



LYNN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Established in 1943

May 2016

President's Message - Penny LeCouteur

By the time you are reading this the plant sale will be over and will have been – I have no doubt considering all the hard work that went into it – a resounding success. Although many members have contributed to this event, I would be remiss if I didn't single out the very hard-working MALs who have been consumed with "plantsaleitis" since the beginning of the year. Well done, everyone.

Catharine Winstanley and I went downtown yesterday to have an interview at the CBC. Hopefully, some of you will have heard this as it is supposed to air around 8am on the Saturday morning of the plant sale (great advertising). In the President's binder I had come across some information on the early days of the club and even the very early days – 1943 when the club began, although there had been members who had informally got together to encourage vegetable growing during the depression and then WWII and to have flower and vegetable shows with judges and prizes all before the club formally started. Thus I was able to say a bit about the early days, and how long the club had been in existence. (There was a hiatus between 1980 and 1989). Catharine and I also realized that the Lynn Valley Garden Club is an amazing community asset and felt quite proud as we extolled our plant sale for the world – well the world who listen to the CBC – to hear.

It wouldn't be my president's message if I were not calling for volunteers. This time it is for you to agree to have your garden on the **Members' Garden Tour July 9th**. Please seriously consider this. Perfection is not a requirement, nor for that matter, is near-perfection. It is always so interesting to see what a variety of very different gardens are found on the North Shore. Consider this: people pay hundreds or even thousand of dollars to have experts give them advice on what they should be doing in their garden. Our members have many thousands of hours of garden experience in total and most of them would be delighted to be asked to give advice. So by putting your garden on the garden tour you can reap much expert advice from those with local knowledge – and all for free. Just let me, or Susan Huber know.

What a difference a few months make to our gardens. When you read this I will be in Europe but as I write this I am wondering why I am leaving my garden in May when it is really at the height of its beauty; I will be missing the rhodies, the lilac, the peonies, the delphiniums. But one of the things to delight in during travel is different plants and gardens. Of course travellers go to Europe for the different cultures, the architecture, the art galleries, the cathedrals, the museums, the history, the scenery *etc* but very high on my list are the gardens - oh yes, and the food!

LVGC MEETINGS
3rd 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*

SPEAKERS
May 19
CATHERINE DALE
LAND CONSERVANCY
June 16
GWEN ODERMATT
GREAT PLANT PICKS
Sept 15
HARMONY BJARNSON
CLIMATE CHANGE AND
GARDENING
Oct 20, 2016
SATYA BROWN
PLANTAHOLIC
IN A SMALL GARDEN
Nov 17
DAVID TRACEY
ECOLOGICAL GARDEN
DESIGN

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Executive Meetings

1st Wednesday of the month

Next Meeting: June 1, 7:30 PM

Chez Jennifer Sydenham

Newsletter Deadline

June 8, 2016

If you have material to delight your fellow members - please submit it *via* the time-honoured routes or email to

<mailto:lynnvalleygardenclubnewsletter@gmail.com>

Thanks to all who contributed to this edition: and to *Bruce Tennant* for this photo!



REPORTS

VP Report - Judith Brook

Excellent **Speakers** are booked to November 2016. Judith is always looking for great speakers: subjects, suggestions and ideas are welcome!

Treasurer's report - Jennifer Sydenham

LVGC continues to have a healthy bank balance - the details of which will be presented at the May meeting when the final **Plant Sale** results will be unveiled. Expect a drumroll - as we did very well indeed. Until then, the bank balance at the end of April (without the Plant Sale monies) was \$5401.64; and the petty cash was \$ 149.65, for a grand total of \$5551.29.

Membership - Bonnie Noakes

Well before the **Plant Sale**, we reached 125 paid up members and we are now full to our legal limit. As always, there is a wait-list.

Hospitality - Kitty Castle & Carole Cobbett & Mimi Kuhl & Susan Nicholls

.... [from ed.] Sustained the volunteers before, during and after the **Plant Sale**: they ****delivered**** goodies and drinks to people who were setting up and pricing the plants: this is above and beyond "room service"! Thank you!

- Please remember to bring your own mug to meetings!

