - 2015 - the November 2015 newsletter has been posted. (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/newsletters/newsletter-archive-2009/>)

**Aline Burlone**

### Buying and Care for Poinsettias

Poinsettias say Christmas more than any other plant except the Christmas tree. When purchasing a poinsettia check for the following:

- Do not buy a poinsettia that has been sitting in the cold outside.
- Poinsettias hate cold so do not buy one, then leave it sitting in your car. It needs to go straight home
- Do not buy one if the leaves are falling off.
- Examine the clusters of yellowy-green flowers in the centre of each group of red leaves. The flower cluster should be firm and intact.

After getting them home the best place for them is not near a heat source and definitely not outside. Plants like low light and moderate room temperatures.

Water very sparingly and do it from the bottom, not the top. Let the soil dry out slightly between watering

**Thanks to Steve Whysall - Westcoast Homes & Design**



This is my last newsletter, my term ends at the end of December. I want to thank all who have assisted me with information and advice for The Leaf. Having attended the executive meetings I now know the club and its members better. It is a wonderful club with wonderful members. Best Wishes to whoever take on this task.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Irene Dudra**