



CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 2016

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 SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 18, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - Gwen Odermatt speaking on best plants for impact in both large & small spaces.

Saturday, April 23, Visit to Linnaea Green House - 11 am see page 6 for details

Sunday, May 1, 2016 Open Garden Tour—at Shelley & Craig MacDonald—1675 Whitesails Drive , Bowen Island, BC see page 4 for details.

Saturday, May 7, 2016 Annual Plant sale—start potting your plants now, consider volunteering. See the article on page 3.

Monday, May 16, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— **7pm EVENING MEETING** for all—especially those who work in the daytime! Please join us! Nick Kiss of Bokashi Living will give a presentation on Bokashi Composting.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 -we will visit the private garden of Ted Staunton. See page 6 for details.

Sunday, May 29, 2016 Open Garden Tour—at Luke Wang & Rob Dufty. Details to follow.

Monday, June 13, 2016 - we have been invited to visit Sechelt gardens by the Sechelt Garden Club. Details to follow.

July/August: Open Gardens & Summer Garden Party - details to follow

Monday, Sept 19, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - TBD

Monday, Oct 17, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - TBD

Monday, Nov 21, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - TBD

GENERAL MEETING & SPEAKER SERIES

MON, APR 18 2016



Best Plants Picks for Impact in Big and Small Garden Spaces

On April 18, 2016 the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Gwen Odermatt operator of *Petals and Butterflies*, a farm nursery that specializes in plants that attract butterflies and other beneficial wildlife to gardens. Gwen will give us a presentation that looks at approaches and strategies that gardeners can use for the greatest impact in the spaces available (big and small) in their gardens. She will focus on the right plants for the right place in a garden.

Gwen describes herself as a life –long gardener who has always been fascinated with plants and bugs. She is a Master Gardener, is on the selections committee for Great Plant Picks, a member of the Hardy Plant Group and a long -time member of the South Surrey Garden club. Please join us at The Gallery at Artisan Square on April 18, 2016 at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome. Members—no charge, guests \$3.00.

Linda Barratt, Speakers Director

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Last month I talked about some of our unsung heroes, members whose contributions to our Garden Club are largely invisible. This month I want to take a different tack! I want to appeal to our members who are not actively involved, those of you who value and enjoy the daffodils around the island at this time of year, who learn from the speakers at our monthly meetings, our Open Gardens, our tours, our May Plant Sale and most especially for some, appreciate our twice a year trips to the Linnaea Nurseries.

Too few of our members are carrying the load of all of those activities. We need more helpers! Our Executive members are feeling over-burdened and our efforts to find people to help out too often end in frustration.

You may recall that the Nominating Committee was unable to find someone to take on responsibility for the Open Gardens. At the Annual General Meeting in January, Sally Fitz-Gibbon volunteered. Sally has done a great job organizing many of the 2016 Open Gardens but family illness has now forced her to resign. Three very long-time members have generously agreed to finish the season, Anna-Marie Atherton, Diana Kaile and Pam Miller. We are very grateful that they have taken this on, but, they will definitely not be able to continue next year.

Two other executive members have notified us that they are unable to continue in 2017. Those positions are the Social Director and the Speakers Coordinator. Both of these people have asked for volunteers to work with them this year with a view to learning about the "job" and possibly taking over in 2017. We have not had any response. We would be willing to break down the jobs so that the demands on any one person would be less.

If we are unable to find people willing to assist with these jobs, the future for our Garden Club is not bright. What would we look like if we had no speakers for our monthly meetings? no Open Gardens? no Christmas or Summer Garden party? I think it would clearly be the end of the Bowen Island Garden Club.

So this is an appeal to those of you sitting in the wings—we need help! Please contact me at either 2244 or at smhaggerty@shaw.ca if you have any suggestions or if you can help out with even an hour or two now and then. As the old saying goes, many hands make light work! We need many more hands.

Sharon, BIGC President



EDITOR'S NOTE

This is a very busy time for the Bowen Island Garden Club. Each month has 2 or 3 events that are being introduced our Annual May Plant Sale which is a great fundraiser, the Open Garden Tours, the Off Island Tours and more! We appreciate all of you who join us and assist with the presentation of these events.