Sunshine - Maggie Davis

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

Members-at-large (MAL) - Whitney McMillan, Doreen Dew, Gillian Morris and Catharine Winstanley

What an amazing **Plant Sale**! Again this year, our annual fundraising event was a HUGE success. Sure, the beautiful warm weather helped...and all of you helped get the word out with lawn sign and posters. But we added a few new features this year too...



A whole week before the **Plant Sale**, our volunteer team hosted a public event at the Lynn Valley Village on Saturday, April 30. We handed out baby basil plants and promotional bookmarks. We had Master Gardeners sharing their wisdom. We fielded ideas and questions from the public. We got the energy brewing!

Then, we officially launched the plant sale hours earlier than usual...with a fabulous interview of Penny LeCouteur and Catharine Winstanley with Sheryl Mackay on the CBC Radio show, **North-by-Northwest**. We heard reports of some people coming to the sale for their first time ever because they heard about it on the radio. In fact, one couple arrived after their daughter in Nelson, B.C. phoned them to say: 'You have to go, because I can't get there!'

Added to all this excitement, we offered the sale of local honey, made by bees that may have visited your own garden! This partnership with Art Barker, the overseer of a local beehive project **Bringing Back Bees**, resulted in sales beyond what we envisioned. It seems people locally produced honey - not a surprise, really!





Then there were our awesome raffle prizes, including a gorgeous hand sewn **quilt donated by Linda Federsen, four edible herb baskets assembled and donated by Doreen Dew, plus four free entry tickets to the UBC Botanical Gardens.** Huge gratitude to the generous

donors! The prize-winners will be announced shortly.

Margaret Nakahara did a great job of promoting dahlias by educating people about the ease and joys of dahlias, and showing off photos of her 'beauties'. She believes she **sold over 100 tubers!**



Our range of veggies and herbs grew bigger than ever, thanks in huge part to the West Coast Seeds project - we sold **603 West Coast Seed seedlings**, some already producing cucumbers! Thank you to each and every member who lovingly grew 'little lovelies' on behalf of this first-time project. We will report to the membership on the outcome of this project soon!

The plants were very healthy and well potted up with a good variety to choose from... and they sold very quickly. Remember that pile of hostas??? They were almost

Plant Table - Judy Stringer and Irene Turner

The Plant Table is a long-standing tradition of the Lynn Valley Garden Club. Members bring plants and gardening-related items for the table, which are then offered for sale by donation. Sometimes items are free!

gone in less than an hour! Fortunately, we did not have to give too many plants away in the end..

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who signed up, to the ones who showed up without signing up, and to those who stayed long beyond their shifts. **A special big 'Thank You' to Kitty Castle, Carole Cobbett & Sue Nicholls,** who supplied us with snacks on both days to remind us to take care of ourselves!

Part of the lasting legacy of this year's sale is the enthusiastic feedback from potential new club members, several of whom plan to sign up simply because of the quality and fun of our Plant Sale.

Drum roll please... Saving the big news to last: overall **the Plant Sale was attended by 310 customers!!** That's a HUGE leap from last year with about double the attendees! And how much money was raised: an estimated **gross of just under \$5800!!!** This could be conservatively rounded down to \$5000 in net sales... with final amounts to be confirmed by our treasurer very soon.

Together, we can be very proud of making the Plant Sale a fabulous success! **A sincere "Thank You"... from your Members At Large - we appreciate YOU!**

Reminder: Please remember to return your lawn signs at the next General Meeting on May 19th. These plastic signs are expensive, so we need them back as soon as possible, so we can clean and store them before the summer.

Mark May 13, 2017 on your calendars for next year's Plant Sale!



If you bring plants, please put them into pots with labels. Books are welcome, as are newer magazines.

The one proviso is that items unsold by the end of the meeting must go home with those who brought them, as we cannot keep them over.



