

CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

OCTOBER 2015

The Mission of the Bowen Island Garden Club is to promote the love of gardening, encourage sound horticultural practices through education, & enhance civic beautification.

UPCOMING

Saturday, Oct 10, 2015 Visit to Linnaea Nurseries,
see page 3 for details.

Wednesday, Oct 14 2015—Volunteers needed with Daffodil bulbs planting....the Municipality has purchased bulbs from us and has asked ... should anyone wish to help plant please meet at Library north parking lot at 9:30 also please bring your gloves, hand fork/trowel and good cheer.

Monday, Oct 19, 2015 General Meeting and Guest Speaker—Lisa Gardner !

Monday, November 16, 2015 General Meeting and Guest Speaker—details to follow.

December 10th, 2015—Annual BIGC Christmas Party ...details to follow but save the date!

GENERAL MEETING

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**Speaker Series—Lisa Gardner
Stourhead, Trebah and Peto**

Gardens of England: Three Living works of Art

On October 19, 2015 The Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Lisa Gardner, a visual artist, teacher and garden designer. Lisa will take us on a photographic tour of Stourhead, Trebah and Peto three great English gardens in Southern England.

Ever since her first visit to the Stourhead Estate Garden Lisa has made a point of visiting landscape gardens whenever and wherever she travels. She has researched English gardens and even introduced relatives who live in England to gardening in their “own backyards” During her presentation Lisa will tell us what aspects of these gardens have inspired her in her own design business and offer Bowen Island gardeners landscaping and garden ideas.

Please join us at the Gallery at Artisan Square on October 19, 2015 at 1 PM for an inspiring tour of three English gardens. Everyone is welcome. Members no charge, guests only \$3.00.



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Linda Barratt, Speakers Director

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

It's that time of year: summer flowers are fading—only a few late blooms are still showing colour. A few of my perennials are struggling to put forth a second or third blooming after all that rain. I even noted a flower stalk growing up in one of my bearded irises—that's a first. I've never known them to bloom in the fall before.

Have you looked at the Library garden recently? Kelly Smith has done an amazing job of nurturing a brand new garden through a very warm and dry summer (being a prairie gal, I can't quite bring myself to call it "hot" and dry). There are still flowers blooming. The Muni has agreed to help out with maintenance—great news!

In the past few days gardening newsletters have urged us to get on with our fall gardening, noting that sales are slower than usual. This can be a good time to shop for perennials, trees and shrubs, as many of the nurseries have sales on right now. We have finally got past the summer drought and hopefully the soil in our gardens is no longer powder dry. I dug down a few centimetres into the soil and it is finally lovely and moist. We will be picking up our daffs and other bulbs from Sheila on the 3rd and 4th of October and then my challenge will be deciding where to put them!

2015 is speeding along and it's time to start thinking of the 2016 Garden Club executive. Some of our long-time members are ready for a break. As Past President, Sheila Webster will be organizing a nominating committee. I hope some of you will consider taking a more active role in the Garden Club. Not only do we make a significant contribution to beautifying our island home, but those of us who serve on the executive benefit greatly as well. I joined soon after retiring to Bowen and the Garden Club has provided me with the opportunity to get to know an amazing group of people. Can't do better than a friendly gardener!

Sharon
BIGC President

EDITOR'S NOTE

This Editorial is a bit of a mixed bag. I find myself wanting to write about so many things. Thus I have decided to devote separate paragraphs to each of the topics in my column.

I for one find Autumn Harvest Colors fascinating. They are some of my favorite colors—rich reds, oranges, golds and yellows. Calmed with luscious browns, burgundy's and green's. I encourage you to fill your home with the flowers of your garden, the pumpkins from the local patch, and the smells of the harvest.

Are you involved in your community? Expanding on Sharon's article, I encourage one and all to consider joining the BIGC Board. At first glance one might say, "Oh, I don't have the time, or I can't commit" but do consider. Our Garden Club is very precious and with a group of members, runs with both efficiency and enthusiasm. When I was approached to join the Board, I was both thrilled and honored. I have learned an incredible amount about myself, gardening and Bowen's flora and fauna from the current Board. Don't wait to be approached.... Contact anyone of us and we will be happy to see what position will suit you and your lifestyle. I will feel complete if at least one of you considers joining the Executive Board this yearsmile. (in all seriousness we actually need 4 or 5) so do consider being part of our upcoming Board (see page 5 for descriptions)

BIGC is spreading its internet wings and flying! Part of our dedication to you, our members includes bringing you much needed information about our ongoing current events in ways that suits you. We deliver 9 E-newsletters a year to your inbox, have developed a comprehensive website—which will evolve and grow, and we have created a Facebook page for those who are venturing into social media. Part of the fun with these mediums is the photos.... It is great to see the smiling faces of our members and we say thanks to those who have allowed us to use these photos. We all love the personal element! Happy Thanksgiving ALL!!!!