I also want to give a shout out to those who send me articles! I am receiving many generous notes and thus have created a new section in the Cuttings for announcements. While we don't run general advertising we do encourage stories that help out fellow garden club members. Enjoy this new section!

Marie Neys, Cuttings Editor



NEWS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Club Member Ainslie Manson:

Saturday, June 11 (10:00-4:30): Open Garden Day at Heritage Hydrangeas, 13970 34th Avenue, South Surrey. Come and see how the largest collection of hydrangeas in Canada continues to grow. Admission is free. For a taste of what will be on view, go to www.heritagehydrangeas.com. This may be the last time this garden is open for viewing. **Barry Roberts (Barry spoke to BIGC about Hydrangeas at a previous meeting)**

www.heritagehydrangeas.com
(Tel: 604-531-0388)

Submitted by Club Member Ann Rogers:

I know that I could put them on the Forum, but as they specifically relate to gardens I thought I'd ask the Garden Club first.

1. FREE - 3 sheets of "shatter-proof" glass (from a patio). 76"x34". Would be suitable for a cold frame or greenhouse.
2. Could anybody recommend a teenager /young person who could help with lawn mowing and other yard jobs?

Please call Ann 604-947-2201

Submitted by Club Member Marie Neys:

Have you been away, or super busy...and sad that you have missed (or deleted) your online copy of the BIGC Cuttings Newsletter? No need to worry, simply go to

www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca

We keep back issues there for you to download in a pdf format any time you need!



ADVANCE NOTICE:

MAY 2016 EVENING MEETING BIAC ART GALLERY

On May 16 2016 at 7 PM Nick Kiss of Bokashi Living will give a presentation on Bokashi Composting, a fast and easy way to compost all your food scraps and more. This once a year evening meeting gives all garden club members and non-members an opportunity to attend a presentation in our monthly speaker series. Stay tuned for further details about this presentation.

PLANT SALE COMING MAY 7th, 2016

The 2016 Plant Sale is on Saturday May 7th and together with the Raffle drawn on the same day is our only fund raiser each year. There are a couple of ways to contribute to the success of the sale, the major one being to donate quality plants and another is to volunteer some time either on the day or doing a two hour stint preselling Raffle Tickets.

We also need volunteers to work on the day of the sale. Sign up sheets will be passed at the next general meeting, but if you are unable to attend and would still like to volunteer please contact Sheila either by email or at 0114.

Please ensure that plants you do donate are properly potted up, pots are clean and plants clearly identified. If you have plants that you cannot name we usually have a knowledgeable expert on hand to help. Soil and pots are still available at Sharon Haggerty's home at 486 Melmore.

I will be at BICS to receive plants from 8.00am but if you are unable to deliver your offerings, please let me know and we can arrange transport for you.

Sheila Webster

sheilawebster@shaw.ca

ON ISLAND GARDEN TOURS 2016

BIGC offers Open Garden Tours during the spring and summer months. Our second Garden Tour will be May 1st at the home of Shelley and Craig MacDonald. (see article from Shelley, below).

The 3rd Tour will also be in May. May 29th at the home of Luke Wang and Rob Dufty. Details will follow in the May Issue of Cuttings. But mark your calendar! And Please Join us! Open to the public.

OPEN GARDEN AT THE HOME OF SHELLEY AND CRAIG MACDONALD
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST (1:00-3:00)
1675 Whitesails Drive in Tunstall Bay

Shelley says: We purchased on Bowen 4 years ago after visiting the island for over 15 years. The requirements for our dream house were: flat land for a built in vegetable garden, a greenhouse, a garage, and a view. We were able to get the view but the rest has been a lot of hard work. Our garden is in its beginning stages as we try to implement the many incredible ideas that flow from my brain.

The first venture was the built-in garden which would allow me to grow the vegetables I loved when I was in the city but not have the deer eat everything. A few of the beds occurred when our garage was being built and the work was delayed. The workers made a rockery to get me off their backs. Other beds were made to make the neighbours happy or to just find more room for excess plants that I had to buy. All of the plants are deer friendly and I try to use as many deer resistant plants as I can. As you all know, that is not always the case.

Some areas of the garden are in stage 1, while others are in stage 4. The ravine is still being thought about.

Come enjoy our garden, hear about the many ideas to come, or if you get bored, just enjoy the view.