SPEAKER - Thursday, May 19, 2016

Our speaker at the May meeting is **Catherine Dale** who will be speaking to on **Land Conservancy.** Catherine completed the Journeyman certification in Landscape Horticulture in the early 1990's. She worked together with the Burnaby School District to teach Gaia College's Organic Master Gardener program, Plant Knowledge for Organic Gardeners and guest lectures in the Ecological Landscape Design program. Catherine also teaches the Residential Landscape Technician program through Burnaby School District's Continuing Education. In 2004 Catherine received the 'Educator of the Year' award from the BC Landscape and Nursery Association. In 2006 Catherine received the City of Burnaby's Environmental Award for work at the Eagles Estate heritage garden on the shores of Deer Lake, and for her contribution to the successful passing of Burnaby's Cosmetic Pesticide by-law.



IN MEMORIAM

ANNE WALTON

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Anne Walton, long time member of Lynn Valley Garden Club.

Although she had not attended meetings for several years, Anne received our Leaf newsletter and often offered suggestions for improvements to the Club. She was not able to attend our 70th birthday celebration a few years ago, but we did deliver a bouquet of flowers to her to honour this event, and thank her for her many years of contribution to our Club.



Anne had prepared her own obituary several years ago:

"When Anne's ashes are scattered, in the village churchyard in Auchterhouse, Scotland, her life cycle will be complete. She loved the beauty and expanse of Canada, her adopted land, where she happily raised three children, Ian (Mary), Lesley, and Sherry (Jack), had six grandchildren, one great-grandson, and many wonderful friends. Now she is back in farm country, surrounded by animals, birds, and heather hills, where her life started. She asks all to love and help one another."



A Moment's Contemplation

- Wayne Smith

Did the Garden Club's contest rules say 'no *bonsai* geraniums'?

I think not. And why not? I say to myself.

My humble contest geranium, small and hopeful sat near a much loved, and as of yet: never-been-planted-in *bonsai* pot.

The plant, destined in my mind for greatness on the garden club's table of winning geraniums, was placed for a moment in the new *bonsai* pot. Black plastic poked up above the low *bonsai* container. A burst of unruly foliage spread north and south.

I watched the plant for a day or two, noticed its lean, its foliage contrasting, blending with its glossy olive green ceramic pot.

I saw the roots being washed, the plant fitted to its new miniature home, roots spread, the stem placed just so with a little lean out and up. Lime green, burgundy leaves reaching for life.

And what about some moss around the base? Hmm... maybe. More contemplation.

With time, contemplation turned to decision.

The little olive-coloured vessel with its burden of love now rests neatly in a Japanese setting by my outdoor kitchen.

I lean back between meals to enjoy my geranium, its harmony with pot and plants on a yellow cedar table.

How nice to sit and think for a moment, the big back breaking jobs in the garden on hold.

A little Bosnia geranium in a small pot.



Why not?



Gardening Books at the North Vancouver District Public Library - submitted by Susan Huber

The Lynn Valley Garden Club donated some money to North Vancouver District Public Library (NVDPL). The library sent a "thank you" letter and enclosed a list of three new gardening titles in their collection and two books that are currently on order. Here are the titles and links to their records in the library catalogue:

Gardening With Less Water: Low-tech, Low-cost Techniques : Use up to 90% Less Water in your Garden
https://nvdpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/726541032_gardening_with_less_water

The New Canadian Garden
https://nvdpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/725889032_the_new_canadian_garden

Plants with Style: A Plantsman's Choices for a Vibrant, 21st-century Garden
https://nvdpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/726262032_plants_with_style

ON ORDER:

Plant Lover's Guide to Salvias
https://nvdpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/729901032_the_plant_lovers_guide_to_salvias

Understanding Roots: Discover How To Make Your Garden Flourish
https://nvdpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/729899032_understanding_roots



Bright Spot

- Rosemarie Adams

Pteridophyllum racemosum -

- is a fairly rare woodlander endemic to Japan. The vividly lime-green foliage looks just like that of a clumping fern and you would never guess that this is from the Poppy family, even when the 15 - 20 cm-tall stems of pure white hanging bell-flowers are produced in spring.



Said to be evergreen, this is not quite true, the old leaves die away and new ones are produced so there is a small window when we can see leafless plants that will grow fresh foliage. Leafy loam in part for full shade is ideal and this makes a super companion plant for *Trillium* and other choice woodlanders.



Plant Questions? Bring them to the BRIGHT SPOT... a roomful of answers await!!