Marie Neys,
Cuttings Editor



SEMI-ANNUAL VISIT TO LINNAEA NURSERIES

SATURDAY, OCT 10, 2015

Just a heads up on the up coming tour to the Linnaea Nurseries in Langley on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Linnaea is a wholesale nursery and as many of you know, specializes mainly in indigenous trees, plants, ferns, shrubs and grasses, but also carries a great variety of other flora of excellent quality.

We always have a fantastic time finding all kinds of very special treasures. I'm sure Wendy will host us with hot coffee and her famous muffins. Especially for new members it will be a wonderful experience to see such a beautiful nursery.

Although I m not the official garden club tour organizer, I will continue to organize the twice a year Linnaea tour, so if you are interested please sign-up on the sheet which will do the rounds again at the next Garden Club meeting. We'll take our own vehicles, or team up with another Garden Club Member. Most of us take the 9.30 am ferry and expect to arrive at the nursery around 11.

If you like, we could all meet upstairs on the Ferry especially the people who need to link up with their drivers. You may want to take along your lunch if you plan to venture out to other nurseries in the neighbourhood. I can recommend Free Spirit Nursery, or Cedar Rim Nursery (find directions on the internet)

Payment with CASH or CHEQUE only.

In case you cancel or add people to the group, please let me know so I can let John know the final number of people.

Please let me know if you have room for other people's plants (truck?)

DIRECTIONS:

Follow Highway One, Take 232 Exit and travel 232 St. South. Drive approx. 6 km Turn RIGHT on 40th then LEFT on 224th
Address: 3666 - 224th Street, Langley B.C.
(N 49° 04' 06", W 122° 36' 13" for GPS users)

PRICING: 4"pot - \$3.00/ 1 gal - \$6.00/2 gal - \$12.00 3 gal - \$20.00/ 5 gal - \$25.00

Please note: pricing information is from April and may have changed. Note: Linnaea also has many plants in larger pots and many specialty plants as well. These will be priced individually at the time. Thanks all and see you Oct 10, 2015 rain or shine!! Please Note: This tour is for Garden Club members only.

For people not driving, please make sure you arrange your ride before you go.

Ainslie and David Manson possibly can give a ride (947-2825)

Sheila Webster offered a ride for 2 (947-0114)

Barb Adams needs a ride (947-0811)

Susan Matthews needs a ride (947-2023)

Allie Drake needs a ride (947-0363)

Daphne Shaw needs a ride (947-9762)

Betty Dhont

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Tips and Topics -ANNUAL MAY PLANT SALE?

Are you thinking about the Annual May Plant Sale yet?

October is the very best time to be dividing your perennials and potting up lots of the left over goodies for the spring Plant Sale. Plants which are potted in the fall tend to transplant much more successfully than those potted up in the spring. It gives them a chance to develop a strong set of roots over the winter, thereby being a step ahead when they're planted. Last year a few of those I bought seem to have been dug up just before the sale and they did not do very well in my garden.

I have ordered a new load of top soil for everyone to use, and there are lots of pots available, especially the 1 gallon size. I'll send an email to the members when the soil arrives—as before, it is at 486 Melmore Road, just around the corner from the Catholic Church.

— Sharon

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

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I will begin accepting 2016 renewals at the October 19th meeting. This is primarily for those members who will be travelling and will be unable to take advantage of the Early Bird special price of \$15.00, which expires at the end of February. After that date, yearly Memberships will be the regular price of \$20.00. If you are not going away, I would prefer that you wait and renew in January.

For those of you wishing to mail in your renewal, please make your cheque payable to The Bowen Island Garden Club and send it to P.O. Box 271, Bowen Island, B.C., V0N 1G0. Please notify me of any changes in your e-mail, home address, or phone number and, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so that I can send you your membership card and receipt.

Pam Miller, Membership Director

Welcome to Jody Lorenz, Pam & Roger Brownsey, Anne Boa, Julie Rogers & Peter McLean, Deborah Kirby & Richard Smith and welcome back to Jennifer Hall & Peter Robinson, and Ellen Coburn. (if I have missed welcoming any one please forgive... I had a computer crash and have lost some of the emails that held these details—Marie)



2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

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| Past President | Sheila Webster | 0114 |
| President | Sharon Haggerty | 2244 |
| Vice President | Tamsin Miley | 0882 |
| Secretary | Denise Lockett | 2587 |
| Treasurer | Marolyn Anderson | 0792 |
| Cuttings | Marie Neys | 0684 |
| Membership | Pam Miller | 2349 |
| Social | Nadyne Hindle | 0557 |
| Speakers | Linda Barratt | 0631 |
| Open | Diana Kaile | 0320 |
| Gardens | Betty Morton | 604.910.0765 |
| Publicity | John Lawrence | 6953 |
| Tours | Susan Heth | 0898 |
| | Virginia Penny | 2577 |
| Workshops | Marolyn Anderson | 0792 |
| Technical | John Hazell | 2441 |