Parking should be at the bottom of White Sails-just before Roger Curtis. If you have difficulty walking, there are a few spots at the top beside the house.

INVASIVE PLANTS

By Sheila Webster

To my knowledge we have three major invasive shrubs on Bowen and it is almost that time of year when we are able to identify the Scotch Broom, Gorse and Daphne laureola which are taking hold in certain areas of the Island. Although these shrubs supply blooms for the bees, these need to be taken out and destroyed and some years ago an effort was made by the garden club to do work in this area. Unfortunately the participants are all now senior seniors and no longer have the strength, but the garden club still has the extractigators purchased for the purpose of pulling these shrubs.

Anybody wanting to get together a neighbourhood work party, or indeed to borrow an extractigator to work in their own garden will get our support.

To borrow the extractigators please contact Sheila 0114. For information on the shrubs in question check the internet under the names of the plants.



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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Thanks to all 145 people who have renewed their memberships this year. Just a reminder that if you have not renewed by the end of April your name will be removed from the major membership list and you will not be able to get this great newsletter. The cost is \$20.00 for a family of two residing in the same household. If you wish 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, V0N 1G0.

Shelley MacDonald, Membership Director

A big welcome to this month's new member:

Jane Ferguson.

Shelley MacDonald,
Membership Director

2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Past President	Sheila Webster	0114
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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.

Be sure to show your membership card and ask if you receive a discount.

OFF ISLAND TOURS 2016

The BIGC visit to Linnaea

Thanks to the efforts of Betty Dhont, on Saturday, April 23 we will enjoy our spring visit to Linnaea Nursery. This opportunity to buy from a wholesaler and visit this fascinating place is open to members only. Please let Betty know you plan to go at the April 19th BIGC meeting. Arrange your own transportation and arrive at 10.30 that morning.

A Woodland Garden Tour

Sign up at our April 19 BIGC meeting or contact us directly, for our visit to the lovely private garden of Ted and Nadine Staunton. See ad on page 6 for details.

Garden Tour of Sechelt

On Monday, June 13 we have been invited by the Sechelt Garden Club for a day of gardens.

Look for more information in the May issue of *Cuttings*. Space will be limited and so we will limit purchases to two tickets per person. All guests must be current members of the Garden Club. Your place on the tour will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Tour Co-ordinators
Susan Heth & Virginia Penny

LINNAEA GREENHOUSE VISIT, SAT.

APRIL 23, 2016 - 11 AM

Just a heads up on the up coming tour to the Linnaea Nurseries in Langley on Saturday, April 23, 2016

Linnaea is a whole sale 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.

If you haven't signed up yet, please e-mail me and I put you on the list. Note: we meet at Linnaea at 11 am. If you are unable to drive yourself, contact Betty she may know of someone who can offer a ride.

This tour is for Garden Club members only.

Betty Dhont
blushrambler@shaw.ca



We often get asked where our company name comes from. During the time the idea of a new nursery took shape it was clear we had to come up with a name.

As plant growers we were inspired by Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778), the Swedish botanist and naturalist who established the modern scientific method of classifying life forms binomially (having two parts, one for genus and one for species) Linnaeus named the Twin Flower, the tiny plant that is found worldwide in northern forests, and which was his favourite plant, after himself: LINNÆA (*linA'a*) BOREALIS, borealis meaning, of the northern forest.

Linnaea Nurseries Ltd.

3666 - 224th Street
 Langley, BC V2Z 2G7

<http://www.linnaeanurseries.com/>

A Woodland Garden Tour

Visit the private garden of Ted and Nadine Staunton

Wednesday, May 25th

Visit their [website](#) for more about this enchanting garden.

Situated near the south bank of the Fraser River, this garden of about one acre has been handbuilt by Ted Staunton over the last 10 years.

Cost of tour is \$15. / \$12. for seniors (ferry fare included).

We will carpool (drivers needed), leaving on the 9.30 ferry, planning to return on the 3.30.

Bring your own lunch.

Cold beverages will be provided.

Remember to dress for the weather.

Contact Virginia Penny 604-947-2577 / vpenny@gmail.com to register.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off to Susan Heth at
 1770 Emily Lane, Bowen Island V0N1G2

Open to current Bowen Island Garden Club members only.

<http://www.tedstaunton.com/>