Asparagus-R-U's

- Carol Ferryman



Carol's husband, Lyle, is seen picking the first harvest of asparagus in March. The plants were grown from seed three years ago. According to the directions on the packet it's best not to harvest the spears for three years so as to build up a good root base: it has been very difficult to wait all that time but this Carol & Lyle have been enjoying fresh organic asparagus for two months and new spears are still coming up.



North Vancouver Arts Council is **STILL** desperately looking for gardens for *Art in the Garden* at the end of May.

Here is an opportunity not to be missed: you support the arts - they are always the first to be mowed when deficits grow; and you promote gardens and gardening and a healthy, green, urban environment - at a time when ripping up gardens seems to be the trend. Consider this as your quiet, personal resistance, one garden at a time!

If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please let *Kathy Stubbs* know, or contact the Arts Council.

Members' Garden Tours: Gardens needed!!!!

- from the Executive

LVGC holds *Members' Garden Tours* - this year's tour will be on **July 9**. We are looking for a few more members who would be willing to show (off?) their gardens. Please let a member of the Executive know if you are up for this! This is wonderful time to share and appreciate what years and years of hard work and (sometime bitter?) experience can create. The North Shore is a difficult place to garden: we have rain, shade, slopes, rocks, invasives, pests, demolitions... it's a wonder that gardens survive. Come and celebrate the survivors and thrivers: admire, get ideas, learn, salivate and covet. ☺

NEW THIS YEAR - how about *volunteering your not-so-perfect garden* for the tour? While there are many serious, seasoned, expert gardeners among us, there are also those of us who want to learn, could use some help and just want to talk about the challenges. Maybe, in a not-so-perfect garden, plant a stick with a big **?** on it in locations where you could use help, ideas or suggestions. If you attach a notepad and a pen, then people could even offer anonymous advice (or cheeky comments). [*ed.: I have been coerced - and you are welcome to come to see what a garden looks like "before"... and please bring your suggestions: I need all the help I can get.*]



Lynn Valley Garden Club BUS TRIP Saturday, June 11, 2016



There will be a *sign up sheet* at the May meeting - Diane Sekora and Doreen Marbry will keep track of sign-up.

We will visit several private gardens and nurseries in the Fraser Valley.

DETAILS:

\$20 per person (this is a subsidized price!)

Bus will leave at **8.30 AM** promptly and return approximately 4.30 PM

Please remember to *bring your own lunch, a drink*.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress for variable weather.

You may need sunscreen or bug spray.

Don't forget your plant carrier!

For now, the full itinerary and details of gardens to be visited - is a surprise! - the specifics will be handed to you when you board the bus.

Initially, the trip is for members only. Please sign up and pay promptly to confirm your seat. Payment is due by no later than our May general meeting - after that date any seat reservations not paid for will be given to people on the wait-list or to non-members.

If you cannot attend the March or April meeting and wish to go on the trip, please contact either Diane or Doreen and they will add your name to the list.

There are still a few places left, but they are going fast!!!



The Great Rhodo Rescue – by Maria Issa

Part 4. (continued from *The Leaf*, April 2016)

[You will have to wait for the next/last installment in June – as the Plant Sale trumps this coming and going.]

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

Under the heading *Guest Speakers*:

Ron Knight (April 21, 2016 guest speaker) can be found under Past Speaker by *name* (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/guest-speakers/past-speakers-by-name/>) or Past Speaker by *topic* – Make your Rhododendrons Think They Are Growing in the Himalayas (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/guest-speakers/past-speakers-by-topic/>) There are several links to articles written by Ron about Rhododendrons.