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MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

1. Monthly CUTTINGS NEWSLETTERS, delivered to your inbox. Those who do not have email will receive in regular mail.
2. Bi-monthly BC GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTERS, delivered to your inbox.
3. GUEST SPEAKERS.
4. GARDEN TOURS in the lower mainland.
5. OPEN GARDEN TOURS on Bowen.
6. SUMMER & CHRISTMAS parties.

7. DISCOUNTS ON PURCHASES AT:

Phoenix on Bowen in Village Square,
Phoenix Perennials in Richmond,
The Flower Shop in Artisan Sq.,
West Van Florist in Ambleside,
Maple Leaf in Dundarave,
Maple Leaf in Lynn Valley,
Mandeville Gardens in Burnaby,
David Hunter Garden Shops, Vancouver
GardenWorks in North Vancouver
Natural Gardener W10, Vancouver &
2 trips to Linnea Nurseries in Langley
NOTE: ASK if discount is given before shopping, you may need to show your membership card and register.

The **Board** consists of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition, the Past President and several Directors sit on the Board. The Directors are responsible for: Membership, Speakers, Open Gardens, Tours, Publicity, Hospitality (Social), Technical Services and Editing *Cuttings*, our newsletter.

The following is a very brief summary of the major responsibilities of each position:

Membership: soliciting new members and renewing memberships for those returning; reminding us when our membership fees are due; keeping track of members and their contact information and informing the *Cuttings* editor and Technical Services Director of any changes; as well as any other Board member who may need contact information for a member; attend General Meetings and Open Gardens.

Speakers: seek out potential speakers for our eight General Meetings; contact them to see if arrangements can be made; present ideas to the Board for feedback; prepare and submit for publication information on the speakers and their topics; assist speakers with arrangements for travel to Bowen; introduce speakers at the General Meetings.

Open Gardens: seek out potential Bowen gardens that may be of interest to the members and other Bowen residents; present ideas to the Board for feedback; assist the hosts to prepare for the Open Garden of name tags for members.

Editor *Cuttings*: in addition to compiling, editing and distributing monthly issues of *Cuttings*, the Editor maintains the Club Gmail account, bicuttings@gmail.com, and is responsible for updating both the Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/bowenislbgardenclub>, and the

Club website: www.bowenislbgardenclub.ca.

Tours: seek out gardens and other appropriate locations off Bowen that may be of interest to the members; present ideas to the Board for feedback; make all arrangements for the tour, including travel arrangements, funding, etc.

Publicity: be the contact person for advertising various Garden Club activities that may be of interest to residents at large.

Hospitality (Social): arrange for refreshments at General Meetings, Open Gardens, the Christmas Party and Summer Garden Party, and where necessary, at other Club functions.

Technical Services: this person is a jack of all trades and is responsible for technical assistance for presentations at the General Meetings; for preparation and posting of signs for Club activities, including the Plant Sale and the Open Gardens; preparation .

More on the Executive Board Members Roles to follow in the November Newsletter. Should you wish to submit your name for a position President, Vice –President, Secretary, Treasurer or one of the Directors (as above) please feel free to contact any of the Board. The vote will take place at the 2016 January Annual General Meeting.



Name/s (1 or 2 per household): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

**BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM &
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Bowen Island Garden Club. However, in order for the Club to exist, volunteers are needed. Many of our members already contribute. We urge all of you to help out, even a small amount of your time would be appreciated.

Below are some areas requiring volunteer time. Please check off any that you might be able to assist with and return to the Bowen Island Garden Club (BIGC). The mailing address is PO Box 271, Bowen Island, V0N 1G0.

Executive Positions:

President _____
Vice-President _____
Secretary _____
Treasurer _____
Newsletter _____
Membership _____
Social _____
Tours _____
Technical _____
Speakers _____
Open Gardens _____
Publicity _____

Plant Sale:

Sale Organizer _____
Sale Day Helper _____

Raffle:

Prize Co-ordinator _____
Ticket Seller _____
Pick up Prizes _____

Visits by Other Garden Clubs:

Visit Co-ordinator _____
Baking for Visit _____
Driving for Visit _____
Offering Garden _____

Beautification Projects:

Planting Daffodils _____
Other Projects _____

General Meetings:

Baking _____
Set Up/Take down
of Chairs _____

Hosting an Open Garden:

Is there any garden-related topic that is of particular interest to you?