Under the heading *Links*:

Under the heading *Specific Plants* there is a new section on *Hydrangeas* (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/links/specific-plants/>)

Under the heading *Bees* (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/links/bees-and-neonicotinoids/>) there are links to interesting projects – The elephant and bees project which is an innovative study using an in-depth understanding of elephant behaviour to reduce damage from crop-raiding elephants using their instinctive avoidance of African honey bees; and the Bumble bee watch which is a collaborative effort to track and conserve North America's bumble bees. There is also a link to Mark L. Winston's website – the author of the book "Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive"

Under the heading *Newsletter - 2016* - the April 2016 newsletter has been posted. (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/newsletters/2016-2/>)

There is a new section – **Photo Gallery** (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/photo-gallery/>) with sub-sections. **If you have interesting photos of your garden to share please email them to lvgcwebsite@gmail.com**

Under the heading *Bulletin Board*

There are several announcement about the Point Roberts Garden Club Tour; volunteer opportunities at Cedar Garden Assisted Living Facility; a list of new acquisitions by the NVDPL from the LVGC donation (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/bulletin-board/announcements/>)

Interesting article by the CBC about an insecticide used in killing chafer beetles that is toxic to bees. (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/bulletin-board/interesting-articles/>)

Check the May, June, July calendar for up-coming events (<http://lynnvalleygardenclub.org/calendar-2/>) Click on the date of the event to find out further information and useful links.

Please email good links and PDF articles to be posted on the website to lvgcwebsite@gmail.com



Plant Sale Notes and Notables:

Post Plant Sale email from *Rosemarie Adams*:

Members at Large and all others - that was an amazing plant sale today. Whatever the proceeds (and I'm sure they will be great - maybe best ever !) the **atmosphere created in the community was wonderful**. I saw so many people leaving with their treasures who were absolutely delighted, and spoke to some who had nothing but great praise for the plants for sale, the happy enthusiasm of all the helpers and what a great event this is.

I know a lot of work went into this to make it the success it was - Well Done and Thank You to all!

...and from *Susan Huber*:

1st – I say “ditto” to everything Rosemarie said – and especially a huge **thank you** to **Doreen, Gillian, Catharine and Whitney**.

2nd – we had two emails in the LVGC gmail account tonight from potential new members with some very positive thoughts:

Email #1: “I met a very nice member of your garden club yesterday at Maple Leaf Garden Center and she suggested I inquire about joining the club. I’m an avid gardener and I’m looking to meet some like-minded souls and to learn more about gardening on the North Shore.”

Email #2: “Would love to sign up for membership!! I was just at your sale and found so many wonderful plants for our heritage garden in our 100 year old home in Lynn Valley. I would love to volunteer and even host an event at our home.....Thank you for such a wonderful community event today!”

...and from *Whitney MacMillan*:

a story about Dylan C, our last-minute almighty sherpa - who asked me if he could become a member - I told him there are no age restrictions, so he's going to talk to his mom... he'd be our youngest member by far!

...and overheard at the clean-up:

Did you see the woman who came in a gorgeous full Japanese kimono?

...and *Jackie* and the **bean** cucumber stalk, not to mention her entire TRAILERful of donated plants:



...and the pre-sale prep – pricing, sorting, bending, hauling...



... and oh, the CROWDS!!!! The line-up to get in...



... and once inside: tomatoes, hellebores and so much more!



...the raffle baskets, the quilt and the honey....





Many thanks to **Bruce Tennant and Kitty Castle** for the photos.

Coming Events

Lynn Valley Garden Club Bus Trip - Saturday

June 11, 2016

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Surprise destinations!

The Vancouver Rose Society - 64th Rose Show & Sale

Sunday, June 26, 2016, 12:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Van Dusen Botanical Garden, Floral Hall

5251 Oak Street, Vancouver BC

Experience the sights and scents of our favourite flower. A visual treat awaits you at our show, with the added opportunity for you to purchase roses and bouquets to take home. Linger awhile and listen to our guest speakers; relax among the blooms, while enjoying a refreshment and a homemade cookie. FREE ADMISSION

<http://www.vancouverrosesociety.org>

The 2016 East Vancouver Garden Tour

Sunday, June 19th!

The 2016 East Vancouver Garden Tour will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th. Like other years, this year's tour will be comfortably walkable for most people, and we have already lined up some delightful gardens for your horticultural pleasure!

Our home base will be at [Figaro's Garden Centre](#) (1896 Victoria Drive at 3rd Avenue). The area of the tour will be in the few blocks immediately surrounding Figaro's

BUY TICKETS
ONLINE NOW!

Tickets, **\$15 each**, are available now, and this year there are THREE ways to get them:

Click on the "buy tickets" link to get your tickets online.

(Note that there's a small Eventbrite service charge on top of the ticket price.)

Or drop in to [Figaro's Garden Centre](#) to buy tickets (in person and cash only).

Or order your tickets for the tour at Britannia Centre's Info Centre, 1661 Napier, either in person or by phone at [604-718-5800](tel:604-718-5800).

Although we always have a few cash-only tickets available at Figaro's on the day of the tour, we recommend that you sign up for the tour ahead of time to be sure you avoid disappointment.

On the day of the tour, you start at Figaro's, check in, pick up your tour map, enjoy coffee, juice, and goodies (by donation), and then head off to the gardens.

The tour runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but this is not an event you need to come to right on time. We often get a big rush of people right at 10:00, but there's no need to hurry. You can come and go as you please. You'll see exactly the same gardens if you get started at 11:00 or noon or 1:00 or even as late as 2:00! (Do, however, make sure you leave yourself enough time to see all the gardens. We don't recommend starting the tour after 2:00.)

You could, for example, pick up your tour map at 11:00, go visit a few gardens, stroll over to Car-Free Commercial Drive for lunch and festivities, and then return to the tour to visit the rest of the gardens. Do, however, plan on being done by 4:00!

Check our [East Vancouver Garden Tour blog](#) for up-to-the-minute info!

Important Note: Sorry, but most gardens are not stroller- or wheelchair-accessible, children must be 12 years or older or babes in arms, and pets are not allowed. Also, photos are not allowed unless you get the gardeners' permission.

People who attend the tour will get a one-time 20% discount at Figaro's starting on the day of the tour and running through July 1st (Canada Day).

Point Roberts Garden Tour #14, Sunday, June 26

10AM to 4 PM

Every two years, the Point Roberts Garden Club sponsors a tour of some of our most special private gardens and this year, we are hosting our fourteenth tour!

We'd like to invite your members to come join us on **Sunday, June 26, 10am to 4pm**, for a self-guided tour of nine unique gardens. The tour also include afternoon tea with live music and garden experts on hand to answer questions.

Please see the press release below

We hope to see you on the tour! In the meantime, if you'd like additional information, please feel free to contact the tour chair, Jane Donaldson at janed.pr@gmail.com.

The tour, which is self-guided, will take place between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm and includes afternoon tea and live music from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Point Roberts Community Center on Gulf Road. The tour, which is biennial, is usually in July, but in response to the early Spring, it has been moved up to late June and promises to be spectacular.

This year, there will be nine unique gardens to visit. From a garden designed to compliment a 1920's cottage barged to the Point from New Westminster to a true English garden by the seaside, to a low maintenance slope-side gem, the gardens are a testament to their owners' vision and care. Gardens returning to the tour include favorites from past years – an artist's palette of pink, blue and lavender; an Asian-inspired peaceful oasis hidden behind a privacy fence; and what has been termed one of the great emerging Northwest Coastal perennial gardens. Some of the gardens are close to the sea, which make their unique approach to design facing sun, wind and salt, alone worth the visit.

Ticket prices are C\$20 or US\$15 per person and are available at the Blue Heron Gallery and Nielson's Home Building Center in Point Roberts, Harris Nursery, Ladner, BC, or Sunnyside Nursery, Tsawwassen, BC.

Visitors are reminded that a passport or enhanced drivers license is required to cross the border.

Tickets will also be available the day of the tour up until 2 pm at 79 Tye Drive, on the right, shortly after crossing the border into Point Roberts, and at the Blue Heron Gallery, 1360 Gulf Road and Nielson's Building Center, 391 Tye Drive.

No tickets will be sold after 3 pm in order to give visitors enough time to tour the gardens.

Each ticket includes a map of Point Roberts clearly marked with the locations of the tour gardens, the afternoon tea, and restaurants for those who wish to have lunch.

More information about the tour is available on the Garden Club's website:

<http://www.pointrobertsgardenclub.org> and on its Facebook page.

Point Roberts, WA, is a peninsula located due South of Tsawwassen, B.C. From Highway 99, turn West onto Highway 17, and then left onto 56th Street and follow the road until it ends at the border. From the Island Ferries, take Highway 17 East, turn right on 56th Street and continue to the border.

